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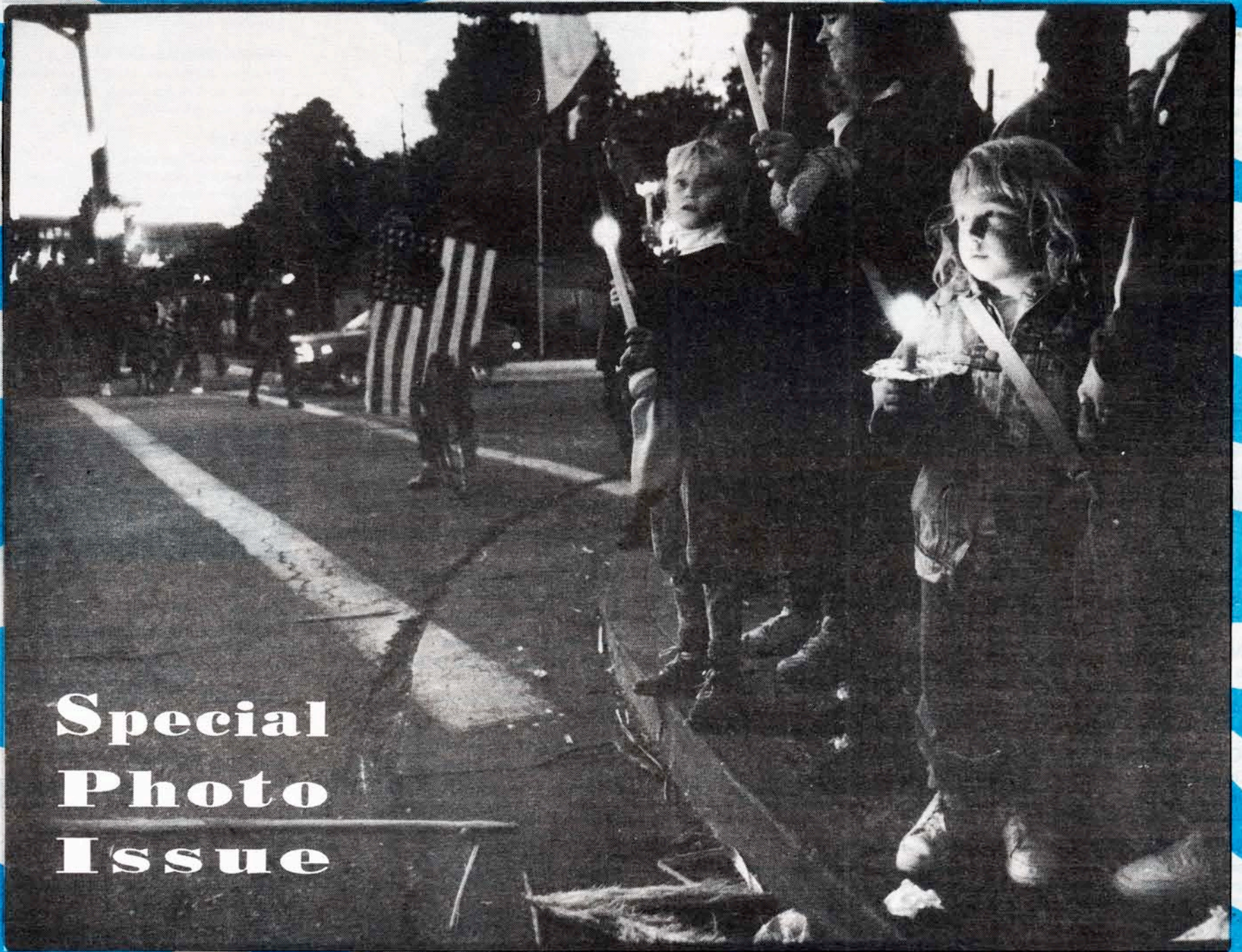
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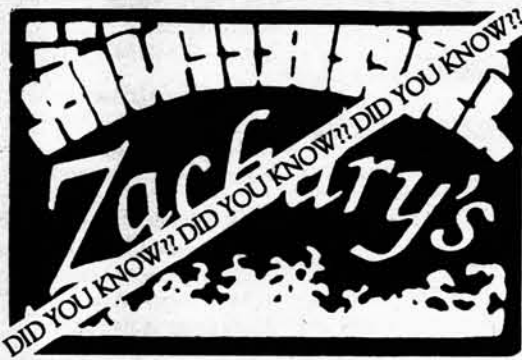
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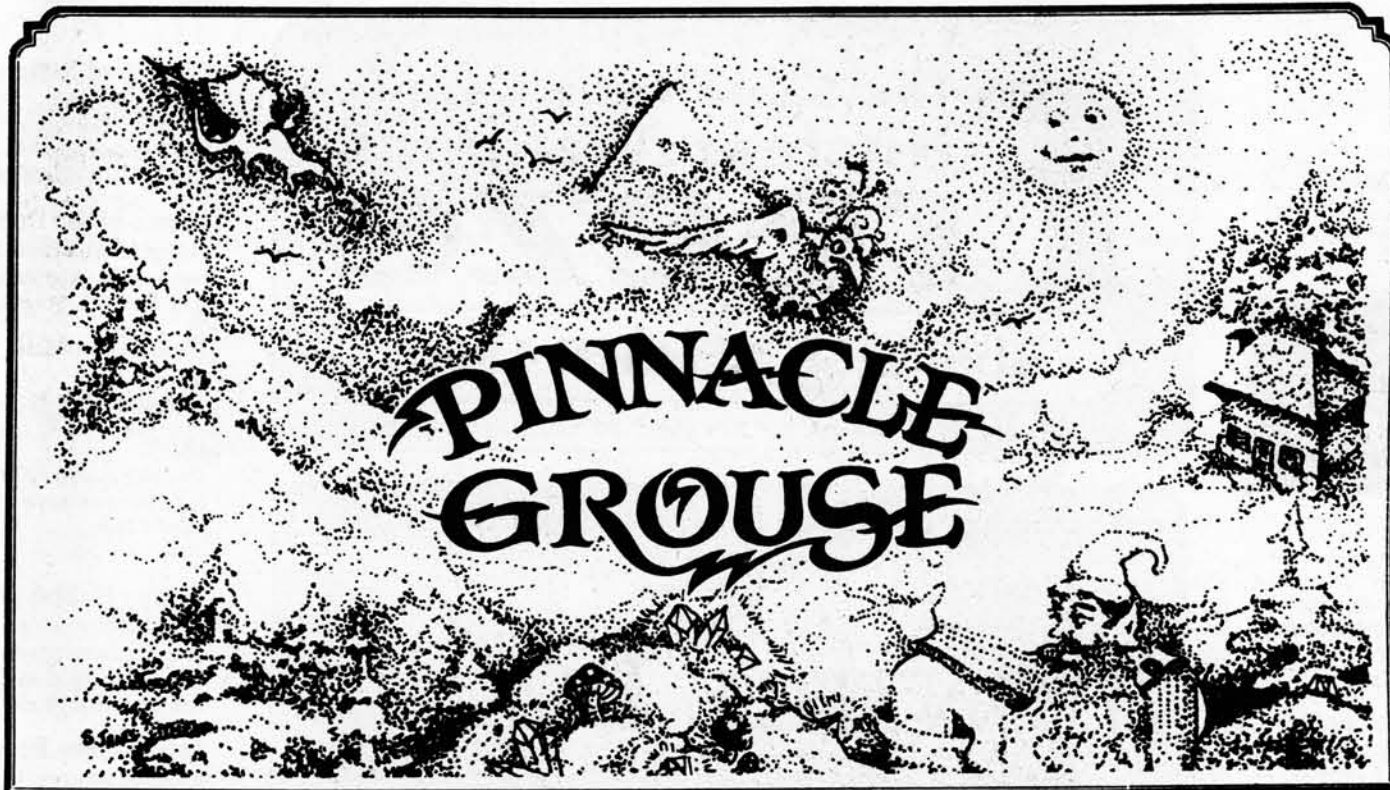
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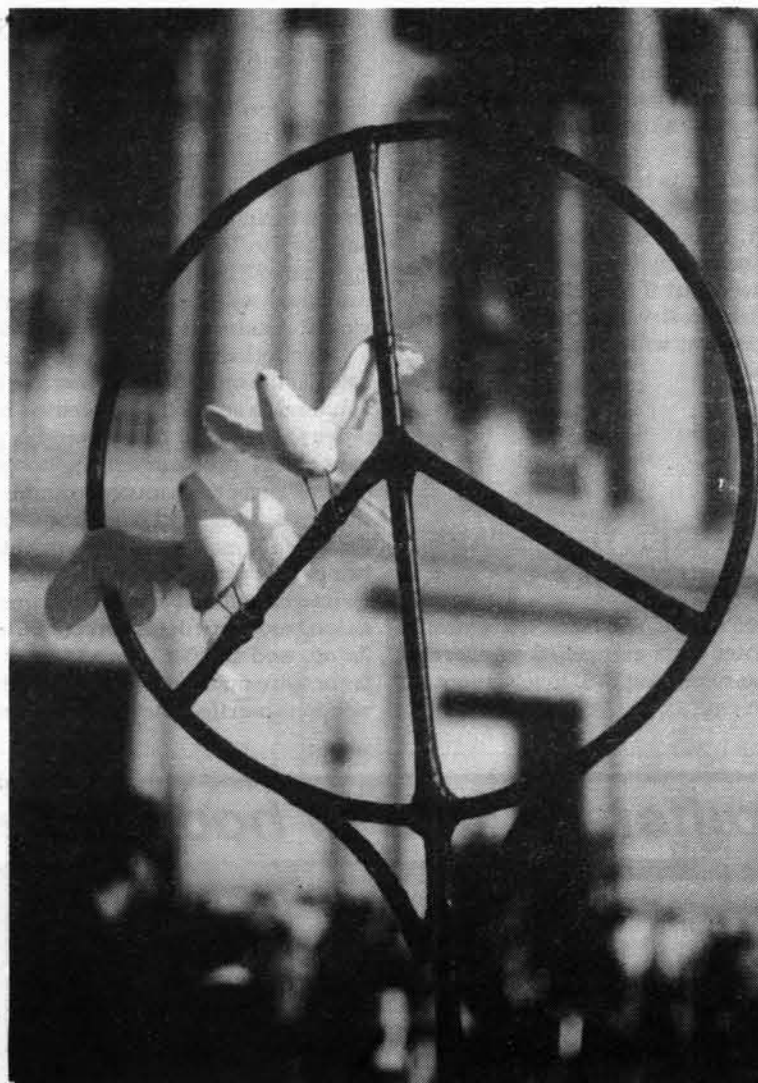
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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE NEWS MEDIA

I am frightened by the way the news media is covering the war in the gulf. I am frightened by the slick graphics and the cute musical themes that make it all appear unreal — like a TV miniseries. I am frightened by the way that the news media has become the fifth column in our government's war to control the minds of its own people. But most of all, I am frightened by the way the news media depicts the anti-war activists. It only shows the freaks, the burning flags, the violence. They do not show the tens of thousands of housewives and businessmen, the workers and the veterans. They do not broadcast the voices of reason amongst these peaceful people. The news media must seek out and give time to these voices of peace. There is much reason in their words. They have valid doubts that must be aired. If the voice of opposition is not heard, if the government can wage war without dissent, then the night of the knives

cannot be far behind; and one night it will descend upon us in our beds, like those black nights in Nazi Germany. The news people may not be taken in the first wave, but their turn will soon follow.

The news media would like us to believe that there are only two camps of protest: those that support the troops, and those that oppose the war. Peace activists would laugh at this if their throats were not choked with tears. How can support for our troops mean sending them to their deaths? It is the peace activists that truly support our troops, they want them to stop fighting and come home alive — now — before any more of them can be killed. Is this not true support — support for each individual's right to live? How can one be supporting the troops by pushing them deeper into a war for the Emir's oil?

The right wing elements of our government, the oil industry and the military-industrial complex are reaping tremendous profits and benefits from this war. Kuwait was not a free country before the invasion and it will not be a free country after this war. The "allied alliance" is more of a media blitz than reality — the vast majority of the troops in the desert are American, the rest are merely token contributions to the Madison Avenue-type sales campaign. There is no logical reason to believe that this will be a short war; haven't we learned anything from Vietnam and Afghanistan? These are only a few of the valid, rational, points that must be discussed in the public forum, not pushed aside and painted over with "support our troops" slogans and communist bating.

I urge the media to recognize its duty to protect freedom and a plurality of voices in this nation. I know that the media in this country is owned by the pro-war elements of our society, but if they do not allow for this open debate, it will be their freedom as well as ours that will suffer the dire consequences.

James Beebe
Santa Cruz

HEALTH CENTER STAFF OPPOSES GULF WAR

The Staff of the Westside Community Health Center feels compelled to express our position regarding U.S. involvement in the Persian Gulf.

We are unanimously opposed to armed conflict for a variety of reasons. We feel deeply concerned about the security and well-being of citizens of the United States, and of all other countries. While we respect military men and women who are willing to sacrifice for their country, we cannot support this if there are other avenues of action that can be pursued, and we believe there are.

Not only are the life and limb of combatants threatened in war, the basic life necessities of the entire population are threatened, as resources are diverted to war. A country, in recession or otherwise, can ill afford the undermining of its infrastructure caused by such a massive expenditure as the current military action, or the risk of dissension and alienation in our society or the loss of healthy members of our collective body.

Security and health needs of the general population are directly threatened by the diversion to the Persian Gulf of medical personnel, medicines and supplies. The displaced funds would be much better spent caring for the sick and promoting a healthy society.

The Staff of the Santa Cruz Westside Community Health Center

END THE CHAIN OF VIOLENCE

Children who are raised with physical abuse as a means of punishment are given the message that violence is an acceptable method of resolving conflicts. Extending this principle to foreign policy, what message is the U.S. sending out to the world right now? That naked aggression must be punished with naked aggression? Does a violent means corrupt the end one seeks?

Psychotherapist Abraham Maslow once said: "If the only tool you have is a hammer, you tend to see every problem as a nail." In order for peace to prevail on this planet, a new set of problem-solving tools are required. These tools involve communication, understanding, and trust (the same things that go into making a relationship between two people work).

Iraq has offered to withdraw from Kuwait as long as it can maintain coastal access for its oil, and they've offered to sign a comprehensive nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons ban if all the other countries in the

Middle East region do the same. Iraq isn't the threat, we are. We're an international bully who concocts false and hypocritical morality to justify our pursuits of raping the world of its resources and exploiting the poor.

Just remember, everything is connected and all is one. What goes around comes around. Now is the time to end the chain of violence and aggression.

Sincerely,
Aaron Lieben
Santa Cruz

WHO ARE THE REAL CRIMINALS?

All this flag-waving bombast about stopping Hitler serves only to divert us from deeper issues. Such as...who are the criminals who made billions building up Hussein and who are now making billions to fight him? Who are the criminal politicians who permit and profit from setting up bloody war machines all over the globe? Corporate power killed Kennedy and then went on to create the horror of Vietnam and Central America, and now they are doing it again in the Middle East...all the while selling patriotism for profit. How long can we plead ignorance as an excuse for the obvious?

Ultimately it is we the people who are responsible for the criminal actions of our criminal government. And it is we the people who must pay for our irresponsibility, be it in the form of bankruptcy, or body bags, or King George suspending the Constitution. Until we take the golden rule deeply into our heart and soul, our violence will continue to reap a deadly harvest.

Tom Clunie, D.C.
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OPEN YOUR HEART TO END THE WAR

Recently, while watching the news, I found myself feeling very sad and depressed about the developments in the Middle East. I didn't like the way I was feeling! I felt so helpless, but wondered what I could do. As I thought about how afraid I was feeling, I remembered an expression I once heard: Love is letting go of fear. Gee, how does that apply in this situation, I wondered.

I tried to find that little love space in my heart. I thought of my Mom, and my heart felt kinda warm. I then tried to find a peace place like I sometimes feel in meditation.

When I got to feeling all peaceful and loving again, I thought of the Middle East. With that warm feeling still in my heart, I started to send that feeling out. It was kind of fun. I sent it to our troops, George Bush, the troops' families, Barbara Bush, the people of Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Israel, Japan.

Suddenly my sadness, anger and frustration had disappeared. I felt very calm with an incredible sense of love in my heart.

I began to wonder what would happen if many many people did this same thing. What if, instead of sending out negative thoughts and vibrations, we blessed the situation, and healed it with love?

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Who knows? If enough of us around the world are blessing the situation and sending out our love, maybe we will reach critical mass and change the course of history. And our own history, too!

*In loving lightness,
Linda Maupin
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WOMEN'S STATEMENT ON THE GULF WAR

On the night war was launched, women from a number of organizations met to draft a Women's Statement, including commissioners from the City of Santa Cruz Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women, County Women's Commission, and Affirmative Action Commission.

Women's Joint Statement in Demand: The War Games Be Stopped

We, the women of Santa Cruz County, California, U.S.A., unite to demand that the leaders of the War Games for control of the Persian Gulf, stop now *before any more lives are lost.*

- We, the mothers of the sons and daughters expected to fight the battles of the wealthy oil and business powers:

Demand you put the value of life before the \$\$\$ and power the oil represents, as the children you are hiding behind are predominantly poor and people of color.

- We, the wives and lovers of the young and the old:

Demand that Bush and Hussein stop their confrontation; that they stop using war as a replacement for negotiation and resolution of disputes.

- We, the daughters of those who control the business and politics:

Demand that you look at how misplaced big business values are; how much fraud, lying, deceit and lack of personal integrity there is in our current corporate and world economic systems.

- We, the sisters:

Demand that violence on all levels no longer be accepted as the way of life.

- We, the women voters:

Demand that you cease the escalating destruction of the world's resources and develop alternative energy power sources.

- We, the women, ask the leadership of nations:

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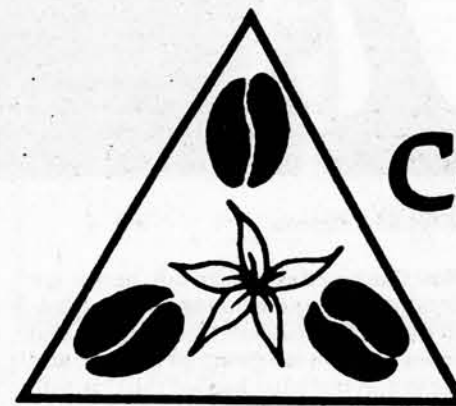
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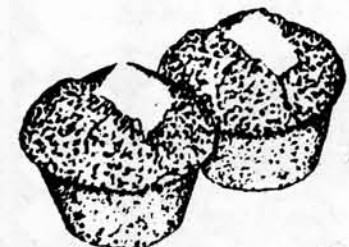
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Questions & Answers on the Persian Gulf War

by *Kiakima Simon*

Now that war has broken out, people are understandably questioning the justifications that both President George Bush and Saddam Hussein are giving for the war, and trying to sort out what has led the U.S. into yet another regional conflict. Below are answers to some commonly asked questions.

What are Iraq's reasons for invading Kuwait?

Saddam Hussein believes Iraq has a legitimate claim to Kuwait. For close to 400 years, Kuwait, in addition to most of what is now called the Middle East, was ruled by the Ottoman Turks. During this time, Kuwait was overseen by the governor of Basra, one of the states which makes up modern-day Iraq.

In 1899, in order to assert independence from the Turks, the Kuwaiti Sheik Mubarak I signed a treaty making Kuwait a British protectorate. Still, the boundaries of the gulf states were not clearly drawn. The Iraqi-Kuwaiti border was established by the British in 1922, leaving Iraq without a major port in an attempt to keep Iraq weak.

Kuwait gained independence from Britain in 1958. At that time, Iraq's General Qasim attempted to annex the newly recognized state, citing their historic connection. They would have done so if British troops had not intervened.

In recent years, Kuwait has produced oil up to 80 percent beyond their OPEC limit. Iraq claims that this is a deliberate move by the Kuwaiti Emir to destabilize Iraq's economy. Kuwait's high levels of production force down the price of oil and inhibit Iraq's ability to pay its staggering national debt incurred during the eight-year war with Iran.

Iraq maintains that Kuwait has stolen Iraqi oil from the Rumaila oil field, which is primarily in Iraq but extends over the border into Kuwait. Kuwait, they say, has been slant drilling across the border to extract

the oil.

Why did Hussein think he could get away with the invasion?

Apparently, U.S. statements helped convince Hussein that he could invade without repercussions. On two occasions, John Kelly, Assistant Secretary of State for the Middle East, testified before Congress that the U.S. was not committed to defending Kuwait in the case of an attack. The second statement came just two days before the invasion.

On July 24, 1990, U.S. ambassador to Baghdad, April Glaspie, told Hussein that the U.S. viewed Iraq's disputes with Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates as strictly an "Arab-Arab conflict," over which it had "no opinion." She also informed Hussein, "I have direct instructions from the President to seek better relations with Iraq." Her announcement came despite Hussein's clear indication that the invasion was likely. Nine days later, Iraq invaded Kuwait, probably under the impression that there would be little international response.

How valid are U.S. claims that it has a responsibility to stop Hussein's aggression in the Persian Gulf?

George Bush claims he is responding to Saddam Hussein's illegal aggression against Kuwait, Hussein's expansionist nature and genocidal treatment of the Kurdish minority within Iraq.

