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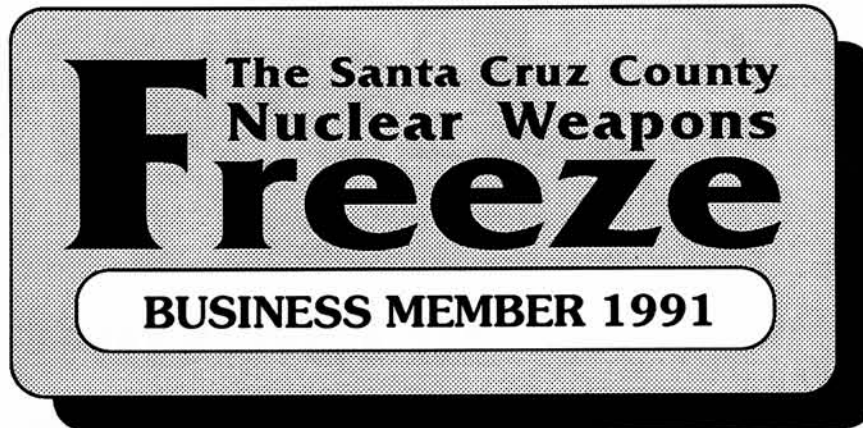
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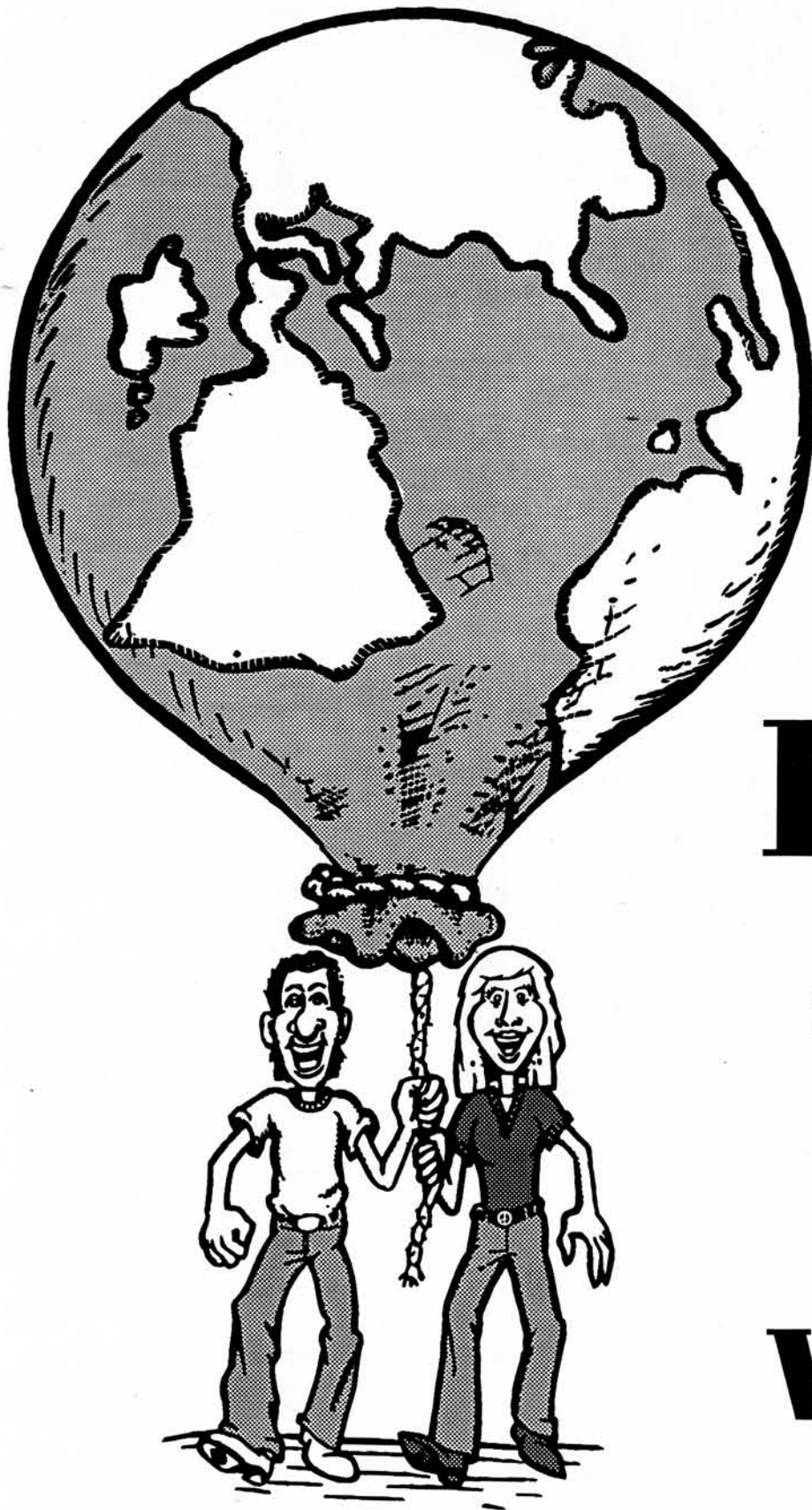
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## CALDICOTT INTERVIEW WAS DISEMPowering

While I'd rather have a world with Helen Caldicott as my ally than a world without her, I found her interview with *The Monthly Planet* an embarrassment to the movement and ultimately disempowering.

I recall hearing her speak in late 1983 or early 1984, telling an overflow crowd that if Ronald Reagan was re-elected, the planet would be doomed and further efforts to save it, futile. Seven years later, most of us are still here, and many still listen to

her unconscious hyperbole as SHE gives us another ten years. This sentiment is dangerously disempowering to any contemporary activist who survives the next decade (as most of us likely will). The audacity of her ego in making such an unqualified claim after getting it wrong seven years ago is further confirmed with her statement that the Freeze took hold only "after a couple of years of me going around and talking about the medical effects of nuclear war." [emphasis added]

In the 1980s, I became a father twice. I began to view with alarm the alienation evident in youth only a little older than my children. I now believe that a major factor in the disturbing nihilism and sense of futurelessness consuming many young people is the abject fatalism lurking in the apocalyptic anti-nuclear rhetoric popularized by Caldicott. Now she returns from Down Under to terrorize the psyche of a new generation of confused youth with apocalyptic environmentalist rhetoric. I fear the same reactionary response

of hedonism and nihilism to those who, like Caldicott, would have us give up hope if radical change does not occur in this decade.

Caldicott's sense of futility is only reinforced by the prescription the good doctor orders: more of the same investment in electoral politics and throwing conscripted money at problems. This is surely a prescription for failure in a country where the last decade of disillusionment with government "solutions" has only increased voter apathy.

Instead of visualizing their graves, let's encourage our children to plant the seeds for their future. Create hope by investing our time, talents and resisted war taxes in nonviolent direct action and grassroots efforts to save the planet. Don't play "follow the leader," but give the leaders clear paths to follow us. And for goddess' sake, don't surrender to the darkness in ten years if a new dawn still hasn't come.

Jack Cohen-Joppa  
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were brutally raped and murdered by members of a right-wing death squad in El Salvador. These death squads are closely aligned with the U.S.-financed and armed Salvadoran military. There was not a word about war crimes from then-Vice President Bush. Fast forward a few years, again to El Salvador. Seven Jesuit priests are murdered execution-style by a squad of U.S.-backed Salvadoran soldiers. Again, no calls for a war crimes trial from Mr. Bush. These are just two of the most publicized cases. How many thousands of other innocent civilians were raped, maimed and murdered by the Contras or other U.S.-financed mercenaries?

Which brings us to 1991 and the relentless bombing of Baghdad. The actual number of Iraqi civilians killed and injured during these raids may never be known. Estimates have ranged as high as 100,000! War crime? To President Bush and his military planners this is just "collateral damage"; an inevitable by-product of modern warfare. George Bush has hypocrisy seething from every pore. If Hussein is to be tried for war crimes, then George Bush should be standing beside him in the courtroom.

George Bush declared April 5th, 1991 a national holiday. Well, every holiday needs a name, and I've got some suggestions. How about Iraqi Genocide Day? Or maybe Collateral Damage Day? Shame on you, Mr. Bush! To celebrate such a shameful episode in American history further underscores your moral bankruptcy!

Lou Ferrera  
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## TRY GEORGE BUSH FOR WAR CRIMES

Now that the fighting has finally stopped in the Middle East, we're hearing more tough talk from George Bush, this time about trying Saddam Hussein for war crimes. This is a textbook case of, as my mom would say, "the pot calling the kettle black." While I condemn the alleged atrocities committed against Kuwaiti civilians by Iraqi troops, President Bush is in no position to take the moral high ground on this issue.

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Remember the young man from Carmel Valley who, before the slaughter began, and with the cooperation of an AT&T operator, tried to set up a conference call between Bush and Saddam Hussein? The man got through to Baghdad but the White House refused to get on the line. Bush didn't want to talk. He wanted a war. Well he got one and the carnage began. He saved his political ass and now we are told he's a cinch for a second term. It's disgusting. So when the parades begin and the throngs wave their flags my back will be turned to the spectacle. I love this country, but I fear, mistrust and do not respect its government. I am also ashamed for the misery and suffering our military has left behind in yet another foreign land. Nostradamus predicted World War III for 1993 in the Middle East. I think the stage has been set for it. Wake up, America, and save your flag waving for a nobler occasion.

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## WE LIBERATED THE WRONG KUWAIT

So we liberated Kuwait. Hooray for us.

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Maybe we liberated the wrong Kuwait. It is clear that it is the population and workers who are in need of liberation.

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Of course they may have to do some rebuilding and cleaning up, but with their enormous wealth, counted in billions, they can afford it. In fact, they should be made to pay for the full cost of the "liberation."

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# C E N S O R E D

By Igal Dahari

**I**F IT WASN'T APPARENT before the Gulf War, the mainstream (or "establishment") media's behavior during the past 10 months should make clear where they stand with respect to the news. News, we learned again, is what the "powers that be" want us to know. However, the type of coverage seen during the war is not an unusual occurrence. On the contrary, it is business as usual. The purpose of this column is to shed some light on important events that the establishment media attempt to censor by various means, including the "four d's": dilution ("burying" a story within many others), denial (ignoring a story), delay (belatedly revealing important details), and delegitimation (through lies, misrepresentation, one-sidedness, etc.). Included will be short



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that the space shuttle could be destroying the ozone layer much faster than any industrial user of CFCs has been absent from the establishment media.

## DANCES WITH DUMPS

Will Native American reservations double as garbage and toxic waste dumps? Yes, according to a recent op-ed piece by Senator Thomas A. Daschle ("Send Your Poisonous Garbage to the Sioux," *San Francisco Sunday Examiner*, 3/17/91).

Daschle, a Democrat from South Dakota, writes that waste disposal companies are seeing reservations as potential low-cost, regulation-free burial grounds for the nation's wastes. The article, which originally appeared in the *Christian Science Monitor*, warns that companies are already signing contracts with tribal councils on reservations in several states, including California. It explains that these councils, which are generally made up of non-traditional Native Americans, may be willing to turn parts of their land into dumps because of a desperate need for cash and jobs. Most reservations are in horrendous economic condition, with unemployment as high as 80 percent. All this seems ironic in light of Hollywood's recent love affair with the movie *Dances With Wolves*, a fictional account of a Sioux tribe and a renegade Union Army officer. However, the contemporary lives and struggles of Native Americans rarely intrude into the front pages or top stories of the establishment media. So far there seems to be very little coverage of the waste issue, and only Daschle's piece has received any circulation.

reviews of stories that are suffering such a fate. Sources for the stories reviewed will be given for the benefit of readers wishing to access original material.

## WHERE'S THE OZONE?

Recent front-page articles in

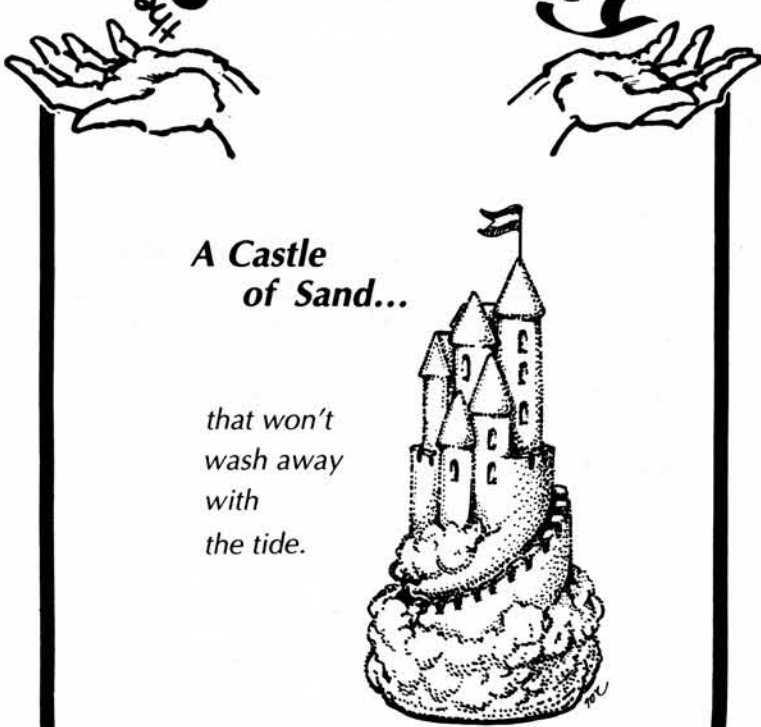
major newspapers reported an announcement by the Environmental Protection Agency that the Earth's protective ozone layer is being depleted at a more dangerous rate than previously thought. This is according to a completed 10-year government study. And, not surprisingly, chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) are seen as the major cause of the ozone's destruction. Missing from these alarming stories was any exploration or analysis of how the Bush administration — and those before it — generally works to obstruct any meaningful international action on global environmental issues. *The New York Times*, for example, published an article in which every source cited but one was from the government ("Ozone Loss Over U.S. Is Found To Be Twice as Bad as Predicted," William Stevens, 4/5/91). Nor was it mentioned in the article that CFCs have been known to destroy ozone in the atmosphere since the early 1970s.

But there was another interesting story missing from these articles. The story was listed as the fourth most censored story of 1990 by the annual Project Censored ("Project Censored," Craig McLaughlin and Sara Catania, *San Francisco Bay Guardian*, 2/27/91), and concerns the allegation that each time the space shuttle is launched, it releases 187 tons of ozone-destroying molecules. At that rate, it would take only about 300 shuttle flights to effectively destroy the entire ozone layer. A report by Gar Smith in the fall 1990 issue of *Earth Island Journal*, and statements by Dr. Helen Caldicott that appeared in an article by Mindi Levine in the May 8, 1990 issue of the *Sonoma State University Star*, discussed this little-known phenomenon. There were also citations in several other publications, but generally the fact

## WHERE THERE'S SMOKE...

There is a full scale environmental disaster in the Persian Gulf region, and its consequences are even being felt beyond that area. Yet information on the environmental and health effects of disasters resulting from the war is still hard to come by. In a brief article, *The New York Times* reported that more than 500 burning Kuwaiti oil wells are releasing 500,000 tons of pollutants daily, more than "10 times that emitted by all United States industries and power plants combined" ("Health Threat From Oil Fires May Rise in Summer," Michael Wines, 4/5/91). But the *Times* article, quoting gov-

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ernment scientists, still managed to conclude that "none of those pollutants were found in quantities that threaten public health." The European press, however, has concluded that not only is there a global environmental catastrophe originating in the Persian Gulf region, but that it is worth reporting on at length. One British-based pan-European paper, for instance, devoted most of its front page to the subject ("Black Rain Threatens to Pollute Europe," Kevin Toolis and Martin Delgado, *The European*, March 8-10, 1991). This article paints a bleak picture of the situation, with the results being contaminated air, poisoned groundwater and agricultural land, highly toxic acid rain, and respiratory problems. The affected areas could be as far as 1000 to 2000 kilometers from Kuwait. The *Earth Island Journal's* winter 1991 issue, entitled "Devastation in the Deserts: The Environmental Impact of Military Action in the Middle East," contains several articles on the subject.

### THE UGLY TRUTH

It's no secret that the major television networks have shown little that wasn't completely supportive of the Bush administration's actions in the Gulf War. Their timidity and willingness to please the "polls that be" are nowhere more apparent than in NBC and CBS's treatment of footage taken by two award-winning producers. Jon Alpert and Maryanne Deleo, the freelance producers whose features have garnered NBC seven Emmys, were commissioned by the network to bring back uncensored footage from inside Iraq to document the war's effect on the population. The two travelled to southern Iraq with former Attorney General Ramsey Clark, returning with hours of devastating pictures of civilian casualties. Snippets of their work were to appear on *NBC Nightly News* and the *Today Show*. According to a recent *San Francisco Bay Guardian* article by Dennis Bernstein and Sasha Futran ("Sights Unseen," 3/20/91), NBC President Michael Gartner killed the idea without even seeing any of the footage. Later, after initially agreeing to air some of it on the *CBS Evening News*, CBS also

backed away from any involvement. Bernstein and Futran go on to cite several interviews with television journalists and network producers (naturally wishing to remain anonymous) who claim that censorship of material unflattering to the war effort is widespread in the world of TV news. One veteran producer called it "the most pervasive propaganda control I've ever witnessed." A 28-minute videotape, culled from Alpert and Deleo's work, is now in circulation. Entitled "Nowhere to Hide," the tape can be purchased for \$28 (postpaid) by calling the Emergency Committee to Stop the U.S. War in the Middle East at (415) 821-6545.

