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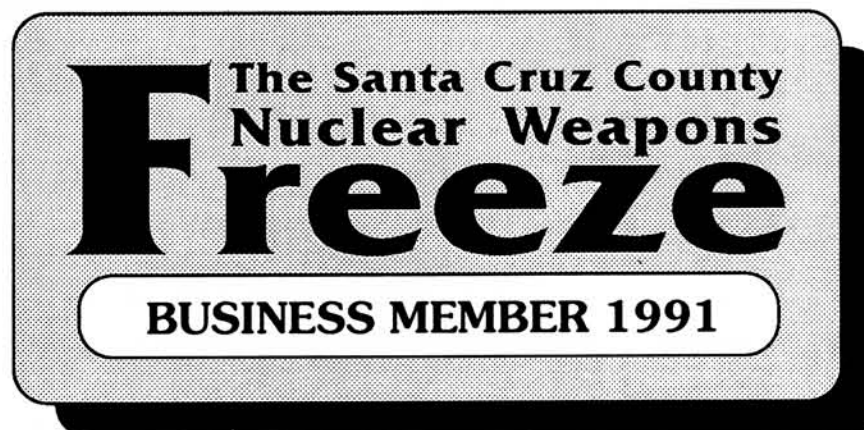
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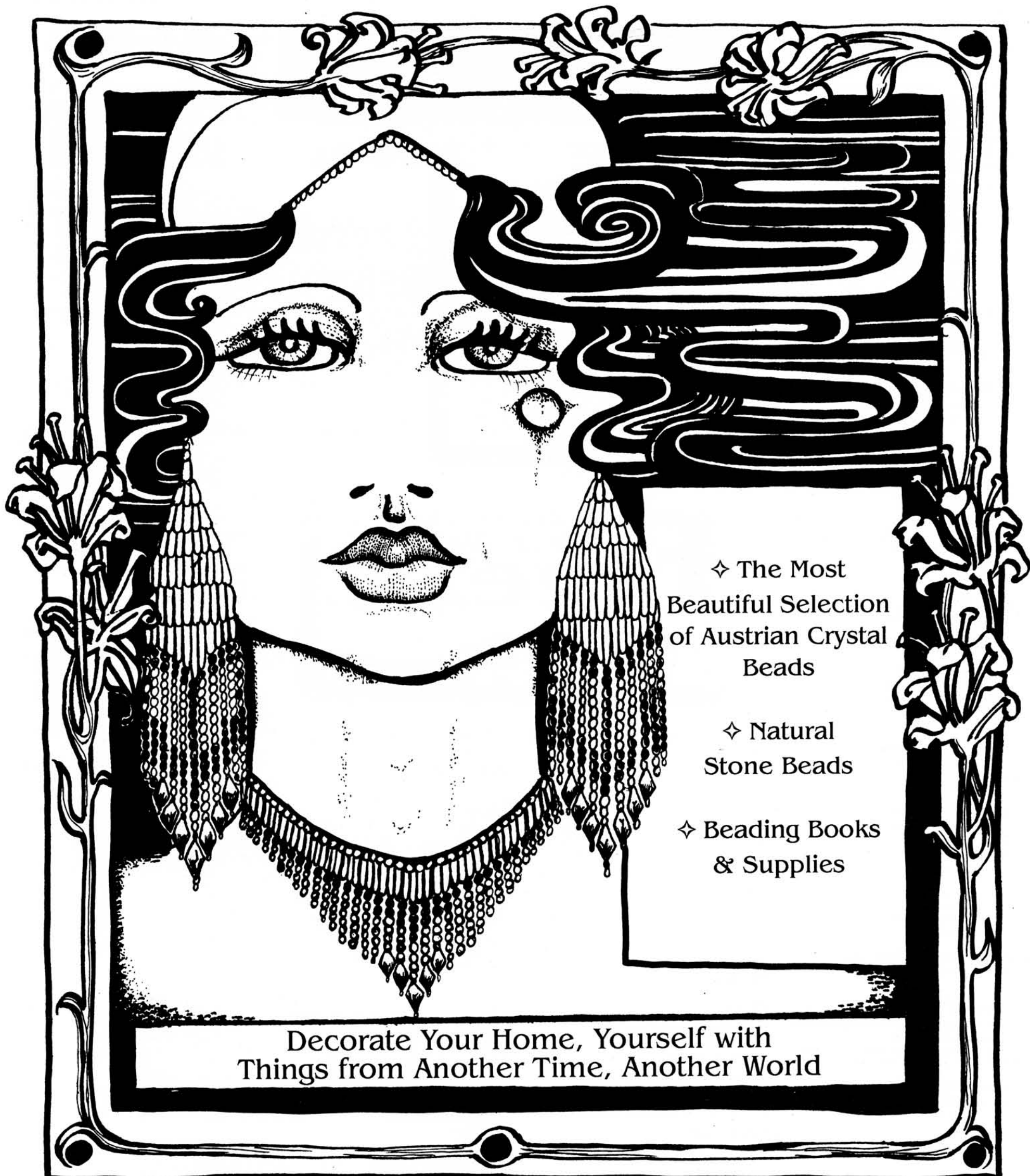
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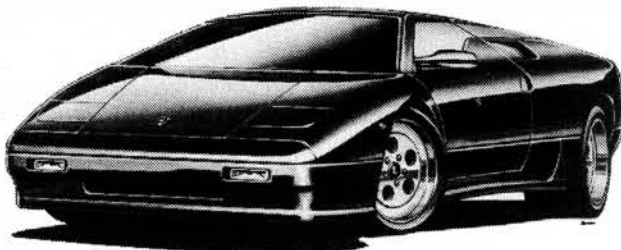
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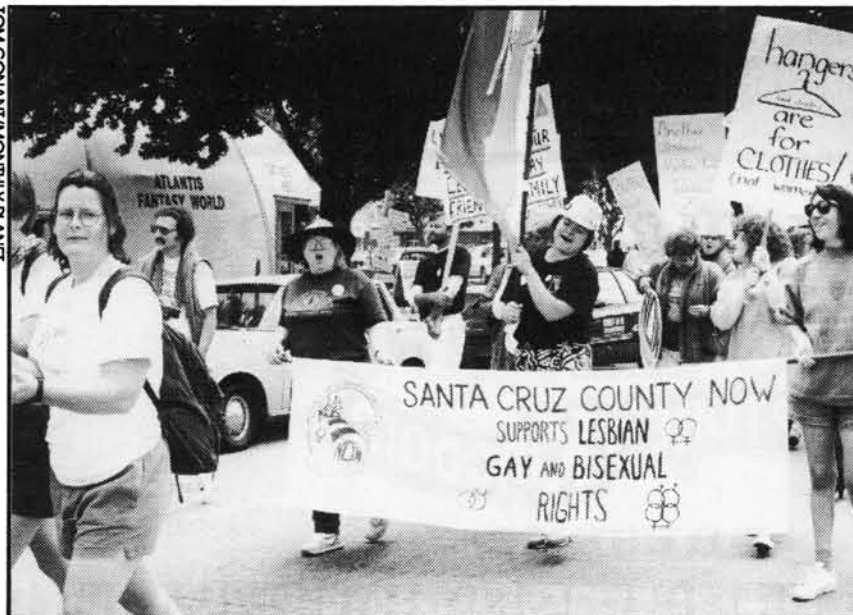
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I am writing this letter because I believe the time has come for women as a gender to fully take on equal rights and also take some of the blame for the current water crisis that has been a part of our daily lives for the past five years. Many people, in fact most people who will read this, will think that I am off my rocker, but if you bear with me (males), and if you try this (females), we will save untold gallons of water, expedite the process and create a more sanitary environment.

What I am talking about is the fact that every time a woman uses the restroom she flushes the toilet using between five and eight gallons of water as opposed to every time a man uses a urinal he uses only a gallon or two. What I am proposing is that women begin using the urinals that are already equipped in the dual-sex restrooms in restaurants, nightclubs, school dormitories and other places where they might be found, and that the private sector begin installing them in existing female restrooms.

The majority of the population

feels that this is absolutely impossible, a female standing to urinate, but in reality, it is a rather easy thing to do. Almost every woman on earth at some time has wished she could accomplish this. I, myself, have been doing it since my mother taught me as an alternative to "hovering" when I was about five years old. You do not need any devices such as a funnel and no artificial prosthetic apparatus either. Your God-given anatomy is all you need.

I hope you as a paper will print this, the general public will respond, and the female population as a whole will give this a try to not only help break down the gender barrier, ease the comforts of camping and outdoor active life, but save us a few gallons of precious water at the same time.

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sions, their signs. Give us back our Town Clock, during the day!

Solution: Establish curfew hours at night, from 1 a.m. to 8 a.m.???

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Sherry Conable
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GEORGE BUSH IS FATHER OF THE YEAR

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The seamy story behind George Bush Jr.'s climb from little rich boy to big rich man has been told by the

Wall Street Journal's Jonathan Kwitny, *Covert Action Information Bulletin*, *The Village Voice*, *Common Cause*, etc. Junior's career, tinged with cloak-and-dagger international intrigue, shady associates immersed in oil, dirty money, drug trafficking, swindling, murder, and money laundering for covert CIA operations to destabilize targeted governments, makes James Bond look like a couch potato.

On January 30, 1990, a year before Texas oilman Daddy Bush bombed Iraq back to the pre-industrial age, the government of Bahrain granted exclusive rights for offshore oil drilling in what is considered one of the Middle East's biggest untapped oil fields to the Harken Energy Corporation of Dallas, Texas, in which the president's son is the third largest stockholder. While our commander-in-chief was revving up support for his Gulf War, he avoided mentioning the word "oil" as he dispatched a half million troops to that area. Administration plans to establish a military base in Bahrain will fulfill the United States' long-sought objective of maintaining a permanent presence in that oil-rich region — for which Iraq's invasion of Kuwait provided the requisite excuse. It will also make the Gulf area safe for Junior's future as an oil tycoon.

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By Igal Dahari

BUSH'S ENVIRONMENTALIST

WHEN PRESIDENT BUSH appointed William K. Reilly to head the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), liberal politicians and environmental groups cautiously and in some cases loudly applauded the move. Conservatives and corporations were seemingly aghast at the thought of a man who had fresh links to (conservative) environmental groups. But all soon realized that Reilly was answerable only to the White House, and answer he would.

Recently, Reilly has been going all out to defend the Bush Administration's atrocious disregard for the environment. The EPA chief is finding an all too willing and unquestioning media useful for extending the Administration's masquerade.

For example, Reilly recently attempted to raise the level of mendacity surrounding the colossal environmental damage that resulted from the Gulf War. Returning from a trip to Kuwait and Saudi Arabia that was intended to assess the "environmental catastrophe perpetrated by Saddam Hussein," he reported in a press conference that the situation wasn't so bad after all ("E.P.A. Chief Is Hopeful on Pollution in Gulf," New York Times, 6/10/91). Commenting on the hundreds of burning oil wells in

Kuwait, Reilly claimed that the resulting air pollution "was primarily a threat to people already suffering from respiratory diseases." Begging to differ, Friends of the Earth president Mike Clark compared Reilly's remarks to saying that hell wasn't as bad as we'd all thought.