While the U.S. government could conceivably make a strong argument for opposing Hussein on any of these grounds, several events call Bush's stance into question. The U.S. supported Hussein's government during the repression of the Kurdish people and increased aid to Hussein after he invaded Iran. Second, the regimes the U.S. supports in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia are monarchies guilty of similar acts of repression.

In addition, the U.S., when faced with similar invasions by other countries, did not respond in a comparable fashion. Both Syria and Israel, current allies, invaded Lebanon without reprisal. The U.S. itself has been condemned by the United Nations for its invasions of Grenada and Panama, and for mining Nicaraguan harbors.

How will this war affect the United States economy?

In the short term, war boosts an economy in recession. Currently, the Bush Administration is apparently relying on increased military spending to inject money into the economy and ward off or reverse a recession. This spending will be coupled with a sharp reduction in civilian spending and social programs so that the infusion of military spending will not result in high inflation. Such a policy has been a common thread of the Reagan-Bush era.

However, no one knows where this new money will come from. The U.S. economy is already crippled by the vast deficit and the \$500 billion Savings and Loan bail-out. The Gulf War, known as the "magic asterisk," is not figured into the current military budget. The combination of deeper cuts in bare-bones social programs and Bush's opposition to new taxes promises to leave the U.S. with a deepening budget deficit, a spiraling national debt and a rapidly growing crisis in unmet human needs.

Who will benefit economically from the Gulf War?

Some people and companies will likely profit a great deal from the Gulf War — Oil companies and military contractors are the most obvious examples. U.S. oil company interests may have played a major role in the decision to start the war. Numerous high-ranking U.S. officials are heavily linked to oil interests. President Bush founded Zapata Oil. Vice President Quayle is backed by Standard Oil of Indiana. Secretary of State Baker's family is linked with Exxon, Mobil, Standard Oil of California, Standard Oil of Indiana and Kerr-McGee. Commerce Secretary Robert Mosbacher, is from Mosbacher Energy Corp., an oil exploration company. In addition, the American Petroleum Institute is the largest political lobby in Washington DC.

The short-term profits of these corporations will be substantial whether or not the U.S. "wins" the war. Even if companies lose certain oil fields, they will profit from the shortage of oil and the ensuing rise in profits.

How much will United States involvement cost?

While the price tag for this war is difficult to gauge, it will doubtless severely strain the U.S. economy. The Department of Defense estimates that the war will cost \$1 billion a day. Some analysts believe it has already far surpassed that initial figure.

How many lives will be lost?

The Department of Defense estimates that 10,000 to 20,000 U.S. soldiers will die in the Gulf War. This estimate, and actual deaths, may well increase over the course of the war.

Tens of thousands, perhaps hundreds of thousands, of Iraqis will also die. U.S. military terms such as "surgical strike" and "military target" promote the assertion that few civilians — or troops — will be hurt and killed. Yet many of these targets are in or around Baghdad and other densely populated metropolitan areas. Although concrete figures for Iraqi casualties are not available (and perhaps never will be), Iraqi casualties and suffering will doubtless far

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How much support are Japan and U.S. allies in Europe providing for the war?

The U.S. has deployed the most troops in the Gulf and is expected to take the heaviest losses in both lives and dollars. The combination of heavy military spending and a budget deficit makes the U.S. able to fight the war, but unable to finance it for the duration.

The Gulf War is primarily a U.S. war, partly because both Germany and Japan are barred from deploying troops to foreign soil by a clause written into their constitutions after World War II.

Is it valid to link the Israeli occupation of Gaza and the West Bank with and Iraq's invasion of Kuwait?

Both the Israeli and Iraqi occupations are forcible and illegal. However, U.S. involvement is the main linkage between them. The two invasions have elicited very uneven reactions from the United States, as have countless others. The 1975 Moroccan invasion of Western Sahara was followed by extensive support from the U.S., despite the World Court's condemnation. Indonesia's brutal takeover of East Timor that same year, also condemned by the U.N., was also rewarded with U.S. military support, continued to this day by President Bush.

The situation in Israel is more complex. The U.S. has supported the Israeli occupation with the highest levels of aid per capita in the world. Jordan's King Hussein has been able to use popular sentiment against Israel in the Middle East to foster dissent within the U.S.-led alliance. As long as grievances such as the Israeli occupation remain unresolved, leaders like Hussein will take advantage of them.

What are the alternatives to war?

The most obvious alternatives to war are negotiation and economic sanctions. The Bush Administration has argued that both these options have been thoroughly exhausted. However, no negotiations took place because neither side was willing to compromise their demands.

French diplomats have suggested concessions that would allow Hussein to "save face" and pull out of Kuwait. One suggested concession was to offer concurrent U.N. peace conferences between Iraq and Kuwait, and Israel and the occupied territories. The U.S. has flatly refused this position, claiming that the two issues are completely unrelated.

Economic sanctions were also deserted by the U.S. Bush argues that sanctions were given enough time to work, and that Hussein had not responded. Military advisors, however, had recommended that sanctions be enforced for at least one and a half years. Bush decided against pursuing that option, probably because he feared the U.S.-led coalition against Iraq would crumble and domestic opposition would build with such a long-term commitment.

The most severely neglected option for peace is development of alternate energy sources. The U.S. is spending billions of dollars to secure access to and control of oil

reserves, while alternative energy programs have been systematically cut over the last ten years.

What will it mean if the United States "wins" the war?

Saddam Hussein is brutal, but he has also championed the causes of poor Arab states, criticizing the rulers of the Gulf for hoarding their wealth. He has become a leader in the Arab world by standing up to Israel and the United States.

Because of Hussein's popularity in the Arab world, even a U.S. victory would leave the Middle East governments that stay in the U.S.-led coalition destabilized. It will also strengthen anti-U.S. and anti-Israeli sentiment, especially if Israel enters the war.

Hussein is taking advantage of existing divisions and grievances in the Middle East. As long as these remain unresolved, leaders like Hussein will be able to use them to destabilize the region.

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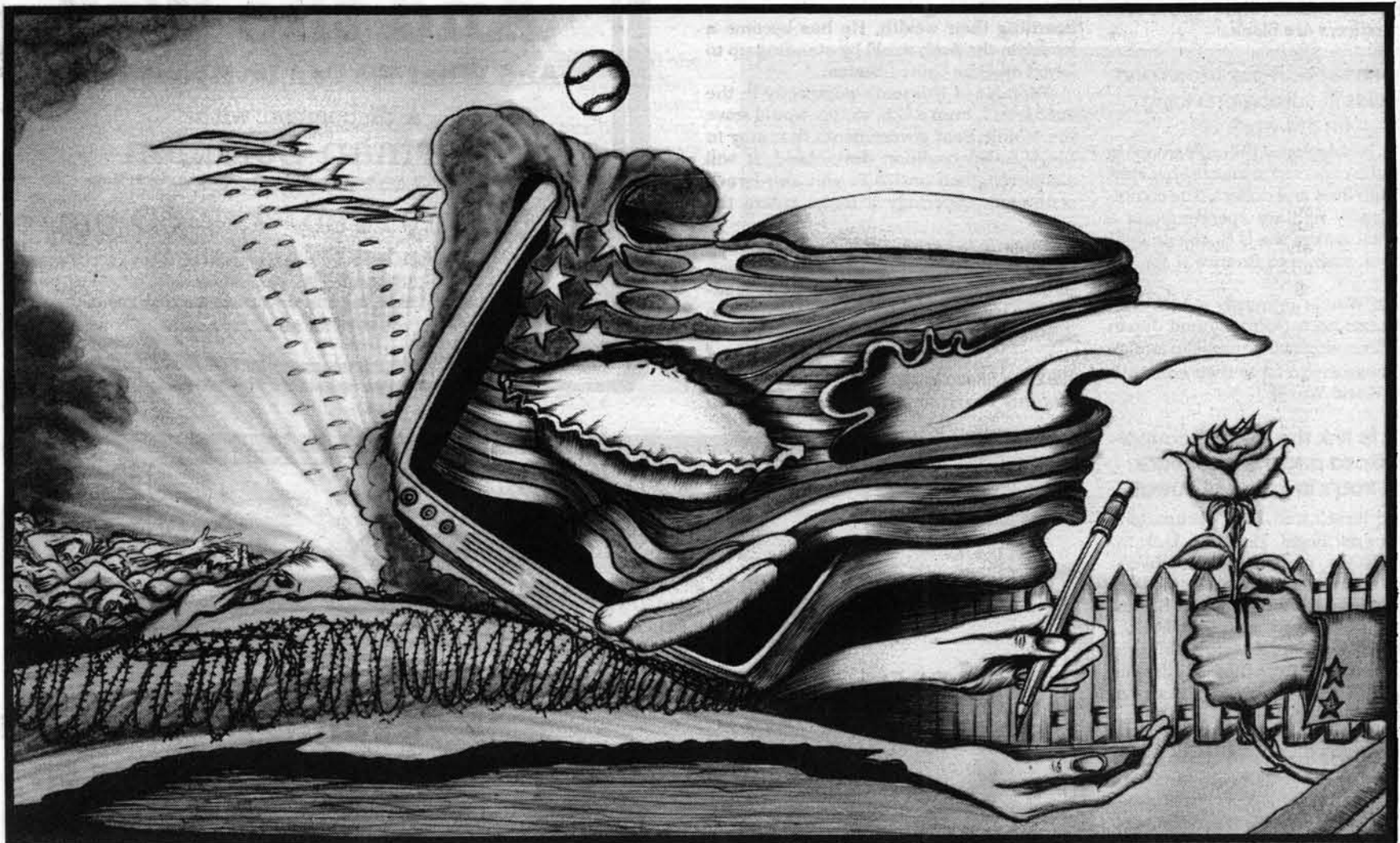
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Now that "Operation Desert Shield" has become "Operation Desert Storm," and the peace movement has become an anti-war movement, Americans must face the fact that the most intensive bombing campaign in history is currently being prosecuted in our name. As we go to press, the United States and allied warplanes have flown over 18,000 sorties and have fired into Iraq and Kuwait a total tonnage of

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explosives roughly equal to ten Hiroshima-size bombs. B-52 bombers are "eating them alive" in Kuwait, according to retired army Colonel David Hackworth, who is covering the war for *Newsweek* magazine. The B-52s are reportedly carpet bombing President Saddam Hussein's 120,000-man "Republican Guard," which is dug in in northern Kuwait, and its scale can only be compared historically to the American and British bombing of German troops at the end of World War II. The Iraqi military and civilian death toll has been effectively censored. There are 478,000 U.S. military personnel now deployed in the Persian Gulf, and both sides are gearing up for what Saddam Hussein has called "the mother of all battles."

President Bush has repeatedly prom-

ised that U.S. soldiers will not fight this war "with one hand tied behind their backs," and that Saddam Hussein will get "his ass kicked." The Pentagon has admitted that the round-the-clock bombing raids are partially intended to convince Iraq's 17 million people that their government cannot protect them, and thereby to breed discontent with the regime. Thus, the U.S. and its allies have been ceaselessly destroying hydroelectric plants, factories, oil refineries, storage facilities, infrastructure and other so-called military targets.

Iraqi and Iranian news services report that allied warplanes have bombed densely populated areas and that hospitals and a powdered milk factory have been destroyed. U.S. officials deny hitting any hospitals and say the powdered milk factory was in reality a "biological weapons plant" in disguise. Of course, the public cannot independently confirm or deny any charges emanating from the belligerents in this conflict due to the Pentagon's complete control of media coverage. In this war, journalists are placed in "combat pools" and the military chooses who will cover what stories. No journalist is allowed to roam freely in the war zone without a military escort or a "minder" from the Saudi government, and most members of the press corps seem content to embrace this fate with willing timidity.

The result of this blanket censorship is an Orwellian image of war free of blood, death, or suffering (save that of the Israelis and the POWs), and left far off camera are the people who have hosted this onslaught from the beginning: the Iraqis. We see planes

taking off and planes landing, followed by censored interviews with "Top Guns" who extol the virtues of their high-tech weaponry and speak of the thrill of aerial combat. Such images have been beamed all over the world with nauseating repetition. We have also been subjected to countless interviews with weapons "experts" who clearly have a fetish for the technology of death. It is next to impossible to get information about the number of people our government is killing in Iraq and Kuwait, but as we go to press, some refugee reports are trickling out.

One report from a medical doctor who toured Baghdad just as the bombing began said there were only 250 hospital beds for the treatment of burn victims in a city of 4.5 million (and most of these were full); there are no I.V. needles for children and no vaccines for typhus, tetanus and other public health diseases. Large parts of the sewage system have been bombed into the fresh water supply and such diseases are expected to become epidemics. A Reuters dispatch reported that dogs, cats, and rats were seen in the streets of Baghdad feeding upon large piles of discarded meat and other food that has rotted in freezers due to power outages. Another report states that many of Baghdad's citizens are using buckets to draw drinking water from the Tigris River, even though towns upstream use the river to dump sewage. Large fires in chemical plants outside the city pose a serious health hazard, as do the huge columns of smoke that continue to rise from bombed-out buildings.

Refugees have reported that most people in Baghdad have either fled to the countryside or taken refuge in mosques and bomb shelters. Several witnesses said they saw evidence of damage to civilian property, including a six-story apartment building which had collapsed due to bombing. The *New York Times* quoted a 31-year-old Egyptian man who fled Iraq as saying, "they are bombing; people are dying in the streets. This is not war, it is the annihilation of a people." Another refugee quoted by Knight-Ridder News Service said "the military hit areas where people live. Why do they want to destroy Baghdad?" Still another refugee in the same report, an Egyptian, said, "all this talk about not hitting civilians is propaganda; if they were just hitting military installations we would not have left."

The United Nations estimates that there will be anywhere between 750,000 to 2 million refugees fleeing Iraq and Kuwait before the war is over, and U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar has called for a bombing halt and new negotiations to "end the suffering in the region." General H. Norman Schwarzkopf, commander of allied forces in the Persian Gulf, has stated that he had "absolutely no idea" how many Iraqis have been killed so far, and that in this war "we are never going to get into the body-count business."

At present, the Pentagon does not have an official policy on reporting enemy casualties. The abandonment of the body count, like the strict censorship of the media via control of journalist "pools," are lessons the Defense Department learned from the

Vietnam experience. The body count became a leading gauge for assessing U.S. battlefield success in Vietnam, and with the grossly exaggerated tallies on the part of the military (which routinely included civilian deaths), it eventually became a cynical reminder of the level of deceit practiced by the Pentagon.

Another lesson learned from the Vietnam War is reflected by the decision to forbid journalists to cover the arrival of American war dead at Dover Air Force Base, as they have done in every war since World War II. The Defense Department has canceled the traditional Honors ceremonies for American dead arriving at Dover "in respect for the families." "Funeral services are best left to individual families to arrange," a Pentagon spokesman said. Thus, with the elimination of the body count and the termination of funeral services at Dover Air Base, the American public will be significantly distanced from one of the more unpleasant aspects of the Persian Gulf war: death.

The Pentagon claims that only "military" targets have been hit and that civilian casualties are virtually non-existent. But the first casualty of war is always the truth, and to accept the Pentagon's version of events at face value would be to ignore its calculated misinformation during the Vietnam War, and—more recently—during the U.S. invasion of Panama.

During the bombing of Hanoi and Haiphong in December 1972, the U.S. Air Force flew about 3,000 sorties in 11 days and dropped 36,000 tons of ordnance. These bombing raids are widely considered to be among the most savage of the Vietnam War but they are a pittance when compared to the bombing so far in "Operation Desert Storm." More than 2,000 civilians died in Nixon's "Christmas Bombing," and far more would have perished had the Vietnamese not evacuated the capital. There is evidence to suggest that the U.S. Air Force deliberately hit civilian targets in those raids.

In Panama, it was not until long after the December 1989 invasion that the number of civilian casualties was revealed to be much higher than the original figure presented by the Pentagon. The U.S. military claims that "a few hundred" civilians and soldiers died during "Operation Just Cause," but with the discovery of mass graves in the Chorillo district of Panama City some

months later, the number of civilian deaths in that war appears to be closer to 4,000. The experiences of Vietnam and Panama should be kept in mind when the Pentagon paints a rosy picture of the Gulf war.

The war is really just beginning. The Pentagon brass continue with their "optimistic" assessments: claiming an "80 percent success rate" for destroying targets, declaring "air superiority," and promising a short war without the need of a draft. But wars—once started—have a tendency to escalate and move in uncontrollable directions that are impossible to predict. Already we are seeing signs of this with the continued SCUD missile attacks on Israel and Saudi Arabia. The attacks on Israel, depending on their number and effectiveness, could very well lead to a reshuffling of the coalition when Israel strikes back as it has promised to do. This could quickly and dramatically change the nature of the conflict, turning it into an Arab-Israeli war and threatening to draw in other Muslim nations.

Perhaps the most potentially disastrous consequences of this war are not diplomatic, but environmental. Saddam Hussein has promised to ignite oil fields and storage facilities in Kuwait if he is forced to retreat, and as we go to press, at least four such facilities are burning out of control. The Iraqis could ignite hundreds of oil wells in Kuwait which would take up to a year to extinguish. Such fires, according to meteorologists and astronomer Carl Sagan (who studied the "nuclear winter" scenarios), could create a cloud of smoke and soot half the size of the continental United States. This enormous cloud would lower temperatures in the region by as much as 36 degrees Fahrenheit and would be pushed east by the prevailing westerly winds. Once the cloud reached south Asia it could interfere with the monsoon season and disrupt agriculture and—ultimately—the food supply of one billion people. The release of such levels of carbon dioxide would greatly contribute to global warming and have unforeseen effects on the ozone layer.

There is a major oil pipeline in Kuwait that could discharge 100,000 barrels of oil into the Persian Gulf each day. Already the largest oil spill in history is making its way down the Gulf with no end in sight. It is being called the "Chernobyl" of oil spills and

is killing wildlife in its wake along the Arabian coast. Even in peace time it would take years to clean up. If the spills continue (as they are certain to do), they could destroy the ecology of the entire region. At press time, the spill has been estimated to be at least 12 times greater than the 1989 Exxon Valdez disaster, where 240,000 barrels of oil (about 11 million gallons) ended up in Prince William Sound, Alaska. With the oil field fires and oil spills, a sideshow to this war could be the most serious ecological crisis of the industrial age.

President Bush and his generals claim the oil spill has "no military significance." But the flow of oil in the Gulf could plug up desalination plants along the Saudi Arabian coast that process salt water into drinking water. If these desalination plants are damaged, U.S. troops and the Saudi population could be cut off from a stable source of fresh water. Furthermore, this immense oil slick will make an amphibious landing on Kuwait very difficult and could even be ignited into flames if such an attack is launched. (The Israelis ignited oil slicks in the Suez during past wars with some degree of military success.) It is clear that President Bush and the majority of Congress either did not think through the potential for environmental warfare, or simply didn't care.

In addition to the growing ecological disaster there could be an archaeological one as well. The fertile plains between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, or Mesopotamia, are a land where people invented writing and agriculture 5,000 years ago. Should bombs, shells, or missiles strike the Iraq Museum, which is located on a bank of the Tigris river near Saddam Hussein's residence, most archaeologists agree that it would be a major catastrophe. "We are talking about the main repository of 8,000 years of higher civilization," said Richard E. Ziminsky, an archaeologist from Boston University. The loss of priceless antiquities in this war could be very great. Besides, there is something inherently eerie about George Bush's bid to forge a "New World Order" by carpet bombing the cradle of civilization.

Meanwhile, flag factories across the country churn out record orders and arms manufacturers of all kinds are humming along. Oil companies have posted profit

gains anywhere from 30-80 percent in the last months of 1990. Chevron, for example, posted 1990 profits eight times higher than 1989, and Amoco's profits are up 68.8 percent. The U.S. government forgave Egypt's \$7 billion debt and now Israel is demanding \$13 billion over the next five years for war-related expenses. The war may be costing taxpayers up to \$1 billion a day and the total cost is anybody's guess. Congress is considering spending another \$30 billion for the Savings and Loan bailout amidst significant layoffs in the manufacturing and construction sectors as the economy continues its long slide into recession. The FBI is harassing Arab-Americans in its search for "terrorists," and U.S. citizens are being advised not to travel in the Muslim world for a long, long time.

And what is it all for? If the Bush Administration is willing to destroy Kuwait in order to "save" it, or to create a wasteland in Iraq and call it "peace," will this resolve the historical and geopolitical contradictions that created the crisis in the first place? This war, no matter how it ends, could simply be planting the seeds for the next catastrophe. What does "winning" mean? By devastating Iraq, will the United States put an end to the politics of Arab nationalism? Will slaughtering Arabs now make a settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict any easier later? It is telling that just as the Cold War ended America found a new enemy. This war promises to be a long one unless we seriously reevaluate our national priorities.