### SILENCE OF THE LAMBS

The media are loath to talk about, much less expose, the activities of the Central Intelligence Agency. Witness, with a few exceptions, the silence regarding the CIA's role in the Savings and Loan debacle. Or the silence around the secretive agency's involvement with Contras and cocaine. Project Censored (see "Where's the Ozone?" above) listed the CIA's involvement in the S&L crisis as the third most censored story of 1990. The only establishment media reporter who is investigating the CIA's role is Pete Brewton of the *Houston Post* (see, for example, the 3/11/90 issue). Brewton's stories allege that the CIA was involved in the failure of at least 22 thrifts. In the *Christic Institute's Convergence* magazine, Andy Lang documents the CIA's role in aiding and abetting Mexican drug lords and their corrupt government protectors ("Death of a Federal Narcotics Agent," winter 1991). One result of this policy was that the drug lords felt safe enough to torture and kill Enrique Camarena, a U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency agent on assignment in Mexico. Another was the murders of Mexican investigative journalists Manuel Buendia and Javier Juarez Vasquez, killed within an hour of each other. All three victims were in the process of unearthing evidence about one of Latin America's biggest drug cartels, along with its connections to certain Mexican government agencies, the Contras, and the CIA.

### BAD NEWS LAST

Ever wonder where all the bad news about the economy is published? When the front section of a newspaper is filled with jingoisms, platitudes, and inanities, there's precious little space for hard economic news. But business, being a newspaper's main source of bread and butter, must get its facts. This is why the business section is often more sober and realistic regarding the economy than the rest of the paper. On one ordinary April day, the business section of *The New York Times* contained the following headlines: "Big [labor force] Cuts Expected for CBS," "New Jobless Claims at 8-Year High," "Japanese Improve Share as U.S. Car Sales Decline," "USF&G Is Cutting 2,000 More Jobs," and "GTE to Lay Off 500 Employees."

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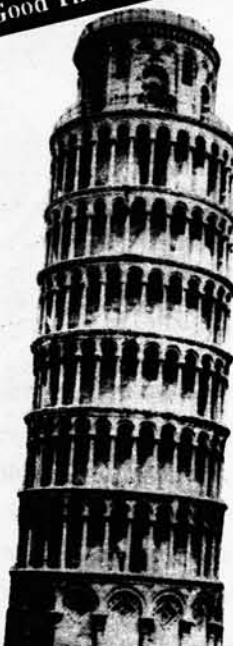
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# DANIEL SHEEHAN: THE TIME IS RIGHT FOR RADICAL CHANGE

Interview by Mary Perkins

Since 1980 the Christic Institute has used its legal and investigative resources to advance human rights, social justice and personal freedom — at home and abroad. This non-profit organization, based in Washington, DC, has won some of the most celebrated civil lawsuits of the past two decades. As the institute's general counsel, Daniel Sheehan has successfully argued many important cases, including that of Karen Silkwood.

The Monthly Planet caught up with Sheehan while he was in town on April 1st.

**MONTHLY PLANET:** I find it interesting that in the United States, a country supposedly based on the values of liberty and justice, an organization like the Christic Institute is not only necessary but a Harvard graduate like yourself must work for under \$10,000 a year. What does this say about the country in which we live?

**DANIEL SHEEHAN:** Actually I think that it speaks most about two institutions in the country. One is the educational system that basically raises a lot of kids from preschool all the way up through high school. The schools don't teach you how to think. They teach you how to memorize dates, and they teach you myths about American history: the Civil War was fought to free the slaves; John Wilkes Booth killed Lincoln all by himself, kind of a mad crazy guy; Oswald killed Kennedy all by himself just because he was a little nutso, and probably a commie of some sort. They sell these kind of encapsulated myths of history. And of course not surprisingly, the United States government comes out being the hero of virtually all of these stories — not surprising, since the United States government runs the schools.

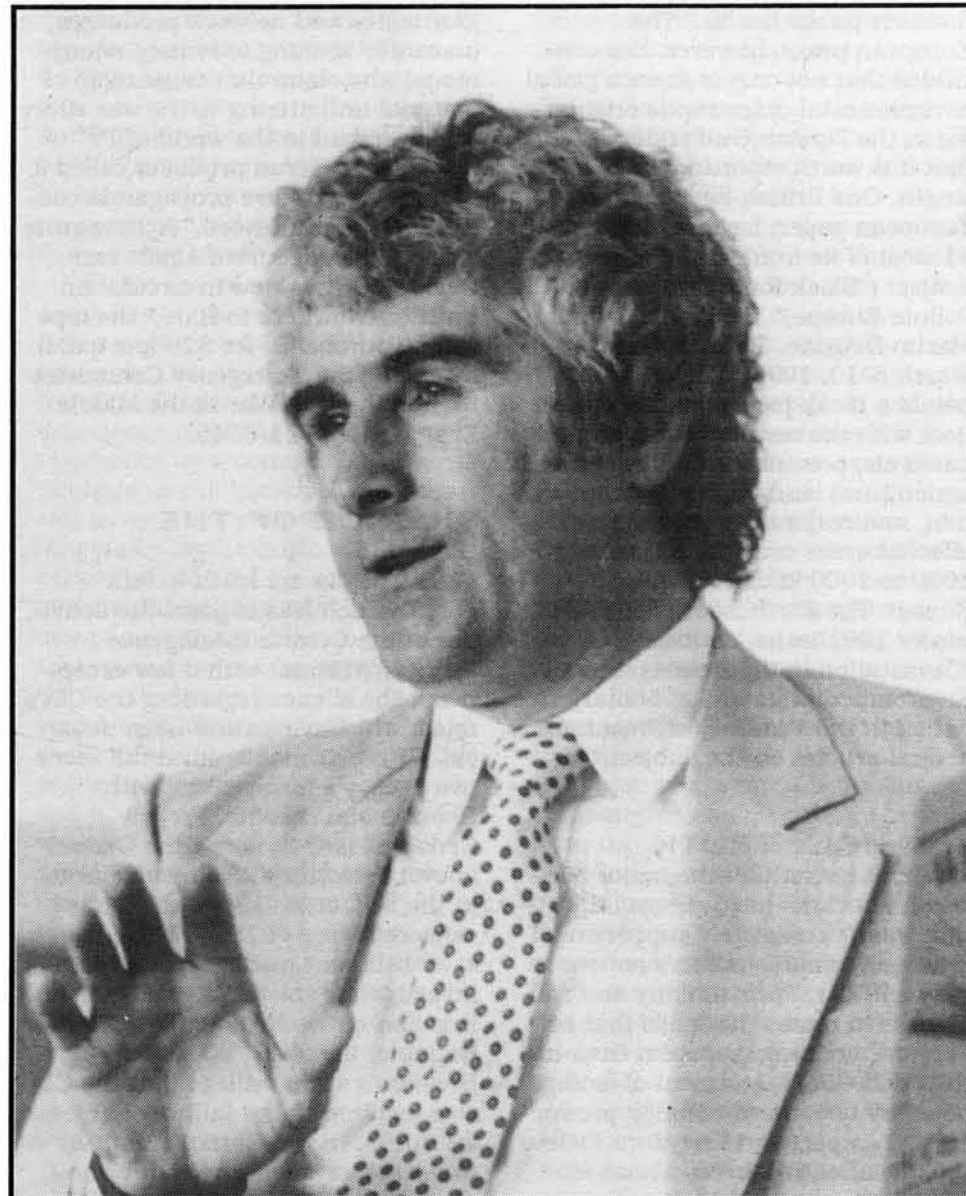
Yet at the same time they will tell you that "It's a good thing you can get a good independent education here, not like the Soviet Union or China where they brainwash you and just tell you that the government always does right." And so people end up in this very ambivalent kind of situation where...by the time you graduate from high school you say, "Boy, I know that if I was alive back during the slave times, I would have worked for the Underground

Railroad." Or "If I lived back in the time of the Indians I would have tried to stop them from killing all those Indians." It isn't true at all. Because they don't try to do anything nowadays that goes counter to the government and the policies. And not only that, but any time they encounter anybody who does, they begin to think they're disloyal or subversive in some way — exactly what the educational system wants them to think.

So the first thing, it speaks volumes about the educational system. But it also speaks volumes about the religious institutions. They tell all these stories about prophets who would condemn the Roman Empire, the unjust Pharisees, and the rulers. And yet they basically spoon-feed pabulum to people about present-day injustices. They don't talk about what's really wrong with today, in either the churches or the synagogues. Now they all have social ministry offices; they kind of shunt [these present-day injustices] over into there. But they always think in terms of direct service, like soup kitchens for poor people. They never ask: "How did so many poor people get here? How come the poor people don't have any systems inside the society to help them?" They don't want to do much

about the fact that the Reagan and Bush administrations took all the money away from funding

mental institutions, put people out on the streets, cut down on job training for the people who lose jobs and can't get any job placement, and limited the time when you can have unemployment. So they don't want to talk about structural problems, because then it sounds political. And so



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there's this kind of Constantinian compromise that the churches have struck: as long as they don't criticize the state or the government, then the government will leave them tax-exempt and they can raise enough money through tax deductions to build churches and all that.

Those are the two completely honest statements, I think, about both the institution of education and the

But the difficulty is that the government structures are taking more and more money away from any college loan programs, scholarship programs, etc., because they don't want that many students who are not part of a wealthy class getting information, because the information they'll get very clearly shows there's a wealthy class in the country. And if you aren't in it, then you start getting distressed, like they did from '65 to '75.

In fact, there's a major memo written by Samuel Huntington, who was a professor at Harvard University. He wrote a memo to the Trilateral Commission and to the Carter administration, recommending that major amounts of money from the federal government be withdrawn from student loans and scholarship programs because the major problem in the '60s was that too many working class kids were getting into the colleges...and they would discover what the system was, and that instead of just accepting the invitation to jump up a class and to become part of this new wealthy class, they kept saying, "Well, how about some modifications to bring more justice to the working class, where I come from?"

...I think there should be available, in every one of the public schools at virtually every level, all of the information that the student is able to understand. Now that's a very revolutionary concept — to have that information available, to have teachers who can

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institution of the churches and synagogues in this country. Fortunately, like all rules, there are exceptions... You can find some extremely good colleges — not many of them state colleges, which are funded by the government — they're private colleges.

## INTERVIEW



teach that kind of stuff and who will find the kids and help them get to that spot — that's what's needed in this society.

Now that's going to require the delegation of a significant amount of additional monies into the educational system...Use some of the money for the B-1 bombers and the individually targetable warheads of the nuclear missiles that everybody now recognizes we aren't going to need any more to deal with the Soviet Union, if we ever did...It's more than just a question of financial priorities; it's a political judgment. It's a political judgment that we ought to have a really educated electorate, that we ought to have an educated citizenry, and that that's going to bring about some revolutionary changes. There's going to be insight gleaned on the part of the vast majority of the people that things aren't right, and therefore they need to make changes.

But that's a hard thing to ask any kind of governing power to do. That's why they won't do it. That's why you've got to have different leaders in there. You've got to get rid of these leaders that have been steeped in this World War II kind of propagandizing educational system. You've got to bring in a whole new generation of leadership, from the '60s generation and the younger people. Let's get at some of the changes that really need to be done now that this Cold War is over — whatever else you thought about the Cold War, how real or unreal it was. Now that we all agree it's over, let's get into some fundamental political change and restructuring of the society, not just in its economic priorities, but in its political vision. Let's have some kind of American *glasnost*. Let's have an understanding of the darker side of American history: what was done to the Native American people, what was done to the black people; what's still being done to the black people, still being done to the Native American people. I mean, to have a society where 52 percent of the population is women and women are still considered a minority group ought to tell you something.

So these institutions in the educational area need major remodeling. And the same thing is true of the religious institutions...I think we need the same kind of revolutionary activity inside those organizations. I think that the social ministry offices of the organizations should play a very aggressive role in reconceptualizing the mythologies of the religion. They're basically trying to tell some very, very important things about the mystical faculties that the human family has: the ability to discern natural harmonies in the cosmos and to understand the role of individuated human consciousness, perceiving ourselves as separate and apart from everything else but being unified with everything else — that's what it's all about. I mean that's what the whole concept of the Trinity is: the relationship of the individuated separate consciousness with the whole godhead, in the milieu

of the Holy Spirit that bonds the whole cosmos together into a unified harmony. But nobody can understand it because it's all in medieval, hierarchical, authoritarian terms. And people aren't in the Middle Ages anymore; people are in the scientific age, people need to have explanations that we can understand.

And so I think there needs to be some major, major energy devoted to that realm. But you run into the same problem. Why would the people that are in positions of authority now in the structures do it, when it's inevitably going to lead to less and less authority on their part? You're going to get a whole educated constituency in the religious groups to understand that they can experience this phenomenon themselves, can exercise that kind of spiritual faculty, to strengthen it — through meditation and different kinds of diet, avoid-

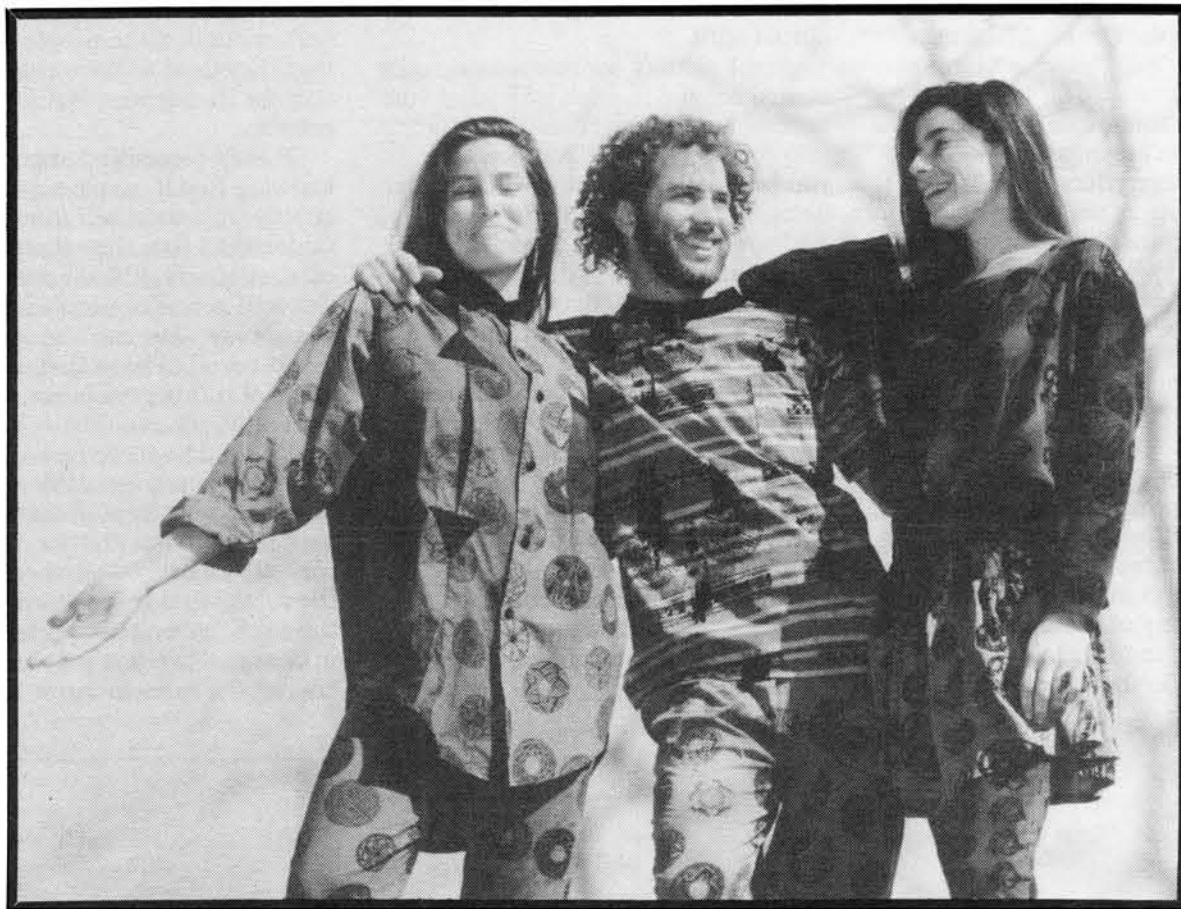
ing all kinds of really rotten foods that eat up your whole consciousness and everything. There's lots of stuff that can be done. That's what calls for real leadership. Real leadership is leadership that works itself out of a job. [Leaders] don't cling and hold on and establish institutions to maintain their hegemony over the people. They work themselves out of a job. That's true for political leaders in the secular realm, and it's true for educators. Educators just help train people to learn how to learn...

**MP:** *In the last several years we've watched many of our civil rights be destroyed with the help of the Reagan and Bush appointees in the courts. How can United States citizens fight the threats to our freedoms?*

**DS:** Well, I think that one of the most important things is for people to come to understand that the donative theo-

ry of human rights is not legitimate. You know, you don't get your human rights from the government. You don't have to go to the court, hat in hand, and plead with them to give you rights. You need to know you've got the rights, and you need to exercise the rights. If you exercise the rights, there's nothing they can do about it. And they really can't stop you if you do it. As a matter of fact, they'll avoid you. It comes down to each one of us, as it always does, in coming to understand whether or not you really believe. Do you really believe that you have a right of free speech? Do you really believe that you have a responsibility for educating yourself? Do you think you have a responsibility for making intelligent judgments about public policy? See, that's part of the problem with the educational system again; it's basically taught as fiction. You know you

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don't really believe it.