One of Reilly's chief tasks these days is to support the Administration's bid for a Free-Trade Agreement (FTA) with Mexico. The FTA, Reilly is to convince detractors, will not mean increased environmental devastation along the US-Mexican border. He

recently chided environmentalists and congressional critics of the agreement in an op-ed piece in the Wall Street Journal ("Mexico's Environment Will Improve With Free Trade," 4/19/91), warning them not to stand in the way of "what can be a major advance for the environment: an invigorated economy able to provide a better standard of living for 85 million Mexicans."

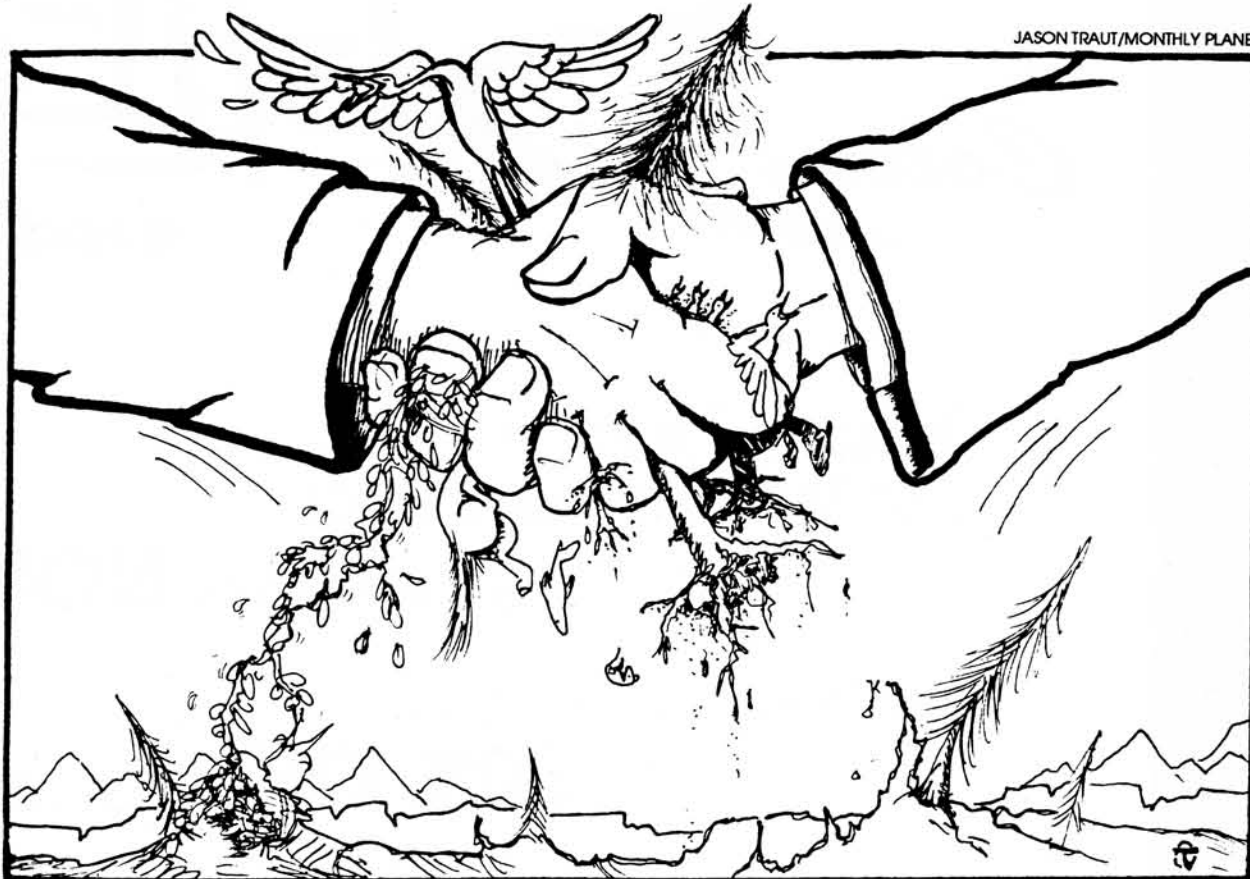
Reilly certainly must have been aware of who the Wall Street Journal's primary audience is. Thus, his piece was probably aimed at reassuring businesses, especially the

facts contradict Reilly's shallow, specious analysis. Steven Shrybman, in the spring 1991 issue of Earth Island Journal, demolishes the notion that the US-Canada FTA did not impact — much less improve — the Canadian environment ("The US-Canadian Free Trade Agreement: Selling the Environment").

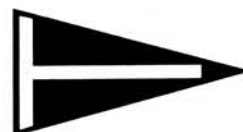
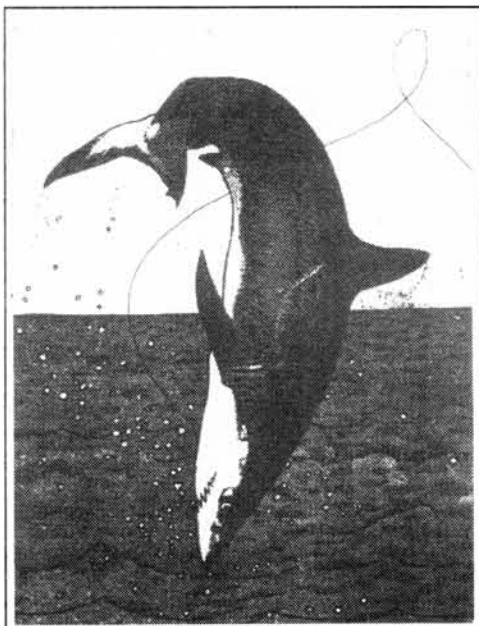
Shrybman shows that since the FTA took effect two and a half years ago, the environment on both sides of the border is worse off. One reason is that environmental statutes and regulations, such as those that promote recycling or ban certain pesticides, are being challenged as violations of the free-trade guarantee of the FTA. Everything from US laws that require recycled paper to be used in newsprint to aggressive reforestation programs in British Columbia and restrictions on the burning of coal could and is being challenged under the FTA.

In a further indictment of the US-Canadian FTA, Elaine Dodge and Christy Law of the Government Accountability Project (GAP) recently wrote about how it has become easier for contaminated meat to cross the border into the US from Canada ("Poisoned Meat From Canada," New York Times, 5/31/91). According to Dodge and Law's op-ed piece, this is the direct result of FTA-inspired streamlined procedures for inspecting meat from Canada at border crossing stations.

One whistle-blowing meat inspector told the GAP that in 25 years of service, he had never seen so much contaminated meat since the FTA came into effect.



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The establishment media, for the most part, have turned their back on the serious environmental impacts that may arise from a North American FTA. But such an agreement, which would encompass the US, Canada, and Mexico, will also have a devastating effect on labor. Jobs will shift from higher-paid workers in Canada and the US to lower-paid workers in Mexico, the difference being pocketed by the corporations involved. These corporations are looking forward to taking advantage not only of Mexico's cheap labor, but also of its loose environmental standards and of the Mexican government's willingness to violently repress unions and political opposition (see "Don't Trade On Me," Matt Witt, Dollars & Sense, April 1991).

The Canadian Labor Congress estimates that already 226,000 jobs have been lost as a result of the US-Canada FTA alone. Once a North American FTA is in place, the losses of jobs in Canada and the US will probably be much higher.

Will the establishment media focus on the environmental and economic costs of FTAs, or will they only chronicle the political squabbles that occur over these agreements in Washington? The answer is probably not difficult to guess.

WHERE IS PANAMA?

Panama, site of another in a long list of forgotten "little" wars. It's revealing to exhume that conflict in light of the media's performance in the Gulf War: total and unquestioning support for US military action, demonization of the "enemy's" leader, a great reluctance to report on civilian casualties, and other similarly unsavory behaviors characterized the media's work in both conflicts.

The only stories on Panama that are likely to appear in the establishment media now would probably minimize the impact of the US' December 1989 invasion on current conditions. These stories would likely take a paternalistic tone, with journalists shaking their heads and lamenting at the Panamanians' inability to improve their situation.

Two stories in the June 1991 Pro-

gressive do shed some light on the real damage caused by the brutal US attack on Panama. Many Panamanians, writes Susan Ferriss ("Panamanians Still Pay and Pay"), were happy to see Manuel Noriega go, but were bewildered at the indiscriminate ferocity of the US military's attacks on crowded neighborhoods and friendly civilians.

Now many of the victims or their families are petitioning the US military for reparations for the loss of family members, injuries, and destruction of property. But the US Army Claims Service, which admitted that the "estimate of 1,000 civilians [as casualties] is about right," concluded that "payment of individual combat claims...would not be in the best interest of the DOD [Department of Defense] or the United States because of the potentially huge number of such claims." The Independent Commission of Inquiry on the US Invasion of Panama, a New York-based organization led by former US Attorney General Ramsey Clark, estimates that 3,000 to 4,000 Panamanians died in the US invasion. Panama is a country of approximately 2.5 million people.

Barbara Jamison's article in the same issue ("Panamanians Still Feel the Pain") shows that many Panamanians, and especially children, are still suffering psychologically and physically as a result of the US attack. In addition, collective trauma seems to have taken hold and is still perceptible. One afflicted doctor asks Jamison, "How many years of trauma?" She then answers her own question: "Nobody can say. This was our country's first great tragedy."

CARTER SPEAKS

Former President Jimmy Carter, who has been reluctant to comment on the allegations that the Reagan-Bush campaign negotiated with Iran in 1980 to keep American hostages from being released, did so in a recent Village Voice article ("Behind the 'October Surprise,'" Robert Morris, 5/21/91). Carter said that although he heard rumors of a plot at

the time, he refused to believe them because "it was inconceivable [to him] that any American citizen would...attempt to keep hostages in captivity one extra hour and certainly endanger their lives."

But now Carter does believe that something of that nature happened. He also believes that certain members of his administration, most notably ambassador to South Korea and ex-Bush aide Donald Gregg, along with CIA-man Robert Gates, helped the Reagan-Bush campaign in their "October Surprise" endeavor.

RADIOACTIVE MEDIA

While it is well known that the nuclear power industry is down, it is certainly not out, and is quite capable of rearing its ugly head. Continuously looking for ways to gain acceptance, the industry must rely on its usual allies in government and the establishment media.

Earlier this year, Greenpeace reported that both the Wall Street Journal and US News and World Report acted as lobbyists for the nuclear power industry ("Friends of Nukes," Greenpeace magazine, Jan/Feb 1991). The two publications endorsed propaganda put out by the US Council for Energy Awareness (USCEA), and forwarded it to members of Congress. The USCEA was formed by the nuclear industry in the wake of the Three Mile Island nuclear accident, and it has been busy promoting nuclear power ever since.

The USCEA makes information on nuclear power available to journalists, and often it is cited as a source. More recently, the USCEA was cited twice in an otherwise relatively decent Washington Post article ("Is Nuclear Power Blooming Again?", Thomas W. Lippman, 4/28/91), where it was innocuously described as "the industry's public information organization."