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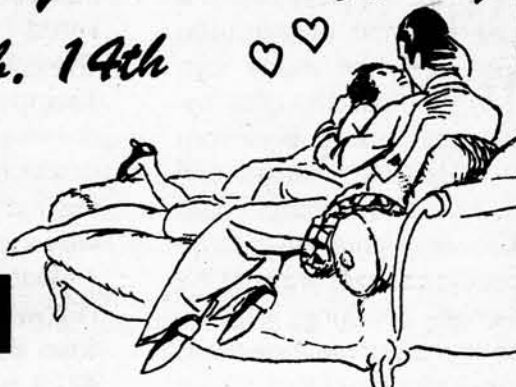
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Congress Authorizes Military Force for the First Time Since 1964

by Shelly D'Amour

When Congress voted January 13 to support President Bush in his bid to wage war against Iraq, many legislators went to great pains to disclaim any similarity between the current crisis and U.S. involvement in Vietnam. However, for those whose careers span three or more decades on Capitol Hill, there were moments that surely must have evoked memories of another debate some 27 years earlier.

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The vote marks the first time since the 1964 Gulf of Tonkin resolution that Congress has authorized the use of military force. Although not an official declaration of war, the resolution served as an important statement of the political will of the Congress, allowing the president free reign in dealing with Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

Following three days of, at times, impassioned posturing, the House passed by overwhelming margin a resolution authored by New York Democrat Stephen Solarz and Illinois Republican Robert Michel to permit the use of lethal force in the Persian Gulf. California's 16th district Rep. Leon Panetta (D) voted against the Solarz/Michel resolution while 12th district Rep. Tom Campbell (R) voted in favor of it. The Senate approved a similar measure, although by a much narrower margin of 52-47. Newly appointed California Senator John Seymour (R) voted in favor of the use of force, while Senator Alan Cranston (D) was absent due to chemotherapy treatments. The resolution was virtually identical to one adopted by the United Nations last fall.

Although the Solarz/Michel resolution received most of the media attention, Congress considered a series of proposals addressing the question at hand.

A proposal to forestall the use of force by

giving sanctions more time to work went down to defeat 183-250 in the House and 46-53 in the Senate. A selection from the text of the resolution is worth reprinting here because it illustrates the difference in strategy employed by the two houses. Modifications to the text which appear only in the Senate version are printed here in italics:

"That the Congress authorizes the continued use of American military force to enforce the United Nations economic embargo against Iraq to defend Saudi Arabia from direct Iraqi attack and to protect American forces in the region.

The Congress believes that continued application of international sanctions and diplomatic efforts to pressure Iraq to leave Kuwait is the wisest course at this time and should be sustained, *but does not rule out declaring war or authorizing the use of force at a later time should that be necessary to achieve the goal of forcing Iraqi troops from Kuwait.*"

Also, the use of the word "continued" in the first sentence appears only in the House version of the text.

It was a surprise to many that the Senate, a politically conservative body on the whole, appeared to take a stronger position against the use of force than its more liberal House counterpart. However, the additional text in the Senate resolution underscoring the willingness to use force "if necessary," may have helped sway those who did not want to appear too "soft."

In all, 268 House members and 93 Senators stepped up to the well in their respective houses, to register their remarks. Despite the excruciating length of the debate—long days leading into long nights—a majority of the members remained in the chamber throughout. Familiar themes were echoed again and again. Adolph Hitler. Oil war. Naked aggression. The tyranny of Saddam Hussein. The lack of a U.S. energy policy. The undefined costs. Supporting the president. Supporting the troops. Vietnam.

For Oregon's Mark Hatfield, the sense of déjà vu must have been particularly painful. In 1964 the Republican senator was the lone holdout in his party to vote against the

Gulf of Tonkin resolution, in which the Congress gave then-President Johnson a free hand to wage war against North Vietnam. Twenty-seven years later, Hatfield's base of support within his party has increased by a factor of one, as he and Charles Grassley of Iowa became the only Republican Senators to oppose war in the Persian Gulf. Hatfield also opposed the Mitchell/Nunn resolution calling for continued sanctions, because he felt that sanctions were aimed at starving out civilian populations in order to force military concessions, and were therefore morally wrong. Responding to critics who challenged him to state at what point he would support sending in troops to counter Saddam Hussein, Hatfield insisted that the battle over oil fields was not worth one human life: "not now, not in six months, not in twelve months...never!"

Prior to beginning deliberations on the two Persian Gulf resolutions, the House, by a vote of 302-131, adopted a resolution authored by Florida Democrat Charles Bennett and Illinois Democrat Richard Durbin which asserts that the power to declare war is reserved only for the Congress, as found in Article 1 Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution:

"The Congress finds that the Constitution of the United States vests all power to declare war in the Congress of the United States. All offensive action taken against Iraq must be explicitly approved by the Congress of the United States before such action may be initiated."

The Senate declined to take up a similar resolution.

The issue over which branch of government had the power to commit U.S. forces to military action against Iraq has been a subject of intense disagreement between the president and the Congress. Article 1 Section 8 of the Constitution states simply: "Congress shall have the power to declare war." However, every U.S. president since John Adams has tried to get around that, principally by involving U.S. forces in foreign military adventures without ever officially declaring war. In actuality, Congress has officially declared war only five times in U.S. history; and while passage of the



Solarz/Michel resolution essentially amounts to a declaration of war, it is not, in fact, a formal declaration. The distinction is an important one.

Through the passage of the Bennett/Durbin resolution, everyone got what they wanted. Congress got to reaffirm its constitutionally guaranteed authority and then not use it in the way the Constitution intended, thereby evading the culpability that such authority demands of those who are vested with it. The president got the political support he needed from the Congress without ever having to admit they, and not he, had the final word on whether to go to war. Everybody saved face and nobody, in fact, took ultimate responsibility.

The Congress only went so far as to approve a United Nations declaration stating that force was justifiable *once all other peaceful means had been exhausted*, allowing the president to make that deter-

RESOLUTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR

The New Year is a time of transition when many turn their thoughts toward change and the sense of wanting more from life. Often in addition to specific changes one wishes to make, there is a sense that things could be different without knowing quite what those things are. Often the specific changes are only the clues of the deeper changes one longs for. Frequently it is difficult to interpret our messages from within without some help. This time of transition is a good time to find a guide or a group to make the

most of our inner motivation for growth. Joan Forest is a licensed Marriage, Family and Child Therapist with training in Switzerland in Jungian Therapy. She will be starting a Monday evening dream group on February 4th from 7:30-9:30 pm in which participants will have a chance to explore the myth by which they are living their lives while working on their dreams.

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mination, not the Congress. The Solarz/Michel resolution did not go so far as to say that the United States of America declared itself to be in an official state of war with the Republic of Iraq. If the war results in heavy U.S. casualties or is prolonged over months or years, the Congress can side-step their responsibility, and shift the blame — to the president for bad policies, to the allies for not pulling their weight.

Once the vote was over, most House and Senate members who were on the losing end stampeded over to the other side to "close ranks" behind the leadership. House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt (D-MO), author of the failed resolution to continue sanctions, was the first in line to offer his support, stating "the debate is behind us, the battle is upon us and the victory is before us." The hotly worded denunciations and fervent pleas for peace of just hours before were quickly forgotten in the rush to present the appearance of unity.

A resolution to commend the president and to support the troops was offered and quickly passed by overwhelming majorities in both houses. California Representative Ron Dellums (D) took the podium to denounce the structure of the resolution, linking support for the troops to support for the president. The resolution was not amendable and so anyone who went on record voting "no" risked having their patriotism questioned by the opposition. Dellums went on record as voting "present," stating:

"Were this simply a straightforward resolution which expressed our support for the troops in the Gulf, I would support it. It has never been a matter of debate in my mind that our troops must have our backing. If this were a straightforward resolution supporting the president and his actions as commander in chief, I would rise in opposition to it... I am particularly distressed that we have been presented with an unamendable measure which is designed intentionally to blur the distinction... I regret that this legislation is put before us in this manner. It does the nation a disservice to cloud this important issue with ambiguity."

One member of the House who is clearly not closing ranks behind his leadership is Rep. Henry Gonzalez (D) of Texas. In a speech before the House of Representatives, Gonzalez denounced President Bush as guilty of crimes against international law, and introduced a resolution calling for his impeachment, stating: "we did not pledge an oath of allegiance to the president, but to the Constitution... The Constitution provides for removal of the president when he has committed high crimes and misdemeanors, including violations of the principles of the Constitution. President Bush has violated these principles."

The impeachment resolution contains five articles, or charges, against the president: 1) that the predominantly poor and minority makeup of the forces in the Persian Gulf violates the equal protection clause of the Constitution. "They may be volunteers, technically, but their volunteerism is based on the coercion of a system that has denied viable economic opportunities to these classes of citizens."; 2) that the president is guilty of "bribing, intimidating and threatening others, including the members of the United Nations Security Council, to support belligerent acts against Iraq"; 3) that the president is guilty of "conspir[ing] to engage in a massive war against Iraq, employing methods of mass destruction that will result in the killing of tens of thousands of civilians, many of whom will be children... As killings occur, the principles laid down in the Nuremberg trial will be applicable. Their deaths... will constitute a violation of in-

ternational law."; 4) that "from August 1990 through January 1991, the president embarked on a course of action that systematically eliminated every option for a peaceful resolution of the Persian Gulf crisis." In so doing, Gonzalez states, "the president has committed the United States to acts of war without congressional consent."; 5) that the president has "conspired to commit crimes against the peace by leading the United States into aggressive war against Iraq in violation of Article 2(4) of the United Nations Charter, the Nuremberg Charter, other international instruments and treaties, and the Constitution of the United States."

Representative Gonzalez is joined in his call for impeachment by former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark. Clark is the founder of The Coalition to Stop the U.S. Intervention in the Middle East. It is unlikely that the Gonzalez resolution will gain many cosponsors. But at a time when most members of Congress are fearful to appear unresponsive of the president, it serves as an important and courageous statement of

protest against the war.

But who will pay for this war, and how much will it cost? That is a question very much on the mind of House Budget Chair Leon Panetta. Panetta complained bitterly on the House floor that his committee has been unable to secure any cooperation from Pentagon budget planners, prior to the congressional debate. Hearings in House and Senate budget committees had to be canceled after Pentagon budget officials refused to testify or provide figures. Even though the costs of the war are known to be one to two billion dollars per day, Pentagon officials, pleading "weak accounting procedures," continue to insist they cannot come up with a projected cost for the entire operation.

Part of the reason for this may have to do with the inability or unwillingness on the part of the Pentagon to project the length of time involved, or the scope of operations, at least publicly. Additionally, it was widely felt that the administration was unwilling to release any figures prior to the debate, lest that knowledge negatively impact the

outcome of the congressional vote. When asked about the Pentagon's inability to supply budget figures, former assistant secretary of defense Lawrence Korb didn't buy it. "They could tell you to a nickel how much they're spending over there." He should know. Korb was once in charge of approximately 70 percent of the Pentagon's budget.

Panetta, who voted against the use of force in the Persian Gulf, argued that the American people as well as the Congress were entitled to know the full cost before they committed themselves to a military course of action. A cost, Panetta indicated, to be measured in more than money, including human lives and material resources as well.

Frustrated, an independent study was produced by the General Accounting Office (GAO), an arm of the Congress. The study indicated that even without a shooting war, Operation Desert Shield would cost an additional \$37 billion by October 1. This

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Congress OK's Military Force

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would wipe out the \$36 billion deficit reduction package so painstakingly worked out by the Congress and the White House last year. And, the GAO added, you can kiss the "peace dividend" goodbye for at least the next two years.

All told, allied financial support to date has totalled less than two weeks worth of warfare. "Countries who will benefit most from what we do in the Middle East are standing on the sidelines," complained Panetta. There was no reaction from the White House on this statement and, "we don't anticipate any comment," said Tom Bruce, a spokesperson for the Office of

Management and Budget (OMB), an arm of the Administration. It is unclear what strategy, if any, the Bush Administration has planned for increasing allied contributions.

Which is to say that in the end — you guessed it — U.S. taxpayers are going to foot the major part of the bill. The initial strategy will probably focus on borrowing, which will drive up the deficit. However, should this turn out to be a protracted war, increased taxes will probably figure into the equation. This prospect holds little appeal to economists, who worry that tax increases during a recession will send the economy into a tailspin that will take years to recover from.

And the stakes are high. Lyndon Johnson made strategic errors in financing the Vietnam war that severely damaged the economy, and helped the Democrats to lose the White House in 1968. Judging from their comments, it appears that some Bush Administration economists have drawn little from that experience.

"This is a one-time emergency expenditure," remarked one such official, demonstrating not only an inadequate understanding of economics, but a poor grasp of history. "It's like an investment, like a city issuing a bond to pay for a sewer system, and it makes more sense to deficit finance than to tax finance," the unidentified official told *The New York Times*.

In early February the White House will present to the Congress a budget for Operation Desert Storm. However, the final tally will consist of what is called a "placeholder," that is, an artificial number picked out of a hat, because the actual cost cannot be estimated.

However frustrating, this kind of stonewalling is consistent with the entire administration approach to Operation Desert

Shield/Storm. To date, none of the costs are known: the cost in Iraqi lives and in the destruction of their cities, the cost in environmental damage due to oil spills and refinery bombings, the eventual cost in U.S. lives once a ground war starts, and the potential cost of a third world war erupting in the Middle East. One thing is certain, however. The ordinary citizens of the nations involved will pay for it: in money, in blood, and with the lives of their young. The planet will suffer for it, and future generations will bear the fruit of the scenario taking place right now, far away under the desert sun, where nobody can see.

ACTION: You can do something every day, large or small, to stop the war. First, find out how your representative and senators voted, and let them know what you think! If your representative hasn't held a community forum, call his or her local office and request that they do so. Demand better coverage of anti-war protests by your local newspapers and TV stations. Write letters to the editor. Find out what groups and organizations are active in your community and get involved. In short, be a visible presence in your community against the war.

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Quotes from Persian Gulf Debate

January 11—13, 1991

Ask the same question that thousands of Americans are asking their families today. Is this the cause for which you would ask your son or daughter to risk their life? — David E. Bonior (D-MI)

At this late hour in the crisis, the last, best hope for a peaceful resolution (is to) leave no doubt in the mind of Saddam Hussein that the United States is united. — Stephen Solarz (D-NY), co-author of the House resolution authorizing the use of deadly force in the Persian Gulf.

The Republicans' strategy is to get Saddam Hussein out of Kuwait. I fear some of the Democrats' strategy is to get the President out of the White House. — Senator Bob Dole (R-KS)

Just this morning I heard it said that there may be 'only' a few thousand American casualties. But for the families of those few thousand...the word 'only' will have no meaning. And the truly haunting question, which no one will ever be able to answer will be: did they die unnecessarily? For if we go to war now, no one will ever know if sanctions would have worked. — Senator George Mitchell (D-ME)

To those who ask me 'when? If not now, when would we employ the use of force?' I say: not in 6 months, not in 12 months...never! — Senator Mark Hatfield (R-OR)

I had a community meeting in my district. I had two in one day. A thousand people came out. I've never seen anything like it. We voted on how they would vote on a resolution to go to war and 95 percent voted no. That's my district in California. — Rep. Barbara Boxer (D-CA)

I'm convinced in my own mind that if the sons and daughters of all of us, of the President, the Vice President, the Cabinet were all over there in the Persian Gulf right now, right up on the front line and were going to be part of that first assault wave that would go on into Kuwait, I think we'd be taking more time. I think we'd be working harder on the sanctions policy. — Rep. Donald W. Riegle, Jr. (D-MI)

Mr. Speaker, the Pentagon ordered 16,000 human-remain pouches. Now if all the so-called experts around here are correct, that are predicting 1,000 dead Americans, then why did the Pentagon recently order 16,000 human-remain pouches? The truth of the matter is, plain and simple, these are body bags. They've gone to a day when shovels have become entrenching tools, copper wire has become remote rotor antennas, and now body bags are human-remain pouches. — Rep. James A. Traficant, Jr. (D-OH)

There can be no reward for brutal aggression. If we do nothing, and Saddam Hussein pays no price for swallowing up the country of Kuwait, destroying people's property, torturing, raping and killing innocent men and women and children, we are as guilty as he is. — Rep. Barbara F. Vucanovich (R-NV)

I will vote to authorize the President to have the power to go to war. I will do so in the knowledge that war may indeed be the result and that many good people may die. But I will cast that vote in the hopes that by so doing, I will make the prospects of peace more real. — Senator Joseph I. Lieberman (D-CT)

I'm concerned about Iraq, concerned about war, concerned about our role in the world. But I'm concerned about something else. I'm concerned about America. Choking on debt and threatened with an economic crisis from within, I see a President and a Congress standing tall, exhibiting steely resolve to stand up and talk tough to a tin-horn dictator in the Persian Gulf, willing to borrow money from abroad and risk our troops' lives to protect our allies' oil. — Rep. Byron L. Dorgan (D-ND)

If diplomacy and international cooperation is not an alternative we embrace, then why do we have a State Department? Why do we have the United Nations? Why do we sign treaties? Diplomacy does work. — Rep. Marty Russ (D-IL)

Will I be able to look at the parents and the wives, the husbands and the children in the eye and say that their loved ones sacrificed their lives for a cause vital to the United States and that there was no other reasonable alternative? Mr. President, at this time I cannot. — Senator Sam Nunn (D-GA), Senate Armed Services chair and co-author of the failed resolution to give sanctions more time.

What about a few weeks ago, when there was naked aggression in Chad by Libya? We didn't rush over there with our troops. Not too long ago, Syria — now one of our allies — went into Lebanon and massacred 750 civilians. Well, that's naked aggression. We didn't do anything about it. Now Assad's on our side. What about Indonesia's bloody excursion into East Timor, where they basically wiped out a country...or when Saddam Hussein gassed the Kurds in his own country.

Does this mean that we are now going to say that the United States will indeed become the policeman of the world, and that we will respond to every instance of naked aggression? How about the Soviets putting down the Lithuanians. Are we going to respond to that? I dare say we're not. So we're just going to kind of pick and choose which kind of naked aggression we want. — Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA)

Nearly one-third of our soldiers in Operation Desert Shield are African American, many of them in districts like mine. My district is the 10th poorest district in the nation...[and] has the second-largest number of African Americans. Young African American men and women are three times more likely to be in the armed forces and involved in this impending war in the sand as young whites are. There is a reason for this. ...These are the same people who are penalized when President Bush refuses to pass a civil rights bill because it has a quota — he claims it has a quota. There is some kind of ugly reverse quota operating when 33 percent of the troops on the front line are poor and African American. — Rep. Major Owens (D-NY)

While I condemn that kind of outburst, it is a sign of things to come. — Senator Donald W. Riegle (D-MI), as 11 protestors were removed from the Senate gallery chanting anti-war slogans.

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Tom Campbell Defends His Support of Gulf War at Town Meeting

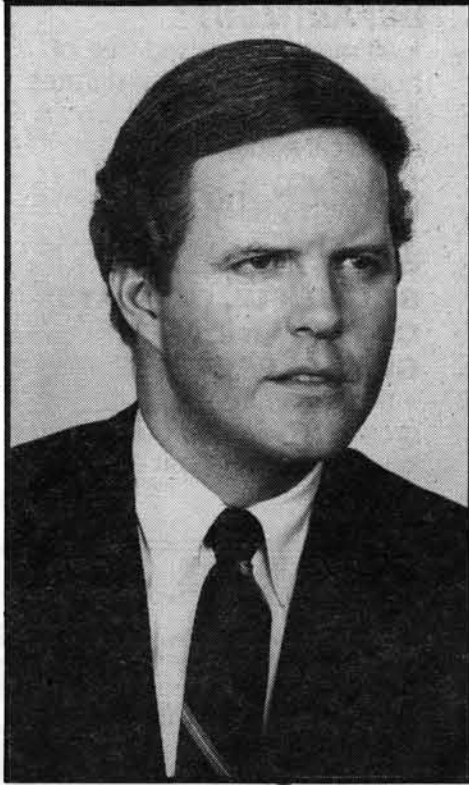
by Shelly D'Amour

On January 20, approximately 350 constituents filled the Monte Vista High School auditorium in Cupertino to address California 12th district Representative Tom Campbell on the subject of war in the Persian Gulf. Mr. Campbell, a Republican, voted in support of a January 12 House resolution authorizing the use of force against Iraq.

Mr. Campbell appeared somber and weary, having just come from a similar gathering in nearby Palo Alto, where over 1,000 people made their feelings known. While the Cupertino audience was perhaps more orderly, it was no less adamant in expressing itself.

The 75-minute "Town Meeting" proceeded with constituents allowed two minutes each to ask a question and receive a response, or to make a statement. An informal reading of the applause meter indicated that the group was divided approximately 60 to 40 percent against the war. Of the 28 individuals who spoke, however, only two made statements in support of President Bush's actions in the Gulf.

Calling this "the most difficult vote I've had to make," Representative Campbell stated that he did not believe the choice was between going to war or not going to war, but rather "war now or war later." This assessment, he indicated, was based on Iraq's refusal to leave Kuwait, its recent history in the war with Iran, its military capabilities, and its apparent willingness to use the weapons at its disposal on civilian populations. In particular, Campbell felt that the existence of Iraqi SCUD missiles and chemical weapons posed an "unacceptable" threat to the stability of the region, and that sanctions alone "would not have removed the weapons stockpiles." He also insisted that Iraq had achieved nuclear



Rep. Tom Campbell

capability—a statement which drew audible disagreement from his listeners.

On the question of linkage, Campbell backed the administration's position that the only issue "on the table" was the unconditional withdrawal of Iraqi forces from Kuwait. The congressman stated his support for an independent Palestinian state, but reiterated his position that the U.S. should not engage in any such discussions with Saddam Hussein. He went on to say that he felt that the United States

could get concessions out of Israel for the way the U.S. handled Hussein, but did not elaborate on what those concessions might be.