I remember one time I was asked to do a talk at a high school, and they had this big assembly, brought in all the kids from the high school...They wanted to know, "Gee, how do people do the kind of work that you do?"...I said, "Well...you talk about things now. You bring it up into the here and now." And so I said: "For example, one of the things that you're absolutely not supposed to talk about in high school is f\*\*\*ing, right? You don't talk about f\*\*\*ing or why you don't have any contraceptives or why you all can't go out and get laid and stuff like this." And this horror descended over the entire place. And I said, "You see that feeling that just went through this entire audience just like that? Because that's one of the things you're not supposed to talk about, see. There's this whole hierarchy here. The teachers all know about it — and do it! — but they don't want you talking about it. So see, that's one thing they won't talk with you about." And I said, "There are others."

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One kid told me that they were just putting in speed bumps in the parking lot, and that the kind of speed bumps they had made you go so slow that it was wrecking the bottom of some of the cars that were slung kind of low. And I said, "What you should do is undertake every method you can to petition them, to explain to them what the problem is, etc." [The student replied] "But they don't have those speed bumps over in the teachers' parking lots." I said, "So what you do, if they don't agree with you and [you've tried everything else], is to decide whether or not you're going to tear them up and throw them out of there. You know, it's perfectly easy to do. You just get a pick and shovel, come in and tear them up, throw them out of there." Well the teachers were horrified! I mean the kids were going "Yeah! Yeah! Right! Right!" I said, "You should write editorials about it in the student paper, and don't let the principal tell you you can't write editorials about something the principal doesn't like." And it was the most important discussion of free speech that any of those kids had ever been exposed to in their entire life. [And I said] "So there, now you've

understood it, you've experienced it...That's what this kind of practice is all about: to dare to say these things." So that kind of knowledge on the part of the people is the most important single thing... it's a sense of revolutionary consciousness. But, it's not like you're going to pick up a gun and go shoot every banker or that kind of stupid stuff.

Revolutionary consciousness really means coming to grips with what you believe, and then transmuting that into conduct, so that you don't say you believe in something without ever doing anything about it. You do it. And you get it up into the form of action, and you play it out in your life. And you'll discover that you feel a lot better. You'll discover that you get a lot more interested in a lot of other things, you meet a lot more interesting people...The kind of people you start to discover are well-informed people. You gravitate into much more interesting circles. And you discover that you end up being the kind of people that people write about...

Citizenship is a participation activity. It's not a spectator sport. And it's not pointing at someone else saying, "Who can I blame for us all being so

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powerless?" You know. The blame falls on us. It's not a matter of scapegoating the victims here. I don't want to get into that, but there's no doubt at all that there are circles of very wealthy and powerful people that don't want any change. And they'll do 'most everything they can do to stop it. But 'most everything they can do isn't enough, if the people understand that they need to have change, not only for themselves, but for other people...

There's something important about knowing that if people move beyond strictly utilitarian self-interest, and understand that they should really care for others, [then] no matter how rich and powerful people against change are...[we can't be stopped.]

You need to have that sense. These kinds of ruling powers constitute an extraordinary minority — by their own choice. And so there just aren't that many of them around. They depend totally upon your affirmative cooperation. If you just withdraw and won't play, they'll say, "Well, then I'll change the rules." And they'll keep changing the rules, as long as you let them stay in charge. Then you just have to change the rules to throw them out.

But it's harder, it takes more work, it takes more attention on the part of most people. That's all right, because it's very interesting, and it's actually entertaining and kind of fun, if you get into it.

**MP:** *Our country was set up with a system of checks and balances so that no one group had too much power. How can we re-establish those basic principles?*

**DS:** Through eternal vigilance, as they said at the time. It's really quite ironic how revolutionary some of the basic teachings are that even creep through in the high school system. Everybody's been told — warned — not to trust their leaders, to always assert this inquisitive nature and not delegate absolute authority to them. That's why we have the checks and balances, because you can't trust these executive branch people. And yet on the other hand, you're told constantly to adore the president, love the president and love all the congressmen and all that kind of stuff — it goes on at the same time.

There are all these kind of strange contradictions going on. You're usually raised until 18 years old believing in some kind of ethical system, from going to church school at least once a week or something. But at the same time you're raised being told "Me first," you know, "Be number one on the team, be number one in the class, mow down your opposition, win through intimidation." There are these two parallel value systems going on all the time, until you get to be 18, and then only one keeps going, because nobody bothers going to church after that because they've run into these mythologies: "Oh, I've been lied to. I was told there was Santa Claus and there isn't." [You forget] the fact that there was a real Saint Nicholas. Demythologizing the whole thing, there was this really nice fellow who used to go around and give presents to kids in the area, it was a real nice idea, and the tradition kind of caught on...Tell people honestly about what's really there when you get rid of the mythology...Get people to believe in their religious stuff, and to act upon it, and to follow out that ethic even into adulthood.

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al system, [the problem is] that history has been caricatured. You know, if a Nazi doesn't have a monocle and a dueling scar and wear six-league boots and carry a riding crop, he's not a Nazi. They don't understand that Joseph Kennedy supported the Fascist regime when he was the ambassador to the Court of Great St. James in England. J. P. Morgan, the Morgan Guaranty Trust, supported them. They don't dare say this stuff. And they always pass it off as "Well, that would be too confusing for the kids. I mean, you've got to have a real stark, clear system." And what happens is you're building disillusion-

ment into it. As soon as people find that stuff out, they just can the whole operation and drop out.

So what I'm saying is that these contradictions exist inside the educational system, and if people would just get a hold of those things and understand those things, they would be able to assert new leadership; they'd be able to follow it through. You get the old adage, you know: You've got everything you need, if you can only discern it properly.

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## Christic Institute's White Paper Suggests Gulf Crisis Was Manufactured

**SPEAKING TO A CAPACITY CROWD** at the First Congregational Church in Santa Cruz on April 1st, Daniel Sheehan of the Christic Institute outlined the points of a recently released Christic Institute white paper which links a long history of illegal covert operations to the recent crisis in the Persian Gulf.

Sheehan also discussed a top secret Kuwaiti intelligence memorandum that was seized from Kuwait's Internal Security Bureau. It implicates the United States and Kuwaiti governments in the "manufacturing" of the Persian Gulf crisis, according to Sheehan, the Christic Institute's general counsel. The memo, which recounts an alleged November 14, 1989 meeting in Washington DC between the director general of the state security department of Kuwait and CIA Director William Casey, states "We agreed with the United States aide that it was important to take advantage of the deteriorating economic situation in Iraq in order to put pressure on that country's government to delineate our common border."

Iraqi officials have claimed that it was this economic pressure which forced their hand in the invasion of Kuwait.

The institute's report details almost 40 years of covert CIA policies that have contributed to destabilizing the Middle East. According to the Christic Institute:

- The CIA overthrew Iran's Mohammed Mossadegh in 1953 and began arming the Shah's military and secret police forces.

- The CIA's covert arming of the Kurds against Iraq forced Iraq to surrender strategic territory to Iran in 1975. Iraq's invasion of Iran in 1980, which marked the beginning of the Iran-Iraq War, was an attempt

to recover this lost territory.

- Oliver North's "Enterprise," made public by the Iran-Contra affair, unlawfully and covertly armed Iraq in the 1980s through third countries such as Egypt and Jordan. (Sheehan states that "Direct and indirect assistance of the Reagan and Bush administrations, other NATO powers, and the Soviets, built this small country into the fourth largest military power in the world.")

- Ambassador to Iraq, April Glaspie, and State Department spokesperson Margaret Tutwiler gave Iraq no indication that the United States would take action against an Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

- Despite the United Nations' immediate diplomatic response to Iraq's military action, Bush publicly declared that he would issue an order to launch a military offensive to force an Iraqi withdrawal with or without authorization from Congress or the United Nations.

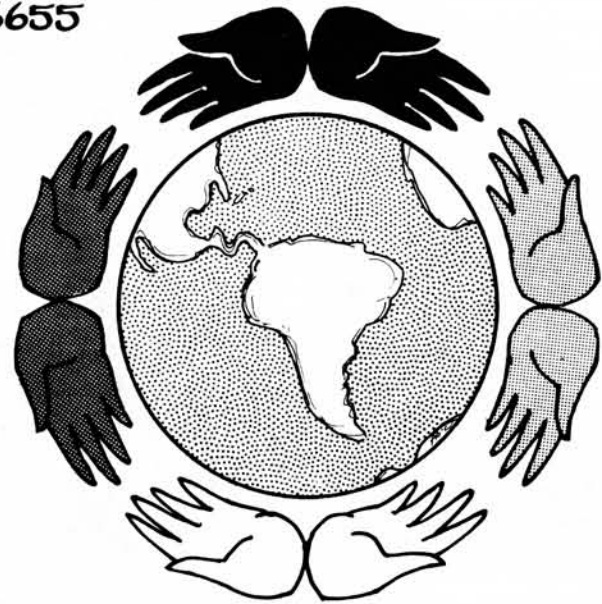
Sheehan said, "Operation Desert Storm was waged by the Bush administration neither to restore the human rights and democratic aspirations of Kuwaitis nor to shield Saudi Arabia and Israel from Iraqi attacks." Rather, it was waged: to achieve U.S. hegemony over the Persian Gulf and ensure U.S. access to oil and control over oil prices; to assert U.S. leadership in a "new world order" characterized by interventionism and the continued exploitation of Third World resources; to set the stage for escalated U.S. militarization, thereby eliminating the "peace dividend" that was expected with the end of the Cold War; and to distract public attention from a worsening domestic situation.

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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

**N**OW THAT THE UNITED STATES has claimed military superiority in the Persian Gulf, it appears that military planners and pro-war members of Congress are not content to sit back and lap up the victory parades. With the shooting war more than a month behind them, militarists in the administration and the Congress are turning their restless eyes elsewhere.

While the attention of the news media has been focused on events unfolding in the Middle East, several pieces of little-publicized legislation are quietly making their way through the Congress and the California State Assembly which would widen the door for military recruiters to gain access to school children.

In the House, Republican Gerald B. Solomon has introduced a bill, HR1651, which would withhold federal funding from any school which refuses to provide military recruiters with information on its students. If enacted, the legislation would apply to "students 17 years of age and older," affecting both public and private high schools and colleges.

According to the Solomon bill, federal funding would be withheld from any institution which does not supply military recruiters with either access to the school campus, or a copy of the school directory listing students' "names, addresses, phone numbers, date/place of birth, level of education, degrees received, and the most recent previous applicable program enrolled in by the student."

The practice of releasing student information to military recruiters has received closer scrutiny from parents and educators over the past few years. While some schools routinely turn over lists of high school seniors to local recruiters, others have made a point of refusing to do so.

In January of this year the Oakland, California, school board voted to stop supplying military recruiters with the names of its students. The Oakland school district serves a majority population comprised of African American and Latino students, most of whom come from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. The U.S. military maintains a high profile in the California East Bay area, which includes Oakland and surrounding cities. During the Vietnam War, the Oakland induction center became a focal point of anti-war resistance activity.

In a similar vein, angry parents and students besieged 12th district Representative Tom Campbell (R) at a January Town Hall meeting in Palo Alto, complaining about that school district's policy of releasing student information to recruiters. Although Palo Alto is generally perceived as a white, upper-middle class community, portions of the Palo Alto school district contain large



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# Will Military Recruiters Be Guaranteed Access to School Kids?

By Shelly D'Amour

concentrations of minority students, many of whom are the children of recent Asian immigrants. High school seniors told the *San Jose Mercury News* that recruiters had 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. The school district was forced by parents and students to abandon the practice of turning over student directories to armed forces recruiters.

It was the Oakland experience that prompted Solomon, from New York state, to create HR1651. In his "dear colleague" letter which was circulated to House members, Solomon makes note of the Oakland decision and states, "It is imperative that the United States military recruitment agencies are not inhibited in carrying out their objectives."

The Solomon bill is given virtually no chance of passing on its own. How-

ever, opponents are worried that it might be tacked onto, or hidden in the text of, some other piece of legislation. This is a popular tactic for legislators who have unpopular agendas or pet causes they are trying to push through. Bills such as Solomon's are often tacked on to large, complex pieces of legislation, such as supplemental spending bills, which aren't necessarily read through very well.

A much more imminent threat faces students in California, however. At this writing, the California State Senate is considering SB400, introduced by Republican William Craven of Ocean-side. The bill would require all California public schools to allow military recruiters to have access to students in grades nine through 12. There is currently no such existing requirement. The specific details of how and when this would occur would be left up to each school district to work out, with the stipulation that recruiters must have access to students on campus for

a minimum of one day per school year. Any school district that refused to comply would be denied its cost-of-living adjustment for the following year.

In crafting the legislation, Senator Craven, himself a former recruiter for the U.S. Marines, frames his bill as a defense of the First Amendment: "The Legislature finds and declares that this access is in furtherance of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, which guarantees not only the right to speak freely, but also the right to receive information."

A companion piece, AB1105, authored by Assemblymember Willard Murray, bars school districts from instituting policies that would prohibit the release of student directories. The bill passed with the overwhelming support of the California Assembly on a vote of 47-11. Santa Cruz/Monterey County Assemblymember Sam Farr voted against it. The bill now moves on to the Senate Education Committee.

A counter-bill, AB1554, has been introduced by Assemblymember Barbara Lee of Oakland. Lee's bill would require school districts to notify parents via letter that recruiters would be coming to their child's school. Furthermore, the school would be required to ask for a written confirmation from the parents stating that they got the letter, and giving their permission (or denying it) for their child to be present for the recruiter's presentation. In order to give the bill a better chance of passing, the text of the legislation is written to include all kinds of recruiters, e.g. career day presenters, etc. Currently, parents are usually notified of school happenings such as this in packet materials that are sent home with the child. Lee's bill would require separate notification by mail. The bill will be heard in the Assembly on May 8.

To get a fuller perspective, one needs to view the whole military recruiter issue against the looming backdrop of the current education crisis in California. Governor (and former Republican Senator) Pete Wilson is advancing a new state budget that slashes funds for California's public schools. Thousands of pink slips have gone out to teachers in school districts throughout the state. At the end of April, the entire school district of Richmond, which borders on Oakland, almost shut down 32 days prior to the normal end of the school year because it ran out of money. Forty-seven schools, with 31,000 students, were about to close when the state was forced by a Superior Court ruling to provide emergency funding.

Given the fiscal realities facing California schools, with the prospects for larger classrooms, fewer teachers, and more school districts going belly up, it appears that the state legislature is saying that the best it can offer its young citizens is to make sure their First Amendment "rights" to be solicited by military recruiters are protected. Do California's state legislators really view (to use Senator Craven's own words) the students' "right to receive information" as constitutionally guaranteed? If so, does that include the



right to receive a quality education? In California at least, the cliché "Smart Kids or Smart Bombs" has taken on concrete application.

**ACTION:** Call your state senator immediately and demand s/he vote against SB400 and any effort to force school districts to provide military recruiters with access to students. If you live in Santa Cruz, Monterey or San Benito counties, contact Senator Henry Mello, (916) 445-5843/(408) 425-0401. Likewise, contact your assemblymember and ask that s/he support AB1554. If you live in Santa Cruz or Monterey counties, contact Assemblymember Sam Farr (916) 445-8496/(408) 646-1980. Finally, contact your congressional representative to express your opposition to HR1651. For more information on military recruitment legislation contact Emma Childers at Friends Committee on National Legislation, 926J St., rm. 707, Sacramento, CA 95814; (916) 443-3734.

## FEDERAL BUDGET

At press time, the Senate is engaged in floor consideration of the fiscal year 1992 Budget Resolution. The budget resolution sets spending ceilings for each of the 13 federal departments. This year's budget resolution calls for \$295 billion for the Department of Defense (DOD), but does not endorse specific military line items. It will be up to the authorizations committees in the House and Senate to work out a line-item budget for the Pentagon. The overall figure proposed by the Senate for the DOD is the same as the Bush administration request. At this writing, Senator Paul Simon (D-IL) is expected to offer an amendment to cut the military budget by 2 percent.

One of the most controversial issues to be addressed this session is the question of U.S. arms sales to Middle Eastern countries. Despite the fact that the United States just fought a war with a country whose cache of weapons was partly obtained from the United States, the Bush administration is determined to continue selling arms to "friendly" countries in the region including Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Egypt, Turkey, and the United Arab Emirates.

The administration is proposing \$18 billion in arms sales, citing, in its words, the "need" to strengthen Middle Eastern allies against Iraq and to preserve U.S. assembly line jobs. Opponents of the plan fear the introduction of more weapons and weapons technology can only increase the instability of the region, possibly giving rise to other Saddam Husseins in the near future.

On April 4, five members of the House Democratic leadership sent a letter to President Bush asking him to "declare a unilateral pause in arms sales to countries in the Middle East." The Democrats pointed out that the arms trade succeeds only in promoting "an arms race...in a region characterized by instability."

In a related move, the administration has lifted restrictions from the Export-Import Bank of the United

States which prohibit the bank from financing arms sales. The Export-Import Bank provides loans and loan guarantees to foreign countries in order to enable them to purchase products and services from American companies. The restrictions on arms sales were instituted by act of Congress as outlined in Section 32 of the Arms Export Control Act. The only exception is if the purpose of the arms sale is to assist a foreign government in the war against drugs.

