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The period of grace for the executive branch has long passed. The muted silence in the Congress is thunderous with implications. If the voices of our representatives and senators are not heard loudly and clearly demanding that Congress, under the War Powers Act, be consulted, we voters must assume that silence implies lack of responsibility as well as acquiescence to the 450,000 troop buildup in the Persian Gulf.

Before the confrontation begins, we urge

Congress to consider the implications of the Americans in Saudi Arabia. Is oil worth one body bag? Do the Americans want to take on the complicated affairs of the Middle East? On the scale of justice, can Congress weigh the cost of war against the cost of hardship in the U.S.? When do we wave the flag of nationalism about the injustice to Americans as poverty increases on issues of health, homes, homeless? If the scales still tip toward teaching Saddam a lesson, have we thought about the Iraqi and Kuwaiti populations, victims of a 20th century air war? Is Congress willing to be a partner in this coming scenario?

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Inflammatory words and the chilling rhetoric of war bombard our senses. Daily, the sound of the war drums grows louder as President Bush and Saddam Hussein play a dangerous game of chicken, each lining up soldiers in the desert. Just a few short years ago, we were playing a similar game with the U.S.S.R. With each new enemy, the American public must be persuaded that our security is threatened, that our enemy is evil, and that the only solution is a military one.

As the scenarios shift, so do the enemies. The players of the 1940's, Germany and

Japan, changed from enemies to allies after World War II. The Soviet Union became the evil empire. Was it only yesterday that the U.S. shipped military hardware to Iraq, bolstering their war against our enemy, Iran?

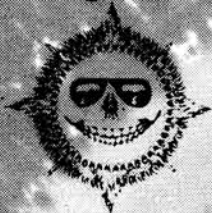
The Bush Administration's rhetoric increases with the increase in troops to the Persian Gulf. The hostages are in danger, the oil lines are threatened, Saudi Arabia may be Iraq's next victim, Saddam is another Hitler, and now — Iraq's nuclear capability. This carefully orchestrated script is reminiscent of other wars and other scripts. Korea, Vietnam and Grenada needed to be saved from the demons of communism; the war on drugs justified the invasion of Panama, leaving 4,000 dead. Now, we may get our Middle East war, a volatile tinderbox of nationalistic passions, religious fervor, and oil.

There is always a reason for war — until it is over. Reasons soon lapse into obscurity, but the legacy of war — there are no winners — is a legacy of death, displacement, despair. And yet, as the war cry becomes louder each day, this legacy fades into the past. We find ourselves once again buffeted upon the waves of rhetoric as the Bush Administration manipulates our destiny.

However, it is our destiny and up to us to be in control. Rhetoric is an old bag of tricks played over and over until we dance to its tune. Let's not. Instead, let's look at the profit motive reaped by weapon merchants, the power games played by heads of state. Look for the web they weave to attain their loot. Let's dignify our own humanity by refusing to be players in the game of death and recognition that there is a common strand connecting all wars. We must not weave the next strand for World War III.

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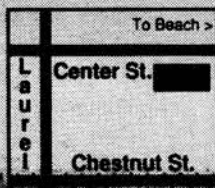
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by Joseph A. Palermo

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ANALYSIS

With the latest United Nations resolution giving the United States the power to use the "multinational" force in offensive action against Iraq if Saddam Hussein does not pull his troops out of Kuwait by January 15, the international community has given President Bush a free hand to start a major war.

Facing the American troops across the border in Iraq and Kuwait is the fifth-largest army in the world. The Iraqi military has over one million troops (not including the militia), and has been battle-tested in eight years of bloody war with Iran (a country nearly three times its size and population). Baghdad's forces are reportedly equipped with hundreds of U.S.-made HAWK anti-aircraft missiles (captured in Kuwait), biological, chemical, and fuel-vapor weapons (supplied by a subsidiary of Honeywell in the 1980's). It is estimated that in a war with Iraq American soldiers will take 85 to 95 percent of the casualties (dead and wounded) suffered by the "multinational" force.

Iraqi soldiers will be defending their homeland, protecting their people, dying for Allah. American soldiers, on the other hand, have been given such vague explanations for why they are fighting that troops have been issued cards listing the reasons for their mission in case reporters ask them. The United States has no treaties in the region, and the governments that Americans are defending are not democracies but feudal monarchies that do not even allow women to drive cars.

This confusion on the part of American military personnel regarding their war aims in the Gulf is understandable since the president's justifications for sending troops have constantly shifted. They have included everything from protecting "vital interests" and the "American way of life," to the principle that aggression should not be rewarded, to President Hussein of Iraq being worse than Hitler. Secretary of State James Baker III, who was George Bush's campaign manager in 1988, seems to be attempting to forge a national consensus for war as if he were running a campaign, employing different slogans each week hoping that eventually one will strike a chord with the public.

For example, on August 8th President Bush declared the objective of American troops was "wholly defensive" to prevent an invasion of Saudi Arabia, but on October 23rd he declared that "we are dealing with Hitler revisited...unprecedented in modern

times, and that must not stand." But how can a "wholly defensive" mission rid the world of a "Hitler"? And if Saddam Hussein is indeed the equivalent of Hitler, then why did the United States support his invasion of and war with Iran?

On October 16th the president said that "the fight is not about oil." But on November 13th Secretary of State James Baker III said, "If you want to sum it up in one word, it's jobs." Three times in a single speech Baker mentioned "the loss of jobs on the part of American citizens" as a central reason for the buildup in the Gulf. Baker went on to say that what is at stake is the "pocketbook" and "standard of living" of every American. But how can the war be about "jobs" and the American "pocketbook" and not be about oil?

In a *New York Times*/CBS News poll taken in mid-November, 71 percent said they believe the United States should wait and see what Iraq does before initiating hostilities; 56 percent said that the restoration of the government of Kuwait was not a good enough reason for going to war, and neither was the protection of much of the world's oil supply (by a margin of 62 percent). But in the same poll, 54 percent responded that stopping Saddam Hussein from developing nuclear weapons was a good enough reason for the United States to take military action against Iraq. Preventing Iraq from becoming a nuclear power is thus far the only justification for going to war that any opinion poll has shown a majority of Americans accepting.

In the weeks following the poll we have seen Secretary of Defense Richard Cheney, National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft, Secretary of State Baker, and the president himself launch a media blitz promoting the removal of the Iraqi nuclear threat as a major new war aim. Columnists such as William Safire and A.M. Rosenthal of the *New York Times* have been particularly shrill in leading the war cry for this new objective. Estimates of the time it would take Iraq to develop an atomic bomb have varied from two years to ten (with no embargo), and most observers agree that there are means to prevent this development other than all out war. Economic and diplomatic restrictions could prevent the "Saddam Bomb" without bloodshed.

To put to rest the accusations that it is "within months" (according to some writers) of producing a nuclear device, Iraq invited the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to inspect its uranium stores. On November 27, following a technical examination of Iraqi reactor fuel, the IAEA announced that no uranium had been diverted to construct nuclear weapons. The IAEA inspections are highly regarded by technical experts. The reasoning that we must go to war with Iraq because that country may someday develop nuclear weapons is dubious. Many countries, including India, Pakistan, Israel and South Africa, are currently nuclear powers, and North Korea and Brazil are close, but the United States does not contemplate going to war with them.

Despite all the slogans, the Bush Administration has not presented a viable case to the American people for shedding blood in the



gulf. A poll taken in late September concluded that only one in ten Americans were ready to go to war at that time. In another poll taken on election day last month, an astounding one-third of the voters surveyed opposed American military action that would produce heavy casualties, a level of opposition reached during the Vietnam War only after several years of fighting. In the same poll, women opposed going to war by a margin of two to one (10 percent of the fighting force in the Gulf are women), and the majority of those who believe that war is justified were registered Republicans. Thus some of the political divisions that characterized the Vietnam era have resurfaced very quickly, this time before the outbreak of actual fighting.

There have been anti-war protests on college campuses and at recruiting stations across the nation, and President Bush has been very careful not to hint about the possibility of a draft. In the event of hostilities a draft would be necessary to sustain any war effort because it is the only effective way to replenish the military's numbers after the onslaught of casualties. Military recruitment has plummeted 30 percent since the deployment. The president's actions in the Persian Gulf are clearly generating public concern more heated than any time since the Vietnam War.

President Bush recently said that "history is replete with examples where the President had to take action" without congressional authorization, and added that he would "have no hesitancy at all to do so." The Vietnam War ended only 15 years ago and eight years of Reaganism has not succeeded in eradicating what is sometimes referred to in elite circles

as the "Vietnam syndrome." The word "syndrome" implies a disease, and in this case the "disease" was the fact that millions of Americans objected to their government's slaughter in Southeast Asia and showed a degree of solidarity with its victims. If President Bush wishes to use "history" to provide him with "examples where the President had to take action," then he should take a good and long look at the history of the Vietnam War.

Like the current Persian Gulf crisis, the war aims and objectives of the Vietnam War also constantly shifted. What began as a war to contain Chinese communism became a war to stop the Russian dominoes from falling, then a war to protect an "independent" South Vietnam, and then a war to maintain United States "credibility" in foreign affairs. When the Vietnamese finally pushed the American forces out of their country in April 1975, the United States had spent over \$222 billion to demolish Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia, and all we had to show for it was 58,000 dead Americans and over 150,000 permanently disabled.

The Vietnam scars run deep in this society and the president's escalation in the Gulf is beginning to open up old wounds. Alluding to the Vietnam War, Senator Sam Nunn (D-GA), who chairs the Armed Services Committee and is not known as a dove, said "the last thing we need is to have...American boys being sent and brought back in body bags and yet not have the American people behind them...We've gone that route one time, we don't need to do it again."

But if President Bush doesn't launch an offensive on Iraq by late February it will be

difficult to attack any time in the following five months. This is because the Arab allies of the U.S. will be reluctant to fight during the month-long Ramadan holiday that begins in mid-March. And by April the onset of hot weather in the desert makes sustained combat difficult; if not impossible, for months. Moreover, as time passes the United States will have great difficulty maintaining the coalition while staving off new United Nations resolutions that attempt to link the crisis in the Gulf with the Palestinian issue.

President Bush's decision to augment last August's buildup of U.S. forces in the Gulf to a high of 460,000 troops makes sense only if he is planning a ground invasion to drive Iraqi troops out of Kuwait. A de-escalation at this point without attaining an Iraqi withdrawal will be seen as a capitulation by the U.S. Bush has no consensus for war at home but has painted himself into a corner to take offensive action after January 15.

President Bush clearly needs the support of Congress if he is to launch a war in the gulf. He needs a viable pretext that will rally the Congress and the public to support hostile actions against Iraq. White House Press Secretary Marlin Fitzwater has stated that there may be "unforeseen provocations that might result in [the United States] having to move first." In a very thorough poll conducted by Americans Talk Security, nearly half of the people surveyed thought that if their government launched a war, it would lie to them and claim the Iraqis started it.

The operative legislation that gave congressional approval for the Johnson Administration's actions against Vietnam was the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution passed in August 1964. It was considered the equivalent of a declaration of war and granted President Lyndon Johnson carte blanche to pursue a major conflict. By 1968 there were 540,000 American combat troops fighting and dying in Vietnam.

But it is important to note that Congress passed the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution in direct response to the Gulf of Tonkin "incident." This incident, which according to the Johnson Administration was "an unprovoked attack" by North Vietnam on a U.S. vessel "in international waters" that was on a "routine patrol," effectively lined up Congress behind the president and galvanized public support for tough actions against Vietnam. It was not until seven years later, when intelligence analyst Daniel Ellsberg leaked the Pentagon Papers, that it was exposed that the Gulf of

Tonkin "incident," which provided the legal basis for the start of the Vietnam war, was not an "unprovoked" attack on an innocent U.S. destroyer, but the direct result of a large-scale U.S. covert operation.

The records show that the Office of the Special Assistant for Counterinsurgency and Special Activities within the Joint Chiefs of Staff organization, working with the Central Intelligence Agency, had been conducting super-secret amphibious assaults and bombardment of North Vietnamese coastal installations using South Vietnamese mercenaries beginning as early as February 1964 under the code name Operation Plan 34A. An important component of OPLAN 34A were clandestine attacks on North Vietnamese radar facilities on certain islands in the Gulf of Tonkin. Another aspect of the program consisted of patrols by U.S. Navy destroyers, also in the Gulf of Tonkin, to obtain information about North Vietnamese coastal installations. These operations were under the code-name "DeSoto," and the U.S. vessels allegedly "attacked" in the "unprovoked" Gulf of Tonkin "incident" were running DeSoto missions.

Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara had secretly called for "progressively escalating pressure" to be applied on North Vietnam to try to force it to cease aiding the guerrillas in the South. The Joint Chiefs of Staff drew up a list of 94 bombing targets in North Vietnam in April 1964, and William Bundy, the head of the Far East section of the State Department, drew up a draft of a joint congressional resolution "authorizing whatever is necessary with respect to Vietnam" in May. This document was given to President Johnson to submit to Congress when he felt the timing was right. The Johnson Administration wanted some demonstrable "aggression" from the North Vietnamese to justify the resolution.

As the guerrilla war in South Vietnam began to heat up, the Johnson Administration increasingly favored bombing the North, but could not do so without a precipitating event to legitimize what under normal conditions would be widely considered aggression by the United States. In July 1964 the OPLAN 34A commando raids in the Gulf of Tonkin were stepped up and were coordinated with the ongoing secret DeSoto patrols by the U.S. Navy. On August 2, 1964 the U.S.S. Maddox was attacked by three North Vietnamese PT boats pursuing OPLAN 34A vessels that had mistook the Maddox for a South Vietnamese escort ship.

Seeing the opportunity to create an "inci-

dent" Johnson ordered the U.S.S. C. Turner Joy into the Tonkin Gulf. On the night of August 4 another "attack" was reported but to this day there is no persuasive evidence that the second "attack" actually took place. Even Johnson doubted it.

Within 12 hours of the Gulf of Tonkin incident President Johnson launched the war in Vietnam. He took the Gulf of Tonkin resolution to Congress and told them it was needed "to protect our armed forces." After a 45-minute "debate" the House of Representatives passed the resolution unanimously (416-0), and in the Senate there were only two dissensions (88-2). Johnson had already launched the first sustained bombing raid of North Vietnam based on the targets drawn up six months earlier. The response to this Vietnamese "aggression" was popular: a Harris poll indicated that 85 percent of the American public supported the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution. Of course, the public and the Congress were unaware of the clandestine operations that provoked the incident in the first place.


And this leads back to George Bush's predicament in the Middle East. Will he be tempted to secretly engineer a "Persian Gulf incident" to provoke the Iraqis into an attack on U.S. troops and then force the hand of Congress to bequeath its war-making powers to him? Perhaps not, but with the mounting public and congressional opposition to his war moves this option might become increasingly appealing. Former CIA Director George Bush is no stranger to the field of clandestine operations. An "unprovoked at-

tack" might be the only way President Bush can gain the legitimacy and public support to pursue the war. If any "incident" takes place in the gulf the public must scrutinize its origins carefully.

The real tragedy of the gulf crisis is the thousands of innocent lives at stake. Many observers who have visited the American troops have been struck by how utterly alone they appear. When Mr. Baker went by helicopter to visit the First Cavalry Division he flew for an hour over nothing but empty sand, and at the base camp all that could be seen in any direction was sand, sand, and more sand. A war with Iraq would devastate not only a huge area of the Middle East, but the lives of tens of thousands of people, American and Arab.

This fall in my United States History class I have a student who is leaving for Saudi Arabia on December 17. He will be assigned to an enormous military tent hospital, the closest facility of its kind to the Kuwaiti border. The thought of this young person coming home in a zippered bag, or being blinded or paralyzed, or having to breathe or eat through a tube for the rest of his life for the ill-defined war aims of President Bush has shown me the real issues at stake. This war will not be about "jobs" or "oil" or preventing Saddam Hussein from getting the bomb; for thousands of young people, nearly all from the lower classes, this war will be about life or death. ▀

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Gulf Buildup Rekindles Debate Over War Powers and the Constitution

by Shelly D'Amour

In 1787 a vigorous debate erupted among the delegates to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia. The issue: should the office of the presidency be vested with the authority to make or declare war — and if so, to what extent?

Drawing on notes from the period, Hofstra University law professor Leon Friedman and New York University Law School professor Burt Neuborne have written on the nature and substance of those debates, which bear uncomfortable parallels to recent struggles between Congress and the president over military action in the Persian Gulf.

In a November 27 *New York Times* op-ed piece, Friedman and Neuborne informed us that some of the delegates, like South Carolina's Pierce Butler, wanted to endow the presidency with autonomous war-making authority. Others, fresh with the memory of living under a British monarch, sought to limit this power as much as possible. Virginia delegate George Mason echoed the latter sentiment when he declared that the executive branch should not be vested with any war power because it "was not to be safely trusted with it."

In the end, the Convention adopted language proposed by James Madison, which is now enshrined in Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution: "Congress shall have the power to declare war."

Watching Congress and the president battle over the same question in recent weeks, one is struck by a kind of historical *déjà vu*. The original debate long ago might just as well have never taken place. Indeed, for all the use that Congress has made of this one provision over the last two centuries, the early Constitutional framers might have saved themselves the headache. Congress has issued a formal declaration of war only five times in U.S. history, although various presidents have dispatched troops to foreign soil almost 200 times in the same period.

Historically, U.S. presidents have gone to great lengths to avoid congressional involvement in foreign military adventures. Congress, for its part, has usually acquiesced, rarely asserting its constitutional authority to call the president's actions into question. U.S. military escapades in recent years to places such as Grenada and Panama, in which the president acted unilaterally to dispatch troops, might appear to some to be extraordinary cases. To the contrary, they are the "exceptions" that prove the rule, a continuation of a long-standing pattern in this century of U.S. military aggression conducted by the president without the prior consent of Congress.

For example, U.S. troops were dispatched to Latin America on a regular basis from the late 1890's through the 1920's, primarily for the purpose of establishing and securing the kinds of governments that would ensure unfettered U.S. corporate access to resources. In the case of Nicaragua, U.S. troops intervened on three separate occasions in 1910 alone; and later occupied that country from 1926 to 1933, installing Anastasio Somoza



as dictator. All without benefit of prior debate or consent of Congress.

This is not to imply that Congress did not in fact approve of such involvements. The recent invasions of Grenada and Panama were strongly supported in Congress. The initial deployment of troops to the Gulf was likewise applauded. Rather, the point is that in passively rubber-stamping such actions after the fact, Congress has over time abdicated its constitutional responsibility to monitor the executive branch in this regard, failing to reserve for itself the sole authority to wage war.

Professors Friedman and Neuborne indicated that the framers of the Constitution did not intend for the president to remain completely powerless to act militarily. However, unilateral action might be undertaken only in self-defense from outside aggression. Madison's own notes on the Constitutional Convention make clear his expectation that the language of Article 1, Section 8 would, in his words, "leave to the Executive only the power to repel sudden attacks." Ironically, the one and only time that the United States was suddenly attacked on its own soil, December 7, 1941, the president did not respond immediately, but went before a joint session of Congress to ask for, and receive, a declaration of war.

Presidents since John Adams have engaged in military adventurism without consulting the legislative branch. Occasionally they were criticized but no formal action has ever been taken. It wasn't until 1973 that Congress attempted to restrict the president's ability to engage in undeclared wars.