Campbell indicated that although he viewed the occupied West Bank as the most feasible location for a Palestinian homeland, other opportunities might soon present themselves as well. In a hushed, almost confidential tone of voice, Campbell informed the packed hall that instability in Jordan may lead to the downfall of King Hussein. Should that occur, Campbell suggested, a "silver lining" might entail the creation of a Palestinian homeland in Jordan. A Palestinian supporter in the audience queried aloud, "where are all the Jordanians going to go?"

Campbell stated that the United States should continue "to prosecute this war" until Iraq's "nuclear and chemical capability" is destroyed. When asked if that might include the use of tactical nuclear weapons, the second-term congressman said that he had not heard the issue raised in any State Department briefing he had been present for, declaring that the introduction of such weapons into this conflict would lower the threshold for their use. However, the *San Jose Mercury News* reported that Campbell told the Palo Alto audience earlier that day that while "it is extremely unlikely that I would ever support" the use of nuclear weapons, he would not rule out the possibility if it was necessary to save American lives. A study released on January 8 by Greenpeace revealed that over 1,000 nuclear warheads would be present in the Gulf by the January 15 deadline.

On the question of reinstating the draft, Campbell indicated that he "probably" would not support one if the administration requested it, but he "could not say absolutely." He stated that one of the rationales in

voting for war at this time was to forestall a military draft, which he said would be necessary in order to allow troops currently stationed in the Gulf to rotate out. He inferred that the Congress felt that any attempt to revive a draft at this time would provoke enormous social protest.

The issue of the draft is a particularly sensitive one in Campbell's district. In the week prior to the outbreak of war, the Palo Alto school district was forced to abandon its routine practice of turning over student lists to military recruiters, after outraged parents and students read about it in the *Mercury News*. Portions of the Palo Alto school district contain large concentrations of minority students, many of whom are the children of immigrants, principally Vietnamese. High school seniors told the *Mercury News* that recruiters have been writing, phoning and visiting their homes regularly since November, causing great anxiety within immigrant families, who do not necessarily understand that joining the armed forces is, for the time being, voluntary.

When asked to comment on the issue of censorship of press coverage of the war, Campbell stated early on that "it is my opinion that these charges have been made without actual instances." However, he appeared to contradict that stance in subsequent statements. Campbell admitted the press was "gearing up for another Grenada," referring to the Reagan Administration's successful blackout of all press coverage during the first three days of that invasion. When a constituent asked about a report that the returning bodies of dead soldiers will not receive military honors, Campbell informed her that this was not the case; rather, the press would not be allowed to film the coffins as they arrived at Air Force bases.

The image of thousands of flag-draped caskets remains one of the most potent memories of the Vietnam era. Most political and military analysts consider the persistent television coverage of the returning bodies of U.S. servicemen during that period to have been one of the most critical elements in turning the tide of U.S. opinion against that war.

When pressed on the issue of censorship, Campbell said that the "only" restriction placed on the media was that no filming could take place of sensitive U.S. military equipment or of the faces of casualties, presumably U.S. casualties, although this wasn't clarified. Once a ground war is initiated, Campbell thought the press would be "free" to cover it, via press pools. The congressman made no mention of the fact that the U.S. media in Saudi Arabia have had to submit video tapes and tran-

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scripts of their reports to Pentagon censors in advance of news broadcasts. Nor did he mention that the media are not free to move about on their own, but are required to travel in press pools which are driven about by military officials, to cover only those items the Pentagon deems "newsworthy."

Campbell received his strongest show of approval when he spoke of the need to develop a national energy policy. Declaring he did not believe this war to be about oil,

to the Iraqi leader, and called for a U.S. foreign policy based on consistency, not political convenience.

Finally, the subject of the potential for escalation in the Gulf war was broached. The congressman was asked if he would support a declaration of war and subsequent military action against Jordan, Syria or possibly even Egypt, should those countries break with the Arab coalition and side with Saddam Hussein. Campbell stated

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Campbell stated that nevertheless, long-term energy use plans need to be developed. Along with 16th district Representative Leon Panetta (D), Campbell is co-sponsor of the recently introduced Energy Independence Act. He also called for the reinstatement of the Alternative Energy Tax Credit on the federal tax form.

Campbell did not suggest a post-war scenario other than to say that there was a willingness on his part to see the U.S. negotiate with Hussein's successor. "I believe we are looking for the removal of Saddam Hussein, not his government." When reminded of the history of U.S. relations with Hussein, Campbell asserted that he stood in opposition to the policies of the Bush and Reagan Administrations which provided arms and other forms of assistance

that his reading of the U.N. resolution indicated that the U.S. would oppose anyone who came to the aid of the Iraqi leader. Those present were left to ponder the unsettling implications of this statement as the town meeting was brought to a close, and constituents gathered in small groups to debate among themselves the issues that were discussed there.

Representative Tom Campbell will hold his next Town Meeting on February 9th from 5-6 p.m. at the Corralitos Community Center, 569 Corralitos Road in Corralitos (off of Freedom Blvd. between Watsonville and Aptos). Santa Cruz County residents of the 12th district are encouraged to turn out and voice your opposition to the war in the Middle East.

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Gulf War Promises to be an Environmental Catastrophe

based on an article by John M. Miller updated by Dan Karamanski and Kiakima Simon

While covering the Persian Gulf war, the mass media have largely restricted their focus to the success or failure of military strategy, while other concerns are treated as side-shows. But if the environmental crisis is not clear now, it will be clear in the near and distant future. We are seeing firsthand how violent modern war is, and no matter what the strategic outcome of the war, the environment is already taking heavy casualties on the air, land, and sea.

BURNING OIL

After the first two weeks of fighting we have already heard many reports and seen television footage of burning petroleum facilities, both in Iraq and Kuwait. No one knows how long it would take to put out hundreds of wells burning at once. According to Dr. John Cox, a British environmental engineer, there are only four or five crews in the world experienced in putting out oil well fires, and one well fire, under ideal conditions, can take weeks to extinguish. Experts estimate that it could take at least a year to put out all the fires.

The effects:

- Smoke, soot and chemicals produced by the burning of oil fields could cause regional or global cooling, in essence a small-scale "nuclear winter." Depending on the heat of the fire, the smoke could rise to the upper atmosphere causing global effects. Dr. Paul Crutzen, an atmospheric scientist at Germany's Max Planck Institute for Chemistry, predicts that 100 days of burning would produce a cloud of smoke which would cover half the Northern Hemisphere for months, if not years. As far away as India, agriculture could be ruined by the smoke and India's monsoons disrupted. The result could be mass starvation.

- Burning five million barrels of oil a day will release massive amounts of sulphur and nitrogen oxides which will return to earth as acid rain "on a scale not experi-



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enced by any country in the world," according to Dr. Cox. Soot and nitrogen oxides also destroy the ozone layer. This disaster could create a hole "affecting the whole equatorial region," including Brazil and Mexico. Ozone depletion causes increased cancers and cataracts from exposure to ultraviolet light.

- Global warming would also be accelerated significantly as emissions of carbon dioxide, the gas primarily responsible for the greenhouse effect, increase by 10 percent.

- Dr. Carl Sagan says that an additional hazard from the destruction of oil facilities comes from the pyrotoxic-poisons produced by the burning of plastics and petroleum products. This burning, warns Sagan, produces "poison gases which kill people in seconds."

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The use of chemical and biological weap-

ons, or the destruction of the facilities that produce them, would not only kill "everything from insects on up that doesn't have a gas mask," in the surrounding area, according to Dr. Matthew Meselson, an expert on chemical weapons at Harvard University, but would also cause major environmental reverberations long after the war is over. The incomplete burning of nerve agents and mustard gas would leave behind toxic byproducts, according to Dr. Wayne Landis, Director of the Institute of Environmental Toxicology at Western Washington University.

Destruction of nuclear facilities or weapons, even if they are not exploded, would release an array of radioactive substances. Two small research reactors on the outskirts of Baghdad have reportedly already been destroyed; Dan Hirsch, a nuclear expert with the Committee to Bridge the Gap in Los Angeles, California, believes that radioactivity from a conventional attack on a reactor "would be dispersed quite widely. I think it's very hard to scrape off thousands of square miles, and what do you do with the stuff once it is scraped off?" Added risks come from the 700 U.S., French, and British nuclear weapons stationed on ships in the Gulf, U.S. nuclear weapons stored in Turkey, and Israel's major nuclear complex at Dimona.

DAMAGE TO THE FRAGILE DESERTS

Even before war broke out, extensive environmental damage had been done. Armies produce prodigious amounts of garbage, toxic waste and sewage. It is unlikely that any care has been taken to insure that these products were being disposed of properly.

With troops dug in on both sides of the border, plants and wildlife have been disturbed and destroyed. John Cloudsley-Thompson, a London-based biologist and expert on the impact of war on deserts, says that "Deserts are very fragile environments.

Therefore, any movement — particularly of armored and heavy vehicles — cuts through the top surface and then erosion will set in and so the effects on the environment will last for centuries." In some areas, tank tracks from World War II battles in North Africa are still visible.

EXPLOSIVES

Unexploded chemical weapon and other bombs could also cause problems years later. German mustard gas shells, lobbed during World War I, are still being discovered in Belgium. Unexploded mines, cluster bombs, and other weapons are still a major problem in Vietnam, inflicting a brutal reminder of the Vietnam war on numerous children and farmers, even 15 years after that war.

OIL SPILLS

Massive oil spills totalling (at press time) 12 times the size of the Exxon Valdez spill in Alaska have been reported in the Gulf, a shallow and relatively enclosed sea. The spills have a devastating effect on wildlife and will jeopardize already scarce water resources by polluting Saudi Arabia's desalination plants.

ENVIRONMENTALISTS SPEAK OUT

Environmental groups are calling for energy conservation as an alternative to war. Oil shortages, they argue, must not be used as an excuse to step up drilling in environmentally sensitive areas or to expand nuclear power.

Ken Bossong, Director of Public Citizen's Critical Mass Energy Project in Washington, DC, says that while the administration is currently developing a national energy strategy, its "solutions are, ironically, to continue and expand our dependence on oil rather than trying to reduce it. Rather than trying to conserve oil, their solution is to drill more domestically...ending up with a scenario where you are causing serious environmental damage, raising energy prices across the board and worsening problems of inflation. Perhaps most ironically, by doing so you are making oil imports more attractive, because imported oil is cheaper than the domestic options the administration is considering."

An international alliance of environmental groups has initiated a "Call to Action," demanding a withdrawal of all foreign and occupying military powers in the Gulf. "Recent experiences in Vietnam, Central America, Afghanistan and the Iran-Iraq war, all clearly point to the grave ecological consequences of military buildup and warfare."

For more information, contact The International Clearinghouse on the Military and the Environment/ARC, P.O. Box 150753, Brooklyn, NY 11215; (718) 788-6071, or the Global Environmental Alliance for Peace in the Persian Gulf, 942 Market Street #202, San Francisco, CA 94102; (415) 397-1452.

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Local CBS Affiliate KMST Refuses to Sell the Nuclear Freeze Airtime

by Terry Teitelbaum

A person who gets all of his or her information about the war in the Persian Gulf from television would probably think that there have been virtually no casualties, in spite of days of heavy bombing. She or he would also think that there is no organized opposition to this war; that, in fact, there is no peace movement, and that the number of people actively demonstrating against the war are equal to those actively demonstrating for the war. One would also believe that there are no clear, sensible arguments being put forth by knowledgeable peace movement

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spokespeople explaining why so many are demonstrating against the war. Furthermore, it would appear that the only people qualified to have any "official" opinion worth articulating on the air are military generals with maps and pointers.

So what can a peace activist — whose views represent hundreds of thousands of people — do to be heard? If the TV cameras won't accurately record the demonstrations, one option is to actually buy TV time to communicate dissent with our government's actions in the Middle East. That's what the Nuclear Weapons Freeze of Santa Cruz County tried to accomplish in its attempt to purchase airtime for an anti-war ad featuring Vietnam Vet Ron Kovic.

This ad, produced by the national organization Operation Real Security, aired locally 21 times between December 18, 1990 and January 14, 1991. The Peace Economy Campaign Coalition (PECC) purchased the airtime on KMST-TV (Channel 46) and announced this bold step at a press conference on December 18 at the County Government Center in Santa Cruz. This announcement was covered by KCBA-TV and public radio stations KUSP and KZSC, as well as *The Good Times*, *The San Jose Mercury* and the *Santa Cruz Sentinel*. A newspaper in Corvallis, Oregon also covered it after picking up the story on the wire service. Finally, KMST-TV came to the press conference with a reporter and a cameraperson. In fact, the story was the lead feature on that station's late night news.

Once the war started, the board and staff of the Nuclear Weapons Freeze (a PECC member) decided to make another purchase of airtime for these Kovic ads, which urge Americans to stand up and speak out against the war. We contacted our sales representative at KMST, who proceeded to attempt to schedule the time. Unfortunately, her general sales manager refused to let her do so, first claiming that the station had no airtime to sell, and later offering a secondary reason that with the outbreak of war the ad had become "too controversial."

After talking directly to the general sales manager and failing to persuade him to

approve the sale, I requested a meeting with the general manager of the station to discuss the situation and to appeal to his sense of fairness. Dick Drilling, the station manager, as well as Ben Tucker, executive vice-president of Retlaw Broadcasting Co. (which owns KMST) agreed to meet with me on the morning of January 24.

I started the meeting by asking them to explain their reasons for deciding to refuse us airtime for the ad. Instead of an explanation, I was told that the station has a policy (which is not in writing) against selling "advocacy advertising." I pointed out that the station had already sold airtime for the ad in two separate buys by the PECC. Mr. Tucker claimed no knowledge of this and, in fact, had not even seen the ad in question. Mr. Drilling said the sale "slipped through the cracks" because he had been out of town the previous week. I pointed out that the ad had been running since last year and I was surprised he didn't know about it. I received no response to this. When I informed them that it had been covered by their station's news department and was the lead story on December 18, both claimed to be unaware of this. Mr. Tucker admitted that he actually has not been watching the station all that closely.

I went into this meeting with hopes of discussing such issues as fairness, democracy, journalistic objectivity and professionalism, and equal access to the airwaves. What I got instead was a worn out, condescending lecture from Mr. Tucker on the justifications for the war with Iraq. He did most of the talking, making many contradictory statements and showing his very obvious (and alarming) bias in favor of the war.

When I expressed my concern about his journalistic objectivity, he adamantly denied any bias. He instead doubted my ability to question his objectivity. I informed him that it was not my job to be objective in this case since I am a peace activist with a stated point of view. I didn't think it was unreasonable to expect him to be objective as a journalist and a broadcaster.

In spite of his ongoing vocal support for the war, Mr. Tucker also claimed that the station's coverage of the peace movement was balanced and accurate. Claiming to fairly represent "both sides of the issue," he cited the fact that the station gives equal airtime to pro-war and anti-war demonstrators, no matter what the numbers. When I asked him if he thought that hours upon hours of coverage of military commentators and Pentagon file footage constituted pro-war airtime, he said no, that it was "straight news" and that the balance to be had was between the demonstrators. He said he felt that even two flag-waving pro-war demonstrators were as valid a news story as thousands of anti-war protesters. I found it interesting that he believed his station's coverage to be fair in spite of the fact that he had not been watching closely enough to notice the Kovic ads or the earlier news coverage of them.

I also asked both men if they were troubled by the fact that news of both U.S. military and Iraqi civilian casualties was being suppressed. Mr. Drilling said he didn't believe anything was being suppressed;

Mr. Tucker said that when the American people needed to have that information, it would be released.

With the outbreak of war, the ad — which features Vietnam veteran Ron Kovic urging Americans to speak out against the war — had become "too controversial."

While I did not get what I had hoped for from this meeting, I did come away with a clearer understanding of KMST's advertising sales policy. Mr. Tucker claimed to find

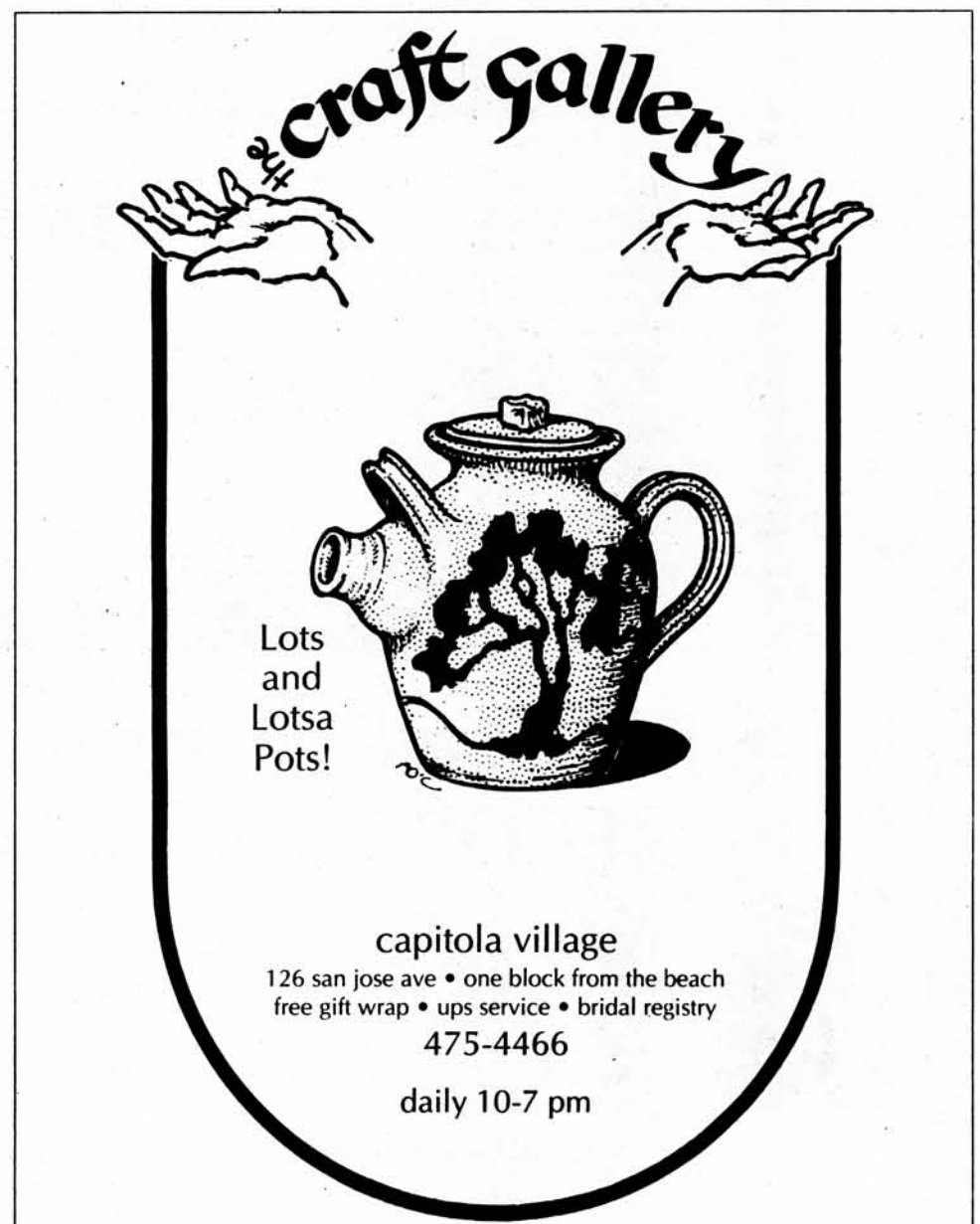
the entire concept of "selling the airwaves to the side with the most money offensive." I think what he really found offensive were the opinions expressed by Ron Kovic in the disputed 30-second spot.

Based on my meeting with these men, I cannot help but conclude that it is the personal opinions of KMST's management and ownership which determine who gets access and who doesn't, thus forming the foundation of the station's unwritten "policy" against advocacy advertising.

I left with the promise of "keeping in touch" with Station Manager Dick Drilling. I encourage you to "get in touch" with him to let him know what you think of KMST's policies. (KMST Channel 46 can be reached at 408-649-0460 or 2200 Garden Rd., Monterey, CA 93940.)

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

Author's note: KSBW-TV (Channel 8) did sell airtime to the Nuclear Weapons Freeze for the Kovic spots, which ran for a week starting four days after the war began. The Freeze is still raising money for more spots; call 458-9975 if you want to contribute.