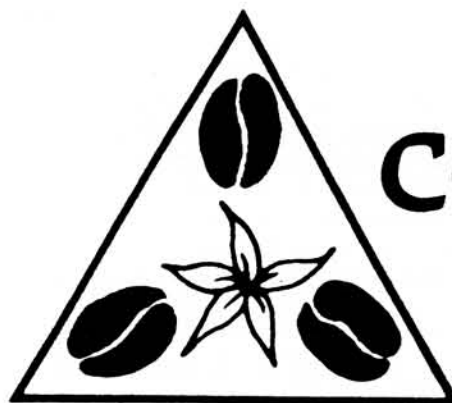
In a report prepared by the House Budget Committee, committee chair Leon Panetta (D-16) denounced the efforts of the administration to ease restrictions on arms sales. The report states in part: "The Budget Committee believes that military sales involve political and military considerations beyond judgments of credit-worthiness. The Export-Import Bank was established to strengthen U.S. compet-

itiveness...support of defense sales as proposed by the administration is incompatible with this objective." Separately, Panetta stated, "In a world where regional conflicts are the most likely form of war in the coming years, United States taxpayers should not be subsidizing the sale of the arms that fuel those wars." On March 22, Rep. Jim Moody (D-WI) sent a letter to Secretary of State James Baker expressing his "grave concern" that the administration has decided to involve the bank in financing arms sales. To date the letter is co-signed by 92 members of the House.

Notably absent from the list is California's 12th district Rep. Tom Campbell (R). Mr. Campbell deserves special attention from his constituents on this matter. At his January town meetings, held shortly after the outbreak of the Persian Gulf War, Rep. Campbell pointed to U.S. (and other countries') arms

sales to Iraq as a principal contributing factor to Iraq's ability to wage war, stating that he would have opposed such sales had he been in Congress at the time they were approved. This is a splendid opportunity for Rep. Campbell, who has recently declared himself a candidate for the Senate, to make good on his intentions.

A March 28 national poll conducted by Americans Talk Issues found that 82 percent of the American public supports some kind of international agreement limiting arms sales to Middle Eastern countries. National SANE/FREEZE is urging Congress to: 1) establish a one-year moratorium on all arms transfers to the Middle East; 2) encourage the establishment of a multi-lateral embargo through the United Nations on all nations' arms deliveries to the Middle East, and; 3) convene negotiations that would ultimately eliminate weapons of mass destruction and



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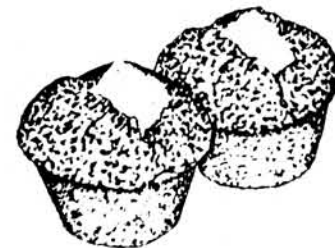
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In an April 26 *San Francisco Chronicle* article, Bowsher detailed those costs to include \$50 billion for war preparations, \$40 billion for actual war-fighting costs, and \$10 billion in miscellaneous costs including forgiveness of \$7 billion of Egypt's debt. Bowsher indicated that allied contributions to date total \$35 billion of the \$53 billion pledged.

**ACTION:** Ask your representative and senators to support all efforts toward a moratorium on arms sales to the Middle East. If your representative isn't currently a co-signer to the Moody letter, ask her/him to sign on.

## DOE FACILITIES

The Department of Energy is pushing ahead with plans to reopen one of the nuclear reactors at the Savannah River nuclear weapons plant in South Carolina. The plant was shut down three years ago amidst charges of mismanagement and incompetence, design flaws in plant construction, and soil contamination. To date, Congress has appropriated \$2.6 billion to repair three aging reactors at

Savannah River, two of which will probably never be reopened.

The plant manufactures tritium, a gas that extends the "shelf life" of nuclear weapons. Tritium decays rapidly and must be replaced periodically. Savannah River is the only plant in the United States designed to produce tritium.

Critics of the plan to restart Savannah River point out that there is more than enough tritium available from stockpiles of nuclear warheads currently being dismantled.

In testimony given before Congress, Department of Energy officials stated that unless Savannah River is opened soon, the nation would face a "security emergency." However, all available evidence points to the contrary. Given the history of safety violations, near-accidents, poor management, enormous cost overruns, and massive contamination, Savannah River itself could be considered a "security emergency" of mythic proportions.

It appears that the principal driving force behind reopening Savannah River is to create jobs and maintain a steady (and massive) cash flow to the DOE, the Pentagon, and their contractors. The potential restart of Savannah River has created a boom economy in the area surrounding the plant. According to an April 14 *New York Times* article, the plant has a \$2.2 billion budget and a 24,000-member work force — nearly twice what it was two years ago.

This year's budget request for Savan-

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nah River is \$500 million. Rep. Marilyn Lloyd (D-TN) will offer an amendment for an additional \$50 million.

Costs for cleaning up the nation's bomb factories, nuclear power plants, and military facilities continue to climb as more and more evidence of contamination comes to light. According to an April 20 *Los Angeles Times* article, the DOE has placed 17,482 polluted sites at 1,855 bases and other installations on the list of areas requiring cleanup. A White House report released April 19 indicated that cleanup costs will exceed \$12 billion annually by the year 2000. Current cleanup costs total two percent of the gross national product.

An Environmental Protection Agency report released in March detailed how bomb makers at the Hanford, Washington, plant dumped 127 million gallons of radioactive waste into the ground and water supply during the 1950s. At the time, bomb makers were running out of storage containers for radioactive waste, and therefore dumped into soil and drainage systems what they considered to be "low-level" waste, containing few if any dangerous radioactive elements.


A *New York Times* analysis of the EPA report indicates that since that time, scientists now have more information about radioactive materials contained in the dumped waste, and the news is not good. Several cancer-causing materials have been detected in the soil. One such material, technetium 99, has a half-life of 212,000 years. (A half-life is the amount of time required for

the disintegration of half the atoms in radioactive material.) Another, iodine 129, has a half-life of 16 million years. The *Times* indicated that the storage tanks at Hanford are now in danger of exploding, and the DOE is exploring the possibility of converting the waste material into glass for long-term storage.

If all of this isn't enough to keep you up at night, consider this: the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, which oversees the nuclear industry, is in the process of declassifying some radioactive wastes, declaring them "below regulatory concern" (BRC). If certain nuclear wastes are deregulated, they can be disposed of in community landfills without any oversight, or better yet, recycled into consumer products. The nuclear industry for some time has been looking into the possibility of recycling "harmless" waste material into products such as frying pans, household supplies, and building materials, to name a few.

Two legislative vehicles have been created to address the problem. In the House, Rep. George Miller (D-CA) has introduced HR5505. A similar bill, S2979, has been introduced in the Senate by Senator George Mitchell (D-ME). However, the proposed legislation allows the federal government to preempt state regulations against BRC if the state regulations are stricter than the federal. It also does not challenge the authority of the NRC to declare certain waste BRC. Greenpeace Action is working with members of Congress to try to make the language in the bills stronger by denying the NRC the authority to ever deregulate radioactive waste, and to allow states and local governments to create stricter BRC laws and policies than the federal government if they so choose.

**ACTION:** Contact your representative and senators and ask them to: 1) oppose all funding for restarting nuclear weapons and nuclear power facilities; 2) to support funding for cleanup purposes only; 3) to support HR5505 and S2979 with amended language to revoke all NRC authority to deregulate radioactive waste, and to prevent the federal government from pre-empting stricter state and local laws. For more information, contact: Greenpeace Action, 1436 U Street, N.W. #201-A, Washington, D.C. 20009, Attn: BRC campaign; (202) 319-2479.

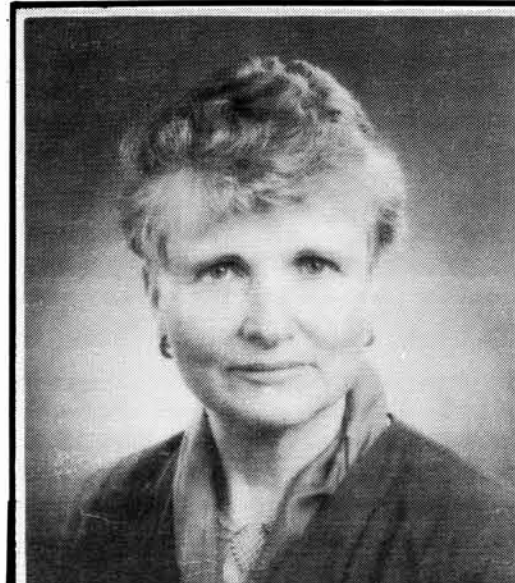


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## EL SALVADOR

Despite its stated intention to do so, the Bush administration still has not released last year's escrowed \$42.5 million in military aid to El Salvador. The amount reflects half of an \$85 million package which Congress authorized last fall, but set aside in order to press the Salvadoran government to improve the human rights climate in its country, and to prosecute the murders of six Jesuit priests, their housekeeper and her daughter, on their university campus by Salvadoran security forces in November 1989. Congress stipulated the funds could be released only if Salvadoran rebels engaged in human rights abuses or failed to negotiate in good faith with the government. As usual, Congress left this determination with the president.

On January 17th, President Bush issued a 12-page report outlining the reasons behind his decision to release the escrowed funds. Chief among these was the apparent execution-style murder of two U.S. servicemen after their helicopter was shot down over El Salvador by FMLN rebels on January 2nd. Senators Dodd (D-CT) and Leahy (D-VT), together with Representatives Moakley (D-MA) and Murtha (D-PA), sent a letter to the president asking him not to release the aid.

Since that time, elections have been held in El Salvador which have brought a change to the composition of the National Assembly. For the first time in a very long time, it appears that the government and the FMLN are making headway in negotiations and might be close to some agreement. At issue are restructuring and purging of the armed forces, constitutional reforms, and a cease-fire. It may be that the U.S. administration is watching the progress of the negotiations to determine when or if to release the funds. To release the aid package now would send the worst possible signal to the Salvadoran government.

However, if things don't move along quickly enough for the administration, it might be inclined to take matters into its own hands. On April 8, General Colin Powell told reporters in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, that peace talks were the preferred way to resolve the Salvadoran conflict but, if necessary, the situation could be resolved "the way it was done in the Persian Gulf."

Meanwhile, the "Peace, Democracy and Development in El Salvador Act" has been introduced in the House and Senate, and is in need of co-sponsors. The bill prohibits all military aid to the government of El Salvador; requires the withdrawal of all U.S. military advisors; prohibits U.S. covert operations in that country; establishes a fund for reconstruction; and restricts economic support funds solely for the purpose of meeting human needs. The Senate version, sponsored by Senator Brock Adams, (D-WA) is called S601. The House version, sponsored by Rep. Jim McDermott (D-WA), is HR1346.

The foreign aid authorizations bills are working their way through subcommittees in April. Items on El Salvador

will not be finalized until late April or early May. So far, no figures have been released. Members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, especially the Western Hemisphere Subcommittee, must be encouraged to keep the pressure on the Salvadoran government toward a negotiated settlement to the war.

Finally, House Speaker Tom Foley (D-WA) reappointed his El Salvador Special Committee, chaired by Massachusetts Democrat Joe Moakley, to follow developments in the case of the murdered Jesuits. The committee serves as an important vehicle to keep the issue alive before Congress, and to remind the Salvadoran government that Congress is indeed watching how this case is resolved, which may very well determine the fate of future military aid.

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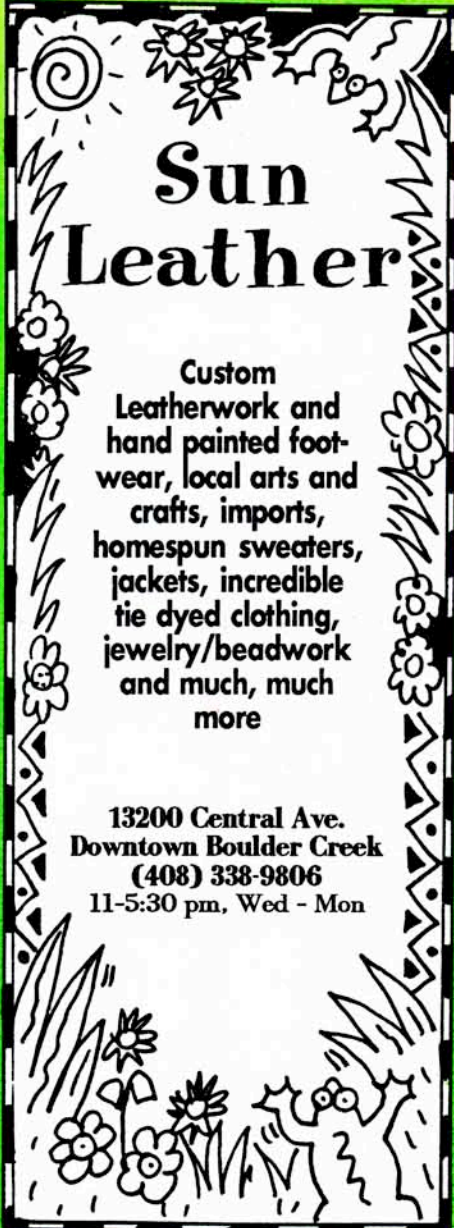
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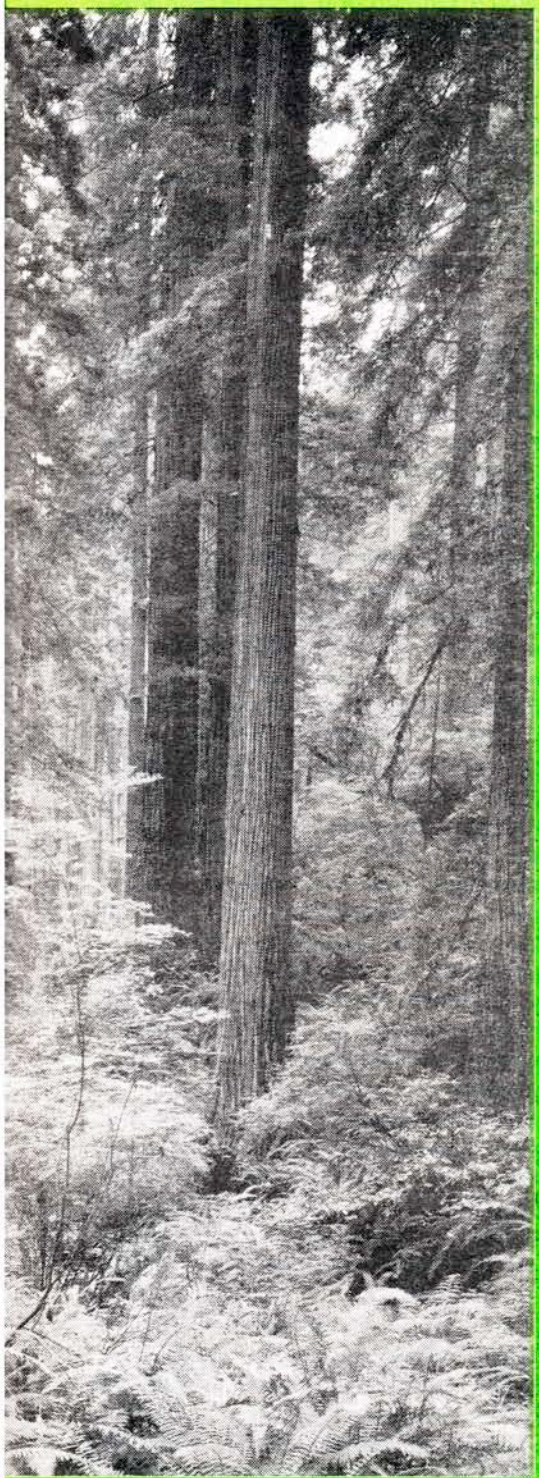
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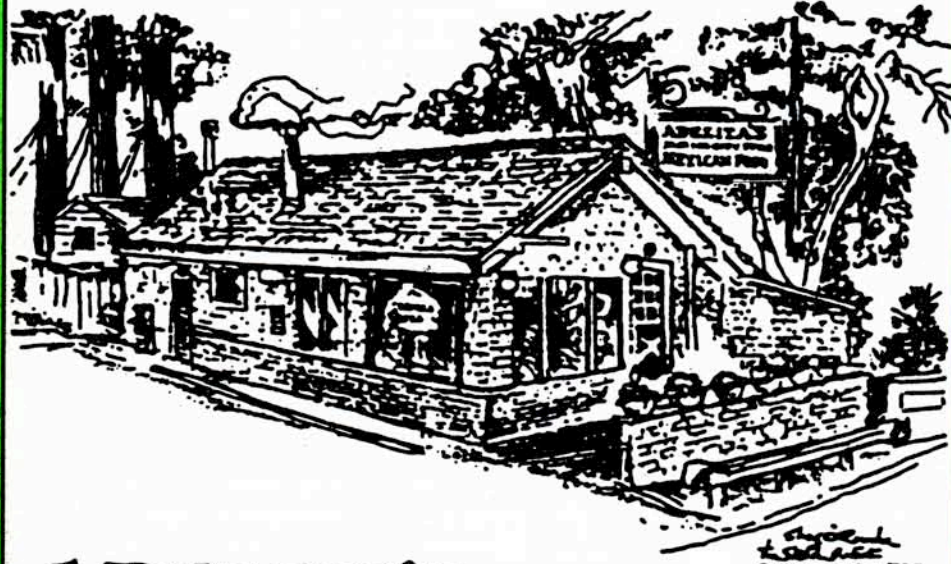
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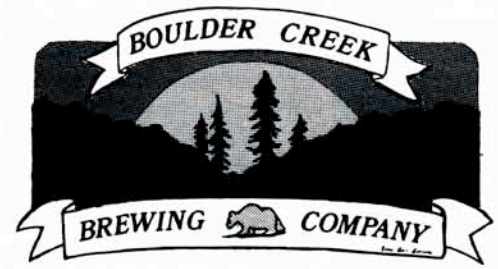
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# As America Celebrates Victory, **THE** **SUFFERING** **CONTINUES**

By Joseph A. Palermo

**E**ven before the paint has had a chance to dry on the "welcome home" signs for the troops, images of the thousands of Kurdish refugees desperately fleeing Iraq have threatened to rain on George Bush's victory parade. It is estimated that nearly three million of Iraq's 3.5 million Kurds are on the move. Over 830,000 Kurds have fled

into the mountains along Iraq's border with Turkey, and another 1.5 million are seeking refuge in Iran. This mass exodus, with its cataclysmic human suffering, has shattered once and for all the Pentagon's well-propagated myth of an antiseptic, "surgical" war in the Persian Gulf.