A recent Time magazine issue used its cover story to ask: "Nuclear Power: Do We Have a Choice?" ("Time to Choose," John Greenwald, 4/29/91). While the eight-page article inside only cited the USCEA once, it was more notable for its lack of

depth in discussing the inherent problems of nuclear power, from the health and environmental damage caused by uranium mining to the impossibility of safely disposing of radioactive waste.

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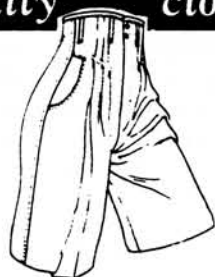
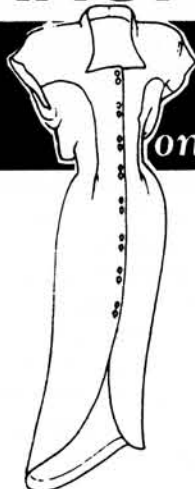
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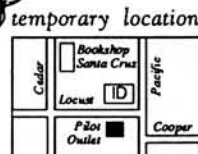
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Sandinista Magda Enriquez

Says the FSLN Will Win the Next Elections

Interview by John Govsky

Magda Enriquez is the official FSLN (Frente Sandinista Liberacion Nacional) representative to the United States. She is a founding member of the women's movement in Nicaragua and former elected alternative member of the Nicaraguan Council of State. She has served as a special envoy of former President Daniel Ortega to Africa, Asia, and the Middle East; special advisor to Nicaragua's Foreign Ministry on the Non-aligned Movement, and was a member of numerous Nicaraguan delegations to the United Nations.

Enriquez is also a well-known journalist, founding and editing the first women's magazine in Nicaragua, *Somos*, (*We Are*), as well as writing numerous articles and essays for *Barricada*, one of Nicaragua's major dailies. Currently she is finishing her studies at Temple University in Philadelphia, as well as fulfilling her other considerable political responsibilities.

This interview took place on June 11th, during her recent visit to Santa Cruz.

MONTHLY PLANET: How are the Sandinistas handling their responsibility as a strong minority party within the Chamorro government?

MAGDA ENRIQUEZ: First of all, we are not a minority party. We are a majority party. The Chamorro government is a coalition of 14 political parties. The Sandinista Front is the single majority party in Nicaragua. The members of the Sandinista Front are 41 percent of the Nicaraguan population; this is an extremely large party that is organized nationwide from grassroots to

the departmental level. Since we are the single majority party, our responsibility as opposition is a tremendous one from the revolutionary point of view and that's why we have assumed a position of constructive opposition.

We support the Chamorro government in anything that will benefit the Nicaraguan people, and we seriously oppose anything that will go against the popular achievements of the Sandinista revolution. This role is totally new for the Sandinista Front; we have never been an opposition party before. It has transformed the Sandinista Front from a political and military organization to a political party.

MP: What is the Sandinista plan to regain power in the 1996 elections? Is there a plan?

ME: There is no question we are going to win those elections. The plan right now is to reorganize our forces as a political party. We were a political and military

organization because that was the only way to topple the dictatorship. In fact many of us were pacifists. I became a pacifist here in the United States in the sixties. I was very active against the Vietnam War. I did not believe in war, I did not believe in weapons. But the struggle in Nicaragua forced us into accepting that military struggle was the only way to topple that dictatorship.

Once we won in 1979, we were prepared for the transformation. In 1979-1980 we started the process of demilitarization in many of the structures in the Sandinista Front. But the proxy war the United States organized



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against us set us back into the original position. We could not afford to be a political party under those circumstances, so we continued to be a political and military organization. In Nicaragua, when I talk about the 41 percent, I'm talking about a people who are both militants of the FSLN and a people who are sympathizers of the FSLN or the Sandinista National Liberation Front but are not necessarily members of the party. To become a member of the Sandinista Front you have to assume both roles — we are all soldiers and politicians.

Once the military threat was over, we entered into the whole process of transformation, which has meant two things — one, opening the party to all the people who supported the Front for many years but were not ready to become militants of the party. The second biggest step was to go into elections for all the Sandinista Front authorities from the grassroots to the departmental level. This stage was fulfilled last December. Then we organized the commissions for the first congress of the FSLN, where we will discuss and approve the statutes of the Front, which is the legal framework of the party. We will also discuss and approve the political program for the next three years. Then in 1994 we will have the second congress to prepare for the 1996 elections.

The different commissions were organized so that the position of the FSLN regarding the labor movement

was drafted by labor, the position on women by women, and so on. The commissions then completed the first draft of the program, which had already been discussed at the grassroots level by 35,000 people by mid-May. Now, in June, the departmental congresses are discussing it. In July, we'll have the national congress (on the 12th anniversary of the revolution), where we will approve the statutes, the program, and the report and evaluation of the last ten years. We will also elect the Sandinista assembly, which conducts the party between congresses, and the national directorate, which is like the executive of the Sandinista Front.

So the whole reorganization of our forces goes from the grassroots up. Once the documents are approved, they will go to the departments again, then to the districts, and then to the neighborhoods, the grassroots level. The process will take all year, and each of the sectors will transform the program to a plan of action.

MP: It sounds like there's a lot of grassroots organizing going on right now.

ME: Of course. The Sandinista Front is a party that really reflects or expresses what Nicaraguan society is all about. The Sandinista Front is not the workers' party. In Nicaragua, we would have had to industrialize first to have a lot of workers. There are a lot of peasants and a lot of farmers and cotton growers. We have a lot of

businessmen and women, from women who sell water in plastic bags to rather established businesses. We have thousands of students because of the Sandinista government's extraordinary education policy; we have teachers and professionals and so on. In the Sandinista Front, Christians share the same program with atheists. This unity and diversity is the strength of the Front, and the unity comes through in the program. We don't all have to think in the same terms, but we agree on what to do, and that's the strength of the Front. That's why the CIA has not been able to divide us even though they have tried.

MP: Do you think the United States will interfere either covertly or overtly in the next Nicaraguan elections, and will the FSLN try to deal with that?

ME: I hope they don't. We hope that the Chamorro government can organize elections that are as immaculate as ours were. Ours were not only pure and fair, they were immaculate, and seen through a magnifying glass of over 2,500 observers from all over the world. So I certainly hope that at least the same number of observers are in Nicaragua in 1996, and that Chamorro will remain able to organize elections in the same way we did. You have to understand that in Nicaragua there is a separation of powers. Besides the executive, we have the legislative power, the judiciary, and the electoral power. That's part of the establishment that the Sandinista revolution put in place, and they are all independent powers. According to the constitution, none of these powers can interfere with the other powers. So we would like to assume that the electoral power will function as it did in the Sandinista government and that the United States will respect that, but I cannot predict that.

MP: Has the Bush administration followed through on promises of aid that were made to influence the last election?

ME: No — not only the Bush administration; promises from other governments have not come through. Of course, the American administration has a greater responsibility than anybody else, and that is the key question in the Nicaraguan situation right now. The Nicaraguan people voted for Doña Violeta Chamorro with a vote of hope. Politics is a way of life for us, not something to practice as a sport. Nicaraguan people were very clear that the proxy war launched against us was a result of US foreign policy. The Nicaraguan people were also clear that the economic crisis was a result of the destruction caused by the war, the expenses of defending the country, and the US embargo against Nicaragua.

So they see a candidate such as Doña Violeta Chamorro being received by Mr. Bush at the White House; they see the United States Congress approving nine million dollars for her electoral campaign. So the

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Nicaraguans assume, "She's such a good friend of the Americans, she will be able to change this situation." The vote that elected Violeta Chamorro was not the vote against the Sandinista Front, as the United States international propaganda has tried to make people believe. It was a vote that said, "Even though we may like you kids, you cannot handle this situation anymore. This woman is a very good friend of the United States administration, so she can change things; we'll give her a chance."

The result was that all of the promises have not come through. The Nicaraguans have a saying, "The US administration left Violeta Chamorro hanging by the brush." You know when you're painting a wall and you're up on the ladder, and somebody pulls the ladder out from under your feet, you're left there hanging. As of last year, the US Congress approved 600 million dollars (which is not what they promised), and only 65 million dollars have gone through.

This is a very dramatic thing because the economic situation is worse than ever. You are talking about an economy that, according to the International Court of Justice, has suffered 17 billion dollars in damages resulting from the Contra war, which is one and a half times the entire national product of the country for the last ten years. They didn't only destroy everything we could produce in the last ten years, but one and a half times that. When Doña Violeta was inaugurated on April 25th of last year, the rate of exchange was 100,000 cordobas for one dollar; it's now five million cordobas for one dollar. For the first time, you have Nicaraguans who are not eating three times a day in the rural areas, particularly in the North-central part of the country. There is not enough money for medicines.

If things are not solved soon, we could have a social explosion in Nicaragua that will put in danger the whole achievement of political democracy. What is the use of political democracy if you don't have economic democracy? We have a constitution that guarantees the rights of the people that was drafted by the people in over 1700 town meetings all over the country. We have had two democratic elections, one in 1984 and one in 1990. The first peaceful transition of

power took place in 1990. So the political democracy is in place, but what is the use of that if you don't have economic democracy?

The other real threat is that the demobilized Contras were promised land, loans to raise their crops, and so on, and these promises have not been fulfilled. As a result, Contras are picking up weapons again. Today, when I called Managua, they told me that the newspaper headlines said the Contras were regrouping and are now called Recontras, "Contras once again." They are regrouping in Costa Rica, calling themselves the Southern Front, and demanding that the government fulfill their promises.

So all of the efforts for peace that have been made through all these years, and all of the suffering of the Nicaraguan people to achieve this peace, may just go down the drain if there is not an immediate solution to the economic question. We cannot foresee any solution unless the lending institutions of the industrialized countries respond to their responsibilities in Nicaragua. The United States is the first one on the list because no other country has higher responsibility for what the Nicaraguans have been going through — not only the Contra war, but having put Somoza in power, and for having occupied us about seven times since 1859. The first electoral law in Nicaragua was called the McCoy Law — it was drafted by a US Army captain. The United States ran those elections in 1927.

MP: So you mention the possibility of a social explosion. The traditional response to a social explosion in countries of Central and South America is usually that the military assumes some kind of power. If it's true that the Sandinistas still control the military, as George Bush likes to tell us, is there any possibility there that there could be a situation where the Sandinistas would assume power through the military?

ME: No. First of all, I want to leave one thing very clear. We have not worked all these years to build a democratic system that we will attack. That would be totally ridiculous. Our greatest instrument of the struggle at this point is the constitution. In fact, one of the biggest efforts that has been going on through all

the popular organizations is the formation of legal bureaus and training paralegals to teach people their constitutional rights. We haven't worked all these years to build something and then destroy it — it's totally out of the question.