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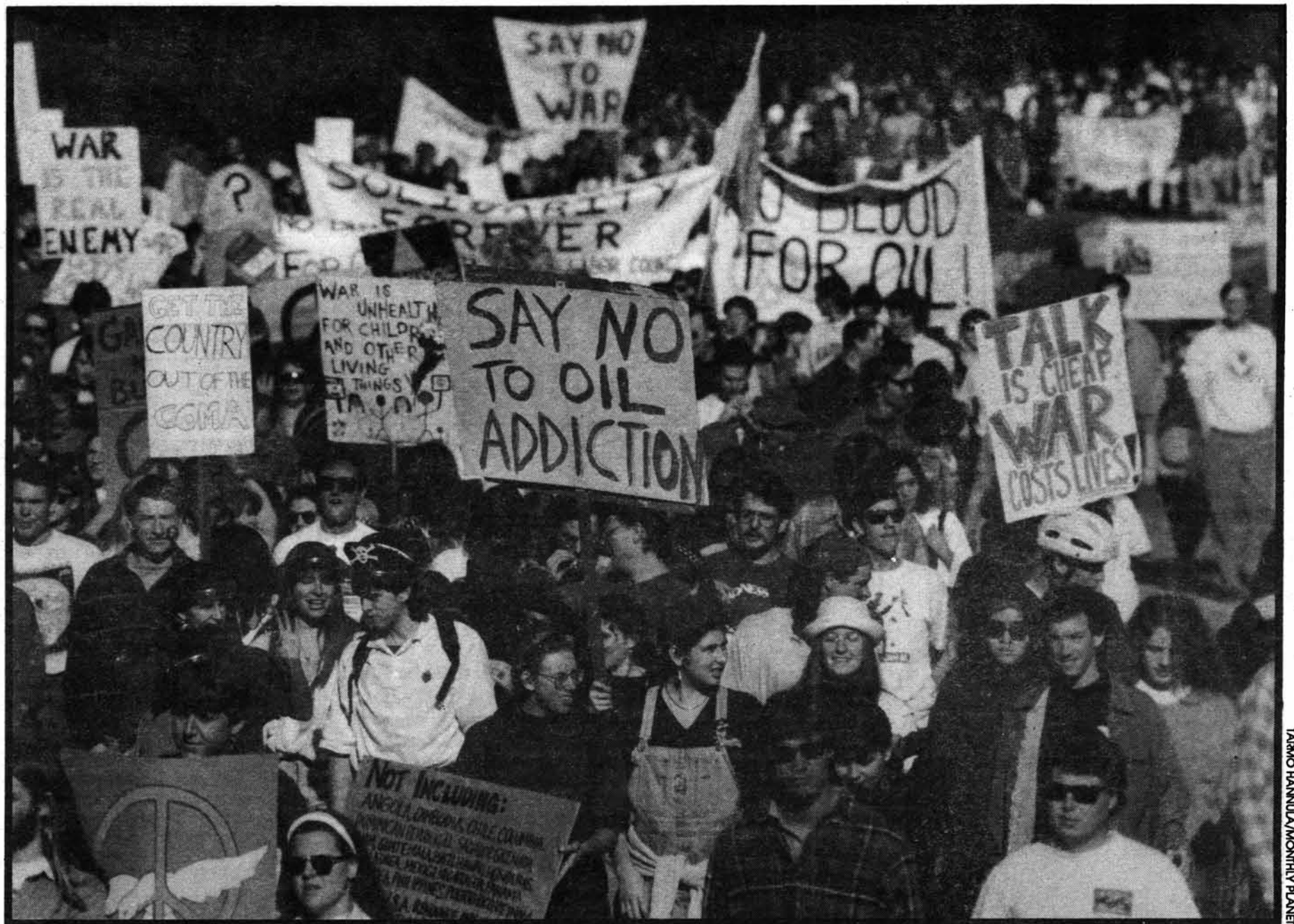
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Santa Cruz Responds to War

by Terry Teitelbaum

A little more than a year ago, the question most heard by Santa Cruz residents was "Where were you when the quake hit?" Recently, the new question has become, "Where were you when you heard that the war started?" I have observed many people compare the emotional aftermath of the two events as similarly devastating.

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I was in the Freeze office at 4:00 pm on Wednesday, January 16. The person to whom I was talking on the phone said, "I just heard they started bombing Baghdad." From that moment on, my entire life, both personally and professionally, changed forever. I also knew that our community and the peace movement would never be the same.

The seeds of the overwhelming and dramatic community response to the war were planted the previous Sunday when I

joined more than 4,000 others in a march and rally to show support for stopping the war before it started. We marched from the University of California at Santa Cruz to San Lorenzo Park, where a four-hour rally took place with even more people than had marched. Four or five thousand people marching in a city of 50,000 was quite a sight, as was the entire benchlands of the park solidly filled to the edges. In my ten years of peace activism here, I had never seen such a turnout. This march and rally resonated with hope and empowerment — we really felt strong; we felt we could stop this war. I had a hard time believing that the bombing would actually start. I am still having a hard time believing it.

The night we heard the news, 7,000 people filled the Farmer's Market Plaza (formerly the site of Ford's department store, which was destroyed in the quake) and overflowed into the surrounding streets. After a short series of speeches, the rally turned into a candlelight march through the streets of downtown Santa Cruz. Several thousand of the marchers proceeded to the Ocean Street entrance to Highway 17 for the purpose of peacefully blockading it for one hour. The rest of the marchers returned to the rally site for information about upcoming demonstrations and other ways to continue to work for peace in the Persian Gulf.

The days following the first bombing raid on Iraq were filled with widespread and massive community responses, including a blockade of the Military Recruiting Center in Capitola; a large demonstration with students from San Lorenzo, Harbor, and Santa Cruz High Schools; a student walk-out from Mission Hill Junior High; and more spontaneous demonstrations against the war than anyone could count. Daily candlelight vigils started the day after the war began, in Santa Cruz (at the Town Clock), in Capitola (on the Stockton Street Bridge, sponsored by Capitola merchants), and in Watsonville (at the Plaza). Since then, a 24-hour presence has been established at the Santa Cruz Town Clock and weekly candlelight vigils have been organized in Felton and Boulder Creek.

On Saturday, January 19, several hundred Santa Cruz residents traveled to San Francisco to participate in a huge march and demonstration with perhaps 100,000 people from all over the Bay Area. Several busloads of Santa Cruzans plus hundreds more are in San Francisco as we go to press (on January 26) for yet another giant march and rally.

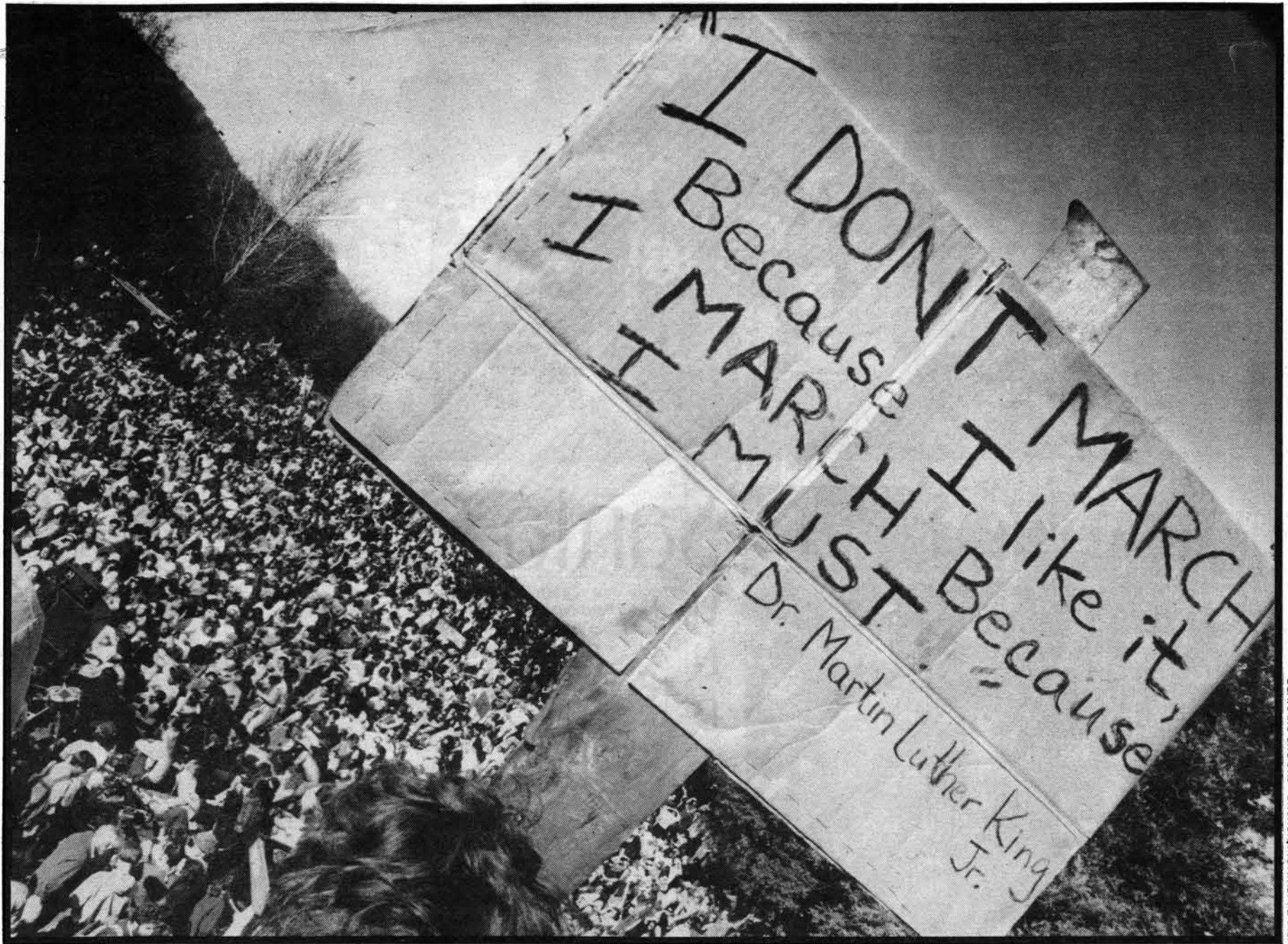
Street theater, teach-ins, plans for a human chain on West Cliff Drive, and numerous other creative actions have been taking place in the community since the war started. What is so significant about

these actions is the fact that, in most cases, they are not being organized by any established peace organization. People are not waiting for someone to tell them what to do; in response to the dis-empowering effects of the war people are empowering themselves and taking responsibility for resisting the war in the ways that inspire them.

Furthermore, organizations other than peace groups are taking strong stands against the war. For example, the Community Action Board (a local anti-poverty agency) and the Westside Community Health Center have both issued official statements condemning the war.

Businesses are also supporting the call for peace. Bookshop Santa Cruz will serve as a downtown information center and Cafe Cameleon, Well Within and the Ultramat are all donating a portion of their proceeds to anti-war efforts.

The established peace movement in Santa Cruz has never been busier or more united in its support and facilitation of this great community response against the war. In anticipation of this crisis, an organization called the Persian Gulf Peace Coalition (PGPC) sprang up in August 1990. This new group held several anti-war rallies in the months preceding the deadline and, in cooperation with the UCSC Students for Social Responsibility (SSR), planned the



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emergency rally which took place the night the war started.

Right now, every peace group that I know of in Santa Cruz County is putting a significant amount of their resources into stopping the war; many have put existing programs on hold to focus exclusively on this crisis. And many other groups such as the Santa Cruz Greens, the Santa Cruz chapter of the National Organization for Women and the Santa Cruz Action Network are joining with peace organizations such as the Nuclear Weapons Freeze, the Resource Center for Nonviolence, Veterans for Peace, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Peace Child, the Pledge of Resistance and others to stop the war. Also, Santa Cruz peace activists who are not necessarily affiliated with any particular organization and who mostly take part in nonviolent direct action have been working with the established organizations, resulting in a united yet diverse Santa Cruz peace movement. Enhancing this diversity is the very strong and well-organized student participation and leadership in this effort.

Two days after the war started, representatives from a number of peace groups met to discuss how to respond to the overwhelming demand from the community for information and opportunities for involvement, and to share news of each other's current and planned activities. Those of us with offices reported a deluge of phone calls and people walking in from the community-at-large.

In an attempt to coordinate information

of events and activities, the Freeze has been publishing a daily flier entitled, "Persian Gulf Peace Events." It has also established a "Persian Gulf Peace Hotline" (429-8888) with a taped message of events and activities. The offices of the Freeze, the Resource Center for Nonviolence and the Santa Cruz Action Network (SCAN) are now serving as clearinghouses for volunteers who want to get involved. Other organized activities include:

- Draft Counseling by the Resource Center for Nonviolence.
- A daily table at the Bookshop Santa Cruz with literature and petitions conducted by the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.
- Anti-war television commercials aired by the Freeze which feature Vietnam War veteran Ron Kovic urging Americans to speak out against the war.
- "A Light in the Darkness," a community-wide silent vigil for peace initiated by the Resource Center for Nonviolence which involves lighting a candle every evening and placing it in a window.
- An ongoing "Stop The War" petition drive conducted by the Freeze. (In the two days following the first bombing, more than 5,000 people signed, a number that usually takes two or three months to amass.)
- Nonviolent action preparations (Hundreds have been trained in nonviolence in the past two weeks.)
- Organized bike rides to the rallies in San Francisco.
- War tax resistance workshops.

• Lobbying of Representatives Leon Panetta and Tom Campbell.

• The formation of a formal coalition of community organizations with the purpose of acting together effectively to stop the war. (This coalition is yet to be named.)

• Finally, a handful of organizations, including the Freeze, the Resource Center, SCAN, the Greens and NOW, held "A Meeting for Building a Community to Stop the War," an effort that brought together hundreds of diverse groups, individuals, opinions and energies with the intention of each person having a chance to speak, be heard and connect with others in the community with concerns about the war. Many small group activities have begun to spin off as a result of this event.

As a professional peace activist, my workload has just quadrupled. I think this might be how emergency workers felt after the earthquake. Dealing with the deep despair this tragedy has evoked, combined with doing so much more work, has been a major upheaval for me. Not knowing when it will end is also difficult. Yet I've never been more excited about working with so many other organizations; in fact, it has never happened before. I am proud of how well people and groups are working together, and I hope that in spite of the differences over philosophy and tactics that will inevitably emerge, we will continue to show each other the same level of respect and tolerance that currently exists in the wake of the crisis.

The face of the peace movement in Santa

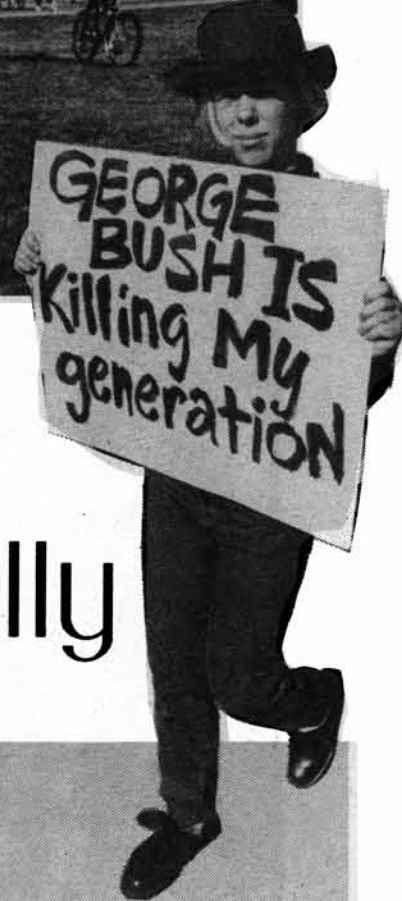
Cruz has changed and will continue to change before the war is over. Peace activities have extended beyond the previously defined boundaries of peace organizations and into the community at large. In many ways, our community is now the peace movement. It is my hope that within this community, each individual who opposes this war will take steps to deepen her or his commitment to ending it. ☉

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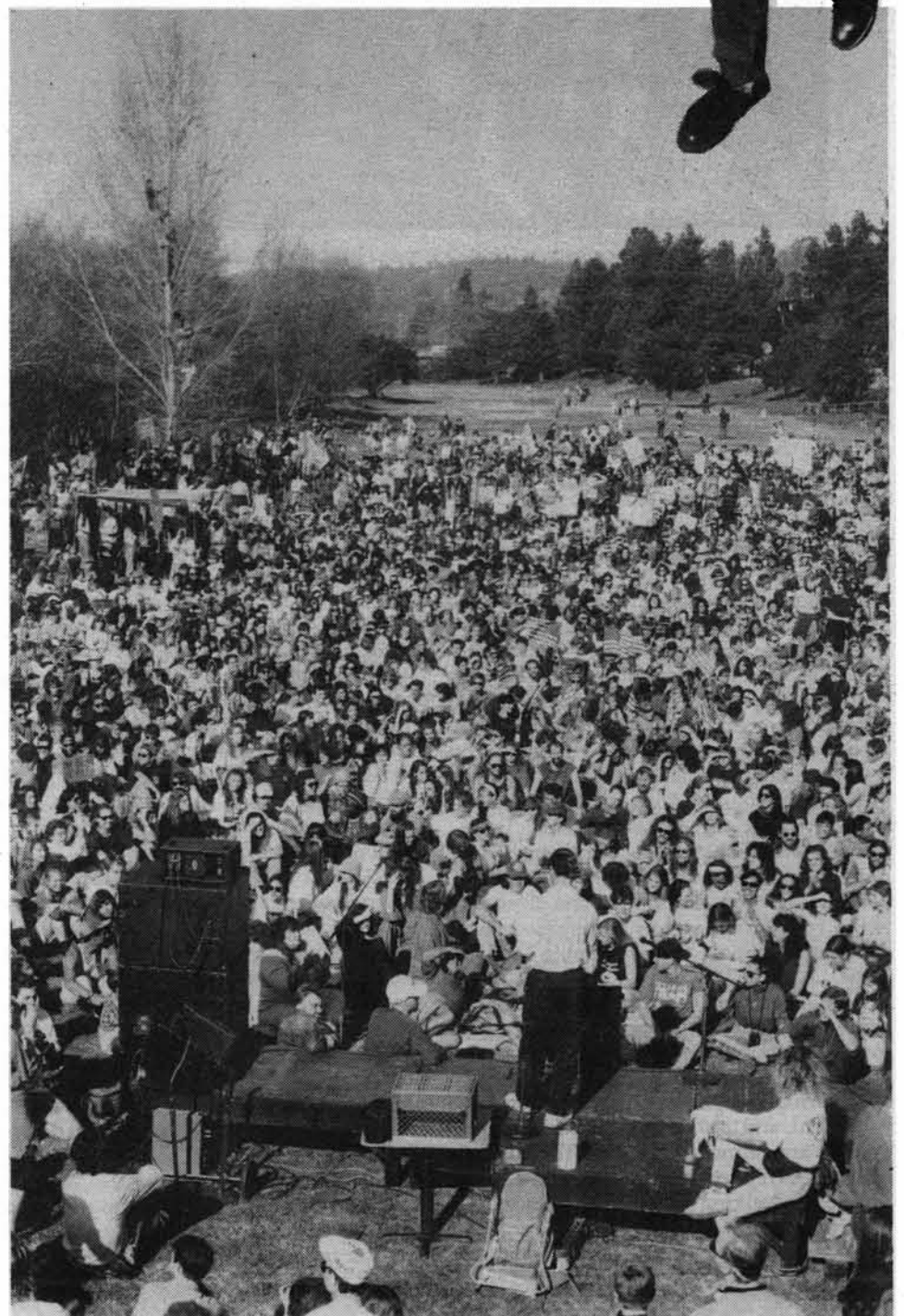
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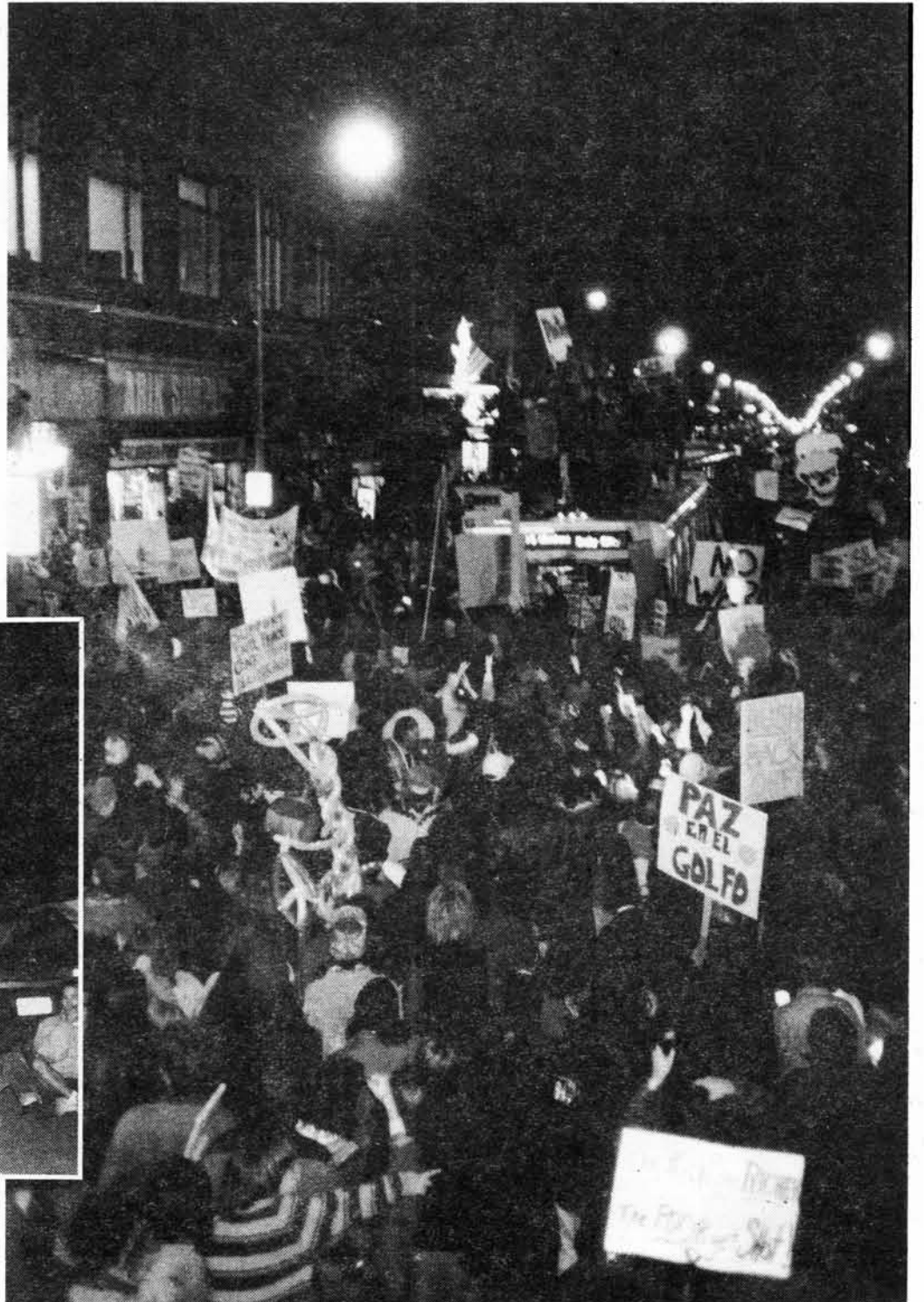
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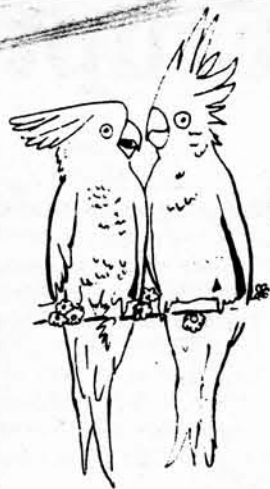
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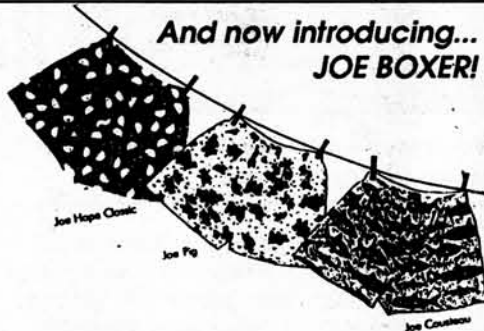
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by William Arkin and Peter Dykstra