At press time, a deal has been struck between the Iraqi government and the Kurdish leadership to grant the Iraqi Kurds greater autonomy within their traditional provinces in northern Iraq. American Marines have been overseeing the construction of emergency camps near the Iraqi border town of Zakho. The Turkish government, which is reluctantly tolerating the influx of some 420,000 refugees, has refused to allow an additional 400,000, thereby trapping them in the

freezing mountains that separate the two nations. The Bush administration was very slow to respond to the emergency, and the Pentagon, the White House, and the State Department refuse to accept any responsibility for the current human suffering in the aftermath of "Desert Storm."

Over one million Iraqi refugees, mostly Kurds, have entered Iran and as many as 500,000 are moving toward the border near the cities of Sirwan and Halabja. About 71,000 Iraqi Shi'ites have also moved into Iran from southern Iraq and another 30,000 have fled to occupied areas. The number of Kurdish refugees fleeing into Iran and Turkey is matched in this century only by previous flights of the Armenians, the Palestinians, and the Afghans. Doctors at refugee camps

in Iran have told reporters that they are losing as many as a dozen babies daily to infant diarrhea and other diseases at each of the 26 camps. Iranian relief officials estimated in late April that close to 1,000 refugees were dying daily of malnutrition, exposure, and disease. In the camps, sanitation is nonexistent, and dysentery and diarrhea are epidemic. A Kurdish nurse's aide at one medical station in Iran said that 15 to 20 children had died daily at her station alone.

Iran has committed \$57 million to the relief effort, far more than any Western or Asian nation and a considerable sum for a government that is itself in economic straits. "Thousands of small children are grappling with death, afflicted with various diseases and vomiting because of malnutrition," Teheran radio reported. Jeff Crisp, a United Nations relief official, said, "Never in the 40-year history of our organization have so many people moved in such a short period of time. The kind of systems we have traditionally used to respond to refugee emergencies were simply not designed for movements of this magnitude and speed. It's unprecedented." Mr. Crisp added, "In Iraq, you basically have a whole area that's being depopulated; whole towns and villages have gotten up and left." Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani denounced the West for creating the regional disaster and said "the United States will eventually be put on trial." Teheran holds the United States "responsible" for both the widespread Iraqi civilian deaths and the current refugee crisis.

In Turkey and in the mountains along the Iraq-Turkey border the situation is equally grim. In the camps on the Turkish border the only water comes from rapidly melting snow near the summits of forbidding mountains. Mothers with infants have stopped lactating due to fatigue and dehydration and have been forced to feed their babies a mixture of melted snow and sugar. Infant diarrhea, dehydration and exposure have killed hundreds of babies and tiny graves litter the environs of the camps.

The Turkish government will not allow the 400,000 refugees to come down from the mountains. "The Turks see the whole thing as a security problem, rather than a refugee problem," an international relief worker told reporters. "What we're doing is creating the worst of the West Bank and Gaza Strip and Beirut," said another aid official whose agency has long-term experience in the Middle East. The United States has not offered to take on the refugees, nor has it urged Turkey to do so. Kurds are forbidden by law to speak their native language or to claim Kurdish identity and culture in Turkey. These laws are harsh and stringently enforced. For example, in 1983 a Kurdish mayor of a town in southeast Turkey was given a 35-year prison sentence for having allowed people to speak Kurdish in city hall. At the camps, Turkish soldiers have reportedly fired into crowds of hungry Kurds

## COVER THEME

during bread riots.

None of the regional powers in the Middle East wish to see the Kurds express their national or ethnic identity. The Kurds are a Sunni Muslim, non-Turkic and non-Arab people who speak a language related to Persian. There are about 20 million of them, half in eastern Turkey, the rest in northern Iraq, western Iran and parts of Syria and the Soviet Union. They were promised autonomy in a post-World War I treaty that was subsequently rescinded, and have waged intermittent guerrilla war for their own nation-state in Iraq, Iran and Turkey ever since. British and French colonial officials drew up the borders of the Middle East following World War I and the breakup of the Ottoman empire, and did not take into account the ethnic and religious divisions of the indigenous populations.

In January, President George Bush signed a secret order authorizing the Central Intelligence Agency to aid rebel factions inside Iraq. The order, or "finding," was described by the Associated Press as granting broad and general authority for clandestine activities to undermine Saddam's rule and to support efforts by opposition forces inside Iraq. President Bush has declined to comment on the matter, saying he never talks publicly about intelligence activities. But *NBC News* reported that the CIA had set up and financed a clandestine anti-government radio station, the Voice of Free Iraq, which operated throughout the Persian Gulf conflict. The CIA commonly uses radio broadcasts when it attempts to covertly assist political opposition groups. Bush has consistently sidestepped reporters' questions about possible links between the United States and the Iraqi rebels in the period immediately following the war which ultimately led to the current refugee crisis.

On April 8, Secretary of State James Baker stopped at a Kurdish refugee camp in the mountains on the Turkish border for a brief photo opportunity to show U.S. concern. Two days after his visit 37 refugees, 27 of them young children, died from hypothermia on the mountainside. Secretary Baker was asked by reporters if the United States felt responsible in any way for the refugees' plight. Baker replied: "The answer is no. The United States certainly does not feel responsible in any way."

But in January, at the time President Bush signed the intelligence "finding," he reportedly told his advisers to see how feasible it would be to create a tide of discontent from within Iraq. And on February 15, President Bush said "the Iraqi people" should "take matters in their own hands" and throw Saddam Hussein out. But when the Kurds rebelled and were mercilessly crushed, the president chose to say and do nothing. In fact, he went



on a five-day fishing trip in the Florida keys while a thousand Kurds died each day. On April 16 President Bush said at a press conference: "I did suggest, and it's well documented, what I thought would be good, is if the Iraqi people would take matters in their own hands and kick Saddam Hussein out. I still feel that way and I still hope they do."

For more than three months, the CIA's Voice of Free Iraq passionately urged the Iraqi people to rise up against President Hussein, and even extolled the glories of martyrdom in dying for the cause. The radio station continued to broadcast emotional calls for revolution even after the White House declared publicly on March 26 that it would not interfere in the Iraqi civil war. "Sons of our Iraqi people, sons of our valiant army, officers and men wherever you may be in all sectors, champion your people's uprising," said a broadcast of Voice of Free Iraq on March 27, the day after the White House announcement of non-interference. "Back the will of the people to overthrow the

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— Richard Nixon

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Saddam regime!" As late as April 6, in an effort to broaden the revolt beyond the Shi'ite Muslim areas in the south and the Kurdish north, the Voice of Free Iraq was calling upon all "brother Iraqis" to liberate Baghdad.

There is a history of CIA involvement with the Iraqi Kurdish population. From 1972 to 1975 the CIA supported the Iraqi Kurds in their bid for autonomy as a means to strengthen the Shah of Iran by weakening his rival Iraq with an ethnic rebellion. The CIA did not inform the Kurdish leadership that U.S. policy was designed to produce a stalemate, not autonomy for the Kurds. This earlier CIA manipulation of Iraqi Kurds also ended in tragedy. In March 1975, the CIA abandoned the operation and the Iraqi government executed several hundred Kurdish leaders. Over 200,000 Kurdish refugees then fled Iraq and managed to escape into Iran.

In 1975, a congressional committee chaired by Rep. Otis G. Pike investigated various CIA operations and issued a secret report that was later leaked to the *Village Voice*. According to the Pike Committee, neither the

United States nor Iran under the Shah extended adequate humanitarian assistance to the Kurdish refugees, which resulted in the death of thousands. "In fact," the Pike Committee noted, "Iran was later to forcibly return over 40,000 of the refugees and the United States government refused to admit even one refugee into the United States by way of political asylum even though they qualified for such admittance." When Henry Kissinger was interviewed by Pike Committee staffers about the U.S. role in aiding and abetting the Kurdish rebellion in Iraq, he said, "Covert action should not be confused with missionary work." In the present crisis, it remains unclear what forms of covert assistance the CIA may have provided to the Kurdish rebels inside Iraq. We are left to speculate on how radio broadcasts and other secret CIA activities, designed to fan the flames of rebellion in Iraq, contributed to the post-war crackdown and subsequent refugee crisis.

President Bush welcomed General "Stormin'" Norman Schwarzkopf to the White House on April 23 and praised the general for his "fantastic" leadership of the U.S. military during the war. "What he and his troops did for the morale of the United States of America is unbelievable," Bush said. In regard to the refugees, General Schwarzkopf told reporters, "I don't think that we should ever say that because of what's happening to the Kurds now means that our mission failed."

Schwarzkopf will be the most celebrated general since Douglas MacArthur returned from Korea in 1951. He has been flooded with offers of executive positions in private industry and multi-million-dollar book contracts. He is also scheduled to lead the Kentucky Derby parade in Louisville and welcome Queen Elizabeth during her trip to Tampa later this month. "It's great to be home," Schwarzkopf exclaimed when he first arrived in the United States on April 21. Amidst cheers he told Kuwait's Ambassador to the United States, Sheik Saud Nasir Al-Sabah: "Mr. Ambassador, I'm proud to report to you that Kuwait is free."

But according to an Amnesty International report published last month, Kuwait is not "free." Only 90,000 men who can prove family lineage in Kuwait before 1920 are allowed to vote, and despite a recent reshuffling of the Kuwaiti cabinet, the Al-Sabah family still maintains a stranglehold on political power in the emirate. The Amnesty report details a wave of arbitrary arrests, torture, rape, and killings of foreign nationals in Kuwait since the withdrawal of Iraqi troops. "Victims have been gunned down, or taken away, tortured and killed in secret. Hundreds have been plucked from their homes, taken from the streets or arrested at checkpoints," said the report, which was prepared after a two-week fact-finding trip by a group that arrived in Kuwait on March 28. "Savage beatings with sticks, hose

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pipes and rifle butts and whippings with electric cables appear to be the norm for detainees, as was electric shock treatment, burning with cigarettes, candles and acid," the human rights group reported. Teams of torturers, it said, "often appeared to work in relays for hours."

As we go to press, there has been an uneasy truce established between the Iraqi government and the Kurdish leadership. Many Kurds are skeptical that Saddam Hussein will keep his promise of greater autonomy for their people given his poor record of holding to past agreements. The Bush administration hopes the Kurds can be resettled in Iraq as quickly as possible because it will lessen the political pressure on the United States to play an active role in the relief effort.

In the 1980s, Saddam Hussein

cracked down on the Kurdish Democratic Party, as well as the Iraqi Communist Party and even the left wing of his own Baath Party. Of course, when he was doing those things the United States viewed him as a "moderate" and "friendly" Arab leader. Now there has been a steady chorus from Washington on both sides of the aisle for the ouster of Mr. Hussein. Former President Richard Nixon, interviewed on CBS's *60 Minutes*, had a very simple solution for the Iraqi leader: "If I could find a way to get him out of there, even putting a contract out on him, if the CIA still did that sort of thing, assuming it ever did, I would be for it."

According to Congress's chief auditor, U.S. Comptroller General Charles Bowsher, the cost of the Persian Gulf War "will ultimately total as much as \$100 billion." He told the Senate

Armed Services Committee that contributions from U.S. allies will only cover "about half the war's cost." Thus, as opponents of the war had predicted, the total cost of the war to taxpayers will be far greater than the \$15 billion price tag the Bush administration had originally estimated.

But the cost of the war to the average American taxpayer will not dampen the "victory" parades scheduled this month in New York and Los Angeles. Organizers of the May 19 Los Angeles extravaganza promise it will be the "granddaddy" of all parades. It has been dubbed "Hollywood's Welcome Home Desert Storm Parade," and Bob Hope and Jimmy Stewart will be its co-hosts. It will feature F-16 jets streaking across the sky and M-1 Abrams tanks and Patriot missile launchers rumbling down Sunset and Hollywood Boule-

wards. There will be thousands of veterans of past wars marching in the parade, and the Vietnam contingent will be led by retired General William C. Westmoreland. The spectacle may include an Air Force fly-over featuring F-117A Stealth fighters, the same type of planes that bombed the Baghdad air-raid shelter that incinerated over 400 Iraqi civilians. Six hundred of L.A.P.D.'s finest will be on hand to provide security, and a television audience in the millions is expected to watch. A tape delay will be aired over Memorial Day weekend by more than 100 television stations nationwide.

While millions of people celebrate America's military "victory" over a Third World nation of 18 million people, the immense suffering of the war's victims continues. There are a half million Iraqi children who no longer have fathers. One hundred seventy-five thousand Iraqi conscripts are dead; tens of thousands of civilians have perished in the bombing; thousands of Shi'ite and Kurdish rebels have been massacred. Two million refugees have fled the country and many are now dying of famine, exposure and disease. Iraq has been bombed back to a "pre-industrial" age. In Baghdad, hundreds of people are dying from drinking contaminated water. Sewage is backed up in the streets; old men, women and children are drawing water from gutters, mud puddles and polluted rivers. Cholera and dysentery are epidemic. In fashionable areas of the capital people are chopping down trees from their onceshady boulevards for firewood and carrying the wood on their backs or in hand-pulled carts. Five hundred oil wells continue to burn in Kuwait and the Persian Gulf itself is an ecological disaster. Clearly, any parade "celebrating" America's "victory" while this kind of carnage continues is a macabre affair.

And what do we have to "celebrate" at home? In just the last two years since George Bush has been in office three million more children have crossed the poverty line; malnutrition has increased; federal funding for education and health care has declined; the debt has skyrocketed; real wages are the lowest they have been in three decades; homelessness is rampant and the infrastructure is crumbling. The United States' per capita prison population is now the highest in the world, which means that an African-American male's probability of being incarcerated is four times as high as it is for a black South African. The United States leads the world in per capita energy consumption and emissions of air pollutants. And the only domestic issue George Bush has shown a degree of leadership in championing is his call for a cut in the capital gains tax. Is this state of affairs really worth celebrating?

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# HOT FLASHES

BY DAN KARAMANSKI

## HOT UNDER THE CARBON

RADIATION-DEFLECTING "SPACE MIRRORS," alterations of clouds and oceans, and a new generation of nuclear power reactors were among the down-to-earth recommendations recently proposed by a National Academy of Sciences panel on global warming reduction measures.

While admitting that the environmental effects of greenhouse gases warrant "prompt responses," the panel's "nimble" policy proposals managed to avoid offending the Bush administration with firm target dates or implementation quotas. And many of the group's "solutions" have their own problematic legacies. Leading this list is the panel's call for an expansion of nuclear power, including a campaign to "improve public acceptance" of the program. This strategy can already be seen in recent television and magazine ads sponsored by the U.S. Council for "Energy Awareness" that focus on Middle East instability and the "security" of nuclear power.

In contrast to the report made by a similar panel eight years ago, this group did suggest minor alterations in the administration's energy policy, such as a slight strengthening of new car fuel efficiency standards and mass transit support, as well as "full U.S. participation in population growth control programs."

The panel's proposals have been characterized by the mass media as both "aggressive" and "an adroit compromise" between the "various factions." *The New York Times* found a suitably approving environmental voice in Dr. Michael Oppenheimer of the Environmental Defense Fund, who commented that the U.S. "can actually reduce emissions and save money at the same time." This statement was contradicted by the report itself, which stated that the proposed goals would be achieved at "modest cost," and which did not call for a reduction in carbon dioxide emissions because the report's authors could not justify the cost. Not surprisingly, the panel's analysis appeared to measure all environmental benefits with the ruler of potential corporate costs.

Finally, the panel recommended that future energy prices reflect environmental and social costs incurred, but it refused to say when this should start. According to panel chair and former Republican Senator Daniel Evans, the policy of refraining from setting real goals or timetables retains the flexibility necessary to make a "mid-course correction." (sources: *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *San Francisco Chronicle* 4/11)

## OH! No OZONE!

THE OZONE HOLE OVER ANTARCTICA was recognized a decade ago, but no action was taken until a watered down international protocol was signed in Montreal in 1987. The primary diluter and delayer of this agreement on the production of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and other ozone-depleting chemicals was the United States.