The War Powers Act of 1973 was passed over the veto of then-President Richard Nixon. The Act stipulates that, in the absence of a formal declaration of war by Congress, the president is obliged to inform Congress in writing of any military action involving U.S. troops within 48 hours of the outbreak of hostilities. Furthermore, such military action must terminate within 60 days unless extended by act of Congress. Every president since Nixon has called the War Powers Act an unconstitutional infringement on executive powers, and has refused to comply with it. Unfortunately, there is no enforcement mechanism written into the law, such as an automatic cutoff of funds, and so there is no incentive for the executive branch to comply. Again, Congress has lacked the political will and unity to invoke the Act and force the president to abide by its terms.

With regard to the current situation in the Persian Gulf, Congress has expressed a strong desire to be included in on the decision-making process before any military offensive

is launched. An unlikely coalition of liberals and conservatives, each for their own reasons, wants President Bush to ask for a formal declaration of war before committing troops to hostile action. Supporters of the president's policy want to use the declaration as a tool to demonstrate congressional unity with the president. Opponents hope to be able to block the administration from using force to achieve its aims. The president has stated that he will not ask Congress for a formal declaration of war, stating that "history is replete with examples where the president had to take action" and that he would "have no hesitancy at all to do so." However, in recent weeks Mr. Bush has shown more willingness to at least talk things over with Congress prior to initiating hostilities.

The president's newfound flexibility might have something to do with the lawsuit filed November 20 in federal court by 45 House Democrats and one senator. The suit, organized by Berkeley, California Rep. Ron Dellums, seeks to block the president from initiating military action in the Gulf without a formal declaration of war or "other explicit authority from the Congress." California's 16th Congressional District Rep. Leon Panetta is also listed as a plaintiff in the suit.

Members of Congress have turned numerous times to the courts to accomplish what they could not. Traditionally, the courts have been reluctant to get involved in feuds between the president and Congress. When 29 members of Congress attempted to sue the Reagan Administration in 1982 over its military support to El Salvador, an appeals court dismissed the suit saying it was not within the court's jurisdiction to oversee the administration's compliance with the War Powers Act.

In a similar vein, a Federal appeals court dismissed a 1988 suit brought by 110 members of Congress charging the Reagan Administration with failing to invoke the War Powers Act when it sent ships to the Persian Gulf during the Iran-Iraq war. In this case, by the time the suit was heard, Iran and Iraq had declared a cease-fire and the court declared the suit no longer viable. Some members of Congress even tried to bring the Vietnam War to a halt through the courts. In dismissing the suit, the court made the trenchant observation that since Congress was continuing to fund the war, their request to the court to stop the war lacked a certain amount of credibility.

At press time, it appears that there will be no special session of Congress prior to its scheduled return on January 3. The reasons are twofold: the administration is concerned that there is insufficient support within Congress to support military action; and, now that the U.N. has established a January 15 timetable before any assault can be launched, congressional leaders feel there is no reason to reconvene prior to the 3rd.

Two members of Congress pushing for a special session are Senators Richard Lugar (R-IN) and Bob Dole (R-KS). Lugar and Dole differ with the president on the need for

a congressional declaration of war, in that they believe that a formal declaration, or a statement of support similar to the U.N. resolution, is critical in order to project the appearance of a nation unified against Saddam Hussein. The senators have indicated they believe that the Congress is willing to back the president on the military question at this juncture. They stand virtually alone in that belief, however. On November 29, House Speaker Thomas Foley (D-WA) and House Minority Leader Robert Michel (R-IL) met with the president and urged him not to call a special session at this time.

One person who would like to see Congress called back for a special session, although for different reasons than those of Messrs. Dole and Lugar, is Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA). In a November 14 *Los Angeles Times* article Kennedy is quoted: "President Bush's escalation of the confrontation has put the country on a headlong course toward war, without giving sanctions a fair chance to work... Silence by Congress now is an abdication of our responsibility, and an acquiescence in war."

Kennedy is one of a growing number within Congress, along with several current and former military chiefs, who advocate giving sanctions a year to take their full effect. Kennedy indicated that he would be willing to support a resolution calling for a military offensive after August 2, 1991 if economic sanctions have had no significant impact by that time. A report issued November 29 by the Institute for International Economics

stated that given enough time, the sanctions currently imposed on Iraq will have a crippling effect on the country's economic and military base. The report indicates that could take a year, more likely 18 months to two years.

How Congress comes down on the issue of a U.S. military strike against Iraq may ultimately have to do with the kind of feedback members receive from their constituents. A recent Gallup poll indicated that the only reason the majority of Americans would support going to war with Iraq would be if Iraq were to acquire nuclear weapons in the near future. The day after the results of this poll were made public, the Bush Administration issued a press release declaring that Iraq was capable of producing atomic weapons within the year—despite all known evidence to the contrary that shows Iraq is five to ten years away from nuclear capability. Clearly, the administration is shopping for a pretext that the American public will buy.

The real reason that U.S. military are in Saudi Arabia, of course, is oil. And that, the Gallup Poll indicated, is definitely not a reason that most Americans feel is worth the estimated 20,000+ U.S. lives that will be lost in a war with Iraq. "This is not about oil," Mr. Bush proclaimed recently, "the fight is about naked aggression that will not stand." This, however, is a line of reasoning that simply does not wash with most of Congress or the American public. In a November 12 *New York Times* piece, Democratic analyst Ted Van Dyk put it succinctly: "You can be sure we wouldn't have a platoon on the Kuwaiti

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frontier if the resource in the region was guano."

ACTION: Congress is in recess until January 3rd. Members will be holding constituent hours in their home districts. It is critical that they hear from you during this time. We must make sure that the message

our representatives take back to Congress is: No War! Give sanctions a chance! If you live in California's 12th Congressional District, Rep. Tom Campbell (R) needs to hear from you! He is considered a swing vote on this

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issue, and the impression he gains from his constituents over the holiday break will be crucial to his stance when Congress reconvenes. Make a call — stop a war!

Federal Budget

Congress approved a \$490 billion deficit reduction package that is structured to ensure that there will be no peace dividend for as long as three years.

The agreement divides federal spending into three categories — domestic, military and foreign aid. Each category has its own spending cap. Deficits in any one category cannot be made up from either of the other two categories. For example, a cost overrun in the military category would have to be taken out of another military program. Money couldn't be transferred from domestic programs or foreign aid to make up the difference.

However, under the terms of the agreement, the reverse is also true. Savings realized in one category couldn't be transferred to another. For example, savings incurred from cutting the MX program couldn't be used to fund child care. Savings would either go to reduce the deficit, or else could be used to augment another military program, as long as spending did not exceed the assigned cap.

And if legislators decide they want to give more money to child care, they'll have to take it away from another domestic program.

The effect of the budget agreement is that the relationship between excessive military spending and unmet human needs is now irrelevant in terms of the budget process. There is now even less incentive to cut military programs, which are secure within their assigned budget, while social programs, already underfunded, are forced to compete against one another for dwindling resources. The agreement is scheduled to continue through fiscal year 1993; however, most budget experts and lobbyists think it will be up for revision next year.

ACTION: Many members of Congress have gone on record supporting a peace dividend. If your representative is one of these, ask him/her how s/he voted on the budget agreement. Tell your representative you want to see the budget reflect a real change in federal spending priorities.

El Salvador

Last month we reported that Congress approved a 50 percent cut in a proposed \$85 million military aid package to El Salvador. Legislators stipulated that the aid could only be restored if the FMLN failed to negotiate in good faith, or if there was an increase in human rights abuses attributable to the rebel group. Congress gave the president full discretion to determine whether the aid should be restored. It appears that the administration has come up with a reason to do just that.

The administration claims that a series of FMLN attacks against government targets constitute a major offensive and an "intensification of warfare." Rebels claim the attacks do not represent any new offensive, but a continuation of the campaign they were engaged in at the time the aid cut was enacted.

It is unclear whether the administration will move to restore the \$42.5 million in military aid; however, the *San Jose Mercury News* reports that State Department officials have been canvassing congressional foreign policy aides and raising the possibility of

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

STATEMENT OF CONCERN
October 26, 1990

We, as Members of Congress, express our grave concern about the possibility of war in the Middle East.

Recent reports and briefings indicate that the United States has shifted from a defensive to an offensive posture and that war may be imminent. We believe that the consequences would be catastrophic — resulting in the massive loss of lives, including 10,000 to 50,000 Americans. This would not be a "low intensity conflict." This could only be described as war. Under the U.S. Constitution, only the Congress can declare war.

We are emphatically opposed to any offensive military action. We believe the U.N.-sponsored embargo must be given every opportunity to work and that all multinational, non-military means of resolving the situation must be pursued. If, after all peaceful means to resolve the conflict are exhausted, and the President believes that military action is warranted, then under Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution, he must seek a declaration of war from the Congress.

Given that Congress is about to adjourn, possibly until next year, we are gravely concerned that the Administration may attempt an end-run around the Constitution. We understand a mechanism is being established by which a few Members of Congress will be monitoring the situation. This group should not be seen as a surrogate for the entire body of Congress. We firmly believe that consulting with this group no way replaces the President's Constitutional obligation to seek a declaration of war before undertaking any offensive military action. We demand that the Administration not undertake any offensive military action without full deliberation and declaration required by the Constitution.

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The above "Statement of Concern" was signed by 82 members of Congress on October 26 and sent to President Bush.

restoring the funds.

Under the terms of the aid cut (the Dodd-Leahy amendment), the president must consult with the General Secretary of the United Nations and notify Congress before

restoring any funds. However, the president is not bound to follow their recommendations.

Congressional critics of the administration's policy in El Salvador are worried that restoration of military aid will "send the wrong signal" to the Salvadoran government. The Dodd-Leahy amendment came about as a response to last year's murder of six Jesuit priests/professors, their housekeeper and her 15-year-old daughter by an elite battalion of the Salvadoran military, many of whom were trained by U.S. advisors. In enacting the legislation, Congress stipulated that the remaining \$42.5 million would also be deleted if the Salvadoran government failed to bring to justice those responsible for the killings.

As is its custom, Congress has vested the president with oversight of a program in which he has high personal stakes, and by which he stands to gain. Not surprisingly, the president has managed to use that oversight responsibility to come up with a pretext for fully funding his agenda.

ACTION: Call the White House comments line and tell the president to retain the full funding cut in military aid to El Salvador. ▣

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Stealth Bombers vs. Stealth Condoms

A Texas condom maker is being sued by a Los Angeles weapons contractor for pirating the name of their famous bomber, according to United Press International.

Northrop Corporation, which manufactures the B-2 (Stealth) bomber, is trying to block a trademark application filed by John Hughes of Central Texas, who claims his product is more reliable than Northrop's.

"Stealth Condoms" come in patriotic red, white and blue, and are packaged in a cardboard container resembling the B-2 bomber. Hughes operates his business out of his home.

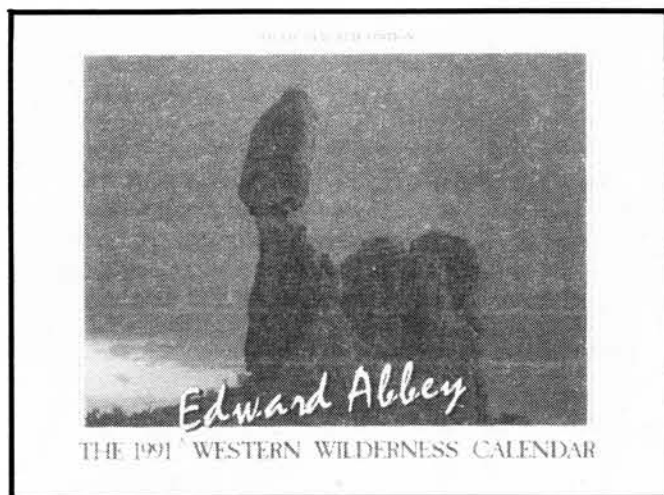
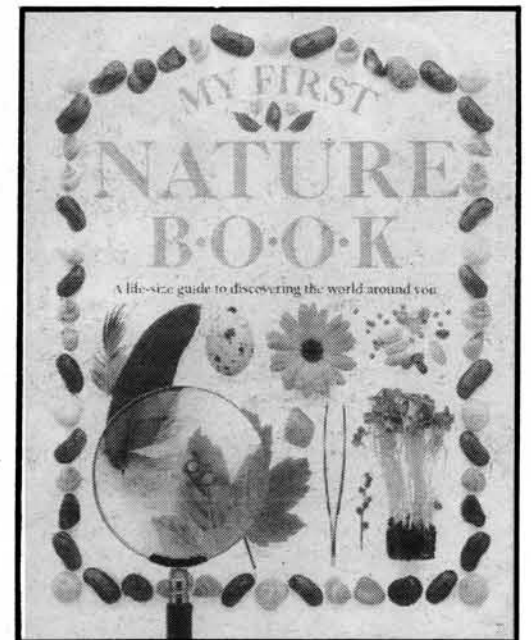
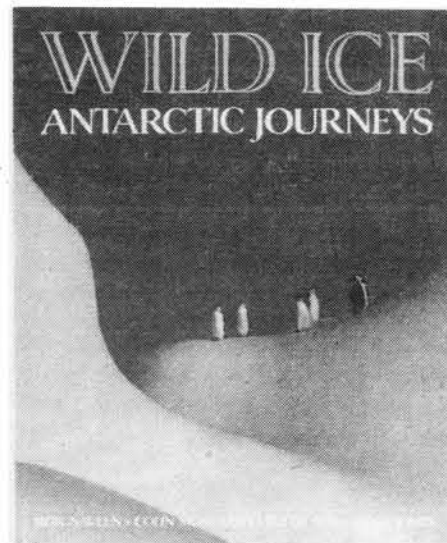
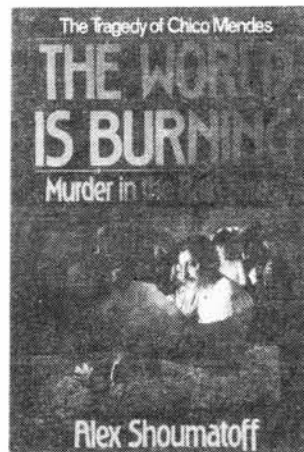
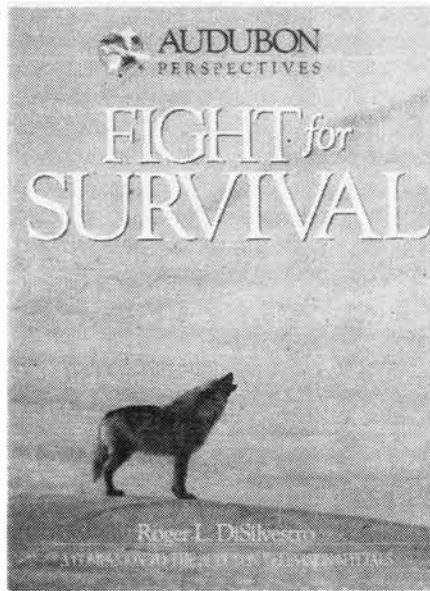
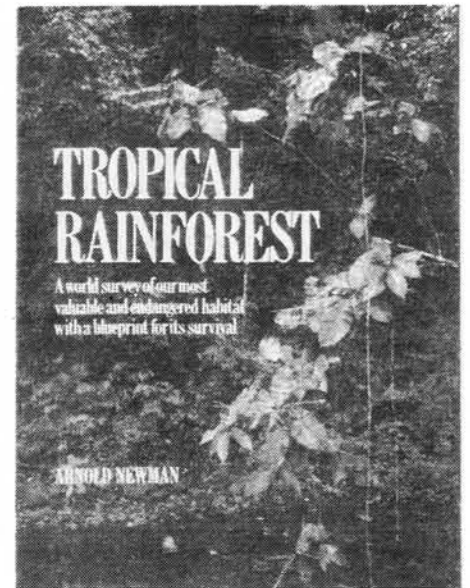
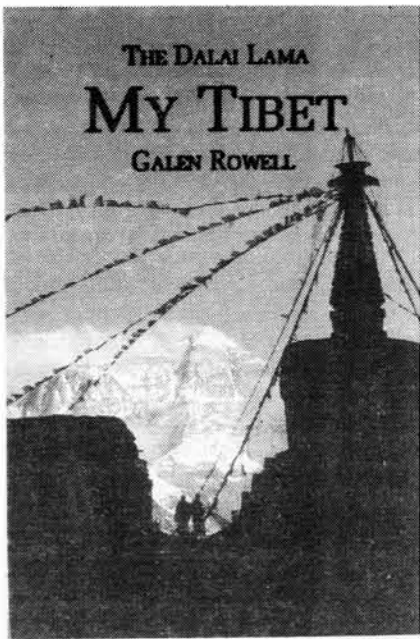
In a petition filed with the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, Northrop asked that Hughes be denied the Stealth trademark, since it would be "likely to cause confusion, or to cause mistake(s)."

Hughes disputes Northrop's claims. "The condoms perform better than the bomber," he says. "Our package will even fly over 40 feet. They're totally radar-proof, can fly low and don't require a great length of runway to land."

Even if the government confused the two manufacturers and somehow ended up with \$865 million in condoms instead of a B-2 bomber, Hughes thinks it's a better deal. "I could provide an incredible amount of protection for that kind of money," he quipped.

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700 Santa Cruzans March Against A Mideast War

A growing wave of dissatisfaction and outrage over potential war in the Middle East has taken an active hold in Santa Cruz. As demonstrations mount across the country, veteran peace organizers as well as newer student activists have successfully begun a series of rallies and protests within this community. The number of people participating in Santa Cruz demonstrations more than doubled since October's rally.

On October 13th, 300 people rallied against U.S. intervention at Mission Plaza Park. With further deployments of troops to the Gulf and serious questions raised about the constitutionality of Bush's military policy, more and more Santa Cruzans are becoming involved.

On November 15th, the Persian Gulf Peace Coalition continued its "Stop the War Before it Starts" campaign with an organized nonviolent blockade of the Military Recruiting Center in Capitola. Other organizers included Santa Cruz Students for Social Responsibility (SCSSR) and Pledge of Resistance. About 150 protesters gathered at Jade St. Park and then marched to the Center, where they successfully prevented recruitment for the day. They left at 5:00 pm, after being threatened with arrests, vowing to return at 8:00 am the next day. There were no arrests made.

The energy and direction of the two-day blockade carried into the weekend, when over 700 people, mostly students, marched down from UCSC onto Mission St. and into the Plaza, blocking traffic and chanting anti-war slogans. The turnout was over twice the number of the previous rally.

Speakers included Vietnam veteran Peggy Tuxen-Akers, Michael Job of the Lavender Vets for Peace, former Mayor Mike Rotkin, Marine resister Erik Larsen, Marine reservist/resister Todd King, folksinger Blase Bonpane, SCSSR speaker Nick Cain, and newly-elected City Councilmember Scott Kennedy. The tone of the speeches ranged from the politically persuasive to the emotionally wrenching, and as the speakers crossed the platform, a sense of urgency gripped the crowd. M.C. Gail Bloebaum of the Persian Gulf Peace Coalition announced Santa Cruz's "The Day Of" emergency rally, a

phenomenon that is occurring nationwide. It calls for an immediate public response to the war on the day that shooting breaks out, designating a time and place for a mass rally/strategizing meeting. Atlanta, Seattle, San Francisco, New York, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, and Honolulu have all planned TDO and TDA ("The Day Of" and "The Day After") events. Santa Cruz's will be at 5:30 pm in the old Ford's parking lot, current site of the Downtown Farmer's Market.

Within the national context of anti-war sentiment, certain comments had a timely and immediate ring. Peggy Tuxen-Akers (interviewed this issue), a veteran who served with the medical forces in Vietnam, delivered a moving and powerful speech that spoke to the horrors of war and the youthful naiveté of her audience. "People often ask me if being there was like life at the 4077th with Hawkeye and Trapper John. Our patients didn't walk away at the end of the day. The maimed remained forever maimed, and the dead forever dead."