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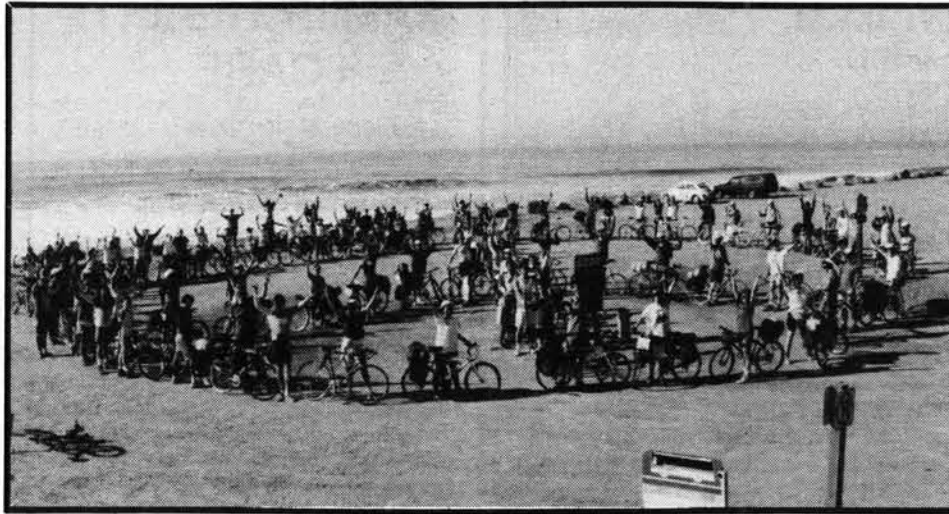
"Sure we were young. We were arrogant. We were ridiculous. There were excesses. We were brash. We were foolish. We had factional fights. But we were right." — Abbie Hoffman

With the increasing realization that the war against Iraq is going to extend into months, public support for the Bush Administration's decision to go to war is sure to decline. So far, the images of the war, as well as the commentary, has not focused on the human suffering that results from war, nor on the environmental damage. With the new scenes of damage caused by multiple SCUD missile attacks mounted against Israel, and the images of the release of large amounts of oil into the Persian Gulf, television may be finally alerting the public to the devastation of a modern war. The more people know about this war, the more they will object to it.

The image of Vietnam anti-war protests — tie dye, long hair, anti-government youth overtaking buildings and streets — has hung over the heads of those protesting the war against Iraq since demonstrations began. Yet today's protesters are different.

The first major demonstration against the Vietnam War, according to *The Power of the People* (1977) took place in New York on December 19, 1964. It was attended by 1,500 people. The first demonstrations against the war in Iraq took place before the war began. Today's protests have been diverse and international in a way that the Vietnam protests never were. The picture emerging is that of young and old, parents and children, peaceniks and veterans, conservatives and liberals, and family members of service men and women, expressing their opposition to this war.

Even after several years of building a movement against the Vietnam War, on November 15, 1969, more than half a million people came to Washington for the biggest anti-war demonstration in U.S. history. Yet, in the first week of protest, over 250,000 people in the U.S. came out against the war, another 2.5 million protested overseas in 38 different countries. Two days after the outbreak of war against Iraq, San Francisco police arrested nearly 1,000



Santa Cruz bicyclists, taking a break during their day-long journey up the coast to the January 19th San Francisco demonstration, form a peace sign with their bikes on the beach.

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people protesting the war — more than were arrested on any single day during the Vietnam protests.

Even before the outbreak of war, demonstrators around the country took to the streets to show their opposition. As the ticking of the clock got louder, so too did their numbers and their voices. On January 14, the day before the U.N. deadline for Saddam Hussein's withdrawal from Kuwait, people all around the country came out in numbers equal to what it took the peace movement against the Vietnam War several years to achieve.

The crowd outside the White House on January 14 numbered over 5,000, with another 500 at the Lincoln Memorial. In San Francisco, 10,000 people were at the Federal Building; 400 of which showed their outrage by getting arrested for civil disobedience. Several hundred demonstrators took over Washington State Legislature chambers in Olympia, while 5,000 blocked traffic around the Chicago Federal Building. The protests spread over the week from Alaska to Missoula, Montana where two dozen demonstrators occupied the Federal Building — a hundred more protested outside. At the United Nations, 1,000 U.N. staffers protested at the U.N. headquarters.

"There isn't one corner of America where there isn't some peace vigil or candlelight procession or some anti-war protest going on," says Bonnie Garvin, spokesperson for

the National Campaign for Peace in the Middle East. "And if there isn't some big thing organized, four people are getting together on a street corner somewhere with a sign."

Students — elementary, high school, and college — stood up to the war and took action earlier than most national peace organizations. "It's the largest involvement we've seen in our generation on any issue," said Jason Pramas, a member of the MIT Initiative for Peace. In Greensburg, Pennsylvania, 150 students at Hempfield Area High were suspended for leaving class to protest the school's apathy over the Gulf crisis. At the Indiana University in Bloomington, 80 students have set up a tent city on campus to protest the war. In Los Angeles, Burroughs Junior High pupils walked out of classes. "I'm very proud of my students," said Assistant Principal Lee Ann Wade.

Much attention has been focused on the fact that if casualty rates reflect the current racial makeup of the armed forces, some 25 percent of the deaths in the gulf will be African-American — double the percentage of African-Americans in the U.S. population. Polls have been showing that the number of blacks who disapprove of the war (47 percent) is much higher than the latest overall national disapproval rate of 23 percent. In Washington, DC, the number of blacks who disapprove is even higher (60 percent).

The largest outpouring against the war in the first week came on January 19. Press coverage and estimates of the enormous country-wide mobilization varied widely. Official estimates of the national rally in Washington DC were 25,000, but the Miami Herald put the figure at 75,000, and organizers even higher. In San Francisco, media and police estimates were 50,000, while organizers believe 100,000 is closer to the actual figure.

DEMONSTRATIONS AROUND THE GLOBE

Protests have taken place around the globe since the war began. Over 2.5 million people are estimated to have demonstrated both for and against a variety of issues, including the war, their own country's involvement in the conflict, the role of the U.S., and to show support for the citizens of Iraq and Saddam Hussein. The largest protests of the first week of war have taken place in Germany, Spain, Algeria, and Libya. Below is a country-by-country listing of protest activity from January 16-25:

Algeria: Over 500,000 people protested U.S.-led strikes on Iraq.

Argentina: On January 24, 5,000-10,000 protesters gathered outside the parliament building to protest their country's involvement in the war while representatives voted to allow Argentina's navy to support the allied forces in the Gulf.

Australia: Thousands of protesters demonstrated across the country, including 10,000 gathered on January 19 at the U.S. and Israeli consulates in Sydney. Protesters have demanded the withdrawal of Australian support.

Austria: 15,500 people have protested in cities throughout the country since hostilities began, and larger demonstrations are expected.

Bangladesh: 500,000 Moslems, gathered after the Haj pilgrimage, voiced support for Saddam Hussein. Students in Dacca (Dhaka) staged a peace protest which drew 3,000 supporters on January 24. The Bangladesh government has protested the Iraqi embassy's alleged involvement in organizing demonstrations.

Belgium: About 10,000 people demonstrated in Brussels on January 20 to demand the withdrawal of Belgian support for the war.

Brazil: 2,000 anti-war protesters gath-

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ered in Sao Paulo to protest the war.

Canada: Hundreds of protesters, led by students, have protested across the country to demand an end of the war and the withdrawal of Canadian forces and support.

China: Arab students were refused a permit to hold an anti-American protest in Beijing.

Czechoslovakia: In Prague, 150 anti-war demonstrators organized by Palestinian students called for withdrawal of Czech support for the war.

Djibouti: The Interior Ministry said protests which took place on January 19 were "prejudicial to the security and peace of the Republic" and banned all further demonstrations over the war.

Ecuador: In the capital city of Quito, students protesting the war threw a makeshift bomb at a branch of a British bank.

Egypt: The government imposed a visa requirement for citizens of Tunisia, Algeria, and Morocco because of the mass protests in those countries against Egypt's role in the war. The government also extended the mid-year holiday for university students for another week in an apparent attempt to prevent student-led protests against the war.

France: 30,000 anti-war protesters including peace activists, workers from communist-led unions, and Green Party members marched in Paris on January 18, with several thousand also protesting in other cities. The protesters also called for an international conference to solve the problems of the Middle East.

Germany: Tens of thousands of Germans have protested across the country since the war began, expressing anti-war, anti-German involvement, and some anti-American sentiment; smaller concurrent demonstrations have been held by pro-Israel groups. In Berlin on January 18, more than 10,000 school children with candles crammed the main shopping avenue, bringing traffic to a standstill.

Greece: More than 10,000 people marched through Athens to the U.S. Embassy on January 24 to protest the U.S. and Greek involvement in the Gulf, and to call for an end to the war.

India: 1,000 anti-war demonstrators outside the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi were dispersed by police using tear gas on January 18. In Delhi's old city, police wielding long canes charged to prevent pro-Iraqi Moslems from halting traffic.

Iran: At Tehran University, anti-American and pro-Iraqi demonstrations were held by 2,000 students, who "reflected the mixed feelings of many Iranians, who hate the Iraqi leadership but will not tolerate Western forces killing fellow Moslems."

Italy: Thousands of young anti-war demonstrators marched in Rome on 19 January.

Japan: Anti-war protesters have rallied in Tokyo, Okinawa and Osaka.

Lebanon: Thousands of Lebanese and Palestinians celebrated the Iraqi attacks on Israel and protested the U.S. and allied attacks on Iraq on January 18.

Libya: One million people, led by Col. Gaddafi, demonstrated against the war and called for Kuwaiti self-determination, according to the State News agency.

Malaysia: The 300,000 member Pan Malaysian Islamic Party said it expected to sign up thousands of Moslems for a jihad to relieve Iraq.

Mauritania: Angry pro-Iraqi/anti-French demonstrations were held on January 17, and hundreds of French citizens took refuge in the French embassy after local officials said they could not guarantee their safety.

Morocco: All eight opposition parties have demanded that the government with-

draw the forces it contributed to the war. All sports events scheduled for last weekend have been canceled ahead of planned pro-Iraq demonstrations. Schools have also been closed. King Hassan has promised to decree a state of siege at the first sign of disorder, threatening that agitators will be tried by military tribunals.

Netherlands: Some 500 anti-war protesters blocked traffic in Amsterdam on January 18, and clashed with police who tried to disperse them.

Nigeria: A group of demonstrators, mainly Shi'ite Moslems, were dispersed by police using tear gas at a protest against the killing of Moslems in Iraq.

Pakistan: Several thousand pro-Iraqi/anti-American demonstrators rallied across the country, and police in Karachi battled protesters with tear gas and batons on January 18. Pakistan has since been the site of some of the most vehement anti-U.S. demonstrations. Millions of Moslems have also thronged mosques to listen to prayers for Saddam's victory.

Philippines: On January 25, some 70 people protested in front of the U.S. embassy in Manila, supporting Iraq's annexation of Kuwait.

South Korea: Thousands of students rallied to protest the ruling party and U.S. involvement in the Gulf.

South Africa: White extremists sent a message of support to Saddam on January 16, which was also echoed by hard line black separatists. The letter read in part: "May your weapons be blessed." On January 18, 70 Moslems were arrested for protesting the U.S. position in the Gulf. Moslem groups have asked President F.W. de Klerk for permission to send a force of 10,000 to aid in the fight against the U.S. and allied troops. On January 25, several thousand people in Johannesburg and 2,500 in Durban protested U.S. intervention in the Middle East.

Spain: Over 100,000 anti-war protesters (mostly students) have rallied across the country for several days. Thousands of students skipped class on January 23, and 10,000 marched through the streets of Barcelona to protest the war and Spanish involvement. Some anti-U.S./anti-NATO sentiment has been expressed.

Sudan: Several thousand anti-American/anti-Israeli protesters marched in Khartoum on January 19. An anti-war march on January 18 ended in violence outside the Saudi Arabian embassy.

Switzerland: About 11,000 protesters have come out against the war across the country, and national protests are expected to bring thousands more this weekend.

Tunisia: Mass rallies have been held by the Moslem population in support of Iraq, and young men are reportedly signing up to volunteer to fight for Saddam Hussein.

Turkey: Nearly 2,000 Moslem fundamentalists protested in Istanbul on January 18 against the attack on Iraq. They later issued a statement which said that "the U.S. is trying to tarnish the belief and honor of the Moslem peoples."

United Kingdom: Thousands of people, including many students, protested the war and Britain's involvement on January 18 at rallies across the country. Leaders of Britain's 1.5 million Moslems called for British withdrawal from the war.

U.S.S.R.: Hundreds of pro-Hussein demonstrators, mostly Arab, gathered in Moscow and Leningrad on January 18 to condemn U.S. and Soviet policy in the Gulf.

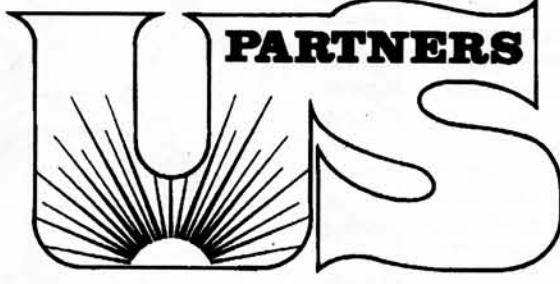
Yemen: Two days of anti-American, anti-war, pro-Iraqi protests involved about 200,000 people in the capital of Sanaa. ☉

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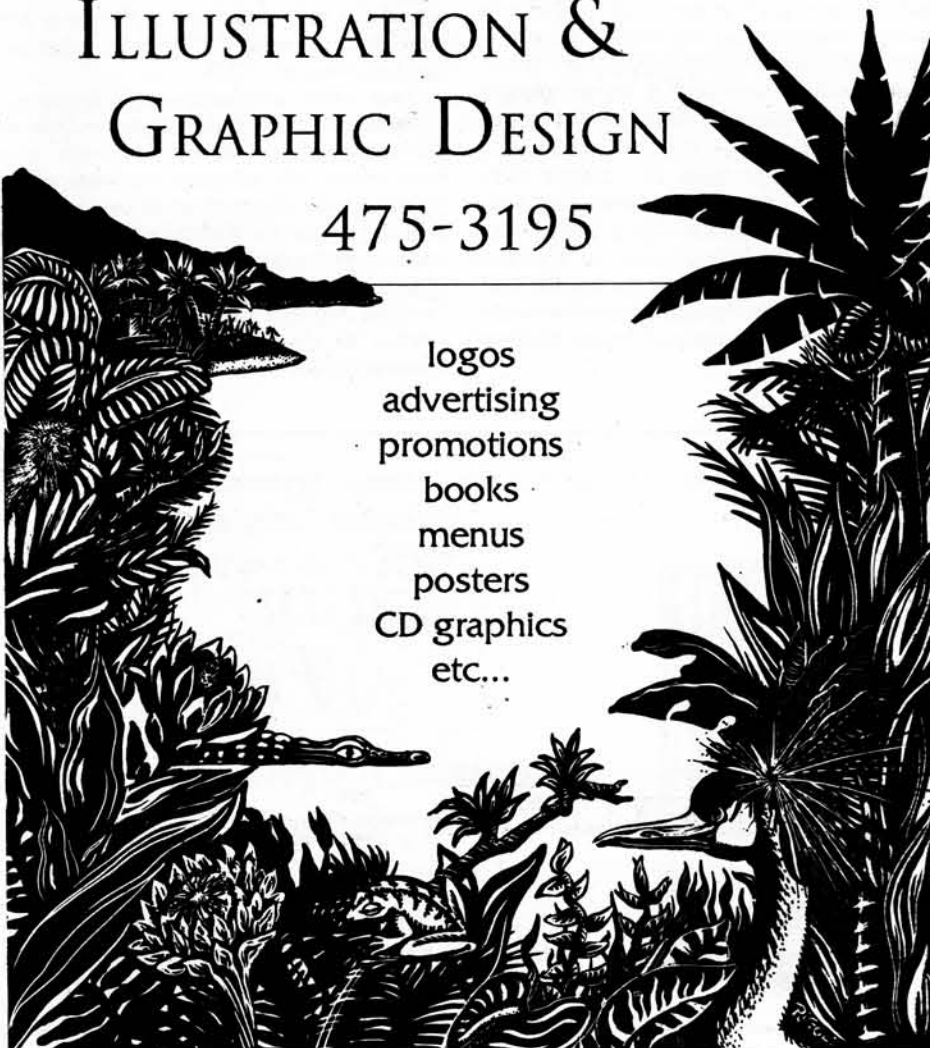
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3000 Arrested for Anti-Nuclear Civil Disobedience in 1990

by Jack Cohen-Joppa

Civil disobedience arrests of anti-nuclear activists dropped off sharply during the last four and one-half months of 1990, as many advocates of nonviolent direct action turned their attention in late summer to the impending Persian Gulf War. According to statistics compiled by the *Nuclear Resister* newsletter, of the 3,000 anti-nuclear arrests reported during the year, less than 10 percent occurred after Nagasaki Day, August 9.

Following Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, and the U.S.-led offensive military response, activists across the continent focused determination and skills honed during more than a decade of anti-nuclear direct action on the immediate task at hand: trying to prevent a war which, in many respects, goes to the heart of concerns often voiced by safe energy and nuclear disarmament activists.

Notable among these concerns are the absence of a coherent U.S. energy policy and the added temptation for more reliance on nuclear power in the wake of the war, the potential irradiation of large areas of Iraq and beyond due to bombing of Iraqi reactors, and nuclear proliferation—the spread of nuclear weapons to other countries such as Israel (which already has them) and Iraq (which wants them).

In the last months of 1990, actions opposing U.S. military moves in the Persian Gulf region occurred across the country, resulting in scores of arrests. Some actions specifically linked anti-nuclear sentiment to this opposition.

A majority of the 1990 anti-nuclear arrests (57 percent) occurred at the Nevada nuclear weapons test site, where a culture of both faith-based and secular civil resistance has been nurtured by several groups over the past decade. Mass actions at the test site continued on the first weekend of 1991, when more than 750 people were arrested, and more major demonstrations are planned for March, April, June, and August. The determination to sustain nonviolent direct action at the remote test site reflects the priority anti-nuclear activists place on achieving a comprehensive nuclear test ban.



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While most test site arrests were not prosecuted, five people served up to seven months in federal prisons or half-way houses in 1990 for test site arrests from the previous year.

In November, three British women and their American guide forced a two-hour delay of a British weapons test by infiltrating the test site. The activists were discovered at ground zero just minutes before the scheduled detonation time. The four were convicted of trespass in federal court and fined in January 1991.