The second thing you have to realize is that the Sandinista army is not controlled by the Sandinista party. One of the achievements of the revolution is a popular army that responds to the interests of the Nicaraguan people. So Nicaraguans have the luxury of having an army that will not repress them. But the popular army is an institutional army; the commander-in-chief is Doña Violeta Chamorro. The army is a defensive army. It is to defend the sovereignty and independence of Nicaragua. Repressing the people or creating internal order in Nicaragua is not part of the role of the army. That's precisely why the extreme right in Nicaragua wants to get rid of this army.

The Nicaraguan army is the only army in this continent that is not controlled by the Pentagon. That's precisely why when I talk about a social explosion I'm not talking about a military explosion. I'm talking about a social explosion that can bring so much instability that production is curtailed and we go into deeper economic problems, and people may start rioting in the streets out of desperation. This could paralyze the country. The Sandinista Revolution was able to change the social order in Nicaragua, and the political and the economic order. This change has become part of the Nicaraguan culture. So people's empowerment in Nicaragua is a reality, and the capacity to mobilize and generate solidarity among all the sectors gives the Nicaraguan people the capacity to paralyze the country if they want to.

MP: You were a leader of the women's movement in Nicaragua. Could you tell us what state the women's movement in Nicaragua is in right now? How are conditions changing for women?

ME: I was a founding member of the women's movement because the Sandinista Front decided that I was going to organize women. When I was told that, I felt I was being demoted. At that point I was working on the organization of the underground labor unions in 1976, but I'm a disciplined person, so I went ahead and started to organize women. I did not gain any consciousness of my gender until 1977, when I was directing a military operation in my home town, and I included two women in the plan. The coordinator of the Sandinista Front in the region said to me, "Why are you throwing these two women in here?... Don't get involved with women, there are too many problems." I said, "I'm directing it, and I'm a woman!" He said, "Well, I don't look at you as a woman." And that day I said, well I am a woman, I love being a woman, and I am very proud of being a woman, and at that moment I realized

that I was a feminist. I had been organizing women for a year before I realized that I was a feminist.

So we organized women to participate in the revolutionary struggle — participation of women was very much interlinked with the people's participation in the struggle. An extraordinary learning process took place. We as women learned what we are capable of doing. We learned to overcome fear. We learned how to organize; we learned that we were capable of organizing; we learned that we were capable of leading people. We learned that we could do different tasks in all the different aspects of the revolutionary struggle. The Nicaraguan people also learned what we as women are capable of doing, and that is a very important issue. We did not discuss whether we were equal or not, we showed it. We were able to achieve in a couple of years what a lot of women haven't achieved in their lifetime.

The other important thing that we learned was to organize women to participate in the revolutionary struggle around their own interests like everybody else in this world. Nobody organizes around somebody else's interests, so the interests of the peasant women were one, and the interests of the professional women were another. In that process we learned that we are not a social sector, we are not a social class. Women are in all social sectors and in all social classes.

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The other thing we learned was that so-called women's issues are not really the issues of women, they are the issues of the society as a whole. I would dare anybody to bring up an issue which is exclusively a women's issue. They have been put on our shoulders, but they are really men's and women's issues. After the victory we set ourselves to organize women within each sector. I'll give you an example: farm workers. Women have been farm workers all their lives but they had not been considered workers. They were not even put on the payrolls. Women worked and the children worked, but the husband got paid. So we organized women in farm labor to participate in the union meetings. That again meant overcoming fear. It was so funny because women too had been in the war, but they were afraid of going to a union meeting and speaking up for their rights. They were afraid the men were going

to make fun of them, or they were not going to talk the right way. It's a lot easier to shoot than to talk and convince people. So there was a whole long process to get women to go to the union meetings and get elected to decision-making levels, so that the unions started to put so-called women's issues on their agenda.

The cooperatives were another big issue, because through the land reform the land titles were given to the family, and that was a victory of the women's movement. We did not want the land titles to be given to the men but to a family; that way, the women and the children were protected. Still, at the time they decided to organize into different cooperatives, only men were members. In 1982, I was addressing peasant movement leaders, and one of the guys stood up and said, “Compa, you've convinced me. When I die, my wife can become a member of the cooperative.” I said, “not when you die — she has to become a member of the cooperative now!” It is very easy to say that we promoted women's participation, but it was a very long struggle. Nothing has been given to us. The revolution is not the magic wand that solves things — it only gives you the real opportunity to do things.

At this stage, we have women organizing all of the sectors: peasants, farm workers, city workers, teachers, health workers, professionals, community and geographical organizations. Everywhere there is something called the Women's Secretariat, which is not a separate organization of women, but the organism that ensures that things work within the union or within the sector. Of course, the leadership is elected by the entire sector, men and women. This has created a new problem, because now that each sector is organized and has its own leadership, the vertical, geographical type of organization from the national level to the grassroots is obsolete. So we now have to transform the organizational structure to a horizontal type of leadership with all of the sectors.

MP: Are you talking about the structure of...?

ME: The women's movement.

MP: The movement as an organization? You're not talking about the FSLN or the government, you're talking about...

ME: Women. The women's movement is separate from the party. In the leadership, most of us are members of

the FSLN, but we are independent of the FSLN. The farther we are from the party, the better off we are. In the last few years when we've had greater links within the FSLN under the war (war centralizes a lot of things), many times the FSLN was a straitjacket for the women's movement, but not because of a lack of political will. The Sandinista Front has written something we call the Proclama, which is a position paper of the Sandinista Front that came out in 1985 and one of the most advanced things that ever came out on feminism and the ideological struggle against machismo. But there is a big difference between the written word and actual practice.

The women's movement is also working within the party, particularly because this congress is coming up. The first thing the party did was to elect authorities of the Front, and we made sure that women got elected. Now we are working to get a high percentage of women elected to the Sandinista assembly. So we work within the party, but the movement itself is separate from the party even though we are members of the party.

MP: What can Americans do to help the situation in Nicaragua?

ME: The most important thing for Americans to understand is the nature of the Sandinista revolution, because there were so many doubts after we lost the elections: Is the revolution over? Is all hope gone? People didn't really understand this because of course they had an idea of what the revolution should be and how it should be developed. I think the most important thing for the American public to understand is that it was their contribution and mobilization that stopped the military intervention. Americans should be proud of that. From 1985 to 1990, the mainstream media was totally playing the game of the Reagan administration. Yet polls showed that the American people were against their government's policy. I think this is because, in the last ten years, over 200,000 Americans came to Nicaragua and came back and told the American people their story, and wrote for their local papers, and wrote to their congresspeople and had an impact. They were capable of doing it then, why can they not do it again?

The other thing that I would like people to understand is that Doña Violeta may be in power, but we Nicaraguans are still the same. The solidarity ties we have developed throughout all these years should be strengthened. If the American people accompanied us during all these years and were able to stop the military intervention, we certainly hope they continue to accompany us now so that we can continue empowering people to ensure the change in the social order brought by the revolution, that they continue to support the Sandinista Front as the political conductor in the revolution, and that they continue to press the government to fulfill its responsibilities with

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

aFTER MONTHS OF DELAY, President Bush unveiled his proposal to limit international arms trade in the Middle East. Speaking to the graduating class of the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs on May 29th, Mr. Bush outlined his plan for curbing the Middle East arms race and eliminating the threat posed by current stockpiles of nuclear and biological weapons in the region.

The plan, which is sketchy at this point, principally revolves around a summit to be held in Paris in July with representatives from the five largest weapons supplier nations — the United States, the Soviet Union, France, Great Britain, and China — to come up with guidelines around the sale of tanks, planes, weapons, and weapons parts to Middle Eastern countries. The five supplier nations account for about 80 percent of the world's conventional arms sales to the Middle East.

The president's plan also calls for a freeze on the acquisition, production, and testing of surface-to-surface missiles, such as the Iraqi SCUD and the Israeli Jericho, and for establishing tighter export controls on the sale of parts and technologies that could be used to produce these missiles. Supplier countries participating in the regional arms agreement would grant export licenses for the sale of such items if the receiving country guarantees its use for "peaceful" purposes only. Finally, the proposal calls for a ban on the production and acquisition of enriched uranium and separated plutonium (which are used in the construction of nuclear weapons) and for an end to chemical and biological weapons production in the region.

The proposal has drawn mixed reaction from all parties concerned. Some, like the Israelis, think there is not enough emphasis on restricting conventional weapons, weapons which they view as the primary threat to stability in the Middle East. Others criticize the plan because it seeks only to manage the arms race in the Middle East, not eliminate it. The president sought to

counter this criticism by stating that he does not intend to interfere with what he termed the "legitimate defense needs" of individual countries.

In so saying, the president has set up a near-impossible task for the Paris group: what constitutes the "legitimate defense needs" of an individual nation and who determines that? At what point would a receiving country be considered to have stepped over the line from providing for its own legitimate defense to having enough weapons to create a climate of instability in the region? Who draws that line, and who takes it upon themselves to exercise self-restraint in enforcing it? If Saudi Arabia, for example, is able to acquire however many tanks it wants from France, it is unlikely the other supplier nations will be content sit back and let France corner the market.

Another criticism — this one voiced by *Los Angeles Times* news analyst Norman Kempster — is that the Paris meeting is limited to major arms suppliers but does not take into account the many smaller suppliers waiting in the wings, such as India, Brazil, and Argentina. Minor league arms sellers such as these are ready and willing to fill the void left



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ar capability." At a speaking engagement in Cairo, Cheney was asked how the United States intended to enforce a Middle East "free of the nuclear capability of Israel." Without acknowledging Israel's current nuclear stockpile, Cheney indicated that the US plan called for a ban on the "importation and production of nuclear weapons-usable material."

US policy and rhetoric concerning the existence of Israeli nuclear weapons stands in ironic contrast to its positions with regard to potential Iraqi nuclear capability. The administration identified the "threat" of Iraqi nuclear capability as a key reason for launching the Gulf War, despite the fact that scientists believe Iraq to be about 10 years away from developing an atomic weapon. The one actual known stockpile of nuclear weapons, in Israel, appears to be invisible to US policy makers.

Arab leaders have let Secretary Cheney know in no uncertain terms that Arab nations will not tolerate a double standard with respect to the possession and proliferation of nuclear weapons. In their June 5th op-ed piece, Evans and Novak detail a series of communications between Egyptian foreign minister Amre Moussa and Mr. Cheney,

Administration Unveils Mideast Arms Control Plan...

Then Announces New Mideast Arms Sales

by Shelly D'Amour

by major weapons suppliers.

The most interesting and potentially useful aspect of the Bush proposal is that it may finally force open the issue of Israel's nuclear capability. Although it is well known that Israel possesses about 100 nuclear bombs, the Israeli government has never publicly acknowledged the fact — and neither has the United States. Official US policy toward Israel's nuclear capability appears to be to dodge the question whenever it comes up, pretending that — if Israel does in fact have nuclear

weapons — well, then it's news to us.

Enter the Artful Dodger himself, Defense Secretary Dick Cheney, who recently has had to come up with some pretty creative responses to Arab pressure to make a definitive statement regarding Israel's nuclear arsenal. *Washington Post* writers Rowland Evans and Robert Novak point to a press conference held in Jerusalem on May 31st in which Cheney, who was being pressed by reporters on the matter, declared, "As far as I know, Israel has never announced that it has any nucle-

in which Mr. Moussa made it clear that Israeli compliance with the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty was "central" to "any Mideast arms control pact," warning that "there can be no exceptions" for Israel.