Mike Rotkin echoed the spirit of the rally: "We need to build a movement. There are a lot of reasons to oppose this war. It took 15 years to stop the war in Vietnam. We don't have 15 years."

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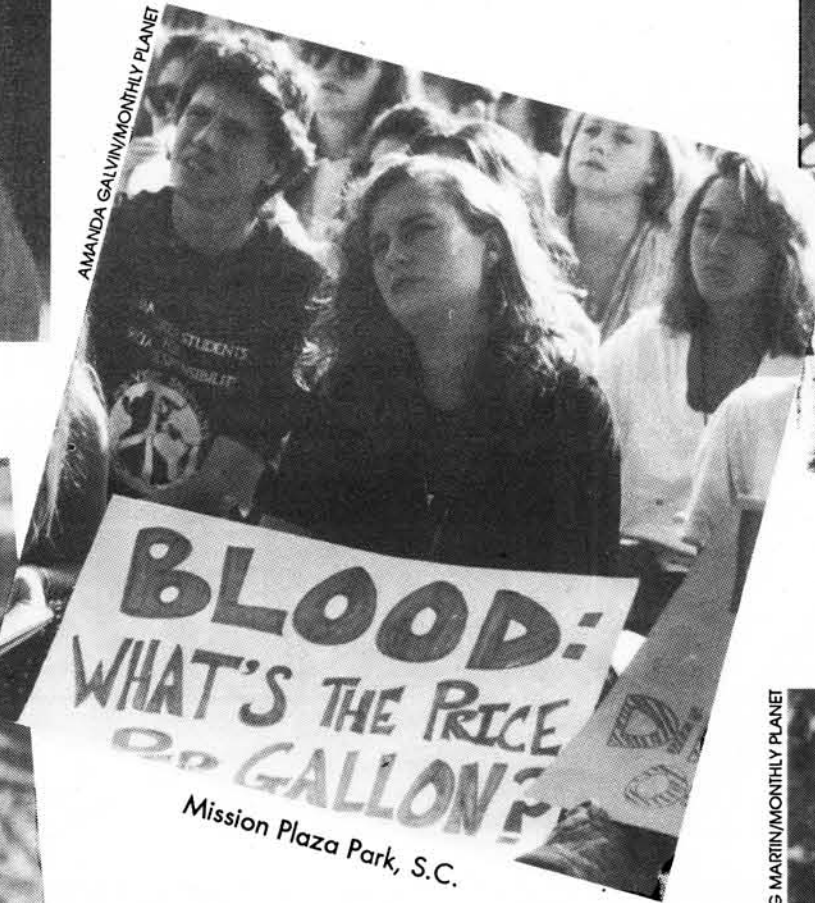


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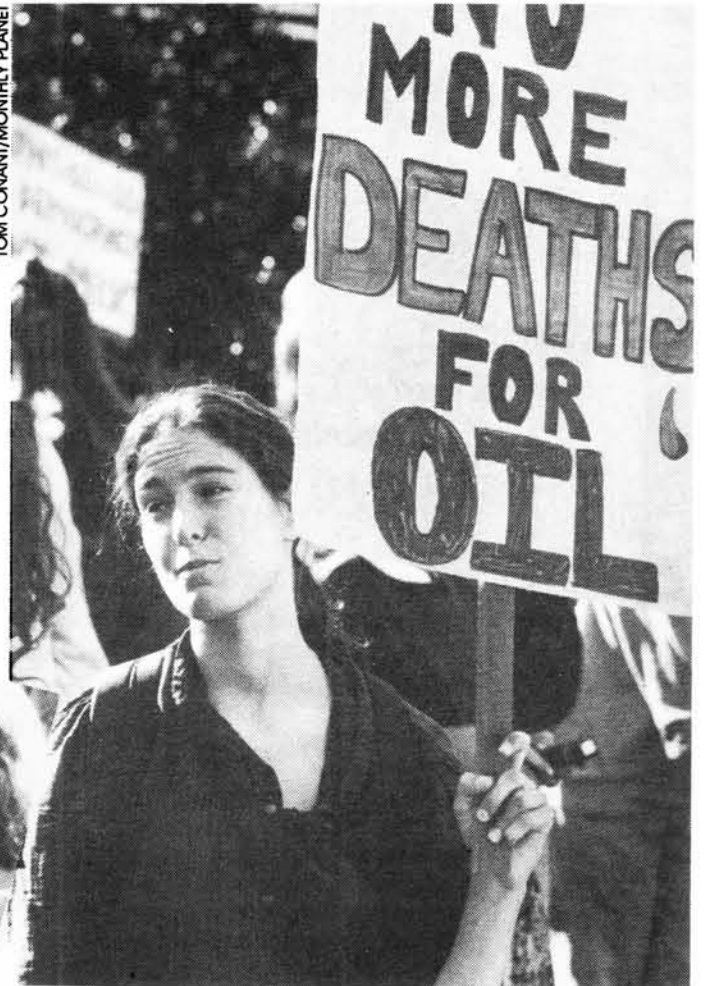
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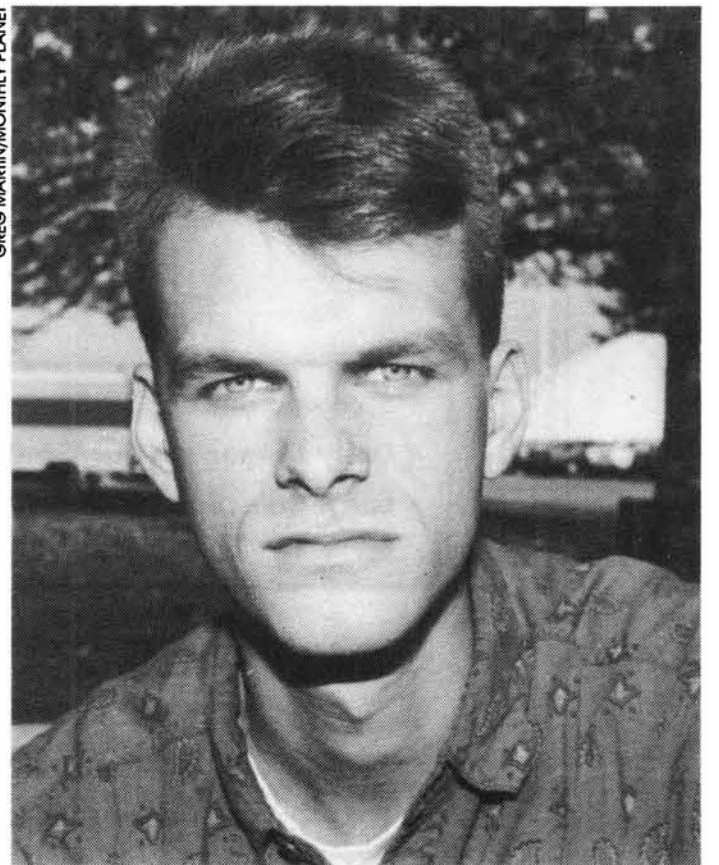
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SCSSR speaker **Nick Cain**

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Marine reservist **Erik Larsen**, who has filed for conscientious objector status: "Today I'm challenging you to break away from the indoctrination of the press, just as I have broken away from the indoctrination of the Marine Corps...over 50 Vietnamese were killed for every G.I. killed. Is the same thing going to happen to the Iraqi people?"

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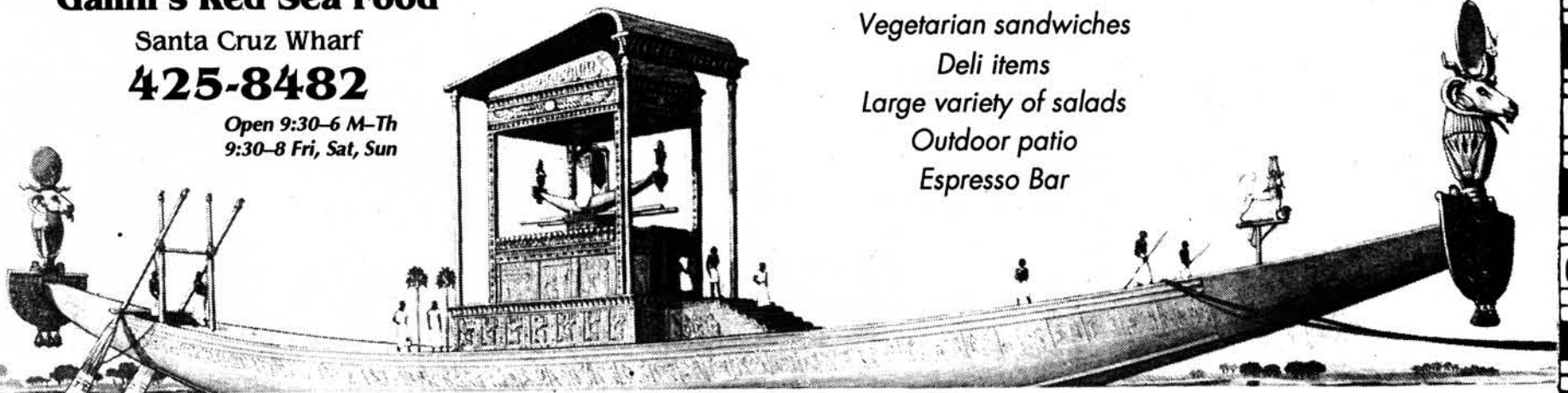
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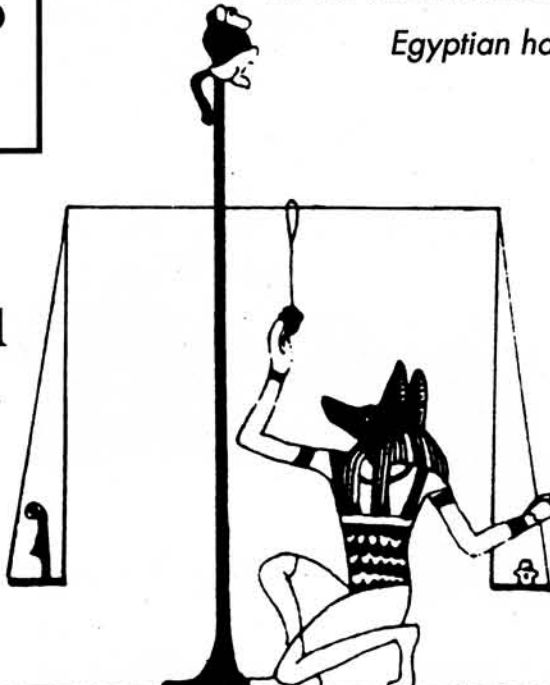
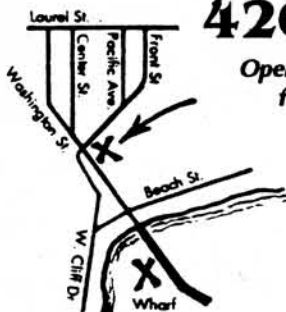
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Demonstrations Planned Across the U.S.

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SANTA BARBARA

December 8th, Santa Barbara. "No War in the Middle East" rally at noon. Organizers include the Peace Resource Center, the Campaign for International Diplomacy, and the local chapter of Support Our Country's Military. Emphasis will be placed on showing that anti-war doesn't necessarily mean anti-soldier, while pro-soldier does not have to mean pro-war. A few days before the event several people are going to stage funeral processions down main streets with a "casket" and several 55-gallon oil drums. In addition, there will be a mass letter-writing campaign in an effort to blitz the White House. For more information, contact the Peace Resource Center of Santa Barbara.

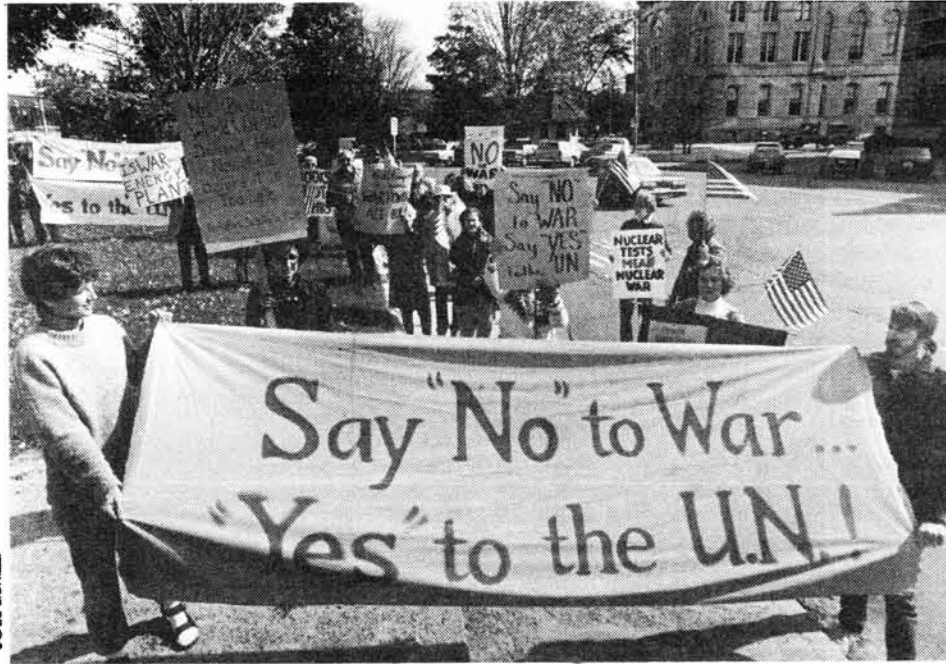
ST. LOUIS

December 7th rally at Rep. Dick Gephardt's office if he does not call for a special session of Congress to examine Bush's war policy. Gephardt serves on a bi-partisan committee which agreed on November 14 not to call a special session of Congress.

December 8th. Peace Train to Chicago to join a Midwest Rally Against War in the Gulf; Daley Plaza, Chicago. For more info, contact the St. Louis Forum for Peace in the Persian Gulf, 438 N. Skinker, St. Louis, MO, 63130. Phone: (314) 862-1319.

BAY AREA

"The Day Of [a U.S. attack]" in San Francisco: Meet at 5th and Market at 4:30 p.m. In the week following the possible outbreak of war, plan to converge on Washington DC to "stop the U.S. war machine's business as usual." Sponsored by the Stop the U.S. War Machine Action Network. For more information, call (415) 273-2427.



Members of the Berkshire, Massachusetts SANE/FREEZE and Fellowship of Reconciliation marched on October 21 for peace in the Middle East.

NEW YORK CITY

December 7th civil disobedience in midtown Manhattan. War Resisters League is planning a funeral march from the U.S. Mission to the U.N. Building. For more information, contact the War Resisters League at (212) 228-0450.

December 8th Columbia University teach-in and rally at Harkness Auditorium. Speakers from Center on Violence and Urban Survival, National Campaign for Peace in the Middle East, Emergency National Coalition against U.S. Intervention in the Middle East, ACT-UP, Palestine Solidarity Committee, Nicaraguan Solidarity Network, and Vietnam Vets Against the War. Contact: Students Against U.S. Intervention in the Middle East, 111 East 14th St., Rm. 132, New York, NY, 10003. Phone: (212) 228-4722; (212) 353-2445.

December 9th demonstration sponsored by the Coalition to Stop U.S. Intervention in the Middle East against President Bush, General

Colin Powell (Chief of Staff), John Sununu, and Ronald Reagan, who will all be invited guests at the Waldorf-Astoria for a banquet on Sunday, December 9th. For more info, contact the Coalition at 36 E. 12th St., 6th Floor, New York, N.Y., 10003. Phone: (212) 254-2295.

WASHINGTON, DC

January 19th (Martin Luther King Day weekend) national demonstration, sponsored by the Coalition to Stop U.S. Intervention in the Middle East. Targeting the opening session of Congress as well as Bush's January 21 State of the Union address. Goals: A huge turnout and the delivery of 1 million signatures in protest to the White House that day. (A simultaneous demonstration in San Francisco is under active consideration. For more information, call 415-821-6545.)

January 26th national demonstration sponsored by the National Campaign For Peace in the Middle East. For more information,

contact the Campaign at P.O. Box 3009, Church Street Station, New York, NY, 10008. Phone: (212) 727-3069.

February 2nd nationwide student network planning a national demonstration as well as emergency contingency plans should Congress be called back into session. Contact: Andrew J. Perrin, Swarthmore College, 500 College Ave., Swarthmore, PA 19081-1397; phone: (215) 544-6142.

SANTA CRUZ

Thursday, December 6th: Conscientious Objector Teach-In at McHenry Library at UCSC. Starting at 11:45, Doug Rand of the Resource Center for Nonviolence will discuss the draft, CO procedures, counseling and the legal assistance that is available for potential draftees and service people. For more information, call the Resource Center at 423-1626.

Friday, December 7th: "Get Out of The Gulf" demonstration along Ocean Street. Meet at 11:45 a.m. at the County Building (Ocean and Water Streets) and demonstrate between 12 and 2 p.m. on the sidewalk. Each participant is encouraged to carry a placard reading "Another (fill in) For Peace — Bring the Troops Home," or something similar. The blank can equal "woman," "gardener," etc. Sponsored by the Persian Gulf Task Force of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. For more information, call 459-6937.

Friday, December 7th: Candlelight vigil at 6:30 p.m. around UCSC campus. Meet at Baytree Bookstore and march. Sponsored by the Santa Cruz Students for Social Responsibility. For more information, call 429-6479.

Saturday, December 8th: Demonstration at Fort Ord. Meet at 10 a.m. at the County Building (Ocean and Water Streets) for car pooling to the Marina Village Shopping Center, Marina, at Reservation Road and Del Monte Blvd (Highway 1 to Reservation Rd Exit). Otherwise meet in Marina at 11 a.m. Sponsored by the Persian Gulf Peace Coalition. For more information, call 458-0276 or 427-2024.

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Noteworthy Peace Demonstrations

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BONN, GERMANY

Around 6,500 anti-war demonstrators wearing gas masks and waving banners protested in Bonn on November 24th, including 40 hostages who are vowing to sue the government for allegedly failing to help them. Germany's constitution does not allow the government to send troops outside of areas designated by NATO. Kohl is pushing to change the constitution to allow German troops to join the Gulf forces. Many of the demonstrators were members of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, one of the demonstration's organizers and the recipient of the the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize.

NEW YORK

The largest protest to date in the U.S. was the September 13 rally at Cooper Union Hall in New York organized by the Coalition to Stop U.S. Intervention in the Middle East. 2,500 rallied to demand an immediate withdrawal of U.S. military forces from the Persian Gulf, but the *New York Times* totally ignored the event, as did the *Daily News*, the *New York Post*, all three major TV stations and most of the radio stations. (The *Philadelphia Inquirer* did cover the rally, placing attendance at 2,500.)

ATHENS, OHIO

450 students protested U.S. Gulf policy on November 17th. Four people were arrested in a near riot allegedly caused by the police. Despite a legal march and rally permit and the peaceful nature of the protest, arrests were made and several students were reportedly injured by the police. For more information and/or a video of the event, contact: The Athens Peace Coalition, c/o UCM, 18 N. College, Athens, Ohio, 45701.



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LOS ANGELES

1200 people demonstrated at the Federal Building and in front of one of the largest U.S. military cemeteries in L.A. on Saturday, December 1st. Attendance was six times the number organizers expected. Ron Kovic, Vietnam Vet, spoke to the crowd in a re-

minder of the nationwide nature of the protests. At the conclusion of the rally, it was decided to continue the demonstrations at the same site on a weekly basis throughout January. For more information, contact the L.A. Coalition Against U.S. Intervention in the Middle East. Phone: (213) 655-3728.