Two civil disobedience campaigns claimed at least partial victories. In Canada, the native people of Labrador, the Innu, have repeatedly blocked runways of the Canadian Air Force Base at Goose Bay, a training center for NATO low-level nuclear and conventional bombers. Last May, NATO planners shelved plans to locate a new Tactical Fighter and Weapons Training Center at Goose Bay, eliminating the greatest threat of increasing flights over the

Innu's traditional migratory hunting grounds. Still, the militarization of their homeland continues, as does nonviolent resistance. One hundred and eighteen people, including several Innu, were arrested November 13 as they shut down the Department of National Defense headquarters in Ottawa. And in December, five Innu were convicted of "illegal possession of Caribou Meat," the spoils of hunting on traditional grounds now declared off-limits by the encroachment of an increasingly militarized Canadian state.

In rural New York, sustained opposition by citizens in two counties forced the retreat of state siting commissioners responsible for examining potential sites for a low-level radioactive waste dump. Last April, in the latest of many nonviolent civil resistance actions, New York state police arrested six Allegheny county elders who had handcuffed themselves across a bridge to prevent siting commissioners from reaching their destination. A column of state troopers then advanced on the crowd behind the elders, clearing away barricades of farm equipment, hay bales and giant snowballs. When the troopers made their final thrust to break through the anti-dump residents, two horses and one of their riders, a young farmer, were beaten and 38 more people were arrested.

Observed 87-year-old Alexandra Landis, one of the elders arrested, "We're becoming hypocrites, trying to help other countries get more democratic but letting the siting commissioners act like dictators."

The melee accentuated overwhelming local opposition to the dump plans, forcing Governor Cuomo to suspend on-site inspections and the siting commission to reconsider just where to dispose of the steadily increasing volume of low-level reactor waste.

In the courts, at least two groups of anti-nuclear defendants won acquittals after presenting their cases to juries. In January, a Utah judge instructed four jurors hearing a case of trespass at a Trident missile motor factory that "treaties of the United States prevent the indiscriminate killing of civilians." Expert testimony about International Law and the "magnitude of the destructive forces we are employing" on the submarine-launched missiles deeply impressed the jurors, according to foreman Wayne Wetzel.

A Massachusetts jury heard lengthy testimony in June from three people arrested the previous year at the Rowe nuclear power plant. Although the judge did not allow formal use of the necessity defense (a claim that the "crime" committed was necessary in order to prevent a greater evil from occurring), the jurors themselves nonetheless weighed evidence of the plant's dangers and the defendants' motivations and determined that no crime had been committed.

A Vermont jury was permitted to consider the necessity defense at the November trial of two men charged with occupying the low-level radiation emissions stack of the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant. A hung jury was eventually declared when some jurors insisted on acquittal.

For those with courts unwilling to consider their claims of conscience in the balance of justice, noncooperation continued

to be the option chosen by many resisters. People arrested in at least eight states (New York, Ohio, Michigan, Colorado, Washington, Vermont, Illinois, and Tennessee) and the District of Columbia refused to return to court after their initial release, while in many more venues activists refused to pay fines or comply with probation demands to bind their conscience. Innu resisters in Canada expressed their opposition by refusing to speak in any language other than their native tongue in court.

In the harshest prison sentence of the year, Jennifer Haines was sentenced to a maximum two years in federal prison, simply for praying inside the gate of the Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant near Denver. Due to her absolute noncooperation with the legal system, Haines was convicted not only of trespass but also on a charge of failure to appear.

1990 brought the release from prison of more than a dozen Plowshares activists, disarmament advocates who have taken hand tools to the task of dismantling the machinery of the nuclear arms race. Some had served more than four years for their acts, and others, by their conscientious noncooperation with parole restrictions, were returned to prison to complete their original sentences. The Plowshares movement, which has become international, takes its name from Isaiah's exhortation to "beat swords into plowshares."

The Plowshares Eight, who in 1980 carried out the first such action when they damaged nuclear warhead shrouds at a Pennsylvania weapons plant, were re-sentenced in April, after almost a decade of appeals that went all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. Specially appointed state judge James Buckingham came away impressed by the pre-sentencing testimony of the defendants and four expert witnesses, three of whom had been barred from the original trial. After listening to the defendants, professional comments on International Law, the relationship of civil disobedience to social change in American history, and the psychological effects of living under the threat of the mushroom cloud, Buckingham pronounced a sentence of probation minus time already served.

One new Plowshares action occurred in the United States in 1990, when community activist Susan B. Rodriguez broke into the San Leandro, California offices of Physics International in April. Once inside, she used her small sledgehammer to damage 55 computers that simulate nuclear explosions for the purpose of guaranteeing that nuclear warheads, missiles and electronics can function in the environment of a nuclear war. Convicted in state court of felony vandalism and burglary, Rodriguez is scheduled to be sentenced on February 27, 1991.

With the Persian Gulf war casting many real and potential nuclear shadows, anti-nuclear resistance actions in the coming year take on added meaning, guaranteeing that the movements for safe energy and nuclear disarmament will continue to be significant forces for progressive social change.

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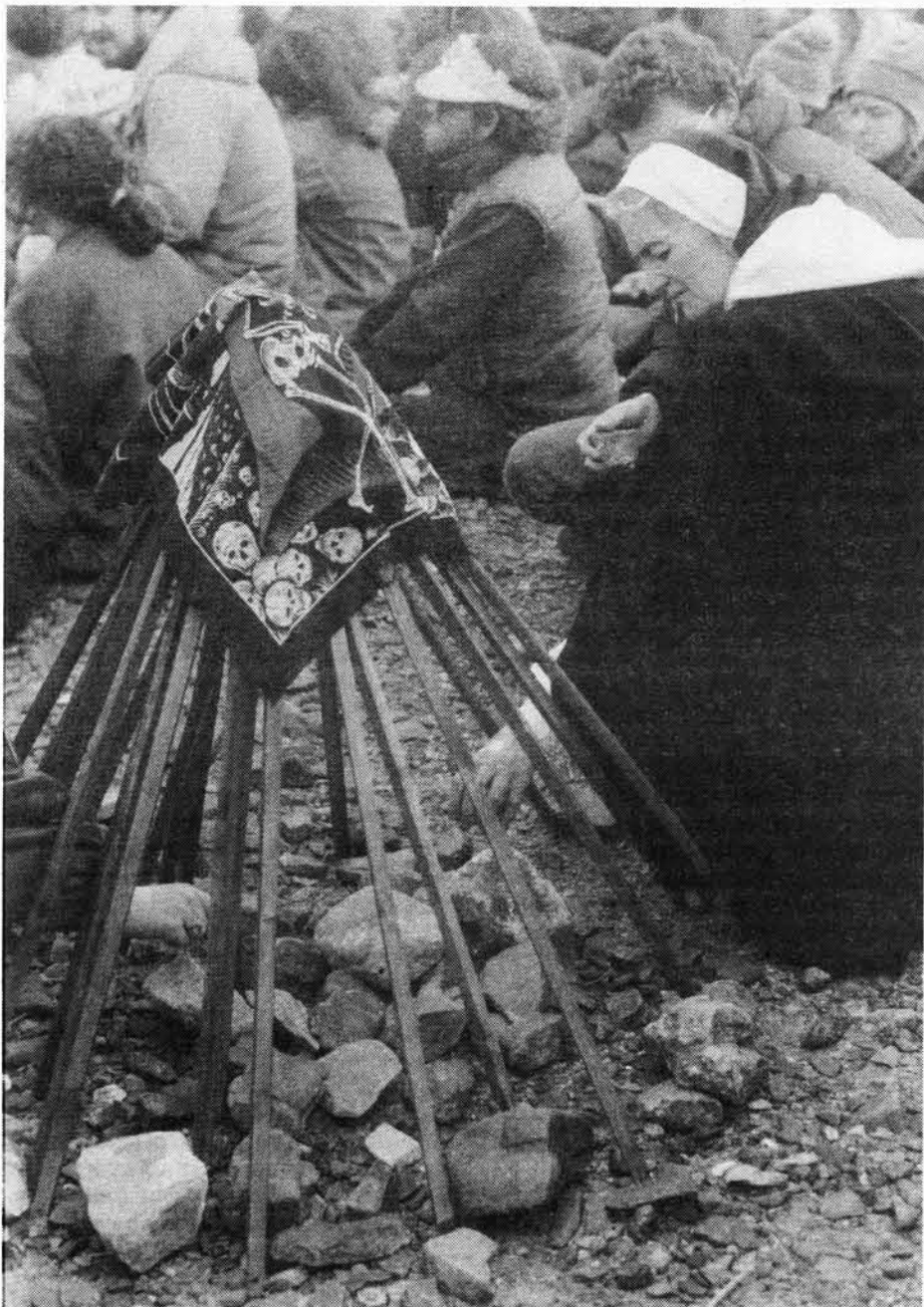
Nevada

January 4-5, 1991

Between 3,000 and 4,000 people from across the U.S. and the world gathered in Nevada the weekend of January 4-5, 1991 to oppose nuclear testing. Friday's activities included an international conference to discuss a comprehensive test ban treaty and a march (photo, right) to the Department of Energy's Las Vegas offices. After Saturday's mass rally at the nearby Nevada Test Site, 750 activists chose to perform civil disobedience and were arrested for trespassing. The weekend's actions, sponsored by Greenpeace and the American Peace Test, were set to focus attention on the United Nations Amendment Conference, which met to consider amending the partial test ban treaty to make it a comprehensive test ban treaty. The Amendment Conference ended its first session on January 18.



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Despite efforts of the U.S. to block continuation of the U.N. Amendment Conference, a coalition of 75 nations voted to reconvene the conference, in order to renew efforts at halting nuclear tests worldwide. Only the U.S. and Britain voted "no" on a resolution that may ultimately put an end to nuclear testing. The conference will probably reconvene in 1993.

Palestinian Activist Urges Intifada to Use Nonviolence

interview by Dan Karamanski

Mubarak Awad, the founder of the Palestinian Center for the Study of Nonviolence, is a Christian Palestinian born in Jerusalem in 1943. He came to the United States for college, returning to Jerusalem to work in an orphanage.

In 1969, he was arrested for trying to organize shopkeepers, and was given the choice between a ten-year jail term or leaving the country. He came to the United States and became an American citizen. Mr. Awad continues his story in an interview conducted on December 10, 1990, before the war began:

INTERVIEW

Mubarak Awad: I got an American passport in '78 and I became an American citizen. In 1983, I went to Jerusalem and established a center called the Palestinian Counseling Center. At the end of 1983, I found out that Palestinians were not interested in psychology or counseling or therapy; their main interest was in politics. So I wrote several articles, and I wrote about the 120 ways the Palestinians could get rid of the occupation through nonviolent means.

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In 1985, I started a center called the Palestinian Center for the Study of Nonviolence. I began with the works of known people in nonviolence like Gandhi and King. I started some workshops and seminars and went to villages and explained to the Palestinian population how they can protect themselves and work through nonviolent means to get rid of the occupation.

In 1988, the Israelis felt that I was largely responsible for the *intifada* and the start of Palestinian nonviolent resistance, and I was deported. Now I'm back in the states.

Monthly Planet: Why do you personally embrace nonviolence?

MA: As a Palestinian, and as a human being, I feel strongly that it is the best alternative in society, in dealing with your enemy. As people who are educated, who believe in a more sensible ideology, we could be opposed. But we don't need to kill the one who is opposing us, not because he is a Jew, or a Palestinian, or a black, or a woman, or a Communist. We have to learn to have tolerance and to accept the different opinions of others. This is a new society that we are thinking of; this is peace. If we cannot do it, we go back to a primitive society, and that is not acceptable in the twenty-first century.

It is not strange for the Palestinians to be nonviolent. We are human, and it is not strange for anybody to be nonviolent. I am pushing hard to change the image of Palestinians as terrorists. For a while, I was very successful in doing that.

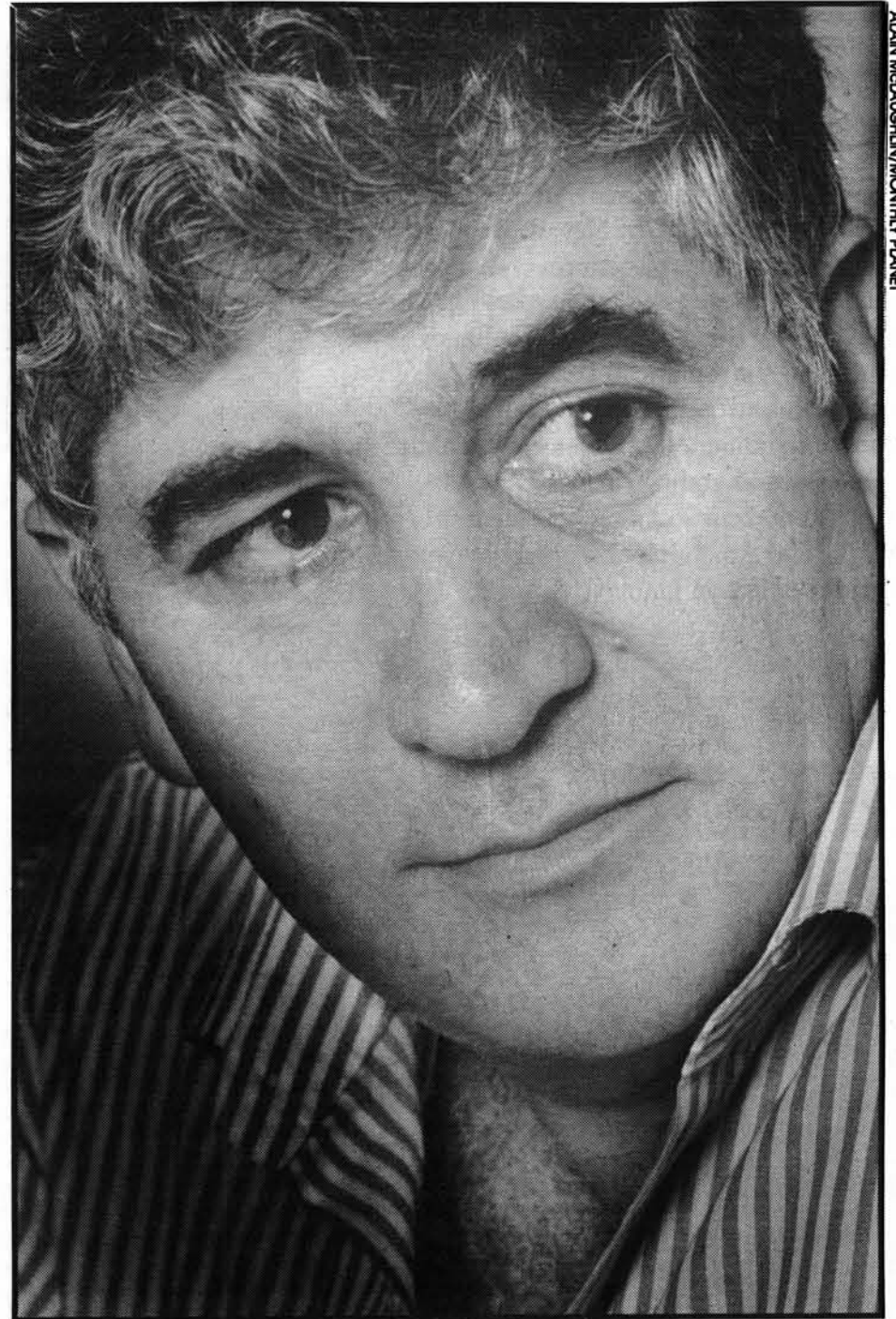
MP: What has been the role of the Center since you've been deported from Israel?

MA: We were not planning to put the Center and nonviolence ahead of the *intifada*, so it took a different role, one of education and of support for the Palestinians' nonviolent actions.

The *intifada* has been sustained and built through nonviolent resistance. The Israelis couldn't crush it [the nonviolent movement] because it involves the maximum number of Palestinians, which is completely different from an armed struggle which involves a minimum number of Palestinians. It involves all kinds of people; the rich, the poor, businesspeople, schoolteachers, students, women's groups — all parts of society. Part of the *intifada* is that people are able to see a full strategy in front of them. They are really the leaders, working for a two-step solution: to recognize Israel, and it is our hope that Israel will recognize us. We are doing it for a permanent peace, which is necessary not just for us but also for the Israelis.

The *intifada* has encouraged the formation of committees led by women for all directions; a women's committee, for example, to see that everybody gets food,

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Mubarak Awad

water, and health care. This has become an important aspect of everybody becoming responsible.

It became obvious that the Palestinians should not use all their actions at one time. We started picking and choosing what we wanted to do. Instead of boycotting everything that we buy from the Israelis, our choice was very limited in the beginning. We chose bread while we were doing our own bread, we chose soft drinks while we were out doing our own soft drinks, and we chose butter and milk and dairy products depending on how much we were able to produce ourselves. It wasn't too harsh for the Palestinians to go cold turkey. It was a gradual thing.

MP: Now that the *intifada* has entered its fourth year, do you expect the conflict to turn more violent?

MA: Yes. I think that there are several factors that threaten the continuation of

the *intifada* as a nonviolent movement. The Israelis, since they cannot stop the *intifada*, feel that the Palestinians should not be rewarded by reacting nonviolently. So the Palestinian two-step peace proposal has been completely rejected by Israel. And the United States rejected the concept of the Palestinian peace proposal as well.

MP: Because part of that peace proposal is the establishment of the Palestinian homeland?

MA: Exactly. The two-step solution: we have to recognize and accept Israeli existence, and they have to accept the West Bank and Gaza as a Palestinian state. Jerusalem will be the capital of Palestine as well as the capital of Israel. Palestine will have a kind of police force, but it will have no army. There is hope that an economic and business relationship will be built between Palestinians and Israelis. The Arab world is interested in peace, and because

we would be at peace with the Israelis, the recognition of Israel will come to the whole Arab world.

MP: Do you believe the Israelis are driving the people in the intifada towards violence?

MA: Of course. Nonviolence didn't work, so the Palestinians see no hope in continuing nonviolence because of the frustration that they have. It's easier to oppose it [the Israeli occupation] through violent means. But now Israel is putting all the leaders of the intifada in prison, and revenge becomes the most important thing, rather than patience and acceptance of the suffering involved in working toward the two-step solution.

MP: What has Israel done to suppress information about the intifada?

MA: The Israelis forbid journalists from going into the West Bank and Gaza, and limit the journalists by giving them only the information that they [Israeli authorities] want them to have. Anybody talking to journalists will be arrested. Palestinian journalists who are going to film or make footage are put in jail and their cameras are destroyed. If we oppose anything that an Israeli might write, our reply will be censored.

Because of the censorship, the Palestinians have to copy from the Israeli press and put it in our own press by saying, "according to this Israeli newspaper." We just translate what the Israeli paper is saying into Arabic to keep the newspaper full. It is difficult when you are a journalist and you write and write, knowing everything you write will be censored.

MP: Do you see a parallel between Hussein's occupation of Kuwait and Israel's occupation of Palestine? Where would you draw the line on this issue?

MA: There is no line to be drawn. Iraqi occupation of Kuwait is a military occupation. It's a brutal occupation; they want to destroy Kuwait and Kuwait's culture and they want to annex it. The Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza is the same; it's a brutal military occupation, and they want to destroy the Palestinian culture and annex it.

Saddam played the game, saying that this is for his security. Israel plays the same game for its security. The bad part of it is that one is an Arab, one is an Israeli.

MP: Have the Palestinians been hurt by their support of Hussein?

MA: No, it did not hurt them. We already lost everything. He is willing to have half of Iraq destroyed by the Americans and still

insists that you have to link it to the problem of the Palestinian people. So he becomes a hero to every Palestinian.

We don't care if he is corrupt, or he is mean, or if he has an illegitimate regime because we know that all the Arab leaderships are illegitimate, all the Arab leaders are corrupt, and all the Arab leaders are brutal. He is no different, but the difference to us is that he is the one who is carrying the Palestinian banner on the international scene, in front of the Americans, standing against the Americans, standing against the Israelis, standing against the rich, oil producing, filthy rich Arabs who invest all their money outside rather than in their own Arab world.

We like his message, but he is the wrong messenger. His message is great; we need unity among Arabs, we need development in the Arab world, we need to show the whole world that the Arabs can stand on their own feet. But he's cruel.

MP: Do you have any closing statements?

MA: The Arabs see the Gulf Crisis differently than the Americans do, and I'll give you some examples. The Arabs don't see that the Americans are really interested in the Arab world or the Kuwaitis or the Saudis. The American values are not against occupation because they support other occupations; Americans are interested in selling weapons and producing more weapons, and that creates more of a problem for them when they don't have a Russian enemy. They want a new enemy, and by having a new enemy they continue the support of the military-industrial complex in the United States.

For us as Palestinians, we see that there is an Arab leader who will stand against the United States, and that doesn't sit well in the United States; they want to crush him. The United States has to have some Arab leader who will say "Yes, sir!" The Arabs are saying that we need to be a player in the new twenty-first century world, and we cannot say "Yes, sir!" The oil is not American oil, it's Arab oil. Saddam wants control of Arab oil and will use it politically and economically against America. This would be a weapon in Arab hands.