The Bush administration wanted to set the tone for the new attitude of international restraint on arms sales and so, the day after the president made his Middle East arms control plan public, the administration announced a series of major arms deals to Middle Eastern nations. Among these is a plan



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to give Israel 10 F-15 fighter jets, and to contribute about \$210 million toward the development of a new Israeli missile defense system called the Arrow (similar to the Patriot). In addition, the administration announced its intentions to sell Apache attack helicopters to the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain. Also potentially in the works are 337 M1-A1 tanks and about 100 Bradley fighting vehicles to the United Arab Emirates.

Spokespersons for the administration defended the arms sales as promoting rather than hurting stability in the region, stating that it was actually a lack of sufficient weapons on the part of countries friendly to the US that gave Iraq the encouragement to invade Kuwait. "We do not believe that arms sales are necessarily destabilizing," said Undersecretary of State Reginald Bartholomew in testimony to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

It is precisely this kind of double-peak logic that leaves Arab leaders skeptical about US intentions in the region. Senate Foreign Relations Committee chair Claiborne Pell (D-RI) indicated that the administration's behavior serves only to "undercut the notion of restraint," reducing the chances for any successful arms pact to be concluded. At press time, the House Foreign Affairs Committee is considering a resolution offered by committee chair Dante Fascell (D-FI) which would stop the arms sale to the United Arab Emirates.

Congress has been busy over the past months considering a variety of its own proposals to address the Middle East arms trade. In mid-June the full House adopted, as part of the Foreign Aid Authorization bill, a provision calling on the administration to declare a unilateral, open-ended moratorium on arms sales to the Middle East while it is working on a "comprehensive, multilateral arms transfer" agreement with other countries. The language of the bill states that the US could opt to end the moratorium if another major arms supplier country transfers any major military equipment to the Gulf region any time after May 21st of this year. The Bush administration stands opposed to any arms trade moratorium — unilateral, multilateral, or otherwise. In a June 5th *New York Times* piece, one administration official was quoted on the subject as saying, "We presume we're going to get grief, but the grief level won't determine a decision on sales we think are justified."

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations has also adopted the moratorium amendment, and included it in its version of the House Foreign Aid Appropriations bill. This is an important indicator that the House is squarely behind strong restrictions on future arms trade in the Middle East. The authorizations process sets spending ceilings for line items contained in the federal budget and defines policy guidelines and restrictions regarding how funds are to be disbursed. The appropriations process follows authorizations, and allocates the actual money amounts to the various line items. Authorizations bills may be further amended in the appropriations process but, generally speaking, appropriations committees try to have as few differences with the authorization bill as possible. It appears at this writing

that the House appropriations committee on foreign aid will attempt to construct a bill with near-identical language to the authorizations bill.

On the Senate side, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee is expected to adopt a proposal by Senators Kerry (D-MA) and Brown (D-CO) calling for an indefinite moratorium on arms sales. Also, 17 senators sent a letter on May 30th to the president, urging him to "take the lead in negotiating a temporary, multilateral moratorium on sales and transfers of conventional, chemical and nuclear armaments and their related technologies to the Middle East." The senators called on the administration to support this "multilateral pause" in order to "focus the world's attention on the need to stop arming the Middle East." Finally, two Senate committees have expressed a "sense of the Congress" that arms suppliers should establish and enforce a prohibition against the introduction of advanced conventional arms into the region. This resolution has been incorporated into both the foreign aid and State Department authorization bills on the Senate side. Unfortunately, "sense of the Congress" resolutions are primarily opinion vehicles for Congress and have no enforcement mechanisms. Still, this is a significant statement for the Senate to make considering its mostly conservative membership.

ACTION: *The Senate will complete its foreign aid package sometime in July. It is important that your senators hear from you on this issue. The message should be: 1) support an immediate US moratorium on weapons sales and technologies to the Middle East; 2) stop current administration plans to sell arms and equipment to Israel, the United Arab Emirates, and Bahrain; 3) work with both major and minor arms suppliers to effect a moratorium on arms sales to the Middle East; 4) begin an open and frank discussion with Israel leading to the phasing out and elimination of its nuclear stockpile. If you live in California, Senators Alan Cranston (D) and John Seymour (R) especially need to hear from you.*

EL SALVADOR

The status of ongoing negotiations between the government of El Salvador and FMLN rebel troops has prompted the House to set aside final deliberations of the El Salvador portion of the Foreign Aid Authorizations bill until September. If the talks continue to proceed well and there are no significant military actions taken on the part of the rebels, Congress will probably withhold a large portion of the Bush administration's \$85 million military aid request, possibly redirecting the money to support the reconstruction of the country's infrastructure and the eventual repatriation of rebel troops, should a cease fire be agreed upon. House Foreign Operations Subcommittee chair David Obey (D-WI) has stated that his committee will incorporate into the appropriations bill whatever language is passed by authorizations.

Major themes of the negotiations include restructuring the military; placing the military firmly under civilian authority; and judicial reform, among others. A May 1990 report by the Arms Control and Foreign Policy Caucus of the



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The Bush administration has a different angle on the Salvadoran talks, preferring to view progress in the negotiations as a vehicle for acquiring additional military aid from Congress. In the May 1991 issue of *Mesoamerica*, a Costa Rican journal published by Tony Avirgan, Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs Bernard Aronson gives the administration's perspective: "The sooner the parties reach a cease-fire, the sooner the US can devote its assistance, including military aid, in support of peace." In June, President Bush released \$42.5 million in escrowed military funds, which Congress had set aside pending successful prosecution of those responsible for the 1989 execution of six Jesuit priests and two coworkers on their university campus. Although some of the soldiers who took part in the execution are currently awaiting trial in El Salvador, those who actually gave the orders have yet to be identified or charged. In releasing the military aid, President Bush cited increased rebel military activity as justification.

As part of its foreign aid strategy this year, Congress is trying to close up the loopholes that currently allow the president the discretion to release funds which have been escrowed by Congress. Traditionally, Congress has allowed the president to make the determination to release funds (usually military aid) which it had set aside, so long as certain conditions are met and a report, called a "finding," is filed with the Congress. In the case of the \$42.5 million in military aid, Congress stipulated last year that the president might authorize its release if he could certify that human rights abuses had been conducted by FMLN rebels and/or an increase in military activity by the rebels was taking place. The president issued a 12-page report in January stating his intention to release the funds, but did not do so until last month, mostly due to congressional pressure. Members of the House in particular urged the president not to pun-

ish FMLN abuses by rewarding the atrocities of the Salvadoran government.

A "Dear Colleague" letter is currently being circulated in the House by New York Reps. Matt McHugh (D) and Bill Green (R), calling for significant cuts in the level of military aid for fiscal year 1992; for the creation of a reconstruction fund; and to support more congressional control over the release of escrowed funds. The bill currently has 99 signatures, including 16th district Representative Leon Panetta (D). Twelfth district Representative Tom Campbell (R) is currently not a signatory to the letter. The letter will be forwarded to House Foreign Affairs Committee chair Dante Fascell.

Meanwhile, the "Peace, Democracy and Development in El Salvador Act" has picked up 103 cosponsors in the House. The bill calls for the withdrawal of all US military advisors from El Salvador, prohibits US covert operations in that country, establishes a fund for reconstruction, and restricts the use of economic support funds (ESFs) solely for the purpose of meeting basic human needs. The House version of the bill, introduced by Washington state Democrat Jim McDermott, is HR1346. The Senate version, also introduced by a Washington state Democrat, Brock Adams, is S601. The bill is in need of many more cosponsors in the Senate.

At press time, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee is involved in mark-up of its version of the Foreign Aid Authorizations bill. Senator Christopher Dodd (D-CT) is expected to offer an amendment which would call for withholding not only this year's military aid request, but also half of all monies appropriated in previous years but not yet spent. Congress frequently appropriates monies with the stipulation that they be given out over a schedule of several years. There is currently a total of \$180 million in unspent military aid in the pipeline from previous years. Finally, Dodd's amendment establishes oversight procedures by which committees with foreign policy jurisdiction could object to and hold up the release of funds. If the Dodd amendment survives the committee vote, it will go on to

face stiff opposition on the Senate floor. **ACTION:** *If your senator is on the Foreign Relations Committee, s/he needs to hear from you! Californians should contact Senator Alan Cranston and urge his support for the Dodd amendment.*

GUATEMALA

Great news on Guatemala legislation! On May 23rd, the House Foreign Affairs Committee agreed to language which prohibits military aid or weapons sales to Guatemala; creates a fund to assist with the demobilization of former combatants and monitor an eventual cease-fire; and restricts the use of ESFs to basic human needs, human rights and reform programs. Rather than simply cutting the military portion of the administration request out of the budget, the committee voted to redirect the monies toward supporting the cease-fire process. The bill also calls for congressional oversight of how ESFs are used.

The legislation further calls on Guatemala to make progress on its investigations into the abduction and torture of US Ursuline Sister Dianna Ortiz and the murder of US businessperson Michael Devine. The original language of the bill in subcommittee also named prominent human rights cases involving non-US citizens, but unfortunately this language was softened and generalized in the final version of the bill.

The administration submitted a \$2 million military request but did not lobby for it, given Guatemala's horrendous human rights record and the fact that the State Department recently suspended its security-related assistance to Guatemala. However, the administration is expected to mount a fierce lobbying campaign against any restrictions on the economic support funds request, which is \$30 million for this year.

A companion piece is being introduced in the Senate by Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA). Titled the "Promotion of Democracy and Respect for Human Rights Act of 1991," Harkin's bill is similar to the House Foreign Affairs bill, but contains stronger language with

respect to specific human rights cases. The bill currently has five cosponsors, including California Senator Alan Cranston. Since the House bill received the unanimous support of all committee members, both Democrat and Republican, senators from both parties should be contacted and urged to show the same support as their House colleagues.

The May 1991 issue of *Mesoamerica* reports 340 disappearances and 177 "extrajudicial killings" in the first quarter of this year. The civilian death toll in the 30-year-old civil war is placed at 100,000.