SACRAMENTO

Approximately 500 people marched in Sacramento on November 28th. "They marched from the Post Office to the steps of the state capital through the streets of downtown. Banging pots and pans, wearing whiteface, dressed in fatigues, bearing signs and banners, the mostly young marchers gave portent of what might happen if war breaks out."

Other Gulf News

Draft Counseling Available

The Resource Center for Nonviolence is providing draft counseling for young men, their parents and friends who are facing the direct prospects of a war in the Persian Gulf. Counseling is provided by appointment and is free of charge. The Resource Center for Nonviolence, located at 515 Broadway in Santa Cruz, also provides literature and other resources on this issue during regular office hours, Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For more information or to set up an appointment, please call 423-1626.

Who Approves, Who Serves

In initial polls about the Gulf crisis, 8 percent of those who make over \$50,000 per year disapprove of the president's handling of the Gulf crisis, while 27 percent of those who make under \$15,000 disapprove.

In November of 1965, 14 percent of those over \$50,000 per year disapproved of the Vietnam War, while 29 percent of those who made less than \$15,000 disapproved. The majority of G.I.'s in both wars came from the lower income groups.

During the 1960's, no sons of senators, congressmembers, or cabinet members died in Vietnam. Only two members of Congress have children serving in the Gulf. They are:

Jerry Costello (D-Ill.)

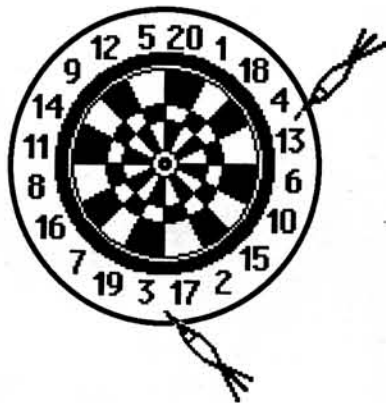
Kiki de la Garza (D-Tex.)

Women Seek Others

GOW, a Gathering of Women in Santa Fe, wishes to combine its strength, currently about 500, with other groups around the U.S. Since late September they have been calling congresspeople, writing letters and editorials, publishing newspaper ads, and organizing actions. Contact: Coreen I. Plewa, 2986 Plaza Blanca, Santa Fe, NM, 87505. Phone: (505) 471-0529.

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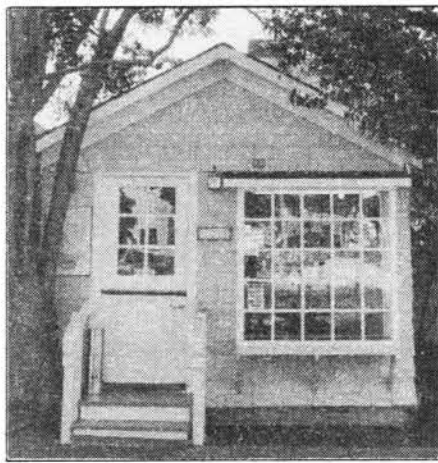
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Nuclear Weapons Freeze:
458-9975
Pledge of Resistance: 458-0276

Coffee Talk

Express Espresso

By Juan Valdez

MEDELLIN, COLOMBIA. The chatter around these parts is that Capi's Coffee Express, Capitola's new coffee house, just opened to the delight of local coffee lovers. Capi's features lightning fast service and premium gourmet coffees either by the bag or brewed to order with pure water. Sheltered by trees, this bright blue, fully restored French cottage is situated at 311 Capitola Avenue, near the Trestle Building, just half a block from the hub of Capitola Village. Its bright interior, set off by a palate of colorful pastels, boasts a



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A Look Back at War Through the Eyes of a Vietnam Nurse

interview by Claire Riccardi

Peggy Tuxen-Akers served as a nurse in the Vietnam War. She is currently active with several veterans' organizations, including Swords into Ploughshares and the Veterans Speakers Alliance, and she continues to work as a nurse practitioner. She is also a mother. Peggy Tuxen-Akers is very active in the peace movement and her current priority is speaking out against the U.S. presence in the Persian Gulf. She spoke at an anti-war rally in Santa Cruz several weeks ago and continues to speak throughout the Bay Area, where she lives. This interview took place on November 28.

INTERVIEW

MP: What were you doing before you went to Vietnam?

PTA: I was in college, in nursing school.

MP: Did you enlist?

PTA: Not actually. I was at Columbia University and the recruiter came to our dorm looking for people that might be interested. At that time I had a brother in medical school and my family was having a hard time with expenses. It just seemed like a really good way to get my college paid for, so I signed up. I think most people go in for economic reasons.

MP: When did you go to Vietnam, and how long were you there?

PTA: I went to Vietnam in 1970. I went into the service in '69 and — actually I went in in '67 — if you go in when you're in school but you don't do anything, they just pay you while you're in school and then you owe them the time as soon as you get out. So I owed them three years when I got out.

MP: Did you feel prepared to handle what you found there?

PTA: Not at all. They didn't train you for anything, basically. I had just gotten out of nursing school, I hadn't even given an enema, and then suddenly I find myself taking care of incredible casualties. We had to learn really fast. And in six weeks of basic training all they did was teach us how to salute and wear a uniform. They didn't teach us how to take care of wounds, or things like that. We did get a little bit; I think we had an hour class on how to treat a wound — they had shot some goats and we had to treat the wounds on the goats. It was really awful.

MP: Was there a turning point in your political perspective?

PTA: I knew from the moment I was over there that I was against the war. And I did before I went — I was involved in some of the student actions at Columbia when I was there, but I still had such an ingrained feeling

that we were fighting communism, and the domino theory — that's what I'd grown up on. I wasn't that sophisticated politically to really understand any more than that. Obviously, I could understand more than that but I didn't want to believe more than that. So I wasn't looking much past what I saw in the news. Which is like today — if you look at the news today you'd believe that we should be in the Middle East — there's so much patriotism on the TV it's sickening. I didn't do anything over there to resist; I didn't try to come home. But when I came home, I think that I was so traumatized that I didn't get involved at all. I talked to a friend the other night who was a nurse there too and it was the same for her, that for years she never even told a soul she'd been there. So, coming home was very difficult too. I admire the veterans who came home and got involved in the peace movement right away. I think that's incredible. I know that I couldn't even watch the news when I came home. I was so upset about what I'd seen and what I'd done.

MP: Predictions of casualties within the first few weeks of a Middle East war range anywhere from 10,000 to 20,000 and, given your knowledge of combat, would you say this is accurate?

PTA: Well, I don't think anybody can predict that. I listen to the news and I hear these people analyzing the Middle East crisis to death. But war is chaotic. Many more are going to die and I just don't think the American people will ever know. In Vietnam they lied the whole time the troops were there. I remember my mom sending me clippings from the *New York Times* and they always listed the number of casualties — American and Vietnamese and North Vietnamese — and often the number of Americans that they said died that day were less than the number that had just died in the one hospital where I was at. And I've heard other people say that too. They lied to the American public, and I've heard that there are people who say that they know people who died in Vietnam and their names aren't on the Wall. I think that the American government lies to people — and I don't know how many people will die but I'm sure that we won't know the truth. If war starts, and they say 1,000 Americans died, it may be 20,000. We just found out recently that 4,000 or 5,000 Panamanians were killed. They just lie, so that the American public will feel whatever they want them to feel. I hate to say that the American public isn't smart — I think the American public's really smart — but if they don't have the right information, they can't figure it out. It's the same thing now; the American public's not getting the right information either.

MP: So you see definite similarities between the way we got into Vietnam and the way we're getting into the Gulf?

PTA: Oh, absolutely. We're doing it a lot



Peggy Tuxen-Akers

quicker right now. But I think our reasons are exactly the same. We're not protecting any values, we're not fighting for any morality or peace or justice. In the Free World, we're fighting for the bottom line — money — and that was true in Vietnam, too. But this time we know so much more ahead of time. When we were over there we didn't realize that most of us still believed in what we were there for. I think that now we have the opportunity to know why this time, and I feel sad that the American people are being pushed around. Our government is sort of playing with everybody's gut feelings. Because when people really believe it's wrong, next thing, Bush comes out and says, 'He's [Hussein] got a nuclear device that he's going to send off any day,' and so people don't know what to believe. People know in their gut that this is really wrong but he just keeps it up. It's really Bush and this whole team around him that are doing this. I get sick of listening to Congress analyze it to death; none of their

kids are over there. If anybody should be debating it should be the parents of the kids that are over there, and the husbands and wives that are behind, and then maybe some of the folks over there should debate whether they're willing to die for this. They should be the ones hearing that information, not some Congressman whose son is sitting comfortably wherever...

I think the veterans have a really important part in all this because so many of us went over there feeling the way a lot of soldiers are feeling now. We support the troops over there. The reason we're speaking out and trying to stop this is because we really care about them and we want them to come home. I hear people all the time saying, 'well, the worst thing that could happen is that the troops aren't supported, that we're not telling them that we're behind them 100 percent.' And they even try to twist what the peace movement is doing, so that we're "hurting" the soldiers over there and then they'll feel

badly...and I know that most of the people in the peace movement and veterans don't want that to happen. We want them to come home because we care about them and because we saw what the government and the military did to veterans, and how the veterans are treated now, at home.

MP: Where do you see the most potent political force coming from in an anti-Gulf war movement? I'm just wondering if you think that the vets would play that part.

PTA: I think that the vets play a very important part — not only veterans from Vietnam, but World War II veterans, and Korean veterans that are speaking out. We've started a group of veterans called United Bay Area Veterans Against War in the Middle East. We had almost 50 people there the other night, and there was such a broad spectrum of folks. I think that veterans have a lot to say. I also think the families, the parents, are scared to death to speak out because they're going to be misconstrued too. I also think that the other powerful force is the young people, the university kids. If they aren't willing to go, they should be doing everything they can to stop it, because there isn't a draft. And maybe there should be a draft, maybe there should be an equitable draft if there's going to be a war. I'm not for the draft, but it's not fair the way it is now. Sixty-two percent of the folks over there are minorities — that's what I heard the other day. It's an economic service now, and most of the people that are in it are there because of economic reasons. Maybe young people in the universities, if it was going to be their butt on the line, would work harder to stop the war. I also think that the resisters are an important part and I hear that in Germany there are hundreds. That's why Eric Larsen's stayed over there. He's going to be back but he's decided to stay in Germany because there's hundreds of people that are resisting and they need counselors. They're a very important part too. They have the courage to say, 'we're not going to go, we didn't sign up to go kill innocent people and to get killed for oil and for money.' And especially for minorities — Bush vetoed the civil rights bill. There's not equality back here for them, so...

MP: Do you feel that the government provides adequate care to vets physically and emotionally, and do you feel that this care adequately extends to women vets in particular?

PTA: I don't think that the government has taken care of veterans at all. I work with an organization called Swords into Plowshares in San Francisco that deals with homeless veterans, and on Veterans' Day and Thanksgiving they have a dinner for them. If you could see the number of homeless Vietnam veterans...in San Francisco it's almost 40 percent and I think nationwide 35 percent of the homeless are Vietnam veterans. That's really awful, and I can't even imagine what they would do with all the veterans from this war. They're going to come back and have many problems both physically and emotionally.

Now, whether the VA takes care of women vets: I've never wanted to go to the VA. I know that they do take care of women veterans and I don't know how well. I can't imagine that they'd take any better care of women than they take care of men. And speaking

about women in the military: I consider myself a feminist, but to listen to people like Pat Schroeder hail feminism because now women can go over and shoot other people's sons as well as a man, I think that's sick. That's not what I consider equality. And I think Bush even said, 'a woman can shoot a gun just as straight as a man' — yes, she can, but to kill another mother's son or daughter, or whoever is not what women are fighting for. That's not what we want.

MP: So what do you think would be the most effective action for women to take in this movement? I mean women in general in this country.

PTA: Well, the National Organization for Women just came out against the war. They're demanding they bring the troops home. It's great that the organization came out and took a stand. If women could get together and make a statement about this war, that would be so important. We could be so powerful.

Because it's women who had all those children that went over there, that are over there now — it's their sons and daughters. If women just said no, if we all just got together and said no, if we all got together and voted, it would be a different world. A lot of women are very, very deeply involved in the peace movement now. I have a tremendous respect for them.

I wasn't involved in the peace movement in the sixties, and over the years I've met people that were. I feel in awe of them and think it's so wonderful what they did. I really believe they stopped the war. I have so much admiration for them and I'm grateful. I just hope that everything we're doing now is going to make a difference. I know some veterans last night at the meeting were saying, 'there's not a thing we can do, it's going to happen,' but I don't believe that. If we all just keep speaking out and marching and writing letters and calling the White House every morning...I mean, when I call, every time I talk to someone there, and sometimes

I talk to the same person, they're always so sympathetic. And they're all women who answer the phone. Women could be incredibly powerful. I think they already are.

MP: As a woman in the military in Vietnam, do you feel that your experience has any particularly important message?

PTA: I don't know so much as a woman, but I do know as a nurse, and there were male nurses there too. The experience of a nurse or a doctor or a medic — that part of the war is such an important part that people need to hear about. And it's really hard for me to get up and speak. What nurses and doctors and medics did over there and what they saw — it was the bottom line of war — and it's the part they don't talk about. They make reference to "coming home in a body bag," but that's even better than what mostly happened. Being dead is sometimes better than what we

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A Vietnam Nurse Looks Back At War

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saw over there...the horrible, horrible, horrible, horrible injuries. That's the part that nobody talks about; the pain and the suffering that happens before they even get to a hospital or before they even get into the operating room because there's a long wait, or before they even get an I.V., or before they even get anything because they get put behind a screen. We put lots of guys behind screens to die. Because there wasn't enough time. We weren't going to spend 12 hours operating on somebody when we could save five more people. They went to the end of the line.

things like that.

PTA: I don't think that that's true, not last to be operated on. But that's absolutely true of Vietnamese. It is absolutely true that the Americans were operated on before the Vietnamese, even though we were fighting with them. I'm not talking about the North Vietnamese, I'm talking about the South Vietnamese. I can tell you that from my experience, there certainly were more minorities that were wounded. When you think about what percentage was over there, percentage-wise there were more minorities that

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There were guys that could have been saved if they had been here and it had been a car accident and they had the same injuries, they might have lived. That's what they need to be hearing at these Senate hearings. That's who they need to be hearing from; some of those wounded vets. Bring in one of those vets with no arms and no legs and let them see that person. It's hard to look at somebody like that. You don't see them very often because they don't live out in society. Those guys live in communities up in Napa. And they have never come home. There may be a few that have, but you don't see them on the street. There were plenty of them. That's who should be up there talking to the Senate.

When I speak and people come up to me and say, 'You know, you were a great speaker,' it makes me feel bad, because I don't feel like I'm a good speaker at all. I'm just telling what I saw. And I don't want people to think that I get some kind of a kick out of being up here or want the attention...it's really hard, and what I really want to do is just run away after I speak. It's so hard; I get into all those feelings again about what it was. I don't enjoy speaking, to be honest with you. But I feel it's so important. I have a friend who was a nurse with me there who lives in San Francisco, and she's just starting to speak out. I'm so glad because I can just see how healing it is for her too. It's real hard.

MP: I wanted to also talk more about issues of race, class, and gender. For instance, what kinds of discrimination did you witness during your tour and what specific forms did they take? I was thinking specifically of your reference to it being 62 percent people of color over in Saudi Arabia right now. I've heard a number of rumors that it was mostly African-American troops that were sent out first, and they were last to be operated on, and

were wounded.

Now about the woman part, that was different because I was an officer, and the enlisted women had it very different than officers did. We had certain privileges. We just didn't get harassed that much...we did, by our superior officers that were nurses — they were always on our case. But there wasn't the kind of sexism where the enlisted women, you hear that their sergeant made them go out with them, or they'd get pinched and stuff like that. As nurses, we were so busy, there just wasn't time for that sort of stuff.

My friends over there were not the officers — I hated the lifers, I didn't have anything to do with them. The people that I spent time with were the patients and the medics that I worked with every day, that we ran the wards with, and they were enlisted people. I really hated the lifers, because I felt that they were the ones sending those guys to be killed. The generals would come in on Sundays to the wards and they'd pin the purple hearts on these guys with no legs and no arms, in comas, and they'd hardly touch them. I'm sure they couldn't deal with it. They were intact, their bodies were still fine.

MP: How many women vets do you think there are from Vietnam, and are they organized in any way?

PTA: No. They say that there are between 5,000 and 7,000 women who served as nurses. A lot of the women nurses are still in the reserves, actually. For women vets, I think for a lot of nurses, it is so painful. My friend — we were in basic training together, we were in Vietnam together for a little while until we were split up and sent to other hospitals...now we both have kids the same age. It's really hard for us to be together and have anything to do with it when anybody mentions Vietnam. It's very upsetting and it

brings back so much stuff for her. I guess I've just learned to keep my memories compact. I don't let myself think too much about the past.

The other night at a rally at Stanford, this woman came up to me and she said, 'oh, my dad was a doctor in Vietnam.' And we started to talk and she told me where he was and I said, 'oh, that's where I was.' And then she told me his name, and I said, 'oh yeah, I remember your dad, he was a radiologist.' And then she started to say, 'oh, he told me about this time and this time' — and I wanted her to leave me alone. I didn't want her to remind me. I realized that I didn't want her to jog any more memories. I had it all in my speech, but I didn't want it past that. So I think the other reason the nurses don't speak is because it's really hard, it's real painful to come back later and remember that stuff that you hadn't thought about for 20 years because you didn't want to. But I think this Middle East stuff is really bringing people out.

MP: What are you currently involved in politically?

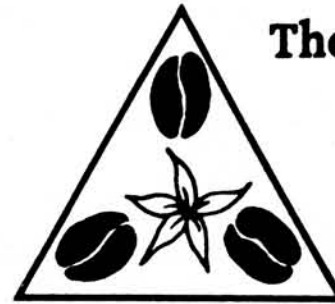
PTA: Well, first of all, I'm a nurse practitioner. I'm speaking out at rallies and that sort of thing. In 1984 we started a group called the Veterans Speakers Alliance, because we thought it was important to go into high schools and talk to kids. When the kids are studying Vietnam, which usually happens this month and then around May, we have a whole group of veterans that do about 60 classes a year all around the Bay Area. That's including Stanford, San Francisco State.

Usually, we do oral histories, tell them a little bit about ourselves, and then they ask a lot of questions. A lot of them draw parallels — last year it was Nicaragua, and this year it'll be the Middle East. We don't come and tell them not to sign up to register for the Selective Service, we just tell them their options. We just tell them how we feel, and the kids figure it out. That's the most important thing.

Then there's Swords into Plowshares, which is a veterans' rights organization that works with the homeless, and I'm on the board. It's a very special organization doing great stuff for veterans — they have a half-way house and they get veterans from the street. They help them with job skills, get them to work, and help them find a place to live. Their group therapy really helps to get them back on their feet. It's wonderful to see these guys back with their families again.

MP: What inspires you to continue, what gives you hope to continue doing this work?