Now the Environment Protection Agency has announced that the loss

administration was predictable. "Before we undertake a major overhaul of U.S. or worldwide policies," stated Michael Deland, chair of the President's Council on Environmental Quality, "we need to very carefully scrutinize this and other reports to evaluate the accuracy in a deliberative and comprehensive scientific way."

While *The New York Times* did print columnist Tom Wicker's limp denunciation of American unwilling-

the consequence of engine failure would be enormous and would present a high-level radiation hazard. Even ruling out accidental catastrophe, the rocket would necessarily spew dangerous amounts of radioactive exhaust.

The Pentagon is currently planning test flights near Antarctica; one study estimates that there is a 1 in 2,325 chance of debris from an explosion hitting New Zealand. But New Zealanders hoping to collect a piece of nuclear space debris can take heart; on April 20, an Atlas Centaur rocket carrying a Japanese satellite malfunctioned and was destroyed, sending a shower of non-nuclear debris into the Atlantic Ocean. Unlike the proposed secret rocket, this failure involved a rocket that has been tried and tested for 28 years.

(source: *New York Times* 4/3, 4/20)



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of ozone over the continental United States is proceeding more than twice as fast as more limited earlier measurements had indicated. "It is stunning information," said EPA Director William K. Reilly. The EPA estimates that over the next 50 years, 12 million Americans will develop skin cancer, with fatal results for over 200,000. The U.S. has experienced a 4.5 to 5 percent loss of ozone in the last decade, while losses over Canada and Scandinavia exceed 8 percent.

Although Reilly indicated that the measures taken previously to reduce ozone depletion "may well turn out to be inadequate," the reaction from the

ness to take "a strong lead against international environmental threats," absent from the *Times*' article on the EPA report was any mention of the United States' recalcitrant role in banning CFCs.

(source: *New York Times*: 4/5/91, 4/10/91)

## NUKES IN SPACE

THE FEDERATION OF AMERICAN Scientists has revealed that the U.S. is secretly developing a nuclear powered rocket to launch large military payloads into space.

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## SICK REVELATIONS

"IT'S ALMOST NAUSEATING TO THINK that this could be true," said former President Jimmy Carter, referring to new evidence of 1980 Reagan-Bush campaign negotiations with Iran to delay release of the Americans held hostage until after the presidential election. According to a recent PBS *Frontline* documentary and an article by former National Security Council and Carter administration staffer Gary Sick, the deal included the delivery (via Israel) of military hardware and spare parts to the Iranians and a promise to release Iranian assets frozen by the Carter administration.

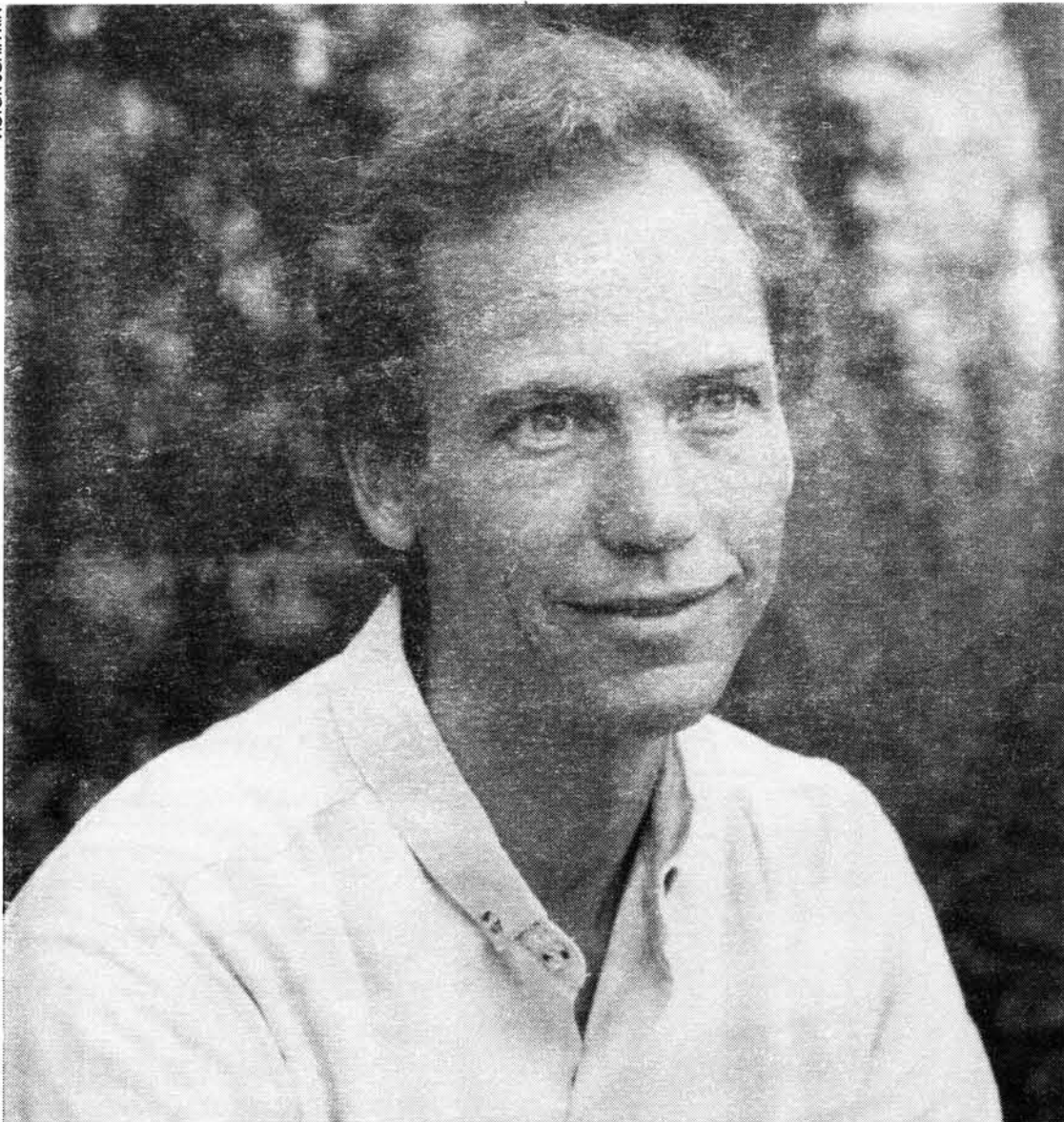
Jamshid Hashemi, an Iranian with contacts among the revolutionary faction in Iran, names William Casey as the principal Reagan campaign negotiator. Five sources, three of whom claim eyewitness knowledge, finger George Bush as a participant in at least one meeting in Paris.

Sick also said that the foreign policy advisor to the Reagan campaign, Richard V. Allen, denied that there was any campaign involvement in the timing of the hostage release, but couldn't speak for any "self-starters" in the campaign who may have acted on their own.

Following the publication of these allegations, Carter called for a "more thorough investigation" of the charges. The *Los Angeles Times* apparently didn't find the former president's call newsworthy and ran the entire story as a one-sentence blurb on page 35.

(source: *New York Times* 4/15; *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Los Angeles Times* 4/26)





## John Robbins Discusses What's Eating at the Heart of America

Interview by John Govsky

**F**our years ago, John Robbins wrote *Diet for a New America*, a book that documents the destructive nature of a meat-centered diet, on both a personal and political level. Nominated for a Pulitzer Prize, *Diet for a New America* clearly shows us the effects our food choices have on the environment, on animals, and, ultimately, on ourselves.

John Robbins, son of the founder of the Baskin Robbins ice cream company, decided at age 20 not to follow in his father's footsteps. Instead, he wished to "...pursue the deeper American Dream...the dream of a society at peace with its conscience because it respects and lives in harmony with all life forms. A dream of a society that is truly healthy, practicing a wise and compassionate stewardship of a balanced ecosystem."

Today, Robbins lives in the Santa Cruz Mountains and is the president of EarthSave, a "non-profit environmental, health, and educational organization informing people about the cumulative impact of America's food choices." EarthSave, based in Santa Cruz, has local action groups in cities throughout the country.

This interview took place on April 25th, shortly after Earth Day.

**Monthly Planet:** The other day The New York Times ran a front-page story about a new "low-fat" hamburger that McDonalds spent an estimated \$50-75 million to develop. Do you see this as a step in the right direction?

**John Robbins:** I do see it as a step in the right direction, but a very small one. McDonalds spends vastly more money than that on building a public image that deceives us into thinking of eating as an amusing, trivial experience. They also have accomplished the creation of the public image of themselves as an environmental benefactor, when this couldn't be further from the truth. For every burger sold, they don't tell you about the amount of rainforest destroyed, the amount of topsoil eroded, the amount of water polluted, the amount of forest cut down. It's been said that only 200 years ago this country was so heavily forested that the average squirrel could go from the Atlantic to the Pacific without ever touching the ground. But today, if you fly over the Midwest, you see mile after mile of low crops, growing grains and soybeans. We call that area the breadbasket of the country, but it's not growing bread — it's growing grain to feed livestock. Ninety percent of the grain and soybeans grown in the country are fed just to animals, not to people. And that's where we get our hamburgers. So we've traded our forests for cheeseburgers. And McDonalds sells us those cheeseburgers and doesn't tell us that with every bite we are consuming the life-support systems of our planet.

**MP:** What are the other ecological consequences of the average American diet?

**JR:** Well, there are many. My work has focused on the impact of our meat-based agriculture, because that is where the impact is most severe and serious, and by the same token that is where we have the most leverage in terms of making changes that are effective.

**MP:** So you're talking about changing from a meat-based diet to a vegetarian diet.

**JR:** Yes, I'm talking about moving in that direction. People don't have to be vegetarians to be concerned about their health, or to want their lives to be a statement of compassion. People don't have to give up meat entirely and completely in order to be the kind of person that wants to have a positive influence on the environment. But if you think of yourself as an environmentalist today, if you love the Earth, if you love life, then it's necessary to question any kind of meat consumption. For every individual who shifts from a standard American meat-centered diet to a vegetarian diet, an acre of trees is spared. Or you could say that an acre of land that had been forest, that was cleared to graze cattle or raise cattle feed, can be returned to forest.

There's another issue here. In California we have a drought of quite a few years standing, fairly severe water rationing in many of our cities, and a real threat to the state's agriculture. One consequence is that a lot of people are saying, "Well, how

do I conserve water?" So they do things like they install low-flow showerheads in their showers, they take fewer showers, and shorter showers. They only flush the toilet some of the time.

**MP:** But in fact most of the water use is probably for the agriculture industry to feed the cattle?

**JR:** That's right. The Agricultural Extension Service at U.C. Davis did a study to determine how much water goes into the production of all of the various crops produced in the state. And they came out with a conclusion based on per pound of product — in other words how much water it takes to produce a pound of lettuce, to produce a pound of almonds, to produce a pound of grapes, beef, cotton, rice, everything. And the numbers are very, very startling. It takes about 20 gallons of water to produce a pound of celery. About 30 to produce a pound of potatoes, about 49 to produce a pound of apples, 70 for grapes. The range for fruits and vegetables is approximately between 20 and 80 gallons of water per pound of fruit or vegetable. But for beef, it's 5,214 gallons of water for one pound. Now to understand how much water that is, picture one-gallon water containers, the kind that people get water from in the market when they bring home bottled water. To fill a stack of those containers more than a mile high is for one single pound of beef. Another way of grasping the amount of water that



goes into beef production in the state is to realize that a resident of California can save more water today by not eating one pound of California beef than they could by not showering for an entire year.

**MP:** *That's a great statistic...*

**JR:** I'll explain how I arrived at that. It may sound ludicrous, but it's accurate. It's based on taking five showers a week, averaging five minutes a shower, which I think is about average for someone who's concerned about water conservation, with a showerhead flow rate of four gallons per minute, which, by the way, is a little higher than the legal limit now for contractors putting new showerheads into new homes; in other words, you have to be fairly restrictive. Anyway, five showers a week, five minutes per shower, four gallons per minute, is a hundred gallons per week. That's 5,200 gallons of water a year for all of your showering. Well, that's less than it takes to produce a pound of beef in the state.

**MP:** *You've talked a little about the ecological consequences of diet, including water usage. Now let's talk about energy. To a large degree the war in the Persian Gulf, which really hasn't ended, is about energy and resources.*

**JR:** Definitely. So a lot of us are asking what we can do individually and collectively to reduce our energy consumption. There are many reasons to entertain these questions very seriously. Obviously the Persian Gulf crisis is one of them. Even above and beyond that, the burning of oil and other fossil fuels releases carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, and also oxides and nitrogen. The results of these gases building up in the atmosphere are global warming and acid rain. These are very, very serious environmental problems that threaten the very basis of all of our agriculture, namely our climate, and the viability of the biosphere itself. It turns out, on a positive note here, that it takes 22 times more oil or other energy to produce a pound of protein from beef today in the United States than it does to produce a pound of protein from wheat or corn. It takes 40 times more energy to produce a pound of protein from beef than it does from soybeans. This means that when you get your protein from a more vegetarian source, you are in effect consuming much less energy, much less oil, and therefore are in effect contributing much less of the greenhouse gases to the atmosphere and much less of the gases that cause acid rain. Additionally, of course, in saving oil you are helping to move our society in a direction towards a sustainable, sane, ethical, renewable energy future.

**MP:** *And you will become healthier in the process.*

**JR:** Absolutely. The wonderful thing

is that these choices that are better for the environment, better for the economy, and better for our souls are also better for our health. We have traded our forests for cheeseburgers, and in the process have given ourselves an epidemic of heart attacks. You might say we've traded our forests for heart disease, and that would be quite accurate.

By the way, there are a lot of people who are concerned about wildlife and who view the extinction of species, rightfully, with horror, but they say when it comes to livestock, "Well, these are animals who are just there because we bred them so we can use them however we want to." However, even from their point of view, you have to realize that the destruction of the forests and the destruction of the water, the pollution of the water, and so forth, are destroying the habitats for our wildlife and therefore are a major contribution to the tidal wave of extinction that is sweeping across the planet. One instance of this is in the tropical rainforests. It's taken some of us a while to see, when we look at a hamburger, the cow that's been ground up to produce that hamburger. It's taken us a little while also to see the tropical rainforest that has been destroyed to produce that hamburger. Today, for every hamburger using rainforest beef, 55 square feet of tropical rainforest has been destroyed.

**MP:** *You mentioned another loss here, when you mentioned our souls. Diet for a New America exposes some of the ways the food industries mistreat or even torture animals in this country, with virtually no compassion. Do you see connections between the way people treat animals and the way people treat each other?*

**JR:** Absolutely. We are inextricably woven into the web of life. Even if we think we're separate and even if we feel alienated and lonely, our lives still are profoundly interrelated to all of the rest of the Earth community. When we get into the habit of treating other animals as commodities, as things, as merchandise, without any acknowledgement or respect for their existence as creatures and as feeling beings, then the objectification that this requires cuts us off from compassion across the board. You can't draw your sustenance from a system that reeks of cruelty without imbibing some of the suffering into your own spirit and body and life.

**MP:** *Your latest book, In Search of Balance, talks about "discovering harmony in a changing world." Aside from changing the way we eat, what do you see as the most important changes that we as individuals, and therefore as a society, can make?*

**JR:** Well, *In Search of Balance* looks at the underlying psychological and spiritual disease that allows us to conduct a war against the environment, against the other animals, against each other, and against our-

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selves. And it's my experience that war really begins internally in our own lives and selves. By learning to accept and enjoy the shadow side of ourselves, and to appreciate the many dimensions in which we live and to express fully the wide scope of our feelings and of our urges, is the way that we become whole. And when we're more whole, we can be more effective agents of social change.

**MP:** Do you see a movement in this direction?

**JR:** Very much. I see that there have been two separate movements that have been developing independently of each other, and they've been cut off from each other, and they've been weakened by that separation. On the one hand, we've had the social action movement, the movement for social justice, for peace, for civil liberties, and for a more just economic reality. And on the other hand we've had a movement of people that you could call, roughly, the human potential movement — people working to become stronger in themselves, to become more aware of their motives and of their conditioning, and to become happier and more free individuals. The trouble is that those two movements have been, by and large, separated. I think this corresponds to the separation down through history that our culture has carried: the separation between the body and the mind, the separation between the

spirit and creation itself. But I think the real lesson and teaching and gift of our times is the integration of these aspects, so that we're seeing people doing social action work and simultaneously working on themselves. And we're seeing people who are meditating and reflecting and doing the practices that enable them to align their energies more fully with their essential being and then

curvy mountain road, and we get stuck behind a semi. And he decides to macho it out and pass the semi, even though it means crossing the double line and we don't have sufficient visibility of the oncoming traffic to really make that a safe thing. And everyone gets scared as the driver takes us across into what we can see is terribly dangerous and then we end up passing the semi. Or it seems

**MP:** So in the midst of all this, what do you draw on to keep going? What is your source of inspiration and hope?

**JR:** Well, I draw my hope from the good that I do see in all of us. When I look back on history and take a little bit wider perspective, I realize that only 150 years ago slavery was legal in this country. Only 75 years ago women were not allowed to vote in this country. And I see that there have been really profound positive changes in our way of experiencing ourselves and each other. I take heart from the accelerating and growing tide of feeling in people that is cleaning the world as a source of inspiration and beauty and something really to be preserved and cared for. I think that the war against the environment has played itself out pretty much and that there is a potential amongst us for a dramatic revolution in our consciousness that will permit us finally to create an ethical and loving connection to each other, to ourselves, and to all that live.