ACTION: *Contact your senators and urge their support for the Harkin bill on Guatemala. The message should be: 1) no military aid to Guatemala; 2) restrict economic support funds to meet basic human needs; 3) press Guatemala to improve its human rights record and to make serious progress on prosecuting those responsible for human rights abuses.*

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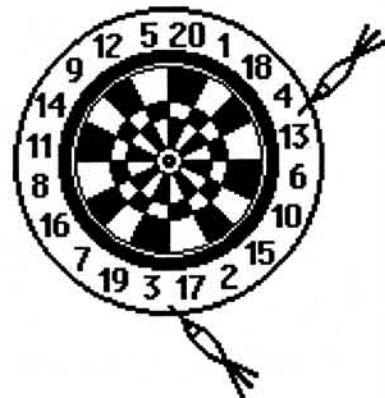
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By Juan Valdez

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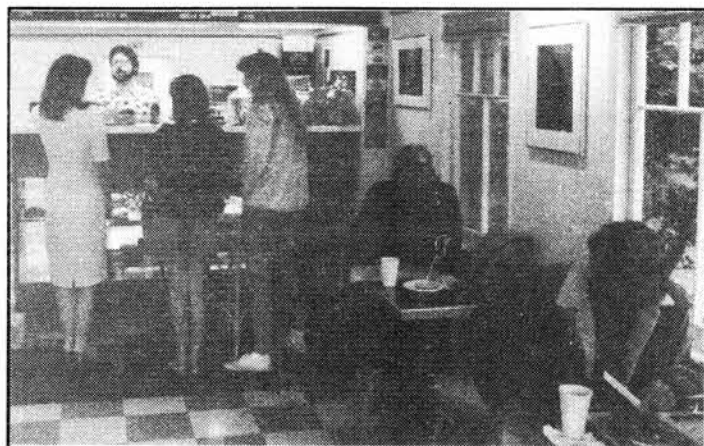


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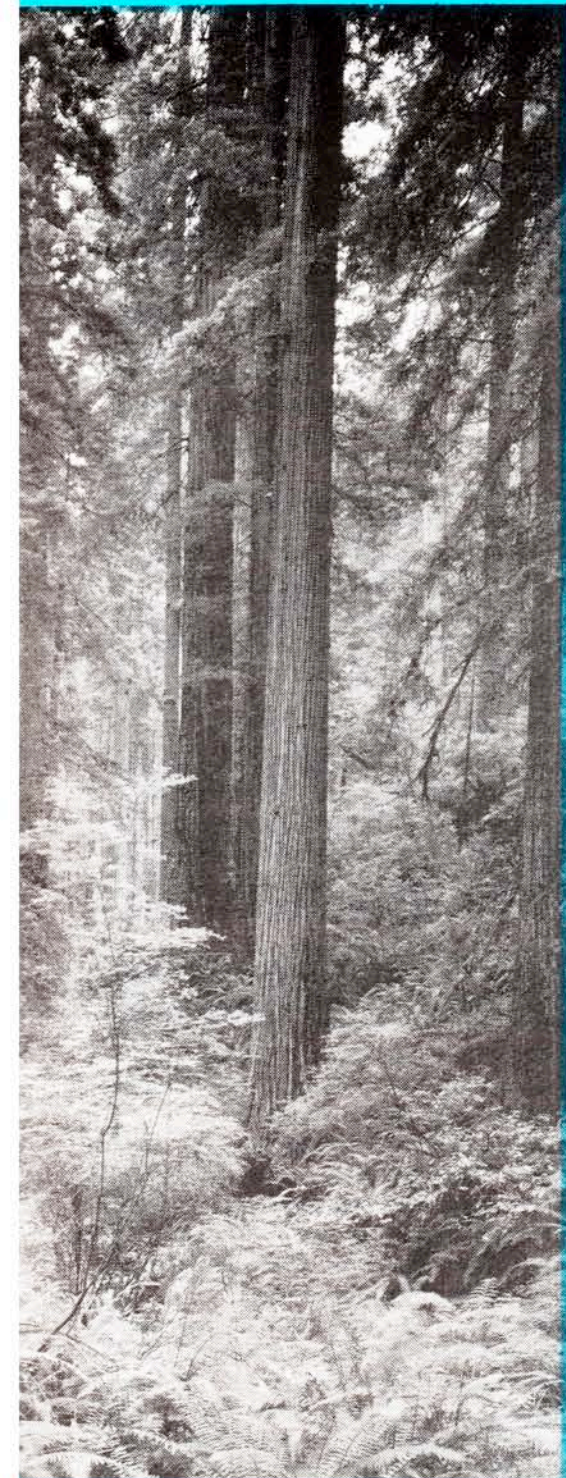
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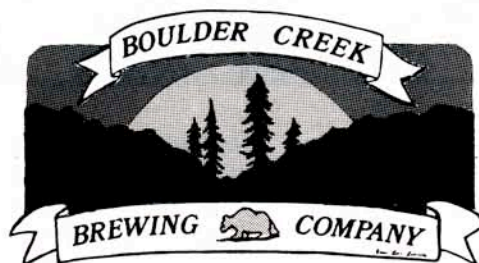
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ONLY DAYS AFTER CALLING ON ALL NATIONS to work together to halt the flow of weapons to the Middle East, the Bush administration announced plans for new arms sales to two Arab states and another military care package for Israel.

On May 30, mass media across the country prominently reported the unveiling of Bush's new Middle East arms control proposal, in which the president declared, "We are committed to stopping the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction." Describing the region as "packed with modern weapons and seething with ancient ambitions," Bush added, "It won't be easy, but the path to peace never is."

Within the next week, Defense Secretary Cheney announced that the U.S. would give Israel 10 F-15 fighter jets, underwrite three-quarters of a new Israeli missile program, and sell 20 attack helicopters to the United Arab Emirates and eight to Bahrain. "It's not inconsistent to say, on the one hand, we're interested in arms control and, on the other hand, we want to make certain our friends can defend themselves," Cheney remarked while returning from his 10-day arms bazaar abroad.

The attack helicopters are only the first part of a \$34 billion package including F-16 fighter jets, M-1 tanks and multiple rocket launchers which the administration is expected to offer in the coming weeks to Saudi Arabia and four other Persian Gulf countries. "It's distressing that this is the administration's version of arms control," said Rep. Mel Levine (D-CA), one of a number of skeptics in Congress who are opposing the sales.

However, criticism doesn't seem to discourage the White House on its rocky road toward peace. As one administration official admitted, "We presume we're going to get grief, but

the grief level won't determine a decision on sales we think are justified." (Sources: *Los Angeles Times* 5/30, 5/31, 6/7; *New York Times* 6/5; *San Jose Mercury News* 5/30)

PLUS ÇA CHANGE...

TWO DAYS AFTER BUSH PLEDGED TO disarm the Middle East, the French government played its hand in the public relations arms control game by announcing its own global plan, in which it agreed, after 23 years of holding out, to sign the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. The French pro-

ordering of military might, France may be hoping to increase its political leverage. French national security specialist Claire Tréan wrote in *Le Monde* that: "This will put no new constraint on France. But Paris is counting on a political effect from this symbolic decision: the credibility of French language on disarmament should be reinforced."

Regarding "constraints," the French government's statement made it clear that, like the other major nuclear powers, it was still not considering dismantling any of its nuclear

at least 146,000 people have died as a result of the U.S.-led war on Iraq, and that the death toll will eventually exceed 200,000.

"This was a war of mass destruction...one of the most efficient campaigns of military destruction and death ever experienced," said Peter Bahouth, executive director of Greenpeace USA, who co-wrote the report with William Arkin, the group's director of military research.

Based on news accounts and interviews with international relief workers and US officials, the report said that 100,000 to 120,000 Iraqi soldiers were killed during the 43-day air and land assaults. In addition, it reported that up to 15,000 Iraqi civilians were massacred, including those killed in US "smart bomb" attacks on exclusively civilian installations, such as power plants, water facilities, and hospitals. Since the bombs stopped falling, as many as 76,000 more, including Kurdish refugees, have died of starvation, disease, and unavailability of medical care. A report by UNICEF and the World Health Organization warns that "millions of lives are at stake, especially children." And as Bahouth states, "Every day the human and environmental fallout increases, and the body counts go up."

At a news conference to release the report, Arkin charged the Bush administration and the Pentagon with deliberately avoiding an accounting of the carnage, even though the Geneva Conventions clearly place that responsibility in the hands of the "victors." While the folks at the Pentagon have repeatedly insisted that it's not their problem, they were recently forced by a Freedom of Information Act request from the Natural Resources Defense Council to release what military officials called a "tentative" report based on "limited information." This count estimated that 100,000 Iraqi soldiers were killed and



posal calls for the destruction of chemical weapons, a ban on production of biological weapons, reduction of nuclear arsenals, and negotiations to limit the multi-billion-dollar trade in conventional armaments.

Speculating on the meaning of the move, *The New York Times* quotes a "Western diplomat" as saying, "It's all part of France's effort to position itself on the world stage after the Gulf War." Amidst the current new-world-

capability. This position was presaged two days earlier when France exploded a 110-kiloton nuclear bomb at Fangataufa Atoll, its third atomic test in "French" Polynesia this year.

(Sources: *New York Times* 6/4; *Los Angeles Times* 6/4)

REMEMBERING THE IRAQI DEAD AND DYING

A GREENPEACE REPORT RELEASED IN time for Memorial Day estimates that



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300,000 wounded, but refused to mention civilian deaths either by the bombing or the continuing health catastrophe in Iraq.

(Sources: *San Francisco Chronicle* 5/30; *Santa Cruz Sentinel* 5/30; *New York Times* 6/5)

NIXON ON C.D.?

IN HIS LATEST RELEASE ON THE National Archives label, ex-President Richard Nixon gives us more of the profanity, fear, and double-dealings that we've come to expect in a chief executive. During 60 hours of Nixon White House tape transcripts made public early in June, the former president and his top aides discuss ways of manipulating and silencing just about everyone from J. Edgar Hoover to Daniel Ellsberg and other anti-Vietnam War activists.

Scheming with Attorney General John Mitchell in late 1971 over how to force the aging FBI Director Hoover to resign, Nixon says, "My view is he oughta resign while he's on top, before he becomes an issue." Mitchell responds, "He's getting senile, actually." Nixon: "Well, can I, uh, can we do, uh [unintelligible] I'm willing to fight him but I don't. You see I think we've got to avoid the situation where he could go out with a blast..." And two weeks later Nixon complains, "We may have on our hands here a man who will pull down the temple with him, including me." Hoover eventually died in office the following May.

In May of 1971, Nixon speculates with H.R. Haldeman about a Jewish

conspiracy behind the anti-war movement. Nixon: "Aren't the Chicago Seven all Jews? Davis's a Jew, you know." Haldeman: "I don't think Davis is." Nixon: "Hoffman, Hoffman's a Jew." Haldeman: "Hoffman is and that's so." Other names are mentioned. "About half of these are Jews," Nixon concludes, as if proving his point.

In a comment on his own performance as a recording artist, Tricky Dick had this to say (to Haldeman): "I always wondered about that taping equipment but I'm damn glad we have it, aren't you? It's helpful because while it has some things in there that, ah, we prefer we wouldn't have said, on the other hand, we also have some things in there that we know we've — that I've said that weren't — that were pretty good, I mean."

In a recent news report that does nothing to tarnish such a consistent legacy, archivists say that nine boxes of documents detailing the Watergate break-in and burglary have vanished. Bud Krogh, head of the Watergate "Plumbers," says that the missing boxes contain "hot stuff" that could clear up some still-unanswered questions about the reasons for the "third-rate burglary" that led to Nixon's downfall and hours of morbid entertainment for the rest of us.