PTA: You know, I can't imagine not. I feel like we all have to. I don't think there's a choice, unfortunately. I think about the people that worked so hard in the sixties to make Vietnam stop and I think we have to do it. I don't want these guys over there, and these women. I think about their families every day and wonder what it must be like for them watching the news. It takes so much to bring up a child, it takes so much love and work and caring, and in just a split second it can be all gone. And for nothing. Just for nothing. ▣



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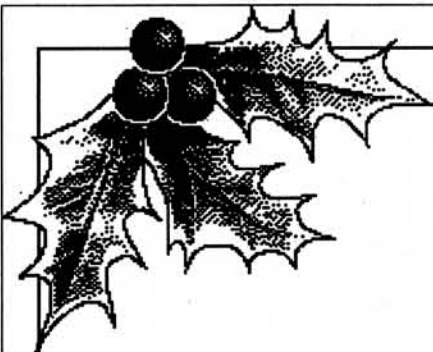
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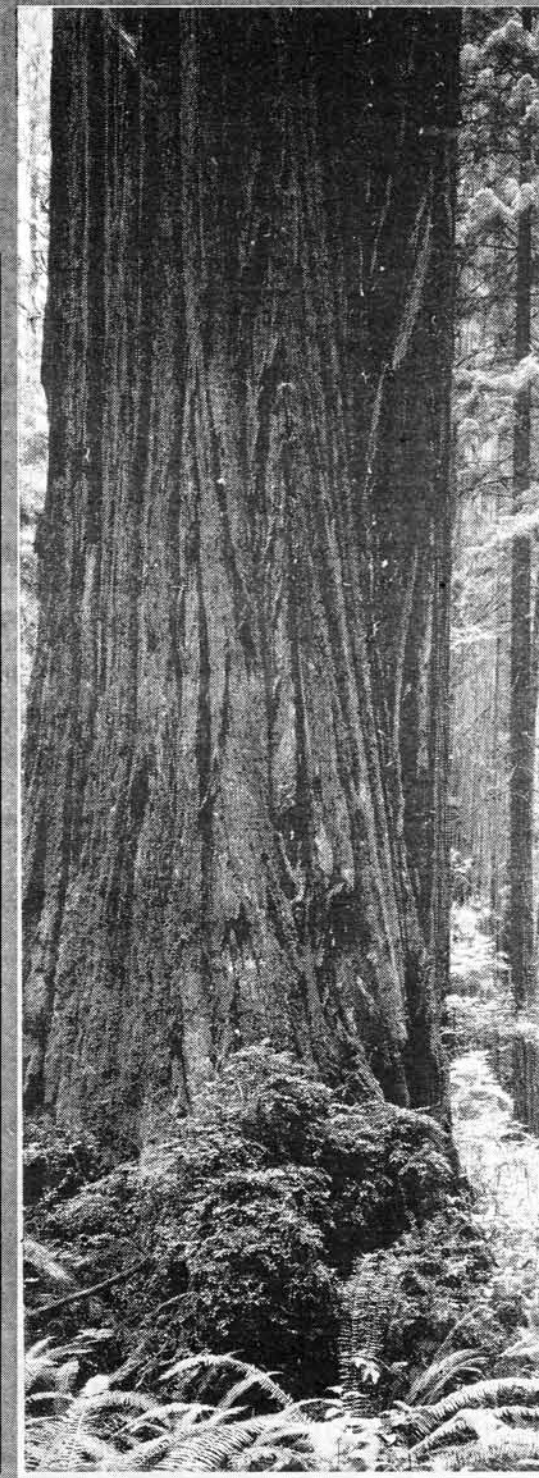
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Peace Movement Successes of 1990

by Terry Teitelbaum

It's hard to get excited about peace while we seem to be heading for war in the Middle East. The specter of war can overshadow the many ways that peace has already prevailed. Yet in 1990 alone, the peace movement has had many victories to celebrate, most of which have been virtually ignored by the mainstream media.

ACTIVIST'S NOTEBOOK

That's why we're reporting on just a small sampling of these success stories in *The Monthly Planet*. The common thread in these success stories is that they result from deliberate and effective organizing by groups of committed individuals. They are also measurable, tangible and relatively immediate wins. Often, as peace activists, we need to console ourselves for the lack of immediately apparent results by reminding ourselves that our efforts will pay off for future generations. The following victories are paying off right now, for this generation.

As anthropologist Margaret Mead said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Idahoans Defeat Bomb Factory

For the first time in history, the Department of Energy (DOE) was forced to drop plans for a nuclear weapons facility. The Snake River Alliance, an Idaho citizens' peace organization, spearheaded a three-and-a-half-year campaign to prevent the Special Isotope Separation (SIS) plutonium plant from being constructed in their state.

The proposed SIS plant was basically a plutonium refinery. In the process of obtaining weapons-grade plutonium from uranium, wastes are created. The SIS process squeezes even more plutonium for bombs out of this waste.

According to Kerry Cook, executive director of the Snake River Alliance, the defeat of SIS was truly a grassroots organizing success story. Both Congress and the president were fully committed to the project at the outset and finally dropped it only because virtually the entire state of Idaho vehemently rejected it.

How did the Snake River Alliance mobilize this geographically huge yet sparsely populated state? Volunteers drove all over Idaho to speak out against SIS in churches, Rotary Clubs and among farmers. In fact, eventually it was the farmers of Idaho who were the most outspoken against SIS. According to Cook, SIS was such a bad idea that everyone in the state could rally against it. Its only purpose was to create plutonium for bombs, and it wouldn't even have produced much. Additionally, the DOE could not effectively demonstrate that there was even a need for more plutonium. Many suspected that the project had more to do with pandering to DOE scientists and Idaho Senator McClure than with national security needs.

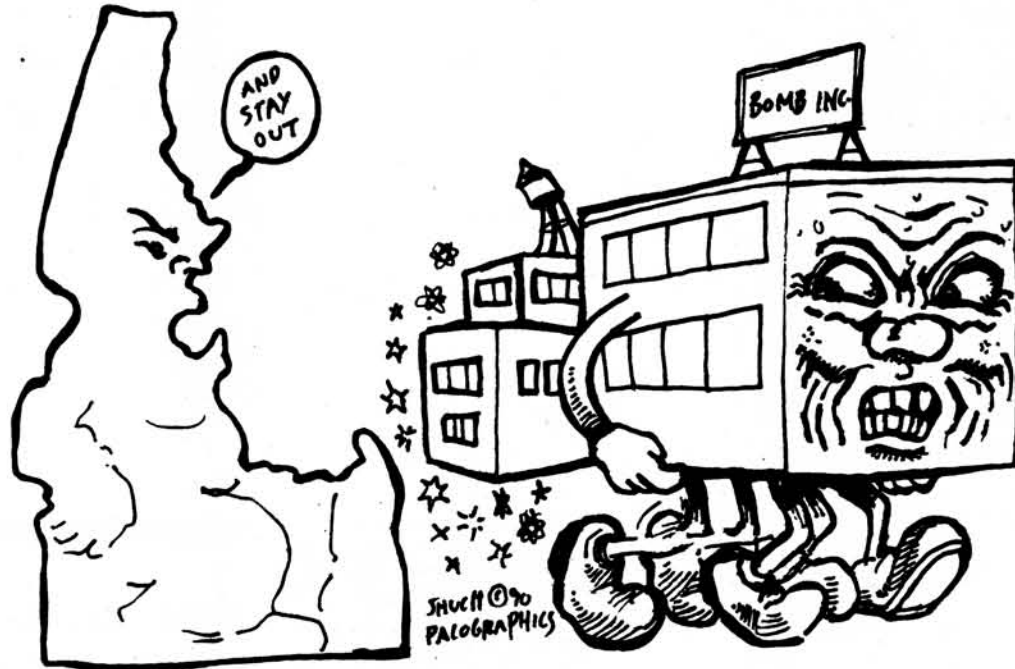
People who might otherwise have opposed disarmament efforts fought against a nuclear bomb plant in their own back yard. During the course of the campaign, volunteers collected signatures on petitions daily. A total of 40,000 names reached Congress, along with hundreds of letters, telegrams and phone calls. Citizen lobbyists travelled to Washington D.C. and talked not only to Idaho representatives, but also with members of House committees which were dealing with SIS oversight and funding. National organizations such as SANE/FREEZE, Greenpeace, and the Federation of American Scientists worked in Washington DC to pressure Congress to defeat SIS. These national organizations also mobilized citizens all over the country to write to Congress, an effort which generated so many letters from outside the state that Idaho representatives and senators begged the Snake River Alliance to stop the inundation from around the country.

As opposition grew, newspapers all over the state editorialized against the plant. Yet

the real turning point in the campaign occurred during the DOE's public hearings on the plant's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). What happened actually surprised even the organizers. The hearings were "packed" according to Cook, representing the true outrage and opposition felt by the entire population of the state of Idaho. In response to this strong opposition, Idaho congressional representatives who originally favored SIS tried to distance themselves from the issue. While they didn't exactly speak out against it, as Cook put it, "They put their hands in their pockets, whistled, and walked away."

At this point, it became painfully clear to the DOE that SIS funding did not stand a chance in Congress. Rather than suffer the political liability of such a defeat, the Bush Administration quietly withdrew its funding request from the Fiscal Year 1991 budget proposal. Cook said, "What started out as a golden egg for the DOE turned out to be a goose egg."

Kerry Cook is proud of the victory over SIS. She credits the volunteers, farmers, and



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activists from all over the country, as well as the inspired and dedicated leadership of organizer Liz Paul for tireless work against the plant. She believes that one important impact of this victory is that the people of Idaho, a relatively conservative state, are now very well informed about the DOE and nuclear weapons production and are "pretty skeptical" about anything the DOE might try to do in the future.

Cold War's End Brings Economic Conversion to the Forefront

In the past, talk of economic conversion was primarily a peace movement response to the challenge "Won't ending the nuclear arms race put people out of work?" Economic conversion (or diversification) is broadly defined as transferring resources from weapons development to peacetime pursuits, to minimize the impact on industry and potentially displaced workers when Department of Defense contracts are terminated. With the end of the Cold War, which was the driving force behind the nuclear arms race, Congress, the weapons industry, and peace activists alike view economic conversion as a stark economic necessity. As Michael Closson, a long-time conversion advocate and executive director of the Center for Economic Conversion stated at the organization's annual dinner, "It's an idea whose time has come."

This shift in attitude, along with increased media attention to the economic impacts of the end of the Cold War, set the stage for

important concrete victories for the peace movement this year.

In the state of Washington, successful organizing for economic conversion by SANE/FREEZE activists led to passage of the Defense Diversification Bill in March. This bill provides \$200,000 in first-year funding (for 1991) to give information and

— has finally paid off in a tangible way. The inroads made with labor were particularly significant since much of the organizing done by SANE/FREEZE was in the heart of the military community — in Hanford, home of the largest nuclear weapons production complex in the country. Organizers addressed the need for industry to take care of itself as

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technical assistance to military-dependent communities and industries attempting to adjust to cutbacks in military spending. It also establishes a citizen commission to oversee the program, comprising representatives from labor, business, community organizations, and the legislature. Members of Washington SANE/FREEZE were granted seats on this board.

This bill was the first comprehensive, state-sponsored economic diversification bill in the country. According to Bill Patz, an organizer with SANE/FREEZE, this victory results from long-term, solid organizing as much as from the change in the political climate. He believes that his organization's work over the last three years — building coalitions with labor, lobbying state legislators, and educating and mobilizing the public

Defense Department spending declines. In August of this year, the Washington State Labor Council, in cooperation with SANE/FREEZE, held a conference entitled, "Maintaining Jobs in the Face of Cuts in Federal Spending and Plant Closures." This victory provides an example of the politically powerful alliances which are formed when peace activists become advocates for displaced military industry workers.

An added bonus of this success story is that Washington state, with its heavy dependence on military contracts, has set the leading example for state action on economic conversion and diversification. Certainly, the organizing effort of Washington SANE/FREEZE is a model for community activists, labor, and government to work together as allies for peace and justice.

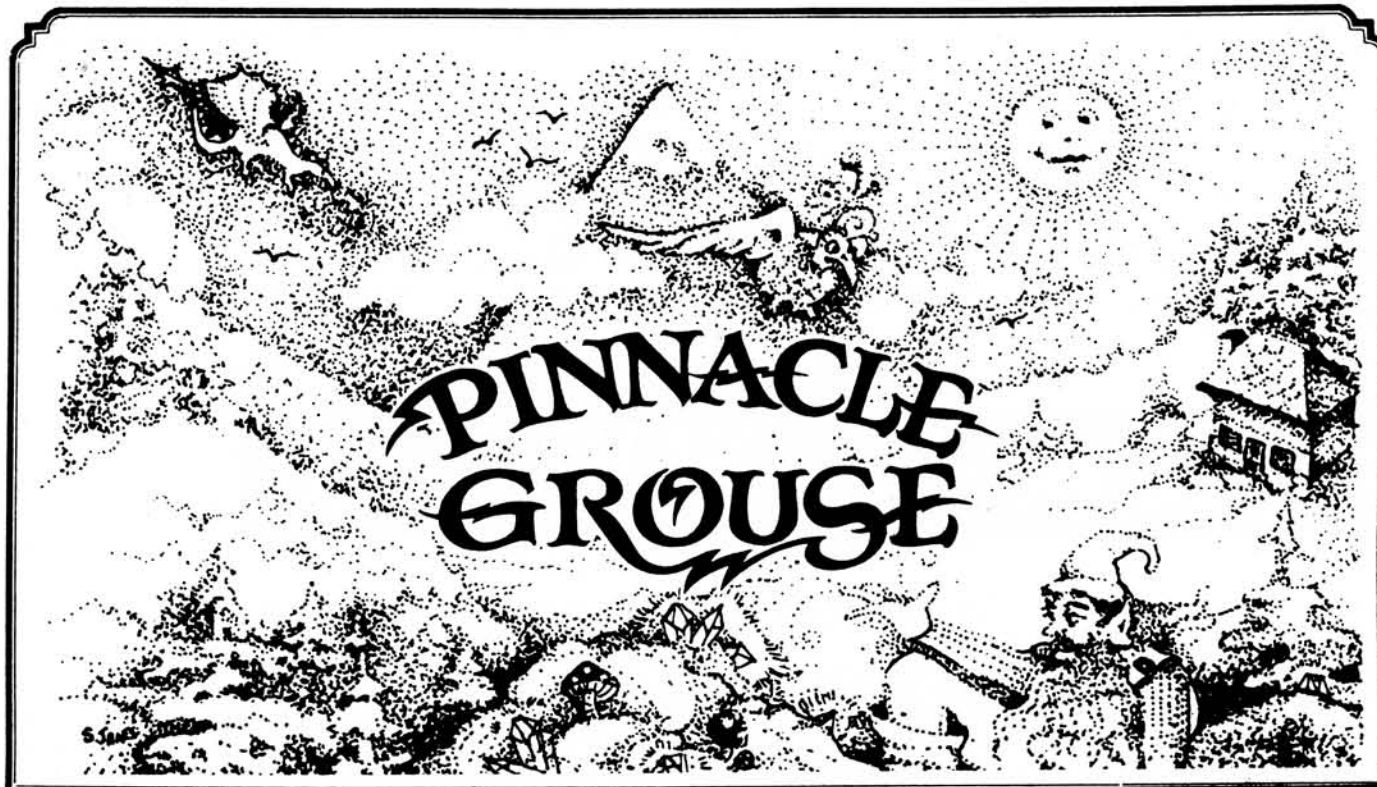
Nuclear Free Zone Movement Gathers Momentum

The Nuclear Free Zone movement has successfully implemented the bumper sticker maxim "Think Globally, Act Locally" by working for the last decade to organize communities, states, and countries to declare themselves "nuclear free." Usually, when a community declares itself nuclear free, it bans any nuclear material from being used in or transported through its geographic area. It can also restrict its entities from doing business with companies which manufacture nuclear weapons or materials.

Currently, there are 172 city and county nuclear free zones in the United States, Chicago being the largest city with binding free zone laws. According to Chuck Johnson, executive director of Nuclear Free America, however, most of the nuclear free zone success stories of 1990 happened not in the United States, but in Eastern Europe.

The expansion of political independence for the Eastern Bloc and Soviet Republics fostered the development of nuclear free zones in Eastern Europe. The Ukraine and Belorussia, the two Soviet Republics most affected by the Chernobyl disaster, have declared themselves nuclear power and weapons free zones. East Germany declared itself a nuclear weapons free zone; this status was accepted in the unification deal with West Germany. Czechoslovakia declared itself a nuclear weapons free zone back in

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Peace Movement Successes of 1990

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January 1989, when it was still had a Communist government. President Havel accepts this act as legally binding.

There is a widespread and growing anti-nuclear movement in the Soviet Union. This year, the Soviet arctic seaport of Archangel became a nuclear weapons free zone. Perhaps the most significant development was Kazakhstan's decision to outlaw nuclear tests, a move accepted by Moscow. In Western Europe, more due to "Not In My Backyard" (NIMBY) sentiment than to bumper sticker inspiration, there is increasing local resistance to nuclear waste disposal in Britain, France, and Switzerland.

There is progress to celebrate in the United States as well. In addition to NIMBY opposition, there is growing concern in the United States about the overall environmental effects of nuclear weapons production. As a result, facilities at Rocky Flats, Hanford, Savannah River and Fernald have all been shut down. In fact, most of the plants built in the 1940's and 1950's are currently inoperable. According to Nuclear Free America's Johnson, "The fact that the nuclear weapons production system has totally broken down and that local opposition exists near all of the sites of existing and proposed nuclear weapons production facilities is by far the most significant success story of the American anti-nuclear weapons movement for 1990."

Legislative Wins for the Comprehensive Test Ban Campaign

The final version of the Defense Authorization Bill passed by Congress in 1990 states that the United States "shares a special responsibility with the Soviet Union to continue the bilateral Nuclear Testing Talks to achieve further limitations on nuclear testing, including the achievement of a verifiable

comprehensive test ban." While not a binding resolution, it is the first time in recent years that any mention of a test ban has survived the final Defense Budget vote by both houses of Congress. This language was also attached to the Threshold Test Ban Treaty (TTBT) which the Senate ratified on September 25. The TTBT bans nuclear weapons

tests above 150 kilotons. According to Carolyn Cottom, director of the United States Comprehensive Test Ban Coalition, "It is especially significant that both Houses of Congress are urging a Comprehensive Test Ban (CTB) while President Bush blocks all international efforts to pursue one."

Other legislative victories include the

PLUTONIUM CHALLENGED IN 1990

Plutonium Challenge, a Washington, DC lobbying organization which works to end the production of plutonium, has cited the following legislative accomplishments for 1990:

- The Plutonium Recovery Modification Project at Rocky Flats, with a price tag of \$65 million, was terminated.
- Construction funds (\$20.6 million) for the Special Nuclear Materials Lab at Los Alamos, New Mexico, were eliminated for at least one year.
- \$285 million was cut from the weapons research, development and testing budget.
- Production of new nuclear artillery shells was cancelled.
- The last nuclear missile for deployment in Europe, the Short Range Attack Missile-Tactical (SRAM-T), was cancelled.
- The production of the B-90 Nuclear Depth/Strike Bomb was delayed for at least one year.
- Clean-up funds for Department of Energy weapons facilities were increased by \$343 million over the Bush budget request.
- Legislation was passed which requires the Bush Administration to take the first steps toward negotiating a U.S.-Soviet halt to plutonium production.
- Restrictions were placed on reopening the Hanford plutonium refining (PUREX) plant in Washington state.
- Economic Conversion legislation was passed which includes Department of Energy production workers.
- A new health program was created for the "downwinders" affected by Hanford radiation releases between 1944 and 1972.

deletion of testing funds for two nuclear weapons systems: the Follow-on-to-Lance missile which was to be deployed in Europe, and nuclear-directed energy weapons, the old Star Wars laser system.

Cottom attributes the legislative successes for the CTB in 1990 to the cooperative efforts of the Test Ban Coalition and the Washington lobbying group, Plutonium Challenge. The two organizations worked closely together, sharing resources to effectively lobby

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for an end to nuclear testing and production of nuclear materials. (See the list of the legislative victories claimed by Plutonium Challenge with this story.)