America needs to deal with Arabs as equals rather than looking down on Arabs because we are in the Third World. [They think that] we do not have the intelligence to compete with America. It's a racist thing. I think that the whole Gulf Crisis represents a white racist concept that Arabs cannot solve their own problems. [It's as if America says] "we are the big daddy, and we are going to help them and solve it." That's not acceptable. ☉

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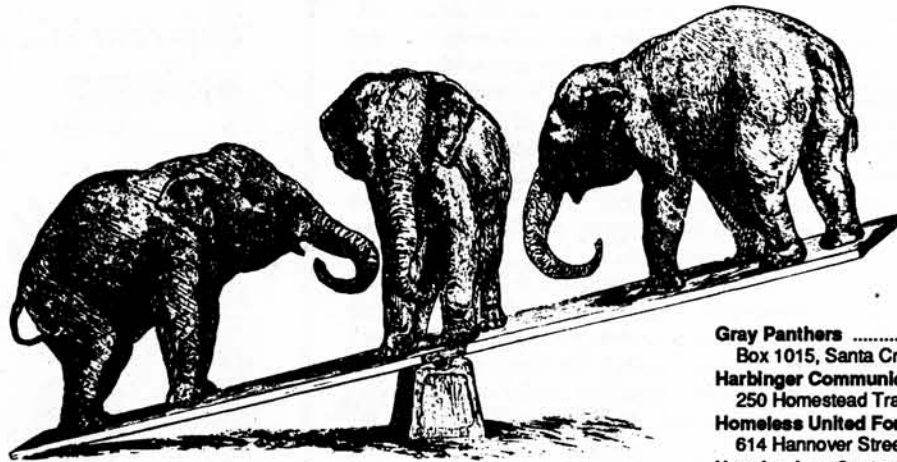
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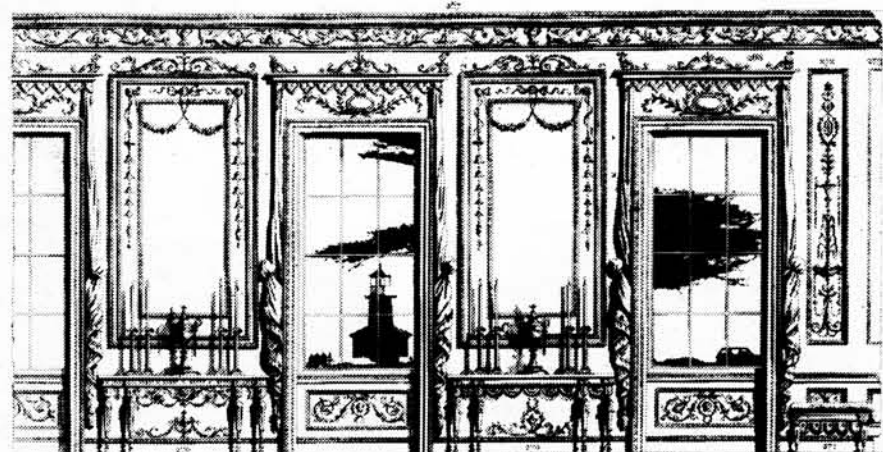
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Comparable Worth Forum. The Committee on the Status of Women is sponsoring a forum on the pros and cons of comparable worth. This forum was made possible through the funding support of most boards, colleges, divisions and the chancellor. The Women's Center, UCSC. Classroom Unit II, 3:30 p.m. A reception will follow at Porter College Provost's House.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

"Support the Troops — Stop the War," Peace Rally. Meet at Mission Plaza Park at 1 p.m. Sponsored by the Pledge of Resistance and S.C. Students for Social Responsibility. Info: 4580276, 4582719.

Comparable Worth Workshops. Forum's participants joined by local experts, will focus on various aspects of the comparable worth issue. Due to space limitations, participants are asked to register in advance. Porter College (rooms to be announced), 9:30 a.m. Info: 459-2072.

Statewide Strategizing Meeting on Radioactive Waste Issues. Presentations include information concerning the radioactive waste dump proposed for Needles, California; the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's deregulation policy "Below Regulatory Concern" (BRC); Jan Kirsch, M.D., on the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences Report "Health Effects of Exposure to Low Levels of Ionizing Radiation," an update of the Farallons Radioactive Waste Site situation; coordination of action on the above issues; plus an update on the Oakland Nuclear Free Zone appeals case. Marin Center for Peace and Justice, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, San Anselmo (Marin

County), 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Info: (415) 861-0592, (415) 536-4621, (415) 868-1900.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

"One Blue Sky," Part Two: "Generation Unto Generation," a Consider the Alternatives radio program on KAZU (90.3 FM). This is the second in a special three-part documentary series on human values and the environment. 9-9:30 p.m. Info: 375-7275.

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.

Earthbeat. A KZSC (88.1 FM) radio program in search of justice, peace and environmental sanity. Hosted by Tom Kruzik. 6:30-7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

"The Media and the War (and what we can do about them)," a discussion with media analyst Norman Solomon in the multi-purpose room of the Loudon Nelson Center, 7:30-9:30 p.m. There will be a \$3-\$10 sliding scale fee. A benefit for the Nuclear Weapons Freeze. Info: 4589975.

"The Missiles of August: The Arming of Iraq and Other Developing Nations." A talk by Dr. Edward Lawrence, a professor of Political Science at the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, who has a new book coming out on the International Arms Trade. Sponsored by the Stevenson Program on Global Security at UCSC and IGCC. 3:30-5 p.m., Stevenson Conference Room, UCSC. Free and open to the public. Info: 459-2833.

Santa Cruz Action for Big Mountain meets at the Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz. 7 p.m. Info: 464-8633.

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

"Sugar Cane Alley," Euzhan Palcy's film set in Martinique of the 1930's, depicts lives led by black sugar cane workers. The Women's Center, UCSC, 7:30 p.m. Free, partially handicapped accessible.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

HIV Positive Drop-In Support Group. Meets every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. at the Santa Cruz AIDS Project (SCAP) office, 1606 Soquel Avenue. All HIV+ individuals are welcome. No fee. Facilitators: Terry Cavanagh and Mark Evans. Info: Wendy at SCAP, 427-3900.

On-going drop-in at Pink Cafe, Cardiff House. Sponsored by The Women's Center, UCSC, 6-9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

"The Mideast Dilemma: Israel and Palestine, Two Rights?" will be presented from the perspectives of Rabbi Richard Litvak, Temple Beth El, Aptos; and Santa Cruz City Councilmember Scott Kennedy, staffperson for The Resource Center for Nonviolence and Chair of the National Fellowship of Reconciliation's Mideast Task Force. The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom invites the public to this brown-bag lunch program. Trinity Presbyterian Church, Melrose and Poplar, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Info: 425-7618.

A meeting to acquaint the public with General Plan processes at county and city levels. Planners from the County of Santa Cruz and the cities of Santa Cruz, Watsonville, Scotts Valley and Capitola will discuss the process of updating their General Plans and how they might work together to achieve an integrated General Plan for the County. Citizens who are interested in becoming involved in the planning process at the county or a city level are urged to attend. Co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Santa Cruz County, The Environmental Council of Santa Cruz County, and the Santa Cruz Regional Group of the Sierra Club. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Info: 426-2286.

Support workshop for women rape survivors. Free, 10-week drop-in group, January 9-March 13. Free childcare available. Women's Health Center, 250 Locust Street. Sponsored by Santa Cruz Women Against Rape. Info: 426-7273.

UCSC Anti-Growth Group. Upstairs at the UCSC Student Center, 4 p.m.

Student Power. A UCSC student group working for better representation on campus. Upstairs at the UCSC Student Center, 12:15 p.m.

An Evening with Buchi Emecheta. Ms. Emecheta is a Nigerian feminist writer of several novels and children's books. She is an Alumni Distinguished Visiting Professor this quarter at UCSC. The Women's Center, UCSC. Co-sponsored with Kresge College Intersections. Kresge Town Hall, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Community Educational Forum on the Crisis in the Middle East. Speakers Terry Burke, Prof. of Mideast History, UCSC; Daniel Wirls, Assoc. Prof. of Political Science, UCSC; and Deena Hurwitz of the Resource Center for Nonviolence and New Jewish Agenda. Pacific Cultural Center, 1307 Seabright Ave., Santa Cruz, 7 p.m. Free/donations accepted. Sponsors: Resource Center for Nonviolence, Peacemakers of Santa Cruz. Info: 426-7196.

The Environmental Club, a newly formed club for teachers and students in Santa Cruz County. The



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goal is to help the people in schools access the diverse resources and growing environmental network in the community. First meeting, 7-9 p.m., Loudon Nelson Center. Info: 423-8749 or 458-1377.

Facing the Future: Women's Studies Majors. This discussion focuses on graduating women wanting to explore options. Discussion facilitated by Associate Director of Career Services, Jewell DeMoss. Co-sponsored with Women's Studies and Career Services. The Women's Center, UCSC. 4 p.m.

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

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

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Town Meeting with Tom Campbell Congressman Tom Campbell (12th congressional district) is holding a "Town Meeting" to answer questions from his constituents at the Corralitos Community Center, 569 Corralitos Road, 5-6 p.m. Campbell, whose district includes San Lorenzo Valley, Scotts Valley, and the Corralitos area, voted to empower the President to start the war. Info: Tom Campbell's office, 438-7985 or 245-4835.

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

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"One Blue Sky," Part Three, a Consider the Alternatives radio program on KAZU (90.3 FM). Featured are Jonathan Weiner; United Nations spokespeople including Noel Brown of the U.N. Environment Programme; Gro Brundtland of Norway and Mansour Khalid of Sudan, who co-chaired a U.N. World Commission on Environment and Development; music from REM; psychiatrist Robert Jay Lifton; Dr. J. Peter Myers, senior V.P. with the National Audubon Society; President Bush at the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change; Rep. Claudine Schneider; Damon Moglen of Greenpeace; the Dalai Lama; Frances Moore Lappe, and others. 9-9:30 p.m. Info: 375-7275.

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"The Rise of SuperPatriot Group Influence in America: from Paul Revere to Reagan." A talk by Dr. David Kaun, a professor of Economics at UCSC since 1966. He has previously done research at the Brookings Institute. Sponsored by the Adlai E. Stevenson Program on Global Security Colloquia Series. See February 4.

Santa Cruz Action for Big Mountain meets at the Loudon Nelson Center, 7 p.m. Info: 464-8633.

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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"Feminism, Sex and Porno-Tapes: Where Do You Draw The Line?" A forum. An opportunity to hear various points of view by local activists, including Media Watch activist, Anne Simonton; *Beauty Secrets* author, Wendy Chapkis; and professor of Japanese Literature, Earl Jackson. Sponsored by The Women's Center, UCSC. Co-sponsored with Kresge College Intersections and Feminist Studies O.R.A. Kresge Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

A talk on Cuba today after the Cold War. Karen Wald, journalist and consultant to many important media sources (*N.Y. Times*, NBC, CCN, BBC-TV) and lecturer (Stanford, UC-Davis, Harvard Medical School) will be the speaker. \$5 donation requested. Co-sponsored by Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Resource Center for Nonviolence, Nuclear Weapons Freeze, Democratic Women's Club, N.O.W., and The Women's Centers at UCSC and Cabrillo College. Loudon Nelson Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. Info: 479-1970.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

A talk on the current issues of 1991, including Mid East, environment, military spending, women's concerns, and offshore oil. Barbara Boxer, Representative 6th District, will be the speaker. Brunch. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Loudon Nelson Center. Sponsored by Democratic Women's Club in association with People's Democratic Club, North County Democratic Club, Pajaro Valley Democratic Club and the Democratic Central Committee. Reservations \$15. Info: 479-9948 or 479-0641.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

"Bob Greenstein on the Federal Budget," a Consider the Alternatives radio program on KAZU (90.3 FM). This program explores the politics and policies behind our nation's annual budget debate. 9-9:30 p.m. Info: 375-7275.

Earthbeat. A KZSC (88.1 FM) program in search of justice, peace and environmental sanity. Hosted by Tom Kruzik 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Green Talks, sponsored by the Santa Cruz Greens. Call Robin Brooks at 476-5957 for details of the next talk.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Santa Cruz Action for Big Mountain meets at the Loudon Nelson Center, 7:00 p.m. Info: 464-8633.

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

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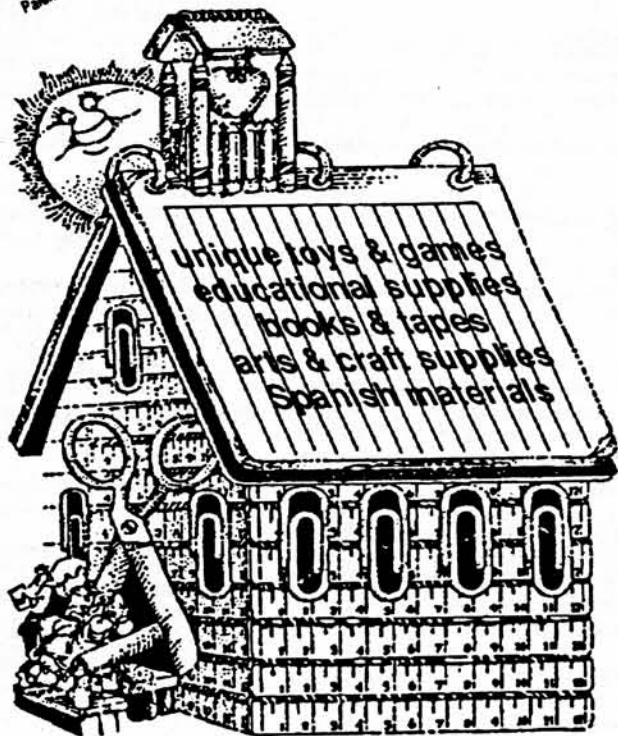
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"The CIA and the Gulf War," a discussion with John Stockwell, former CIA agent, at the Loudon Nelson Center at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Stockwell will update us on the types of activities that the CIA would be engaged in around the Middle East. A donation of \$4-\$12 requested. Sponsored by the Christic Action Team. Info: 426-3254.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

"The Maintenance of International Security in the '90s: lessons from the '20s." A talk by Emily Goldman. Dr. Goldman is a professor of Political Science at UCSD and will be a Secretary of the Navy Fellow next year. Part of the Adlai E. Stevenson Program on Global Security Colloquia Series. See February 4.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Ecotopian Fair with Ernest Callenbach speaking on "Hope for the Future." Vegetarian food for sale, many eco-fun activities throughout the evening, dancing after the talk. \$10 to \$25 sliding scale. 6-11 p.m., Pacific Cultural Center. Benefit for Santa Cruz Greens.

John McCutcheon benefit concert for the Resource Center for Nonviolence. First Congregational Church, 900 High St., 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$9-12 sliding scale, or \$12 at the door, and are available at the Resource Center for Nonviolence (515 Broadway), Blue Rhythm Records (in Capitola Village), and Bookshop Santa Cruz. (See next item.)

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"Concert for Kids." Presented by Jim Marshall, Jack Bower and Jose-Luis Orozco. This program is the second in a series presented as a benefit for Planned Parenthood of Santa Cruz County. Admission \$5 adults, \$3 children. Tickets available in advance at Planned Parenthood, Trader Tots, Dino Source, Kaleidoscope, Teddy Bear Toys and Blind Pilot or at the door at Kuumbwa on the day of the concert. Kuumbwa Jazz Center, 11 a.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

"Jimmy Carter: The State of Human Rights," a Consider the Alternatives radio program on KAZU (90.3 FM). Coverage of Jimmy Carter's "State of Human Rights" address, and of his presentation of the annual Carter-Menil human rights prizes. The recipients are: The Council of Ethnic Communities Runujel Junam, or CERJ (a Guatemalan group known for its work among the Mayan Indian majority), and the Civil Rights Movement, or CRM, of civil war-torn Sri Lanka. The event took place at New York University on December 10, 1990. 9-9:30 p.m. Info: 375-7275.

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Helen Caldicott Coming to Santa Cruz

Dr. Helen Caldicott will speak in Santa Cruz on Thursday, March 21st, 7:30 p.m., at the Civic Auditorium. The money raised at this event will benefit the Environmental Council of Santa Cruz County.

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"The Soviet Union Today." A talk by Abraham Brumberg. Mr. Brumberg is an independent journalist and author from the Soviet Union, who has done recent work on the changes in the East, and has written for the N.Y. *Review of Books*. Part of the Adlai E. Stevenson Program on Global Security Colloquia Series. See February 4.

"You Got To Move," a documentary for social activists. This film records the progress of individuals who together with Tennessee's legendary Highlander Folk School have worked for union, civil, environmental and women's rights in the South. The Women's Center, UCSC, 7:30 p.m.

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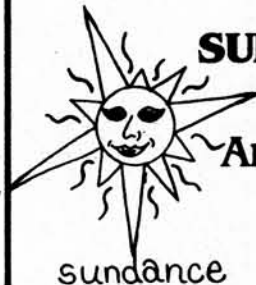
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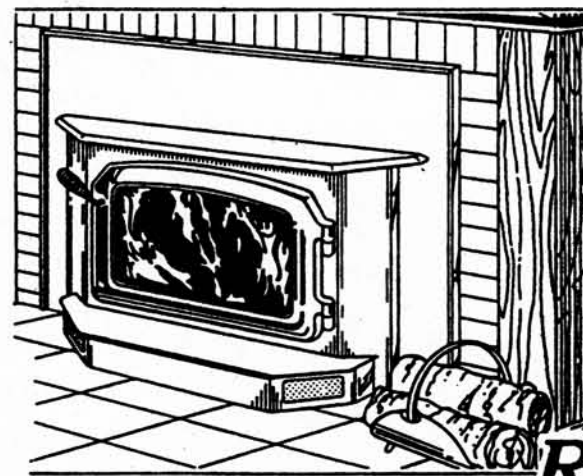
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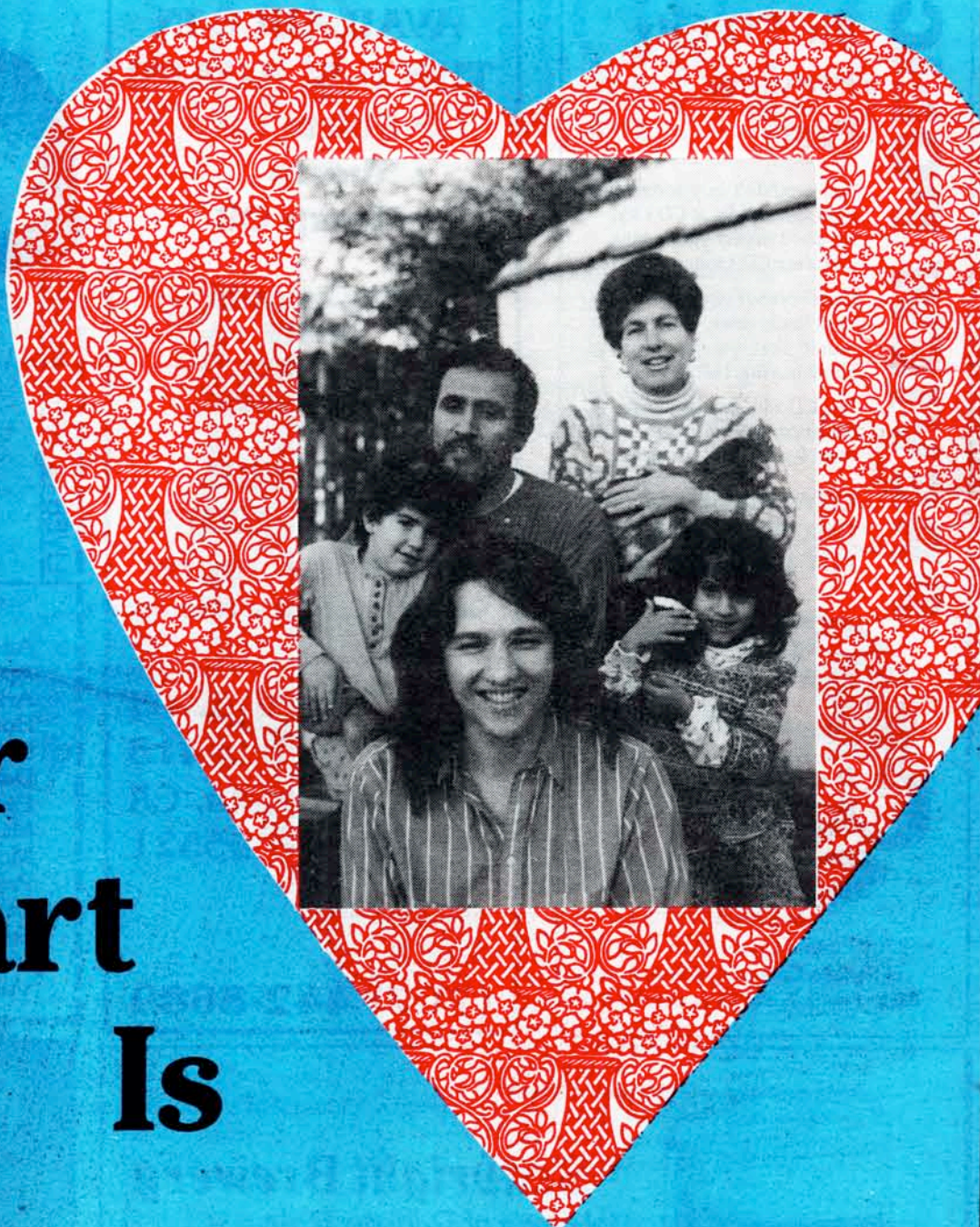
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