(Sources: *Washington Post* 6/5; *New York Times* 6/5; *San Jose Mercury News* 5/15)

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When Iraq invaded Kuwait, King Hussein of Jordan moved swiftly to try to find a peaceful resolution to the crisis. He flew to Baghdad on August 3rd, the day after the invasion, and to Kennebunkport in the following week, in an attempt to persuade President Bush to use diplomacy. The Jordanian government still believes that the war could and should have been avoided.

For insisting on trying to mediate the dispute, Jordan has suffered greatly, as its ambassador makes clear in this interview, but the principles of negotiation, of pluralism, and of democracy remain central to any prospect of long-term peace and stability in the Middle East. "Stop the War Before It Starts" was the rallying cry of the Santa Cruz anti-war movement last fall, and the Jordanian position was entirely sympathetic.

When Scott Kennedy of the Resource Center for Nonviolence invited the Jordanian ambassador to visit Santa Cruz as part of a series of West Coast speaking engagements, he accepted immediately. Cabrillo College and the University of California at Santa Cruz sponsored an evening presentation at Cabrillo, while the Resource Center organized a reception to benefit the Civilian Casualty Fund of the Fellowship of Reconciliation. The Monthly Planet caught up with the ambassador on June 12th, during the drive to Carmel for his next engagement.

His Excellency Hussein A. Hammami was born in Jaffa in 1935, when it was part of Palestine, and fled to Jordan, via Lebanon, with his family on the establishment of the state of Israel, when he was 13. He obtained his BA at the American University in Cairo, and has been a career diplomat for over 30 years, serving in Jordanian embassies from New Delhi to Santiago and from Beirut to Bonn. Before his appointment as ambassador to the United States, he served in the same capacity in both Damascus and Cairo.

Monthly Planet: Obviously the Persian Gulf crisis affected the entire region, as well as Jordan, in many different ways. Perhaps we can start by focusing on the effects on your country. How did it affect the Jordanian economy?

Ambassador Hussein Hammami: Well, there are several elements involved here. One has to do with the application by Jordan of the sanctions of the United Nations. Another has to do with the effect on some industries that were catering to the region. And the third element is the element of our Jordanian Palestinian people who are living in the Gulf and as the Gulf War — the Gulf crisis — developed into a war, how they were affected and how also they influenced the economic situation.

The first element really involves the trade that Jordan had with both



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JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR

HUSSEIN HAMMAMI

Discusses the Effects of the Gulf War

Interview by Pete Shanks

Iraq and the Gulf countries in general. This trade was cut off completely because of the crisis, because of the sanctions, and also because of the divergence of opinion between Jordan and the Gulf countries that led them to stop their trade with Jordan.

The Jordanian transport industry catered to the whole region of the Middle East, actually — not only moving goods from Jordan to any particular other country but throughout the region. This is the largest trucking industry in the Middle East, with 12,000 trucks.

MP: This is because of the geographic position of Jordan?

HH: Well, it's because Jordan has provided a free enterprise type of a climate that really encouraged people to go into the trucking business, which is lucrative. So the closing of borders and the cutting off of trade and so on led to the freezing of this 12,000-truck industry that we had, and this meant in effect a loss that went into the hundreds of millions of dollars, just for that sector.

MP: There were some reports in the US media that Jordan was in some way evading sanctions. Was there any truth to this?

HH: No, actually we were not evading sanctions. We applied them and when

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Jordan applied the sanctions it hurt Jordan more than anybody else, because we were in effect trying to punish somebody but we were punishing ourselves by doing that.

Now, when the United States says that we were evading sanctions, oh yes, we were importing oil from Iraq.

MP: This was legal?

HH: Let me put it like this. Strictly speaking, according to the rules of the resolution on the sanctions of the Security Council, it was not legal — but our only source of oil was Iraq. The Iraqis were not getting paid for the oil that we bought from them; we were settling that bill by deducting the price of the oil from the debts that Iraq owed us, so no money was changing hands. In the spirit of the sanctions, Iraq was not getting any benefit out of selling us oil.

MP: And the White House — the Washington administration — knew about this arrangement.

HH: Oh, yes. We certainly told the sanctions committee of the Security Council and we told the State Department. We told the government of the United States of this. It was not a secret and I suppose there was deep understanding of this. But clearly they could not come out and say, "Yes, it is all right officially for Jordan to do that" because they would not want others to follow suit one way or another and then the whole sanctions, the whole blockade against Iraq would sort of crumble.

But then, when, if you recall, the Jordanian tanker trucks were hit by the allied aircraft, bombed, and we lost 14 truckers, dead, and several dozen wounded, the administration was a bit on the defensive and there were statements from the spokesperson of the State Department saying, "What are the Jordanians doing bringing in oil from Iraq?" It was not a secret, it was very well known. We asked the Saudis to provide an alternative for the Iraqi oil and they refused to provide it. If we had not imported Iraqi oil, the whole economy would have just come to a standstill, and we were not willing to commit suicide.

MP: So the sanctions were affecting Jordan almost as directly as Iraq, and that still continues, right? The sanctions are still in effect.

HH: Of course, that still continues, and actually the interdiction of ships going to Aqaba by allied naval units continues. It's not that it is a great bother — nobody gets hurt in this except the economy, because, you see, when shipping lines observe that their ships are being stopped and searched and sometimes told to go

back, they wouldn't want their ships to go to Aqaba anymore, because it doesn't pay.

And of course the insurance premium goes up, and who pays that premium more is the Jordanian taxpayer, or the Jordanian consumer, so we are suffering as a result of that. We continue to suffer.

MP: Is this showing up in unemployment?

HH: The whole economic distress that we went through, of course, has shown in unemployment. Before the Gulf War, the unemployment figure was pretty high — it was about 12 percent. Now there is no question it is more than double. It is in the figures of the twenties — we cannot pin it down, but anywhere between 24

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and 28 percent of the labor force is unemployed.

Now the third element that I wanted to address, in answer to your first question, was, let us not forget the element of support that Jordan used to get from the variety of Gulf countries — financial support, and all that stopped. Of course they stopped giving us aid because they didn't like the fact that we disagreed with them on how to resolve the Gulf crisis.

And clearly all those hundreds of thousands of Jordanian Palestinians, who were working in Kuwait and who came back to Jordan — now we have about 200,000 of them in Jordan — who used to support their families by remitting money to their families in Jordan. Now they have become unemployed and a burden on their own families and on the country as such. So that is one new element.

MP: These are people who are now resident in Jordan.

HH: They are now back in Jordan and they raise the figure of unemployment. They are out of work, and of course the fact that they are out of work reflects negatively on the situation of our economy.

MP: While the UN sanctions are having this effect, I know that you have come out in support of President Bush's statement about applying Resolutions 242 and 338 [the land-for-peace resolutions] for solving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Do you feel that there is a double standard in the application of UN resolutions, with 660 and the following ones [which address the invasion of Kuwait] being applied so thoroughly?

HH: What the Iraqis did in Kuwait was wrong and should have been reversed. The fact that it was done so quickly is a good thing in itself as a question of principle, but the question arises, "Could it have been done with less pain?" and that's a legitimate question. We believe that it could have been done without war, particularly in the early stages of the crisis.

Now on the question of the double standard, you see, for the peoples of the Middle East, including the peoples in the Gulf, 242 is not just a figure — the resolution of the Security Council, it is not just another resolution, it's not just a figure, something in the abstract that they look at, it is an expression of the intent of the world to rectify a wrong and nothing was done to rectify that wrong that hit the Palestinians during the '67 war and the occupation of the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and East Jerusalem.

Now, whereas everybody wanted Kuwait to be liberated, the question of course arises in the mind of every Arab, including Gulf Arabs, "Why don't we apply the same rule to the Palestinian issue?" The United Nations has put across this resolution that has not been put into effect when other resolutions have.

Now I believe that this puts the credibility of the United Nations — essentially, in real political terms, the United States, because it is the United States that really galvanized the international will to move in the Gulf — this puts the United States and the UN really in front of a very important challenge.

If they don't deliver there, in Palestine, as they delivered in the Gulf, it seems to me that the United States will be undercutting its own position in the Middle East across the board, to embarrass its coalition allies and, on the popular level, whether it is Palestinian or Jordanian or Syrian, once again there will be a rise in the perception of the double standard. We are concerned really that this rise in the perception of the double standard will reflect itself in terms of further polarization of the societies, of the social set-up of the Arab nations.

MP: Internal polarization?

HH: Internal, as well as polarization between the United States and the Arab countries in general. So it would lead to erosion of the position of the United States in the Arab countries.

Now if the United States went in to preserve morality in terms of international relations and to resist aggression, then it has the moral duty to do the same thing in Pales-

THE POLITICS OF WATER IN THE MIDDLE EAST

It has often been said that the Gulf War was really fought over oil. What is sometimes forgotten is that, in a fragile desert ecology, there may be a more precious resource yet — water. We in California have become sensitized to this issue over the last five years of drought, and should not be surprised if it provides the flash point for future confrontations between the Arabs and the Israelis.

In the aftermath of the Gulf War, Turkey is considering diverting water by pipeline to Israel. "This is the al-Sargh Peace Pipeline," explained Ambassador Hammami. "What in effect Turkey wants to do is to use its water resources, of which it has control, to the detriment of the Syrians and the Iraqis. These are waters of the Euphrates and the Tigris, headwaters that the Syrians and Iraqis have a right to. Well, the Turks put up huge dams, the Ataturk project...Turkey wants to use water to gain strategic advantage. It's all purely political."

At the same time there is increasing pollution in the region, especially of water, in response to which a Jordanian Greens party has recently been founded. "It seems to be gaining ground just like wildfire...Everybody is saying 'Yes' for these people.

"We have a variety of other problems. The Gulf of Aqaba is beautiful, it's really a beautiful marine museum, but in the whole Red Sea and the Gulf of Aqaba there is so much industry there that marine life is dying off. We have put up a huge fertilizer plant in the Gulf of Aqaba that is dumping waste...If you come to Aqaba from the sea, you will see this beautiful sight of red hills — except for one hill, one whole mountain, which is different, and that is all the waste of the fertilizer plant."

These problems of pollution and scarcity are bringing the politics of water into high relief in the Middle East, as the ambassador acknowledged in his recent remarks at Cabrillo College:

"Water is so scarce in most parts of the Middle East that, sooner than later, it may be by itself the cause of conflict. We believe that what is required is a serious effort that involves a fairer distribution of water resources on the basis of the established international law, conservation programs, utilization of modern methods of irrigation, drip irrigation, recycling of water, and preservation of water from pollution.

"One of the most immediate problems is that some nations infringe on the rights of others directly and openly, in effect highjacking the water of others in the Middle East. The example of Israel is clear. Israel is highjacking the water of the aquifer that is on the occupied West Bank.

"There is a large aquifer of water under the West Bank. This water is being taken to the Israeli national grid, pumped into the Israeli national water grid, as well as to the hundred and some thousand settlers, Israeli settlers, in the West Bank. These hundred thousand settlers use almost as much water as the million Palestinians who live in the West Bank. Eighty-three percent of the West Bank aquifer goes either to the Israeli settlers or to Israel, into the national water grid."