Victories, Large and Small, Inspire Activists for the Long Haul

I had a lot of fun talking to different activists about their various successes. People seemed to enjoy relating their victories. Even people who seemed harassed and stressed out when the conversation started were much more energetic and positive by its conclusion.

Although her organization is under-staffed and under-funded, Cleveland SANE/FREEZE Director Kathleen Corcoran is still inspired to continue organizing. She proudly told me how SANE/FREEZE changed Senator John Glenn's vote on the B-2 Stealth bomber. She said that in ten years of lobbying, they had never swayed him on anything. When they first began their campaign to "Stop the Stealth and Fund Human Needs," Glenn had strongly and vocally favored the B-2. After SANE/FREEZE conducted an all-out effort to change his position, he turned around completely. In addition to voting against the Stealth bomber, he spoke out against it in the Senate. According to Corcoran, Glenn's change was a "clear-cut victory for their grassroots lobbying campaign."

It is concrete, definable successes in specific campaigns (like those recounted in this article) which have the most impact on the morale of organizers, especially for those in it for the long haul. Unfortunately, peace movement successes won't be reported as such on the nightly news. That's why it is vital that we take on the task of reporting this news to the public and to each other.

To each and every person and organization who contributed to these and the countless other peace movement victories of 1990, congratulations and thanks. Keep up the good work. ▀

Terry Teitelbaum is the Executive Director of the Santa Cruz County Nuclear Weapons Freeze.

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Striving for a Just Peace Between Israelis and Palestinians

interview by John Govsky

Chaim Shur was born in Poland in 1926. In 1935, he and his parents joined his father's family in Israel (then Palestine). His mother's family was annihilated in the Holocaust.

At age 11, Chaim Shur joined the socialistic Hashomer-Hatzair youth movement and was educated in kibbutz life. At 18 he founded

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the Kibbutz Shuval in a semi-desert area in the south of Israel. He spent much of his life in the kibbutz movement before becoming a journalist. At 45, he became deputy editor-in-chief of the daily newspaper published by the United Workers Party (Mapam). Two years later, in 1973, he took the job of editor. After working at this paper for 10 years, he went back home to serve in the kibbutz.

In 1982, he was offered the position of editor-in-chief of *New Outlook: Middle East Monthly*, a distinguished magazine that focuses on peace in the Middle East and works for accommodation with Palestinians and Jews. He accepted the job, and has been editor ever since.

Chaim Shur is married with four sons (one was killed in a 1973 battle against the PLO). All of his sons have served in the Israeli army, and he says that they are all "peaceniks" now. One of his sons is a founder of Peace Now, and also founded *Soldiers Against Silence* (against the war with Lebanon). His wife helped found *Mothers Against Silence*.

This interview took place on November 21 at the Resource Center for Nonviolence in Santa Cruz.

Monthly Planet: What impact has Iraq's invasion of Kuwait and the Persian Gulf crisis had on the prospects for peace between the Palestinians and the Israelis, both in the short term and in the long term?

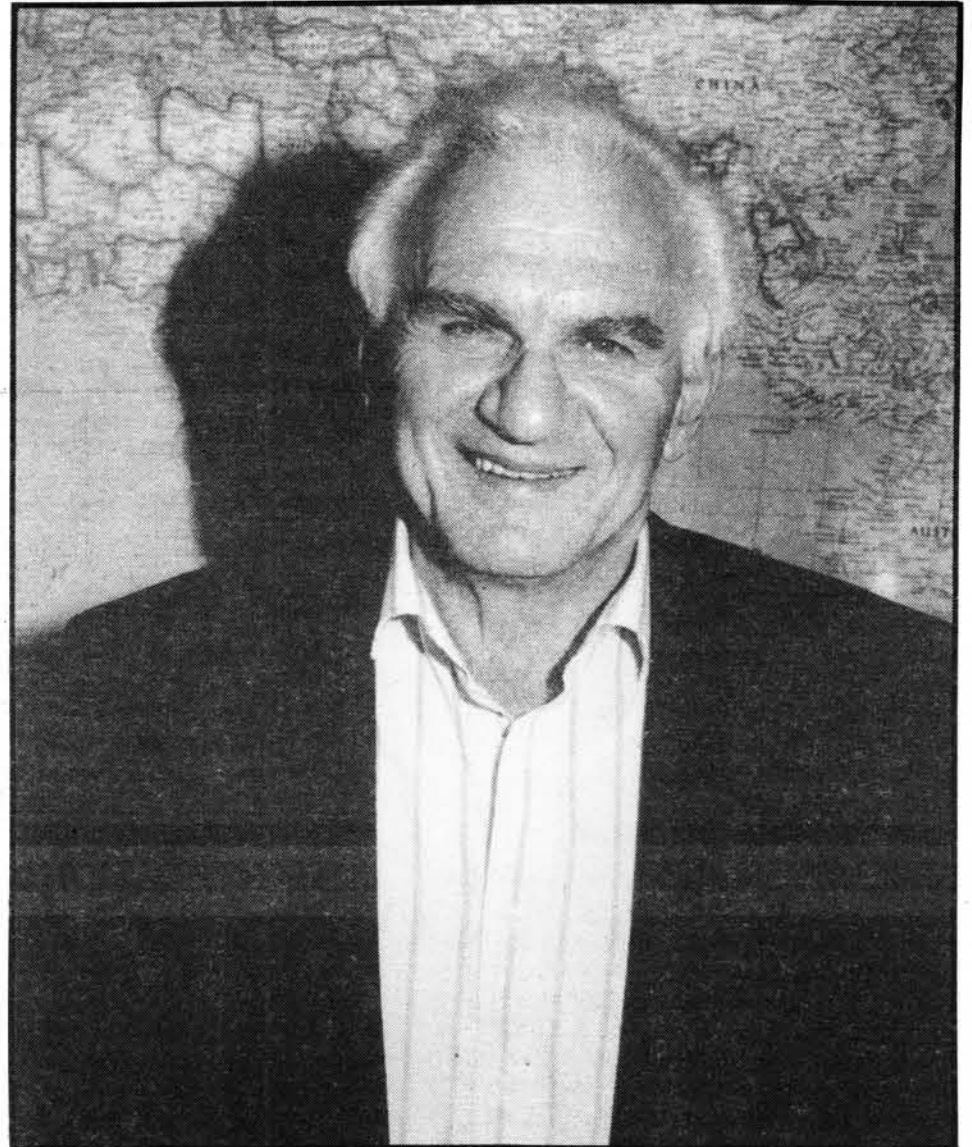
Chaim Shur: In the short term, it has stopped the process. I mean, nothing is happening now as far as any political initiatives to start the peace process. Our concern is that everybody is busy with the Gulf crisis and has no time for the Arab-Israeli conflict, which is so old. In the long term, I believe that what happens now in the Gulf and the concentration of power with the world-wide coalition that has been formed — I suppose that once this crisis is resolved one way or another — this coalition will probably go on living and try to do its best to solve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

MP: What impact has this crisis with Iraq had within the Israeli peace movement?

CS: It's the belief of the peace forces in Israel that once the crisis is resolved that something will happen. I don't know if you would call this an impact, but there is a hope that something will start, that the peace process will be revitalized. For the last year or so it's been totally dead.

There's another side effect in the peace camp in Israel. The fact that during the first stage, at least, the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and Yassir Arafat were aligning themselves so strongly with Saddam Hussein, while Saddam Hussein actually promised to destroy the state of Israel. It awakened the old kind of enmity between Israel, including the peace forces, and the PLO. Many people in the peace movement in

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Israel were too aggravated and declared that they didn't want to do anything anymore with the PLO, at least with the present leadership, if it's capable of forming a kind of immoral alliance with the ruler that vows to destroy the state of Israel. In the meantime, I would say that the PLO has mended some of its ways in connection with this kind of alliance. It certainly doesn't support the invasion of Kuwait. On the other hand, those people in the peace camp that expressed so much emotion about this phenomenon have also repaired or changed their statements a bit so now things are again as they used to be.

MP: What impact has the Gulf crisis had in U.S.-Israeli relations?

CS: I don't know if it's a direct impact or an indirect impact, but certainly there is an impact. Israel has believed, and it has quite the grounds to believe, that Israel is a strategic asset for the United States. I say they have the grounds to believe in it because the state of Israel was considered by the United States as a stable state; it never changes and therefore it was a state that the U.S. could rely on as a bulwark against the threat of Soviet penetration. Israel was paid quite handsomely by

the United States to be what it is: a strategic asset for the United States in the Middle East. The Israeli government believed that they were more of a strategic asset than they really were and that some even thought that Israel, having fulfilled such a role for the U.S., was underpaid, and that it should be given more for playing such a role in the Middle East.

Things have changed, as we all know. First of all, there is no more Cold War, so in the Middle East there is no more need for Israel as a strategic asset. With no Cold War, Israel is not a bulwark against the Soviet threat or penetration. If that wasn't clear for Israel, it became clear right now with the Gulf crisis, because Israel was told quite

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openly and simply, “Look, you’re not needed, we don’t want your involvement, we don’t want your interference.” I am of course saying this in non-diplomatic words. These things were said by American government officials in more diplomatic words, but the gist of the thing is the same: “Your interference is certainly not an asset and can become a liability because we have managed to form an Arab coalition against Iraq. This coalition is very important to us because the American army and other armies can’t use Saudi Arabia as a base without the consent of other Arab countries. Therefore, this Arab coalition is needed. If Israel were to step into this, it would just be a disruptive force in this Arab coalition.” If the conflict goes on, Israel may become a liability.

MP: What kind of response do you get from American Jews when you speak here?

CS: American Jews, I would say, are very worried. They used to be — some of them still are, I suppose — liberal minded. They see what’s happening with the conflict. They see what’s happening with the *intifada*. They see how it’s crushed so forcibly, I would say so inhumanly, by violent means. They see the world is turning against Israel, the world doesn’t accept the kind of violence used by Israel. They would like things changed. On the other hand they’re afraid that if they speak out as openly as they would like to that they would provide ammunition to anti-Semites, to anti-Israelis and anti-Jews. They’re not willing to do this, so they are torn apart by these two considerations and it seems to me that the result is they keep quiet, they don’t speak out, they don’t speak out as much as they used to in favor of the Israeli gov-

ernment but they don’t speak out against the Israeli government.

MP: Do you think that a Palestinian state would pose a threat to the security of the state of Israel?

CS: First of all I think that a Palestinian state should be and will be demilitarized. It’s more or less accepted in non-official negotiations. I mean, the PLO representative officials declare quite openly that it would be a waste for a Palestinian state to build an army and to waste all its efforts, its energies, instead of constructing a viable state to build an army which in any case, wouldn’t be able to cope with the might of the Israeli army. So how can a demilitarized state, surrounded on three sides by Israel with its 17 divisions and 4,000 tanks and hundreds of planes, be a threat to the security of the state of Israel?

MP: What would you say are the decisive events that shaped your personal

commitment to work for a just peace with the Palestinians?

CS: I would say that I grew up with it. Two things happened simultaneously. First, when I arrived in Israel with my parents at the age of eight, my parents were moneyless, without much means to accommodate themselves in a new country, so the only space that we could provide for ourselves was to rent a room in an apartment of other people. It was a common practice in Israel at that time, and the room that we arrived at was with an Arab family. They had two kids my own age, and we became quite close. There are many Israelis who in later years, or even in years before, that used to say that they were trained, they were brought up to look at the problem behind the gun sight. With me, take it the other way around; I got to know Arabs, Arab neighbors, very closely, and before they became an enemy.

A year later after we entered the apartment, the riots of 1936 broke out. We were separated,

us and the Arabs. There was a lot of violence, and this brought me to the recognition that this problem must be solved, that it can’t go on like this. There were lots of shootings, stabbings, kidnappings and whatnot on both sides. Around that time I joined the youth movement Hashomer-Hatzair. It was very humanistic, it was very socialistic, and it was preaching, among other things, for peace between Jews and Arabs. So I would say that I was conditioned to accept the teachings of this youth movement. I grew up with the awareness that something substantial must be done about the conflict. It’s not as though something jumped at me at a certain late stage in my life. It was with me all the time.

MP: How can American peace activists support Israeli peace activists?

CS: The organized Jewish community is very concerned about Israel. It’s very con-

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Striving for a Just Peace

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cerned to help Israel, and they've conceived a very simplistic formula — that to help Israel is to give the kind of help that the Israeli government demands, no matter what kind of government you have. In other words, the organized Jewish community supports the official line of Israeli government, because as they say, the government was democratically elected. As a result, they oppose any person that runs for election for office in the United States that in their mind is anti-Israeli or anti-Israeli government policies, and a situation is created in which even though many of Israeli policies are not acceptable by congressmen or senators or administration people, they don't do much about it because they are afraid to lose their seats, to lose their power.

The Jews have been in politics for many years, they're experienced, some of them are rich, they know where to direct their money, and they do it in a more effective way, probably, than the others. Therefore, they may be from time to time a deciding factor in shaping American policy in the Middle East against the Arabs and in favor of Israel. I think that America should be in favor of Israel, and if you ask what should be done, I think that the first thing is to speak up to let the American administration know that there

are people of different opinions about the policies of the Israeli government, and that these people will become a force, and officials in America won't be so afraid to speak out in their opinions.

MP: What's the status of Mordechai Vanunu? [Vanunu, who worked in Israel's top-secret nuclear facility, gave evidence showing Israel's nuclear weapons capability to the London *Sunday Times* in 1986. He was abducted from Rome by Mossad agents, smuggled back to Israel, and was found guilty of treason and espionage in a secret trial.]

CS: He's in jail. Let's make a difference

judicial system in Israel is almost with no stain, independent, not dictated by the government. It's a democratic country with a good judicial system, and I suppose that sometimes they don't accept the laws, but whatever the laws permit them, they try to pass their judgements fairly. I suppose they tried him in accordance to Israeli laws. If the laws are right or not right, if he was spying or not spying, I can't tell you. He was certainly doing an impermissible thing. If he should have been arrested for such a long period or for a shorter period, again, that's a different matter. In any case, in my opinion, he is not a hero.

Israel right now. They don't have the priority because the immediate issues are to get rid, as far as the peace camp is concerned, of the territories of the West Bank and to get rid of the occupation. What's important to us is to no longer be an occupying power; to become a normal state with its pre-1967 borders, and then we will join, I suppose, with all our might, the rest of the world in the other issues that are so important.

MP: What do you foresee in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?

CS: The basis of the problem is that there is justice on both sides. It's not as though one side is just and the other side totally unjust, or the other way around. It's a struggle, it's a fight, it's a war between two justices. In that case, you can have either of two options. One option is to kill one justice and to use violence. To solve the problem by violence, by winning, not a battle, but winning a war, just didn't happen. You're fighting five wars, five major wars, in between smaller skirmishes, smaller battles, and the problem remains the same now as it was 40, 50, 60 years ago. Violence didn't solve the problem.

The other option that remains is the option of trying to solve the problem by peaceful means, not by violence. Peaceful means means to compromise. It means the same piece of land that both sides claim as their own is divided between those two sides. I see no other option in the Middle East, no other possibility for solving the problem, no matter how you handle it and how you look at it, that's the only possibility to solve the problem, by compromise. In order to compromise you have to have the recognition of the will of the people concerned to go for compromise. Sometimes the Israelis are more ready for a compromise, and now it's the other way around, the Palestinians are more ready for a compromise and the Israeli government is less willing to have a compromise. Yet there is a growing awareness, I would say, on both sides that the compromise is needed, and those forces in Israel that are in favor of withdrawing and giving up the occupied territories, their power is growing more and more.

I would say that objective conditions help, because in view of the Iraqi gulf crisis there is a growing awareness in the world that other conflicts must be solved elsewhere in the Middle East. Many conflicts were resolved in 1989 in the world at large; the war in Afghanistan, the Iraq-Iran war, the Contra-Nicaraguan war, the Angolan war, North Africa, the Cambodian war. The world at large is heading toward less war and more cooperation between people and between nations. Moreover, there's been an agreement for a reduction in conventional arms between the Soviet Union and the United States, so we can see that the Cold War has come to its end. Therefore, both sides won't have any more specific lines that were instrumental in their long struggle for world power. If that's the case, then the Middle East will be totally different, in a worldwide atmosphere of more cooperation, and I think that this factor will probably help those forces in Israel that think that the problem has to be resolved by compromise. ▣

"Israel denies that it has nuclear capability and the public at large buys this denial."

between the kidnapping and the trial. If he should have been kidnapped or not, that's another matter. I suppose that Mossad will no longer do such things. But let's say had he been in Israel and had he been arrested, he was tried, and if the trial was fair or not, I can't really tell you. The trial was *in camera*. But one thing I can tell you for sure; that the

MP: How is he viewed by other Israelis?

CS: The same. I can hardly find you anyone from the peace movement who would say different things. I don't know if it's right. I don't really know what he did. I'm not really that interested. I am a citizen of a country that is not yet at peace with its neighbors and therefore it needs an army. I'm not speaking now as to whose fault it is. But it's still a country at war, it's still a country that has a military, and that has to have a military, and as in any other military, including those in a democratic country, the secrets must be guarded. The fact that the peace camp is so effective is that it is a part of Israel, including its army, and it's not outside the Israeli lives, the Israeli politics, the Israeli defense.


MP: Is there a widespread awareness and/or concern about Israel's nuclear capability?

CS: There is an awareness. Israel denies that it has nuclear capability and the public at large buys this denial. Probably, most of us in the peace camp know the truth. There certainly is an awareness of the supposed existence of nuclear weapons. If you ask me that besides the awareness, is there is something more that the Israeli public wants done; I very much doubt that. As long as the situation is not normal, we are in a war.

MP: Is there any support in Israel for a nuclear free zone in the Middle East?