Another thing that gives me hope is the quality of people whose dedication and commitment and joy in being part of this movement is so renewing to me. The people at EarthSave who give so fully of themselves and with such a sense of life and vision, to the details and tasks that are involved, are profoundly inspiring to me and help keep me going, including Patricia Carney, Mary Quillin, Mary Perkins, Alese Jones, Alan Ross, and Earle Harris.

**MP:** Diet for a New America is a very fact-oriented and statistical book. In Search of Balance, which you co-wrote with Ann Mortiffe, is a very different kind of book which talks about feelings and interpersonal relations.

What is the connection between the two books? How did you come to write such different books?

**JR:** The logical, rational, technologi-

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translating that renewal into actions on behalf of life itself. The breakdown that has taken people into narcissism on the one hand or into burn-out on the other — that separation is being healed in our time.

**MP:** I see those things as well, especially here in Santa Cruz. But how would you respond to the fact that this recent war, or what many would call a massacre, has such a high level of public support?

**JR:** Actually, I don't think it does have the kind of support that the polls would have you believe. I think that the polls actually take the pulse of very superficial phenomena. And so at the moment that we seemed to be winning the war, there were people that were very relieved because of the fear that had been there. It's as if we're driving along a highway and George Bush is the driver and it's a

that we made it through. I mean we get around the semi and back into the lane and everyone says, "Oh, my God," but it doesn't mean that it wasn't a terribly risky thing and it doesn't mean that we should allow anything like this to continue. And it doesn't mean that people will allow it to continue, either.

I think the seeming popularity of the war is actually just relief that it's over — that it seems to be over, I should say. And that there were so few American casualties. I think that it built upon a tremendous need to deny the deeper implications of the war. And I think those deeper implications will surface now, over a bit of time: the implications to the economy, the implications to the stability of that region, and the implications that will come home to us as we realize that possibly 200,000 people were murdered by our actions.

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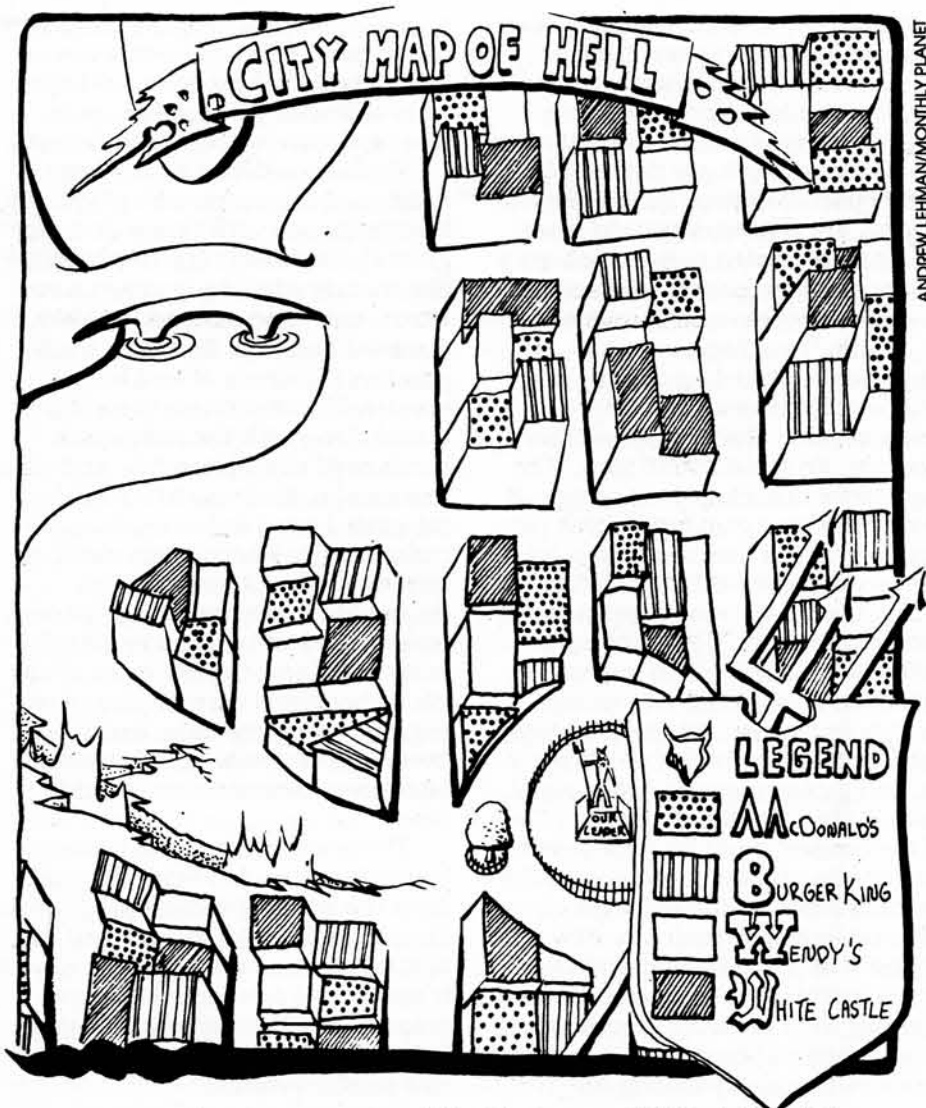
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cal male mind, if divorced from the female, the intuitive parts of ourselves, leads to destruction. And all of my work is about balancing the realm of compassion and the realm of thought. *Diet for a New America* talks about the world outside of us, about our soil and our air and our water and the other animals and our diets and some of the industries that profit from deceiving us and lying to us and cheating us, and what we can do to restore our health and our sense of purpose in the world. *In Search of Balance* talks about the personal, individual changes that we go through as we try to make our life statements of who we are. There are a lot of feelings that inevitably develop. There's grief to work through.

There's rage at what is being done around us, and at what we ourselves have become conditioned by. There are spiritual dimensions to the process of our own growth, as we come into connection to the greater powers within our own being and within the world that we had heretofore been unaware of or responsible for. *In Search of Balance* talks about the kinds of things that arise as we take more and more responsibility for our lives and work to become spiritually and physically congruent. It's really a guide to remaining in balance, in the process that these times are drawing forth in all of us.

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# An Experimental Center for Developing Simple Technologies

*By Valori George*

**Y**EARS AGO I SENT AWAY FOR the booklet "Alternatives to the Peace Corps" and researched my options for volunteer work in a Third World country. What I lacked, though, was a practical skill to offer in such situations or a way to learn new skills. In March of this year, my interest was re-kindled when I met Tim Eiloart, the Secretary of the Green Party in England and a Quaker, at an environmental forum in Monterey.

Tim has a background in chemical engineering and science and is currently the director of an English charity called Sunseed Trust. Sunseed is researching and practicing methods of reclamation and recovery of desert lands through scientific and agricultural means.

As an experimental center for developing simple technologies to help reverse the process of desertification, Sunseed Trust began the "Spanish Project" in 1986 in the dri-

est area of Europe — a small, abandoned village 50 kilometers from Almeria and 40 minutes from the coast of southeastern Spain.

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In this village Sunseed owns two houses and has use of two others, accommodating a staff of 10 plus 35 visitors. In 1989, 400 people stayed at the project, most through the working visitors program. Many arrived without a particular skill

related to the project. The daily effort involves building repairs, general maintenance, tree planting, gardening, dam-building, and dry-stone walling. Supervision is informal, with four hours of work per day expected, and household tasks, such as bread-baking, are shared. Vegan/vegetarian meals are eaten together, offering an opportunity for staff and visitors to exchange ideas and opinions.

Within the village a strong emphasis is placed on making practical use of the results of their research. One student visitor from Norwich, England, found that, "The experience of seeing ideas being put to practice by a community was particularly useful because textbooks can never convey the worth of an innovation or the exact way in which people will use it." He spent his time at Sunseed helping with improvements on a hydraulic-ram pump that moves water 50 feet uphill from the Rio de Aguas to one of the houses, and gained an understanding of solar stills and wind generators. Two of the houses are lit by solar power and another by wind power. Visiting workers learn traditional ways of growing food with mulches, new methods of using human and vegetable wastes, beneficial companion planting, and seasonal crop rotation. A basic organic gardening course provides continuity among the

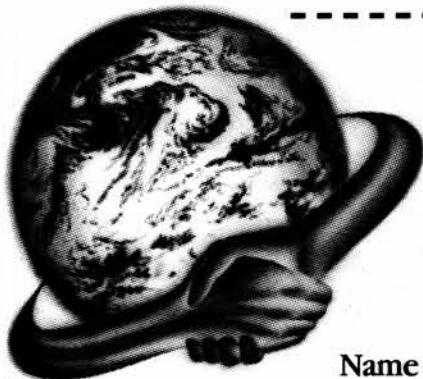
of self-sufficiency. Experimental beds of sorghum, millet, and oats are being planted alongside established beds of beans, garlic, leeks, peas, aloe vera, carrots, and chili peppers.

The terrain around the village is rough and the vegetation is typically Mediterranean with thyme and sage ground shrubbery. The trees are predominantly olive, fig, pomegranate, citrus, date, and almond. In 1988, Sunseed began its first "tree trials," planting hundreds of arid land species. Uncommon varieties were tested along with the indigenous carob, wild olive, pistachio, and pine. The most suitable varieties will be integrated into land-use systems for reclaiming degraded areas and preventing further desertification. Reclamation involves bringing trees, fertility, and water back to arid and marginal lands. Development of simple technologies for pumping, storing, and purifying water can overcome the problems that most often force communities off arid lands.

Those who wish to learn those technologies could certainly benefit from the working visitors program at Sunseed's Spanish Project, but the cost of traveling that distance makes it prohibitive for many. However, areas in this hemisphere, particularly Baja, would lend themselves well to a similar project.

Worldwide areas of land the size of England are lost to desert each year. To reverse this trend, new appropriate technologies must be incorporated with political and social changes. Poor and hungry countries need technologies simple enough to be built, maintained, and run by trained people without formal education. What we need here is a training center to learn these technologies and a community in which to experiment.

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- Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)** 425-7618  
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- YWCA, Santa Cruz** 426-3062  
303 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz 95060

To update this information, or to add your organization, call The Monthly Planet at 429-8755.



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All events listed are in Santa Cruz unless otherwise noted.

Calendar items must be typed or legibly written and sent (along with any photos) to *The Monthly Planet*, 320-G Cedar St, Santa Cruz, CA 95060. We do not take calendar items over the phone. We must receive your listing no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 21 for inclusion in the June issue (publication date: Thursday, May 30).

## through may 31

**"Continuing the Peace Dialogue."** The work of Yuri Kuidin, a Kazakh photojournalist, which documents of the plight of people living "downwind" from a Soviet nuclear weapons test site. Sponsored by Continuing the Peace Dialogue and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Santa Cruz County Building, 701 Ocean St. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays. Info: 423-9232.

## thursday, may 2

**The Environment Club for Teachers and Students** in Santa Cruz County's next meeting. Topic: Earth Day Wrap-up and next year's plans. Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center St., 6:30 p.m.

**"The Post Cold War In Southeast Asia."** Adalai E. Stevenson Program on Global Security Colloquia presents Dr. Wayne

Decker, lecturer in politics at UCSC. Stevenson Conference Room, UCSC, 3:30-5 p.m. Free and open to the public. Info: 459-2833.

## friday, may 3

**Phillp Agee, former CIA agent: "Dirty Work with the CIA."** He will discuss the CIA's involvement in the Persian Gulf War and the U.S. government's 20 year campaign to silence his protests against CIA covert activity. Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium, 307 Church St., 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$10 at the Civic Box Office or at BASS ticket outlets; \$5 students and seniors. Sponsor: Christic Action Team. Info: 426-3254.

**"Peace Begins at Home"** photo exhibit reception. Presented by Peace Day Project. County Government Center 701 Ocean St., 1st floor, 5-7 p.m. Exhibit runs from April 23 through June 14.

## saturday, may 4

**Workshop In Holistic Resource Management**, "Seeking Practical Solutions to Restoring Land, Wildlife, and Communities." With Allan Savory, founding director, Holistic Resource Management. This is a process that has demonstrated success in restoring natural resources and the communities that depend on them throughout the world. This method manages each situation as a whole unit composed of the people involved, including their values and culture, and the land and financial resources available to them. Presented by The Habitat Restoration Group and the University of California, Santa Cruz, Agroecology Program. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Stevenson College, Room 150, UCSC. Info: The Habitat Restoration Group 439-5500, the UCSC Agroecology Program 459-2321, or the Center for Holistic Resource Management (800) 654-3619.

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# Bike-to-Work Day

By Jessica Denevan

BY NOW YOU MAY ALREADY BE ANTICIPATING this year's upcoming Bike-to-Work Day, taking place on May 21st. If you are a regular cycle commuter you can enjoy this day as a reward for your important contribution to a healthier world, and if you are someone who is now considering biking to work, this is a great opportunity to get encouragement for making that choice and to try it.

Bike to Work Day, now in its fourth year, traditionally augments the already formidable personal rewards of cycling (such as more free time, better health, improved finances, and easy parking) by, one day out of the year, throwing in a free continental breakfast, bike tune-ups at several of the breakfast sites, organized rides to Cabrillo College and UCSC, prizes (this year including a Burley bicycle cart) and even a Bike Away from Work Celebration with music, speeches, and more. But Bike-to-Work Day is more than just muffins and positive encouragement. It is also a politely phrased, community-oriented event designed to begin addressing one of the most terrible single problems of our society — the automobile.

The auto is the greatest consumer of natural resources and destroyer of environment ever created by humankind. For the average American, the personal automobile is responsible for 70 percent of their consumption of minerals, 61 percent of their energy consumption, and 90 percent of the air pollution they release (*Context* magazine, April 1991). The automobile is the number one contributor to two of the gravest of environmental threats: cars are the primary source of carbon dioxide emissions which produce the greenhouse effect, and leaky auto air conditioners are the single greatest contributor of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) which are destroying the ozone layer. The private automobile in the U.S. consumes 43 percent all oil extracted.

Clearly those of us who desire peace and have concern for fellow humans and other creatures should be horrified at the carnage inflicted by the auto itself, as well as by the political policies that promote it and keep the fuel lines open. Almost as many Americans are killed in automobile accidents each year than died in the entire Vietnam War; cars have killed almost 3 million people since 1900, and have disabled 90 million. Cars also kill more animals than the fur industry and hunting combined.

We can replace the urge to escape the problems of our society with the desire to transform them. By bicycling instead of driving we can begin to redress the damage being done to our world. The bicycle, which for up to 70 percent of all trips made in some industrialized nations, is the most efficient form of transportation known. Bicycles can carry enormous loads, transport passengers, deliver goods, and traverse even very difficult terrain. And with the resources

needed to create one automobile, 100 bicycles can be made.

In Santa Cruz County, where over half of all residents live within five miles of their workplace, simply biking to work should not present an insurmountable obstacle. (Bike-and-ride possibilities are numerous as well.) Perhaps we can each ask ourselves — are ideals of speed and absolute comfort relevant in the face of the present crises? Give functional cycling a try — it's easier than you think. The single most liberating and effective tool for the modern world is only as far away as your nearest two wheels!

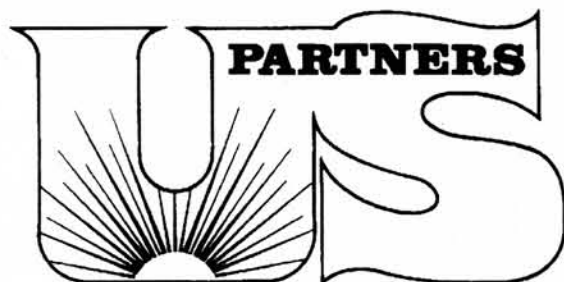
Bike to work — to school — to shop — to play. Bike for life and for the health of the planet. And join us on May 21st in making Bike-to-Work Day more than just a free muffin.

Jessica Denevan is the coordinator of the 1991 Bike-to-Work Day event and the co-founder of *People Power*. For more information about Bike-to-Work Day, call 462-5968.



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## ONGOING EVENTS

### MONDAYS:

**Coalition for Nicaragua regular meeting.** 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: 335-7164.

**San Lorenzo Valley Peace Coalition meetings** — Monday May 6th and 20th at United Methodist Church, Boulder and Mountain Sts., Boulder Creek, 7 p.m. Info: 338-7040.

**Santa Cruz Action for Big Mountain** meets at the Loudon Nelson Center, 7 p.m. 1st meeting of the month: videos and speakers, 2nd and 3rd meetings: planning and organizational, 4th meeting: coalition and alliance building. Info: 464-8633.

**Progressive Animal Rights Alliance** meeting. 7:30 p.m., 409 Washington Street. Info: 426-5072.

### TUESDAYS:

**Persian Gulf Peace Committee** — Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. Usually at Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz, 7:30 p.m. Info: 427-2024.

**"Open Michelle,"** a women's open mike. 7:45 - 9:45 p.m. Come early to sign up for a performance spot. Women only. YWCA, 303 Walnut. \$1 donation at door. Info: 429-7924.

**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 Alan Lamb. Info: Wendy at SCAP 427-3900.

### WEDNESDAYS:

**Santa Cruz Greens** regular meeting. Meets first and third Wednesday of the month. Environmental Resource Center, 1319 Pacific Avenue, 8 p.m. Info: 335-3216 or 476-5957.

**Christic Action Team** meeting. The group works cooperatively on upcoming public information events and education outreach materials. Public input and participation is welcome. 7:30 p.m., 509 Broadway. Info: 426-3254 or 426-2292.