CS: I don't know if there isn't any support or if there is. I can't tell you that it's an issue. The real issue right now is the conflict itself, the fact that we are occupying the West Bank, the fact that we are killing Arabs, the fact that we are discriminating against them and Palestinians, the fact that we are beating them up, the fact that we are taking them into prison by the thousands, the fact that we are making their lives so miserable, the fact that we are reducing their standard of living, the fact that it's corrupting Israeli society and it's demoralizing Israeli society. These are the issues. The other issues, as much as they are important in other places, are secondary in

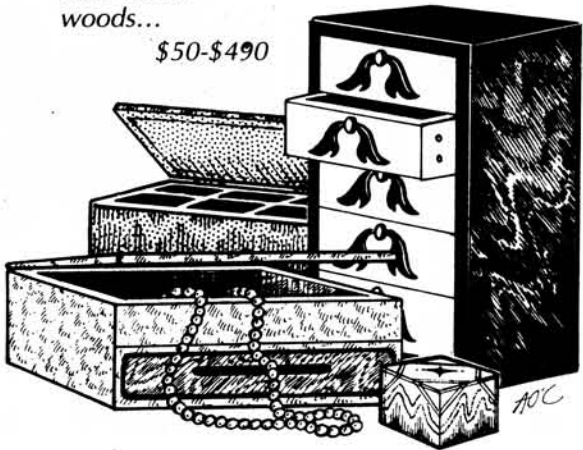
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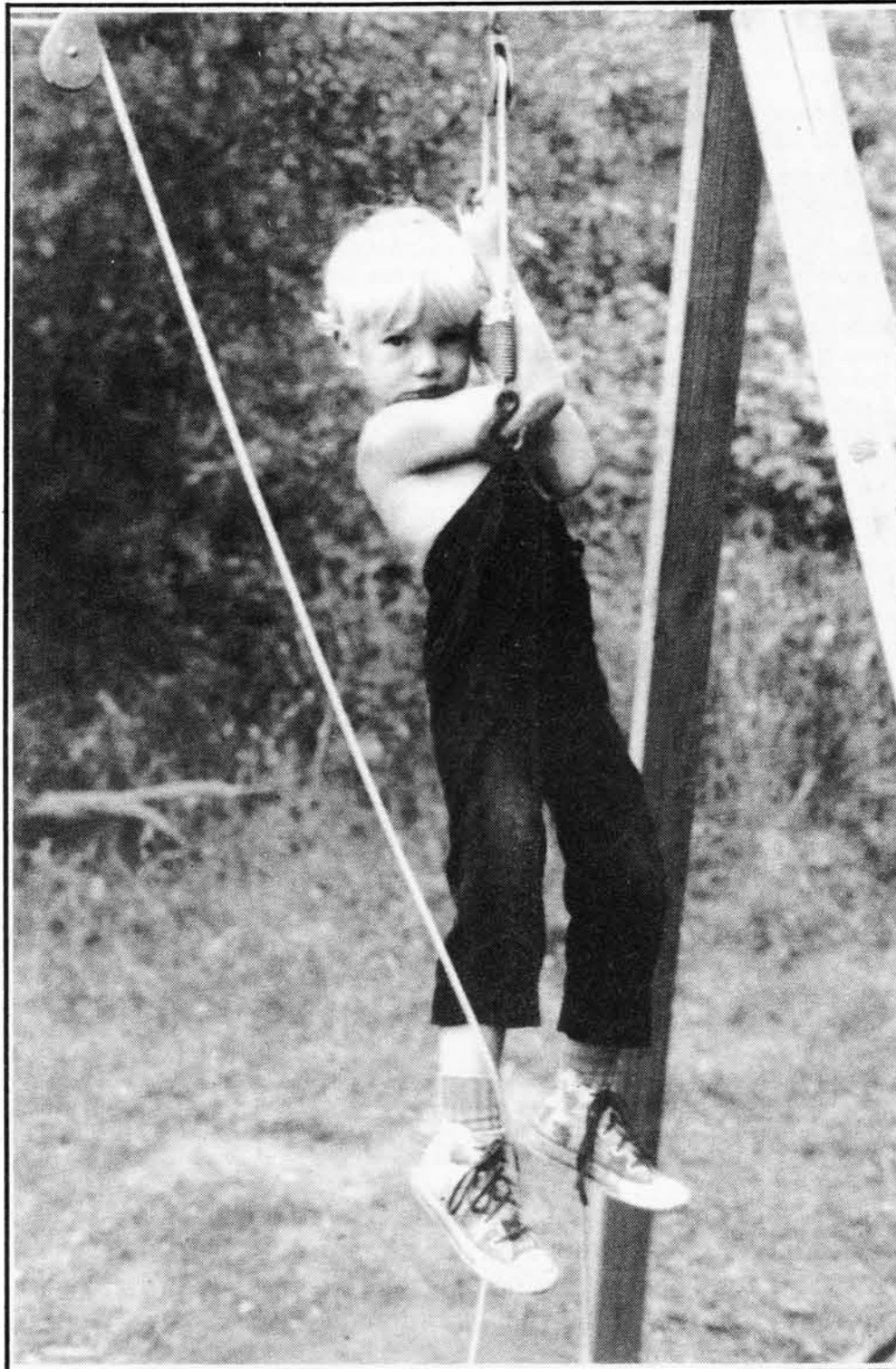


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Superpowers Continue Nuclear Testing

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According to the official announcement on the Tass news service, "the blast was set off to confirm the reliability and increase the safety of nuclear weapons." Tass also reported that "radiation levels in the test area are normal." However, the Novaya Zemlya region was previously reported to be highly contaminated from earlier nuclear tests.

In a speech to the parliament of the Russian republic on October 25, Soviet environment minister Nikolai Voronzhov protested against the testing. Neither he, the regional authorities, nor the Russian government were informed or consulted about the test, he said. He also emphasized that the testing could be seen as a great embarrassment for President Mikhail Gorbachev.

A special commission of the Russian parliament was set up to deal further with the

test question. It is expected that the Russian republic will ban all nuclear testing within its borders.

Finnish news reports quoted the environment minister as saying that the "military-industrial section" and the "old guard" were responsible for the test, and that it was not in accordance with the policy of the political leadership in Moscow. This suggests that parts of the military leadership are able to make decisions outside the control of the political leadership — a worrying precedent. Moreover, the political circumstance surrounding the Novaya Zemlya test add new complexities to the discussion about security of the nuclear arsenal in the Soviet Union and their possible use by extremist forces which could use these weapons for political blackmail.

Other Testing News

- Activists who infiltrated the Nevada desert site of a nuclear weapons test on November 14 forced the Department of Energy to postpone the blast just seven minutes be-

fore to was due to go off. The test was believed to be for a British weapon. (All of Britain's nuclear tests are conducted at the Nevada Test Site.) Said one of the protesters: "It was exhausting and terrifying, but I wouldn't hesitate to do it again. By delaying the test, we focused attention on a hidden outrage — that Thatcher's government continues to test and develop new nuclear weapons, when she should be working toward full nuclear disarmament."

- The Australian and New Zealand governments have condemned the latest French nuclear test which took place at the South Pacific island of Fangataufa on November 14. In New Zealand, incoming National Party Foreign Minister Don McKinnon said that it was "disappointing when a country which we regard as a friend continues to ignore the concerns of New Zealanders and of all the people in the South Pacific." Australia's Foreign Minister Gareth Evans said he was disappointed France is continuing with its test program despite strong opposition from Pacific region nations.



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- In a three-week period in late October and early November, four nuclear powers — the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain, and France — carried out nuclear tests. Domestic political concerns, as well as a desire to carry out tests before negotiations for a comprehensive test ban treaty recommence in January, appear to be behind this burst in nuclear testing activity.

- There have been 17 nuclear tests worldwide this year. The U.S. has conducted the most, with eight. France follows with five, China with two, and the Soviet Union and Britain with one each. Last year's global total was 27; the reduction in tests this year can be attributed to an unofficial year-long Soviet moratorium — the result of public pressure in Kazakhstan and elsewhere — that lasted until October 24.

- Forty of the 118 nations that are party to the Limited Test Ban Treaty signed in 1963 have called a conference in New York City in January to strengthen the treaty into a comprehensive test ban. The U.S. and Britain are expected to oppose the ban, and the Soviet Union, which supports a ban, has declared that it will not end its own testing program unilaterally. ▣

This article is adapted from the December 1990 issue of Peace News, published in London, England.



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This is an all-volunteer effort and there's still plenty of room for you to register and help make this celebration a success. Contact David Winters at P.O. Box 7184, Santa Cruz, CA 95061, (408) 426-4940 if you want to register to help out. Registration forms are also available from the Resource Center for Nonviolence, 515 Broadway in Santa Cruz.

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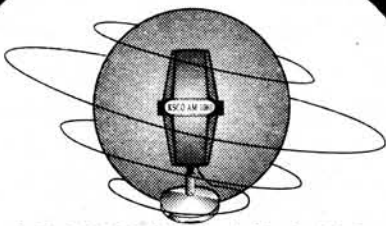
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The Santa Cruz Action Network: Nine Years of Community Organizing

by John Leopold

On this day and age when most political pundits point to the growing apathy of the populace, Santa Cruz stands out as a place that is different from most other communities. It is not surprising, then, to find a unique organization such as the Santa Cruz Action Network (SCAN). SCAN was formed in

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1981 as a progressive political membership organization whose purpose is to provide information and promote democratic action in the Santa Cruz community. Although constantly attacked by a hostile press and conservative ideologues, SCAN has continued to grow and receive more support by representing the will of the majority of this community.

SCAN has worked on a variety of different issues throughout the county. Civil rights, housing, environmental and labor issues are all part of the agenda pursued by SCAN over the last nine years. The list of accomplishments is impressive and includes the following:

- In 1983, SCAN fought for the right of students to be able to vote in the communities in which they live after local conservatives tried to disenfranchise students. The resulting court case was ultimately won in the California Supreme Court.

- Developing out of a coalition that championed rent control in the late 1970's and early 1980's, SCAN members started Santa Cruz's only non-profit, affordable housing development corporation.

- SCAN has fought hard to protect Santa Cruz's unique environment by slowing irre-

sponsible growth at UCSC, helping defeat to the massive Wingspread development proposal in the mid-county area, and working for a measure to ban off-shore oil facilities. In addition, SCAN has helped initiate curbside recycling in the city of Santa Cruz and at large public events.

- SCAN published the fifth edition of the People's Yellow Pages, the county's only bilingual community resource directory, listing community groups, clubs, non-profit organizations, and governmental agencies throughout Santa Cruz County. Immediately after the earthquake, SCAN worked with the Chamber of Commerce and the United Way to publish the Earthquake Resource Directory, the only bilingual manual for earthquake assistance.

SCAN is perhaps best known for its electoral organizing. During the 1980's and into the 1990's, SCAN has helped elect and re-elect progressive majorities to the Santa Cruz City Council and the County Board of Supervisors.

Over the last two years, as the coordinator of the Santa Cruz Action Network, I have witnessed the power of grassroots organizing in action. While SCAN's accomplishments are impressive, the democratic manner in which projects are chosen is an incredible model that demonstrates how individuals can join together to make decisions that affect their lives.

Each year the SCAN membership assembles to discuss and decide on which issues they will focus in the coming year. In 1989, when I became coordinator of SCAN, the membership chose to work for a pay equity contract for workers employed by Santa Cruz County. Immediately following the meeting, SCAN began to work with the Service Employee International Union, Local 415, (representatives of the workers) to show the wage discrimination between job classifications that were female dominated and male dominated. Calling together SCAN members

and community groups interested in working on this important labor issue, SCAN visited with the County Board of Supervisors to show the depth of community support for fair compensation. Our efforts paid off with a half-million dollar pay equity contract for Santa Cruz County workers.

This is just one example of the issue-oriented work on which SCAN has worked during its nine year existence. We use the same kind of grassroots efforts to endorse candidates and assist in their election to office.

During the past November city council election, SCAN members held the first endorsement forum of the campaign season and chose to work on the campaigns of Neal Coonerty, Scott Kennedy, and Katherine Beiers, based on their commitment to protect the environment, working to provide affordable housing opportunities, and providing funds for social programs. We went to work early, going into neighborhoods and registering voters and educating individuals about the issues at stake in the election.

SCAN finished the campaign by organizing a huge get-out-the-vote drive that included hundreds of people going door-to-door with literature, making phone calls, and hanging doorhangers on election morning. When the final results came in, SCAN-endorsed candidates finished far ahead of the competition.

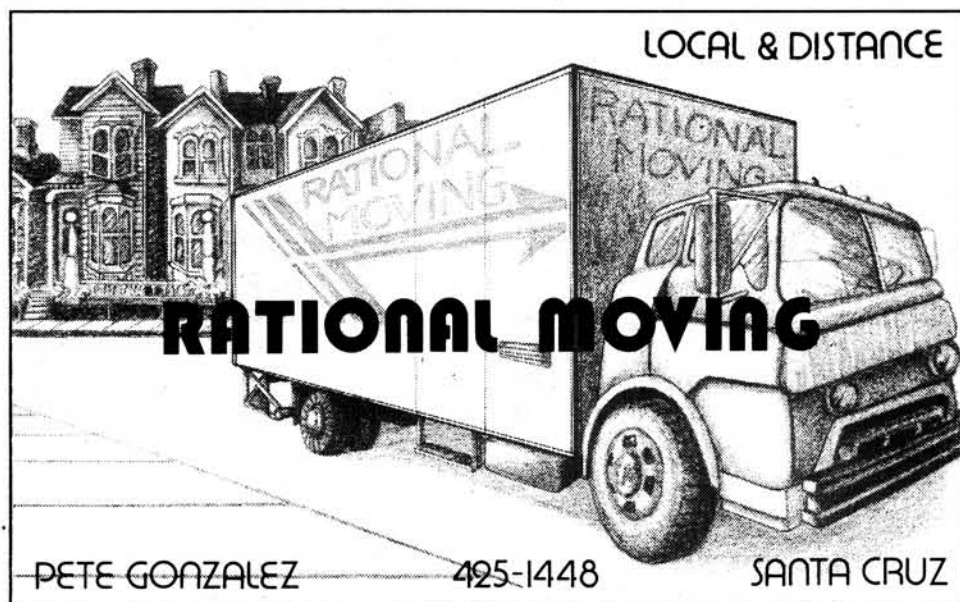
SCAN has been successful over the last nine years by constantly working within the community on a diversity of issues. These issues are selected by concerned members of the community, and our complete financial support comes from membership dues and community fundraisers. SCAN has been able to identify important issues and organize constituencies to affect change. We have been able to successfully continue this work because we are part of the progressive majority of citizens that make up Santa Cruz.

As I leave my tenure as SCAN coordinator, I know that SCAN will continue to grow into its tenth year because of its positive community role and its commitment to involve local residents in the process of addressing and meeting community needs. ▣

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The Santa Cruz Action Network (SCAN) wants you! SCAN is currently accepting resumes from qualified individuals to fill the position of Coordinator for the organization. This is an excellent chance for an experienced organizer to work on grassroots community organizing projects for Santa Cruz's premiere political organization. Duties include organizing annual SCAN projects, producing monthly newsletter, coordinating volunteers, fundraising, and acting as a press contact for SCAN. SCAN will be accepting inquires until the position is filled. For more information write to :


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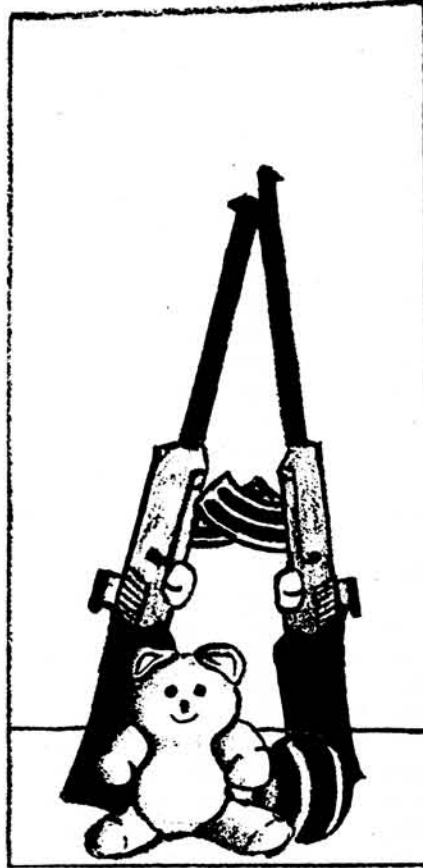
by Margaret Reynolds

For the past five years the Resource Center for Nonviolence has sponsored leafletting and petitioning against war toys during the annual shopping frenzy that precedes Christmas. Last year, we rejoiced when G.I. Joe sales fell to third place and the "Army Barbie" line failed to recruit young shoppers. Unfortunately, Nintendo video system became the top seller with 70 percent of its games in the violent category.

It's astonishing that so many people fail to see a connection between militarism and war play. For example, the socially responsible Working Assets money market fund would never invest in Northrup or Lockheed, but it has a substantial sum in Toys 'R' Us which is a virtual Pentagon of war toy paraphernalia. K-Mart, another favorite of socially responsible investment advisors, is second only to Toys 'R' Us in state-of-the-art children's military equipment.

Most big toy stores have aisles filled with G.I. Joes in every possible military situation — on land, on sea, and in the air, just like back in World War II. Of course, if parents start seeing their sons and daughters coming home from Saudi Arabia in body bags, the tables may turn. G.I. Joe went off the market in the last years of the Vietnam War and even Sears stopped advertising war toys.

After taking part in the Resource Center's efforts to educate parents and teachers about the connection between violent TV programs for children and war toy sales, I confess to a growing paranoia about ugly, non-biodegradable plastic guns and "action figures." I look for them wherever I go. Seeing 18-year-old soldiers lugging real guns around in Israel last fall, I wondered how many of them had toy guns stashed away with teddy bears in a closet somewhere. And in Gaza, I marveled at the scarcity of any kind of toys.



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Children there don't play at war, they are in it. More than 142 have been killed, including 30 infants, according to an April 1990 report from the Israeli Information Center for Human Rights.

The scene was more peaceful in the playgrounds of the Soviet Union, where I visited a year ago last summer, although there were more children playing with toy guns than I expected. In fact, I expected none, since many previous visitors had told

me that, because of the devastation of World War II, Soviets don't care for any kind of war reminders. Recently, however, a Russian peace organization, noting that Soviet children are armed with more than 247,000,000 toy weapons, circulated a "disarmament treaty" asking children to negotiate with each other on the "gradual and mutual reduction of toy weapons and to continue until there are no more either real or toy weapons, left on this planet...and that war leaves the world forever."

Here in the U.S., it's hard to imagine children sophisticated enough to play the disarmament game, but we have to try. Meanwhile, there are a few hopeful signs: last spring, when a national organization of day care centers mentioned in its newsletter that the Resource Center for Nonviolence in Santa Cruz had information about how to stage a "turn off the TV week," requests came in from all parts of the U.S. A federal law will soon reduce the time given to commercials on children's television, and California now has a law against the manufacture and sale of replica guns. There are centers to educate parents and teachers on visual literacy in several large cities and the Resource Center has always gotten an overwhelming response to our annual "war toys turn-in" each Peace Day. The Resource Center's New Society Bookstore has a number of good books to recommend. So despite the doom and gloom in the TV room and on the playground, there is reason to hope that our national passion for violence is changing, little by little, one war toy at a time.

Margaret Reynolds volunteers as the coordinator of the Children's Committee of the Resource Center for Nonviolence and enjoys many hours with her grandchildren away from the television.

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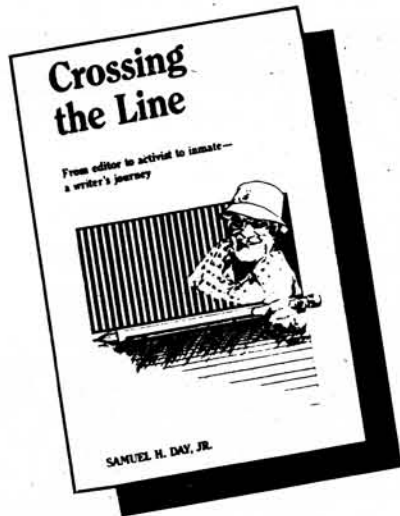
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From Editor to Activist to Inmate

review by Tom Alibrandi



Crossing the Line
From Editor to Activist to Inmate —
A Writer's Journey
 by Samuel H. Day, Jr.
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I first met Sam Day in the winter of 1988 when he was in Boise, Idaho, to speak at the annual dinner of the Snake River Alliance, the local peace group spearheading the effort to prevent the Department of Energy from building a plutonium enrichment facility called the Special Isotope Separator (SIS) in eastern Idaho. In his soft, eloquent voice, he cited facts and figures that showed the SIS to be environmentally unsafe, and politically and economically unsound. He also suggested the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory be turned into a world center for research in cleaning up the mess left by nuclear production facilities and nuclear power plants. In that speech, Sam Day exhibited a moral center and integrity that the government will never be able to diffuse.