### THURSDAYS:

**AIDS/ARC Support Group** meets Thursdays 4-6 p.m. Facilitator: Alan Dampsey. Call for info and registration: 427-3900.

**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.

**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.

**Support Group for Family and Friends of People with AIDS.** Alternate Thursdays 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. No fee. Call for info and registration: Wendy at SCAP, 427-3900.

**HIV Treatment Update Group.** Meets 7 p.m. first Thursday of every month at SCAP office. Information on experimental treatment for HIV. Info: Wendy at SCAP, 427-3900.

### SATURDAYS:

**Bystander CPR.** Second Saturday of the month. 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.-1 p.m.. Pre-registration required. Info: 426-3062.

### SUNDAYS:

**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.

**Santa Cruz Students for Social Responsibility meetings** — Sundays at Third Floor Lounge, Adams Dorm, Cowell College, UCSC, 7 p.m. Info: 458-2719.

**Consider the Alternatives** radio program from SANE/FREEZE on KAZU (90.3 FM), 4 p.m. An international affairs program airs 4-5:15 p.m. Info: 375-7275.

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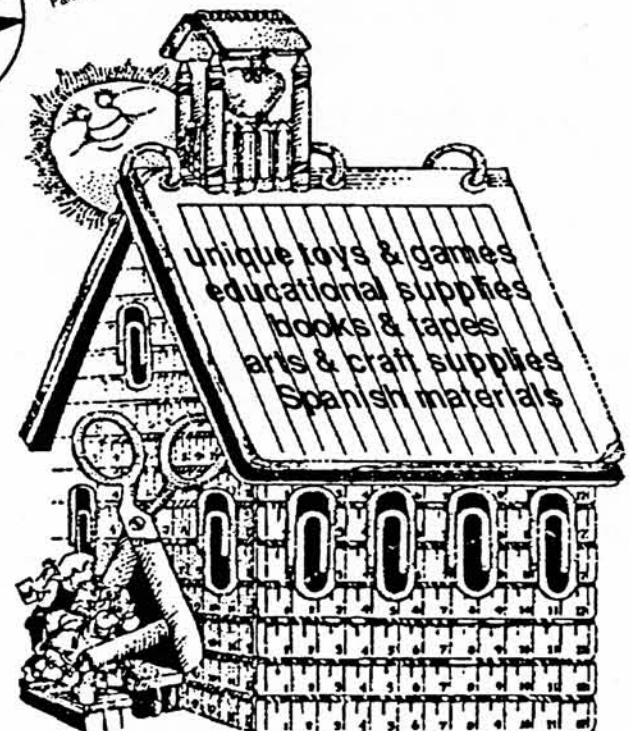


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**Wilder Ranch Open House. Historical tours, demos, hands-on activities.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Country dance from 3-5 p.m. Wilder Ranch, 2 miles north of Santa Cruz on Hwy. 1. Admission \$6 per car, \$5 seniors. Info: Suzanne 662-0178 or 426-0505.

## sunday, may 5

**"Discovering Our Common Ground," Fifth Annual Pacific Peace Run 5K/10K Race, 5K Walk.** Benefit for Peace Day Project. Race limited to 1,000 runners. Pre-registration is \$15 and includes

running shorts. Entries must be received by April 27. Race numbers will be picked up on the day of the Race. Race day registration \$20 includes running shorts as supplies last. Check in and registration 7:30 a.m., rain or shine. Walkers start at 8 a.m., 5K runners start at 8:30 a.m., 10K at 9 a.m. Info: 475-0207.

**Cinco de Mayo Festival.** Live entertainment, food, exhibits of art and information. Plaza Central, Downtown Watsonville. 12-6 p.m. Free admission. Info: Cinco de Mayo Committee, 406 Main St., Room 413, Watsonville, 724-9005 or 722-5057.

## monday, may 6

**"Defense Industrial Cooperation In Europe with an Eye on 1992."** Adalai E. Stevenson Program on Global Security Colloquia presents Bonnie Gold, lecturer in politics at UCSC. Stevenson Conference Room, UCSC, 3:30-5 p.m. Free and open to the public. Info: 459-2833.

## wednesday, may 8

**Community Forum on the Homeless,** sponsored by the Santa Cruz Chapter of the ACLU and The Coalition for a Safe Place to Sleep. Speakers Stephen Bingham, Attorney at San Francisco



## Alice Di Micele Returns to Santa Cruz

*Folksinger/songwriter/guitarist Alice Di Micele, an eco-feminist musician from Oregon, will return to Santa Cruz on Thursday, May 16, performing two shows at the*

*Kuumbwa Jazz Center. These shows will be recorded for her fourth album to be entitled, appropriately, "Live in Santa Cruz."*

*The music of Alice Di Micele (pronounced Dee Miss Ellie) is as powerful as it is beautiful. Her inspiring lyrics are exactly what's needed in these troubled times.*

*Don't miss the show! Thursday, May 16, Kuumbwa Jazz Center, 320 Cedar St., Santa Cruz, 7 and 9:30 p.m. Tickets available at Cymbaline Records and The Herb Room, \$6 in advance/\$8 at the door. For childcare, you must register by May 10. A Music for Social Change presentation, in association with Lea Lawson Productions. For more information, call 688-7014.*

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**Training/networking for petitioners for the Hemp Initiative** Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz, 7-9 p.m. Info: 479-4094.

## friday, may 10

The People's Democratic Club presents

a Mexican Dinner celebrating Robley Levy. No host bar 6:30 p.m., dinner 7 p.m., Jade Street Park, Capitola. Donation \$20 per person. Limited seating, reservations by April 30. Info: 458-1830 or 479-8582.

**The Innovative sounds of Jazz On The Line** and the original world beat music of Gregorian Chance will feature at a concert to benefit the River St. Shelter and Pioneer House drop-in center. Veterans' Hall, 846 Front St. 8 p.m. Tickets at Cymbaline Records and at the door, \$8/general, \$6/students. Info: 459-0444.

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## saturday, may 11

**The Center for Economic Conversion's 16th Annual Benefit Dinner.** Since 1975, The CEC has promoted alternatives to the military economy through public education and conversion planning assistance. First Congregational Church, 1985 Louis Road (at Embarcadero), Palo Alto. 5 p.m. wine and hors d'oeuvres; 6:15 gourmet buffet dinner. Child care reservations and other info: (415) 968-8798.

## monday, may 13

**Demonstration in Sacramento to protest budget cuts** to education, poor, disabled and senior citizens. Sponsors: Welfare Parents Support Group, People's Alliance Network for Empowerment, and Community Action Board. Bus leaves the Santa Cruz Farmers Market (Pacific and Cathcart) at 9:30 a.m. Info: 423-0806.

## thursday, may 16

**Political singer/songwriter Alice DiMichele** in concert, with fiddle player Roberta Greenspan. This will also be the recording of DiMichele's fourth album. Her music reflects a strong commitment to the environment and to issues of peace and justice. Kuumbwa Jazz Center, 7 and 9:30 p.m. Tickets in advance at Cymbaline Records and the Herb Room, \$6 in advance, \$8 at the door. Childcare will be provided by registration only. Childcare registration deadline May 10. To register, to have this show interpreted or for more info: Sev 688-7014 or write 3671 Redwood Dr., Aptos CA 95003.

## saturday, may 18

**"The Next Epoch: Redefining the New World Order."** a Beyond War nationwide satellite broadcast. Cabrillo College, Forum Room 454, 9:15 a.m.-noon. Tickets at the door, \$5; students \$2. Info: 427-9532 or 429-6006.

**The Peace Coalition of Monterey County** Chicken Mole Dinner for Peace and Justice. Oldemeyer Center, 986 Hilby Ave., Seaside. 6 p.m. \$8 adults, \$4 children. Info: 754-1705.

**Monterey Tour the Bay Bicycle Rides** to Benefit the American Lung Association. Custom House Plaza, Monterey. For registration form or info: 373-1089.

## sunday, may 19

**Peace Day: Discovering Our Common Ground.** San Lorenzo Park Benchlands, Santa Cruz, noon-5 p.m. This year's theme: "Many Paths To Peace." Interfaith

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# Peace Day is Saturday, May 19

FOR THE SEVENTH YEAR, SANTA CRUZ COUNTY will be recognizing "Peace Day" and "May: Month of Peace" with a series of educational and celebrational events that "discover common ground" and build mutual understanding between people of diverse backgrounds and viewpoints. The theme for 1991 is "Many Paths to Peace."

The Santa Cruz County 7th Annual "Peace Day: Discovering Our Common Ground," a multicultural community festival, will be held at San Lorenzo Park Benchlands from noon-6 p.m. on Sunday, May 19. The event includes entertainment for people of all ages, speakers, international foods, art and recreation activities, and community booths.

The day will begin with an Interfaith Celebration at the San Lorenzo Park Benchlands at 11 a.m. The festival will officially open at noon with the Children's Procession of Peace Banners and a Native American blessing. Other highlights of the festival are: "Leaders Listen to Youth"



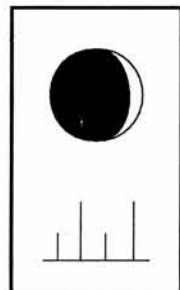
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awards presented by Peace Day Project to local youth organizations, community leaders addressing the "Many Paths to Peace," and a demonstration of conflict-resolution skills by Children's Creative Response to Conflict. The day will close with a "Peace Walk" along San Lorenzo River to the Beach Flats for food, music, and a closing celebration. The event will happen, come rain or shine!

Entertainment at the festival includes the White Hawk Dancers; Dobson Family Band; Pagkakaisa/Filipino Dance Troupe, UCSC; Nuclear Whales, Peace Child Chorus; Scirocco and Bellydancers/Middle Eastern music; Watsonville High Ballet Folklorico; Charmaine Scott and Friends; and Titos Sompá.

"May: Month of Peace" will kick off with the Pacific Peace 5/10 K Run/Walk on Sunday, May 5. Exhibits include "Peace Begins at Home" photography exhibit at the Santa Cruz County Building, April 23-June 14, with a reception on Friday, May 3, 5-7 p.m.; a Children's Art Exhibit at S.C. City Museum of Natural History from May 7-24; and a photography exhibit by Global Youth Exchange at Loudon Nelson Center, May 18-30, with reception and welcome home Sunday, May 19, 4-6 p.m.

Two workshops are offered: "How to Win/Win a Conflict: Cultivating Compassion and Skills for Conflict Resolution," with Craig Schindler, Ph.D., Founder of Project Victory and Author of *The Great Turning*, at the Pacific Cultural Center, Saturday, May 18; and "New World Order: Promise of World Peace," with Bob Phillips, director of the Central Coast Area Health Education Center (co-sponsored by Gatekeepers of the Future, and Bosch Baha'i School), week of May 13, 7:30-9 p.m.



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Celebration for Peace will be held at 11 a.m. in the Benchlands. Info on other "May: Month of Peace" events: 475-0207 or write 180 7th Ave., Suite 107, Santa Cruz, CA 95062.

## thursday, may 23

Santa Cruz County Industrial Recycling

Fair. Sponsored by Scotts Valley Chamber of Commerce. Info: 438-1010.

## saturday, may 25

**"Unlearning Isms: A Historical Look at Racism"** full day workshop. This workshop will be led by Elena Featherston, filmmaker, lecturer, writer and group leader. Ms. Featherston is well known as the producer/director of "Alice Walker: Visions of the Spirit." She will discuss the long history of racism in this country and beyond. Loudon Nelson Community Center, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sliding scale event. Pre-registration is required. Info: 429-3504.

## saturday, may 25 — monday, may 27

**Sixth Annual Red Road Celebration of Sobriety.** Sponsored by Santa Cruz Indian Council. Traditional social gathering of Native American Indians with traditional costumes, dancing, drumming, foods, and arts and crafts booths. Special events include 5 and 10K runs,

volleyball, basketball, and horseshoe tournaments. Saturday parade 12 noon. No drugs or alcohol on grounds. Saturday and Sunday 12 noon-12 midnight, Monday 12 noon-6 p.m. Casa De Fruta Travel and County Park, Highway 156, Hollister. Info: 459-7929.

## sunday, may 26

**"Always Free" benefit for Rainbow Gatherings' Council newspaper.** Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center St. Family show 11 a.m., featuring magicians, musicians, plays and jugglers. Tickets at Cymbaline Records beginning May 7, \$3.50 children and \$6.50 adults in advance, \$1 more per ticket at door. Rock & Blues Show 4 p.m., with solos and acoustic groups featuring the bands Blu Forest, Bluz Angelz and The Resistance. Advance tickets \$7.50, \$1 more at the door. Sponsored by Monterey Area Rainbow Services and Santa Cruz Area Rainbow Focalizers. Info: 335-3359.

## monday, may 27

**Interfaith Gulf War Memorial Service.** Representatives of several faiths will share their reflections, and personal testimonies will be given by relatives of persons whose lives were lost as a result of the war. Offered by Peacemakers and by Resurrection Catholic Community. Resurrection Catholic Community, State Park and Soquel Dr. in Aptos, 7 p.m. Info: 423-1626.

## sunday, june 2

**"March for a Peace Economy,"** the Santa Cruz County Nuclear Weapons Freeze Ninth Annual Walk-A-Thon. The walk will begin at 9 a.m. at San Lorenzo Park and will follow a 10-kilometer route through the city of Santa Cruz. The walker who raises the most money will win a brand



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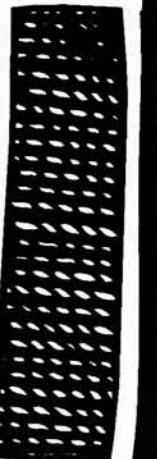
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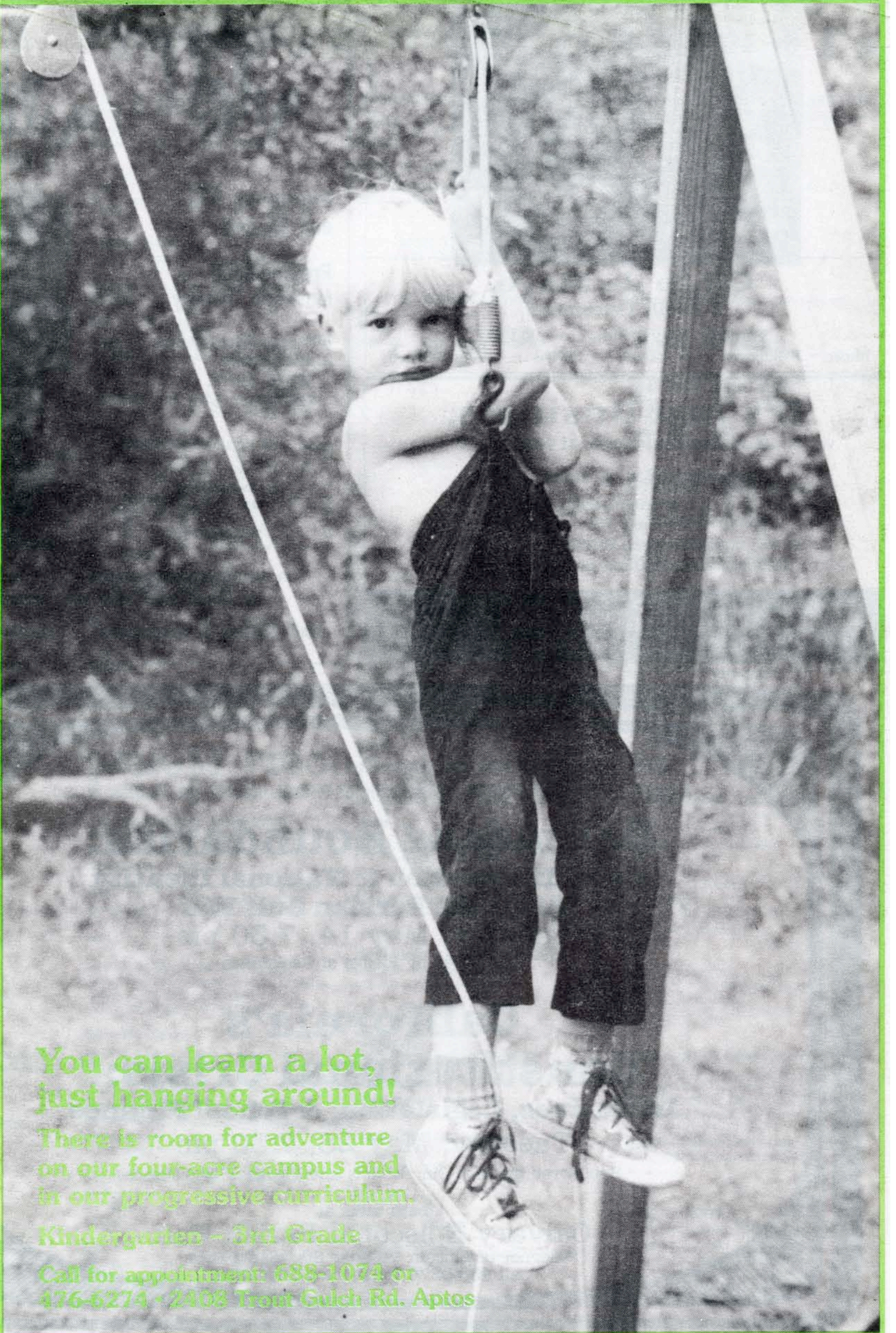
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