His book, *Crossing the Line* — began as a prison journal — is a beautifully written account of his transformation from his gilded upbringing as the son of a U.S. diplomat to his years as an anti-nuclear activist. Like most of his generation, Day adopted the unquestioning, “my country, right or wrong” attitude. His chronicle of personal change from patriotic rigidity to his first act of civil disobedience — he was a link in the human

chain that shut down the main boulevard in front of Idaho’s capitol in protest of the U.S. government’s 1971 antiballistic nuclear missile test in Alaska — is inspiring. *Crossing the Line* reminds one of Henry David Thoreau’s classic essay on civil disobedience.

This is how Sam Day details his transformation:

“At some point in my middle years the recognition of a unique evil and the urge to confront it crystallized into a religion. By fits and starts I crossed the line from observer to doer, from dispassion to passion, from agnostic to believer. You cannot do this work for long, I am convinced, without religion of some kind... I came to believe not in God but in those who believed in God — people of deep religious faith who had been moved to action by the call of the Holy Spirit.

“...I looked upon the world and the Earth as uniquely threatened by two evils to which I, as an American, had given my consent. One was the evil of nuclear violence. The other: the public acceptance of that violence.

“Whatever the origins of or reasons for our policy of threatening to destroy the world in order to save it, I resolved on a personal level, to the extent possible, to withdraw my consent to the policy.”

Crossing the Line is a story of immense personal conviction and courage, including Day’s successful struggle against the federal government’s attempt to prevent *Progressive Magazine* (of which Day was managing editor) from publishing Howard Morland’s article on how to build a hydrogen bomb.

Reading Sam Day’s actions against the evil of our country’s intent to use nuclear weapons is both empowering and embarrassing. I feel empowered by one man’s ability to, as the Quaker’s believe, “speak truth to power,” and I feel embarrassed that I haven’t done more, nor sacrificed more to confront this evil. I am reminded of Emerson visiting Thoreau, who was in prison for refusing to pay his taxes to protest the U.S.’s shameless invasion of Mexico. To Emerson’s question — “What are you doing in there, Mr. Thoreau?” — Thoreau, answered, “What are you doing out there, Mr. Emerson?”

Crossing the Line is a must read for anyone who wishes to understand what Jefferson, Paine, Madison and others meant about being a patriot and a citizen. ▣

Tom Alibrandi has published 11 books, numerous magazine articles, and three of his books have been adapted into motion pictures.

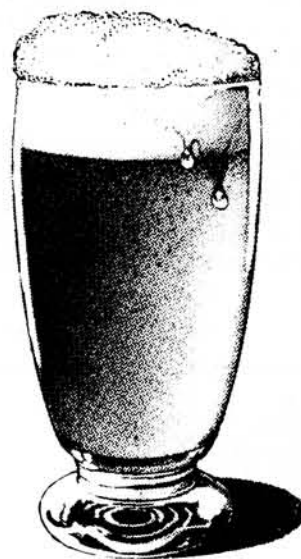


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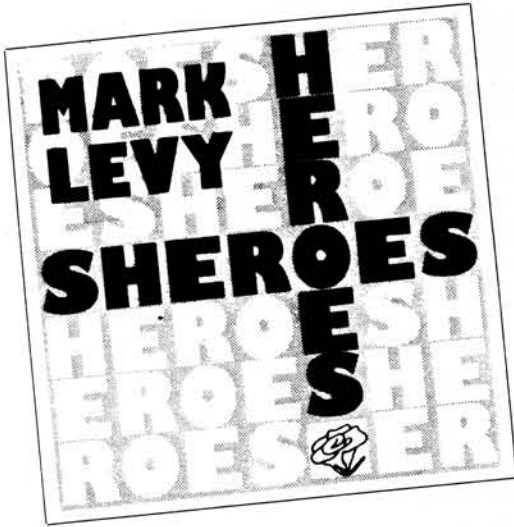
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MUSIC REVIEW

Music for Social Change



Heroes/Sheroes
by Mark Levy
New Clear Records

review by Doug Rand

Whoever heard of Joseph Hillstrom, Ethel Rosenberg, Ben Linder, Katya Komisaruk, Brian Willson...or even Sandra Lorenger? These are the men and women in American history woven by song and verse into Mark Levy's new album entitled **Heroes/Sheroes**. This hour-long production cleverly tells the stories of individuals who fought and made great sacrifices, driven by the motivation that compels each of us at some point in our lives to act for justice and peace.

JOE HILL'S **ASHES** tells of the remains of the labor leader who was accused, tried and hung in Utah in the early 1920's on a trumped-up murder charge. His ashes were sent by U.S. mail to each of the International Workers of the World offices, only to be interrupted when a cancelling machine tore open one of the letters impounded for decades by a patriotic postmaster. "We sing his songs to fan the flames and talk about him much. The ashes of this rebel voice are still too hot to touch."

The Rosenbergs met a similar fate at the hands of the state in the opening of the Cold War. Ethel's words to her children makes up the verse: "Work and build, my sons, and build a monument to love and joy; to human worth, to faith we kept for you, my sons for you."

The young volunteer killed by the Contras in Nicaragua in 1987, Ben Linder, was written off as just another casualty of a civil war. "He should have known in a war zone," said the White House. "He knew full well we could not tell," said the Contras. Yes, he knew, it was true. It was our taxes that blew his life away. For his work we say, Ben Linder, presente!"

Katya Komisaruk took a backpack full of tools to Vandenberg Air Force Base in Southern California and destroyed a NAVSTAR station as a blow against first-strike nuclear weapons. A song on the tape ties her action with that of a small group of

Germans who called themselves 'the White Rose,' who opposed the madness of Hitler and paid the ultimate price.

In 1987, Vietnam veteran Brian Willson stood up to weapons shipments from Concord Naval Station saying "you can't move that train without moving my body." He was run down by that train, but now stands among us protesting yet another war not far down the tracks.

And Sandra Lorenger, the Santa Cruz merchant charged and jailed for what some have called the 'crime of the century' described in Mark's song 999 POINTS OF LIGHT. "Thirty days in the county jail. Hold my calls, hold my mail. Serving soup that was my crime, now instead of serving soup I'm serving time."

Other songs cover the major social earthquakes of the past year. **THE GREAT LEAP BACKWARDS** describes the uprising and repression of Tiananmen Square. **NEW WIND** is an anthem about the end of the Cold War and the fall of the Berlin Wall. **SHPILE-ZHE MIR A LIDLE**, written by a Yiddish folksinger on the eve of the Holocaust, describes yearning for peace.

Humor runs throughout each of the verses, especially those songs pulled from headlines. Troubadours throughout time have found the headlines of the day the most potent topics for songs. Especially with our mainstream media, Mark has a heyday. A two-chord song from a two-bit court case says, "Every sperm does not deserve a name... if so a man would found a nation every time he came." On Bush's plan to send a man to Mars... "yes George is really serious, he put Dan Quayle in charge." In **LIFESTYLES OF THE POOR AND NAMELESS**, a visit to the homeless in their native habitat is narrated by Robin Screech.

There's more, but you should hear and enjoy what I consider the best original songs Mark has ever recorded. The cassette and CD are available from New Clear Records, P.O. Box 555, Felton, CA 95018. The New Society Bookstore at the Resource Center for Non-violence at 515 Broadway, Santa Cruz carries this tape, as well as cassettes of local folksingers Aileen Vance, Susan Kessey, Marilyn Robertson and all of John McCutcheon's tapes. This holiday, give a gift of peace — some good music. ▣

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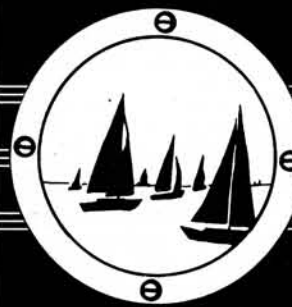
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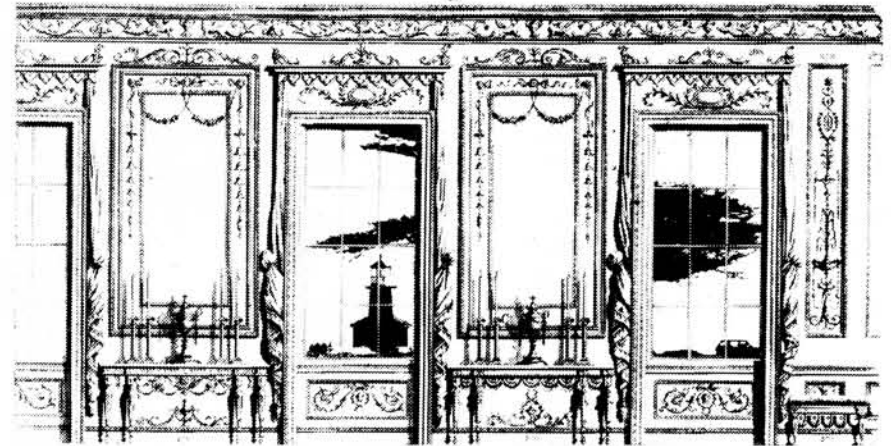
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- folding card tables • a vacuum cleaner
- a reliable phone answering machine
- nice chairs • telephones • office supplies
- graphic art supplies • a computer scanner
- a tape backup system for the Macintosh

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The Nuclear Weapons Freeze appreciates the community's support.

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PEACE AND JUSTICE CALENDAR

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

Calendar items must be typed or legibly written and sent (along with any photos) to *The Monthly Planet*, 320-G Cedar St, Santa Cruz, CA 95060. We do not take calendar items over the phone. We must receive your listing no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday, January 22 for inclusion in the January/February issue (publication date: Thursday, January 31)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

Peace Demonstration. Meet at the County Building at 11:45 a.m. for a demonstration along Ocean St. between 12 and 2 p.m. Please bring a placard reading "ANOTHER ### FOR PEACE — BRING THE TROOPS HOME" or something similar, where ### is "grandmother," "gardener," "accountant," or whatever. Sponsored by the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF). For more info, call: 459-6937.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

Demonstrate for Peace at Fort Ord. Organized by the Santa Cruz Persian Gulf Peace Coalition to protest the military deployment in the Persian Gulf. Meet at the Santa Cruz County Building (Ocean and Water Streets) at 10 a.m. Carpool to the Marina Village Shopping Center, Marina (Reservation Road and Del Monte Blvd); or meet there at 11 a.m. For more info, call: 458-0276 or 427-2024.

Song and Birthday Party for the New Society Bookstore. Join singer and songwriter Aileen Vance in the celebration at the Resource Center for Nonviolence, 515 Broadway, Santa Cruz. Call 423-1626 for more info.

Roots Reggae Concert. Strictly Roots with Inka Inka will play a benefit concert for the Coalition for Nicaragua at the Vets Hall, 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8.50 in advance, \$10.00 at the door, available from Cymbaline Records, Blue Rhythm Records and the Coalition for Nicaragua office at 1700 Mission Street in Santa Cruz. All ages are welcome. For more information call 458-0303.

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1990 Beyond War Awards Ceremony. 10:30 a.m. to noon at Cabrillo College Forum Room 450. A simultaneous television downlink from Oslo, Norway, Prague, Czechoslovakia and San Francisco, California. General admission \$10; students and children \$5. Call 427-9532 for information.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

A presentation on the Second International Campaign for the Earth Conference. Six local residents share their experience and vision from this year's conference in Sweden. 7-9 p.m., Unity Temple, 407 Broadway, Santa Cruz.

Alternative Holiday Gift Making with the Resource Center for Nonviolence. Make creative gifts instead of buying them, fun for both children and adults. All materials will be provided and help is also needed. Contact Anita at 423-1626.

Looking South, part 3: "In the Name of Jesus." From liberation theology to right-wing televangelism, a look at the spiritual sources of change in Central America. A Consider the Alternatives radio program on KAZU (90.3 FM). 9-9:30 p.m. Info: 375-7275.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 10 — FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

National Phone-In to the White House and Congress. Call the White House and your Congressional representatives and ask them to "Stop the War Before It Starts; Negotiate, Don't Escalate!" Call the White House at (202) 456-1414 and Congress at (202) 224-3121. Get your friends and family to do the same. For more information contact the Fellowship of Reconciliation, (914) 358-4601.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

Environmental Education Center Dedication. 7:00 p.m., Henry Cowell Park. Call 335-7077 for more information.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

600 Lights — 600 Lives; A Community Celebration to Honor the Homeless. Bring a present for the homeless, gift wrapped with contents and size labeled. Items most needed are: blankets, sleeping bags, rain gear, wool hats, mittens, gloves, socks, sweaters and sturdy pants. If you would like to make a dona-

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Unplugging the Lie Machine. A talk by Paul Williams author of Remember Your Essence and Nation of Lawyers. Sponsored by Perfect Worlds Productions. \$5 per person, call 457-1035 for more information.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

Environmental Pow-Wow — Winter Solstice Party featuring music, refreshments and crafts. Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center St., 7:30 p.m. (tentative). Call Terri at 438-0903, for details.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

The Great Santa Cruz Help Revival. A community dance extravaganza! This is a fundraiser for the upcoming 1991 Santa Cruz Hemp/Marijuana Teach-in. Loudon Nelson Auditorium, 301 Center St., 7:30-11:30 p.m. \$5. This is an alcohol- and smoke-free event for all ages. Call 462-9288 for more information.

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**THURSDAY, JANUARY 3 —
THURSDAY JANUARY 10**

Skills for Change: Youth Leadership for Peace and Justice. This conference for young people (ages 18-22) will be held at the Resource Center for Non-violence, 515 Broadway, Santa Cruz. Call early for reservations or more information at 423-1626.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 4 —
SATURDAY, JANUARY 5**

International Comprehensive Test Ban Conference (Jan. 4th in Las Vegas) and Mass Demonstration for a Comprehensive Test Ban (Jan. 5th at Nevada nuclear test site). For information, contact American Peace Test at 702-386-9834, Bay Area Peace Test at 415-863-9105 or Greenpeace at 702-431-6143. Call the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) for information about local organizing and ridesharing for this action: 426-5433, or contact Ruth Hunter in Santa Cruz at 423-9707 or Rosemary Matson in Monterey at 659-3758.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

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.

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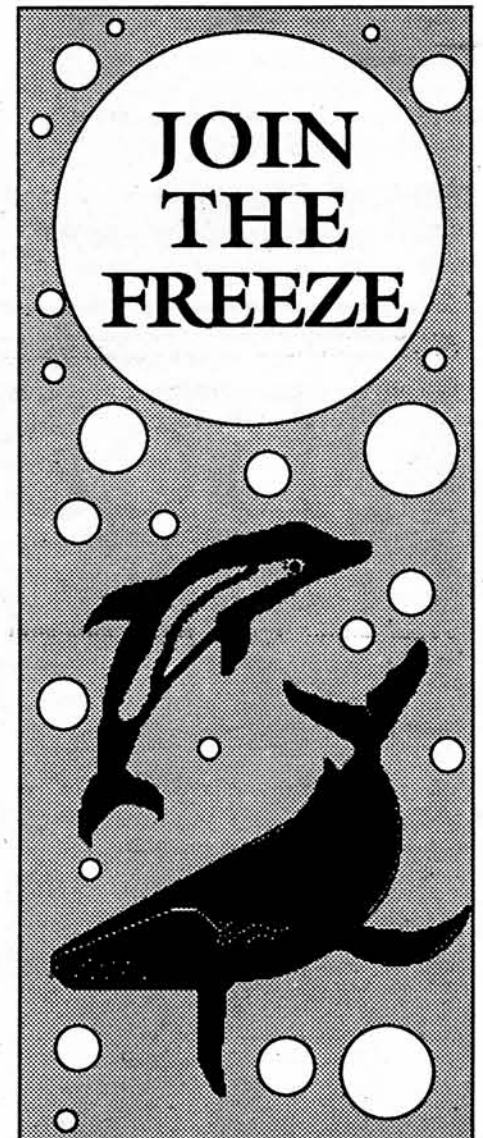
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MONDAY, JANUARY 21

Progressive Animal Rights Alliance meeting. 7 p.m., Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center St.. Info: 438-PARA.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

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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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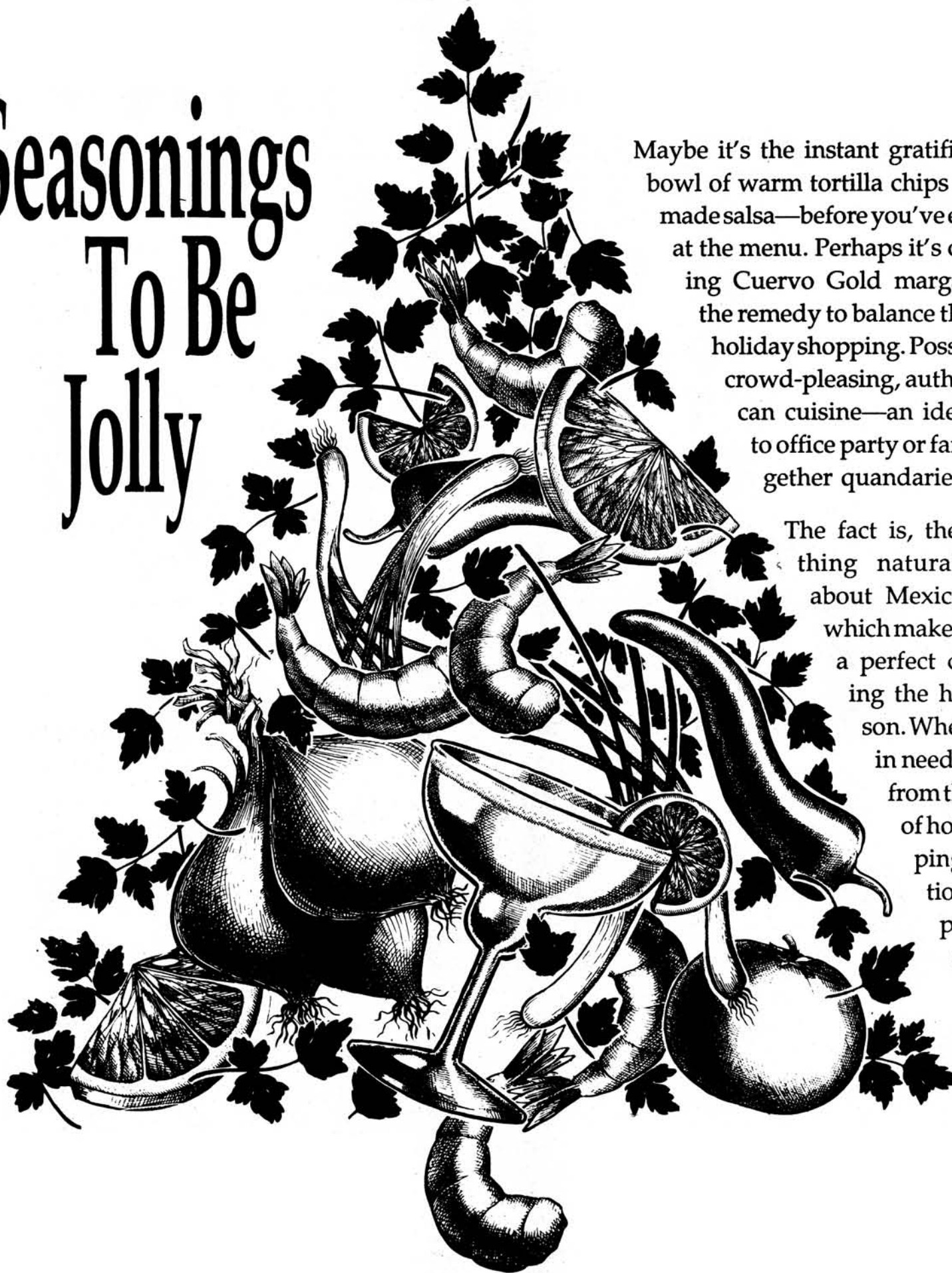
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