In response to questions, he indicated that Jordan and Syria had agreed on a massive multi-national water management project but had been unable to bring Israel into the scheme, which needs to be multi-national in order to be practical and, especially, to raise international funding.

As this article was being prepared for press, there were authoritative reports that the Israeli Housing Ministry was developing plans for new cities on the West Bank and Gaza that might have a population as large as 4 million Jewish settlers. This would more than triple the total population, which at present consists of 1.7 million Palestinians and 100,000 Israelis. Such a concentration of new construction would not only sabotage all efforts to exchange land for peace by the implementation of U.N. Resolution 242 but also threaten the entire local ecosystem.

tine as it did in the Gulf.

If it went in to preserve its oil interests and its economic interests, then again also by continuing to adopt the double standard, it will be defeating its own purposes in the long term, because of the festering of frustration and, I would say, a sense of humiliation among the disenfranchised Arabs. You will see a rise in anti-American sentiment and that will influence the climate that is supposed to be there — influence it negatively — that climate that is supposed to be there to preserve the

interests of the United States.

MP: So you are now talking about anti-American sentiment in the major oil-producing countries? Nations like Saudi Arabia, and perhaps Kuwait in the long run?

HH: Oh yes, everywhere. Of course, in the short run, these countries are satisfied that their security has been...

MP: Well, their governments may be satisfied. That is another question. We are seeing considerable questions about the legitimacy of the Kuwaiti

government in the aftermath. I have heard reports that there is dissatisfaction in Saudi Arabia, particularly coming from the Muslim fundamentalists. Do you think there is a long-term problem there?

HH: It may not have anything to do with the Arab-Israeli conflict in a direct sense; it may be influenced by the Arab-Israeli element of the whole situation in the region. But if I am to comment on the internal affairs of any particular nation, I would put it like this.

For Kuwait, the Kuwaitis have had, in the '60s and the '70s, a growing experiment in the democratic process. It was not perfect — we do not expect things to happen overnight — but then it was suppressed. Now the Kuwaitis themselves have been calling on their government to open up. Since the government suspended parliament in '85, there has been what is called a professional opposition, a political opposition, but there is now a growing call among the Kuwaitis across the board — not just the professional opposition, so to speak, but the business community, those who have always been supportive of the Sabah family — there are more and more among them who call for opening up. There is clearly concern about what is happening in terms of human rights in Kuwait, whether Kuwaitis or non-Kuwaitis. To the extent that the government of Kuwait is capable of moving ahead with this new spirit, I

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 think they will be on the right track. But if they are reticent, if they hesitate — well, one would hope that what Saddam Hussein, what Iraq has done, will not prove that it was the undoing of Kuwait eventually.

As far as Saudi Arabia is concerned, there is a very conservative strain of Wahabi puritan Islam and this is a strain that is essentially isolationist. It does not lend itself to having Saudi Arabia merge with the world. And it is growing now, as a result of the presence in Saudi Arabia

of all those foreign troops. Whereas these groups were rather quiet during the Gulf crisis and war, it seems now they are trying to assert themselves and to use the presence of the American troops and the other allied troops as a cause, as a platform to attack the system.

MP: In Jordan itself, there was an impression through our media that the Jordanian government was to some extent being pushed by the views of the people on the street. There were massive demonstrations against the American intervention in the Middle East. Are there serious tensions in Jordan?

HH: No. I think the fact that we have had, number one, extreme economic distress in the country, the fact that there was a lot of political strain as a result of the crisis — that could have really put into question the whole survival of Jordan. The fact that we were able to overcome these two major elements is thanks to a large degree on the chance of every Jordanian and Palestinian in Jordan to express themselves freely. So democracy in Jordan really came in very handy, if I may put it in this rather crude manner. It did serve to relieve the pressures.

Though democracy is a decision that was taken by the signals that came out from beneath — from our people — I think the regime in Jordan picked up those signals, understood the significance of those signals, and released the potential of the Jordanians to express themselves. This is not a tactical decision, but it is a decision that is being proven every day that we were on the right track, that this is an irreversible process as far as we are concerned in Jordan and regardless of what you have in Jordan, in terms of people who are perceived as extremists, that is the Islamic fundamentalists, or extremists of the left. Indeed, the Islamic fundamentalists in Jordan won 40 percent of the seats in Parliament and now they are represented in the government.

MP: Is that the first time?

HH: Yes, for the first time. They are part of the government of Jordan and they hold important cabinet posts —

education, that is very important. We believe that we are on the right track. If our people want these fundamentalists to be there then, you know, you play the game by the rules of the game itself. Democracy is the will of these people to express themselves and they’ve expressed themselves along those lines. But whether fundamentalists, or middle-of-the-roaders, or leftists, we believe that there is a general commitment among all these people to respect the other point of view.

In our societies in the Middle East, the preservation of pluralism is an essential element of stability because we are not homogeneous, fully homogeneous. We are not all Muslims, we are not all Christians, we are not all Arab. Some of us are Kurds, others are Assyrian; we have various ethnic, religious, cultural colorings. It’s a mosaic, you see, and this mosaic can survive and actually, we believe, enrich our societies through democracy only. If you take it away, this mosaic will be the cause of the destruction of societies because it will start tearing — everyone will start tearing from his own side. So we believe that our people are capable of understanding the need to preserve pluralism, to respect the other.

We have, for example, in Jordan, maybe 10 percent — we don’t have exact figures, we don’t take such statistics, but maybe 10 percent of our population is Christian, mostly from the Orthodox Church. We have some people who emigrated to Jordan from the Caucasus. They were Muslims who were persecuted by Czarist Russia and they moved South, down the Circassians. We have plenty of them in Jordan. We have in Jordan of course people of Palestinian origin and of Jordanian origin.

MP: There is an impression that one of the big “winners” of the Gulf War was Syria. How does Jordan, which has had its problems with Syria in the past, react to the apparent increase in the strength and prestige of its neighbor?

HH: There are no big winners in this Gulf War. There are people who made some money, people who lost some money, but the whole region was a

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A Time to Mourn: The Persian Gulf Peace Committee held a Memorial Day funeral procession through downtown Santa Cruz "to honor those of all nationalities who died as a result of the Persian Gulf Crisis, the War, and its Aftermath."

loser. We believe that.

The relations between Jordan and Syria had, over many years, a lot of ups and downs, and sometimes reached rock bottom. I do not think that we are in a situation where our relations are bad now. We believe we, ourselves and the Syrians, have actually set a couple of priorities in terms of our relations, at least during this attempt at constructing peace. One of them is the need to work very closely together in order to go to a peace conference in agreement on the essential principles. We have that in hand and that is very, very important.

We do not think that the Syrians are interested in obstructing peace, as many people would claim. I do not think that they are. Maybe they will capitalize on their role during the Gulf crisis, maybe to be more influential with the United States in the construction of that peace. On the essential elements of the Arab position on peace, I do not think there is any disagreement with the Syrians.

We may not see eye-to-eye fully on issues of procedure — for example,

how to go about putting together a conference, what are the major elements in that conference that have to be there. Our position is that issues of substance are much more important than issues of procedure. Now the Syrians put substance and procedure at equal par. I believe that when we take a look at their position on the substance, and compare it to our position in Jordan, you will not find any variance, any divergence of views.

MP: It seems as though the Israeli government has been focusing its responses to Secretary of State Baker's recent trips to the Middle East on those procedural questions, to a large extent. Do you think this is a smoke screen?

HH: Oh, no question, I believe so. It is an attempt by the Israelis to bog down the whole process over issues that are truly side issues or secondary issues, and they keep bringing new issues up all the time. Not only the role of the United Nations, not only the role of the conference, whether it is going to be ongoing or not, but also who are these Palestini-

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ans who will come to negotiate? Where do they come from? Who do they represent? What is their address? If they come from the occupied territories, what is their address?

You see, it seems to me that what the Israelis are trying to do is to open such questions of procedure in order to bog down the whole process and then in the meantime they are moving very fast to change realities on the ground so that if at all the conference takes place and if at all there is, for example, agreement on an interim period, say of two or three years, where after that the Palestinians would make their own decisions about their own future, in self-determination, that during those two or three years Israel will have changed so much of the realities on the ground in the West Bank and East Jerusalem and around East Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip that there will not be a possibility really to bring about, to put into effect, whatever has been agreed upon earlier.

So, I would believe that Israel has to show that it has good faith. There are very simple things that Israel can do. I will not speak about the dehumanization of the Palestinians but practical steps. They can stop building settlements. It's as simple as that. This is one element that will show that the Israelis are serious. If they are getting all the Soviet Jewish immigrants to Israel and if they stop building settlements and settle these

immigrants inside Israel within the green line of 1967 — that is, in Israel proper — that would be a wonderful thing.

But they have shown exactly the opposite and one has to draw conclusions from that. Why is it that they are doing it? Are they trying to strengthen their negotiating hand? We don't believe so. They are trying to pre-empt peace, actually. I am sure that the Israelis and this government want peace with the Arabs, but peace on their own terms and peace that involves no recognition of what is right for the Palestinians, in terms of self-determination, and in terms of their right to sovereignty over their own territory.

MP: *Would you like to see America become more involved or less involved in solving the problems of the region?*

HH: First, we cannot make a decision whether we want America to be less involved or more involved. The realities of the world make everybody involved, and primarily the Americans. America is involved with Israel, whether America likes it or not. It is involved with Israel to the tune of three and a half billion dollars every year in support to Israel, and America will be more involved as it is called upon to provide more money and more financial facilities for Israel to absorb the hundreds of thousands of Soviet Jewish immigrants.

So America is involved. Whether

you like it or not, whether we like it or not, you are involved. The question is, will you be involved in such a manner as to reflect what America has always seen as its role in the world — as a role on the side of what is right and what is just — or will America continue to be involved on the basis of the day-to-day expediency of the political realities in Washington? I am speaking here about the ability of the lobbies that support Israel to continue to impress on the administration, and every government of the United States, to adopt positions that, whether in the short term or the long term, are contrary even to the best interests of the people of the United States.

MP: *You have now been ambassador to Washington for about three years, which has been a pretty turbulent time. Have you noticed a change in the attitude of the American people, as opposed to government policy, over the last three years?*

HH: The interests of the American people keep developing and shifting, I think, in accordance with the economic situation. Priority number one is the well-being of Americans inside, and the problems of Americans inside. The issues of crime and drugs and recession and so on are clearly the major interests of the American people.

As far as the Middle East is concerned, the intifada certainly has caused a deep shift in public opinion, in terms of a better understanding of the other side of the issue, that is, the issue of the Palestinians. I could see that in the past three years there has been a tremendous change in popular opinion in the United States, but whether this change in opinion will be able to formalize, let us say, policies, whether such an opinion will be an issue, say, when Americans go to vote, is a totally different matter.

When Americans go to vote, they vote on local issues. They vote on internal issues; they do not vote on issues, let's call them, of conscience, or issues of preference in matters of international affairs. And that is the sad part of the whole thing. We would like to see Americans under-

stand more the suffering of the Palestinians and express this understanding when they go to the ballot.

Pete Shanks is a Santa Cruz-based writer and activist who is presently traveling in Africa.

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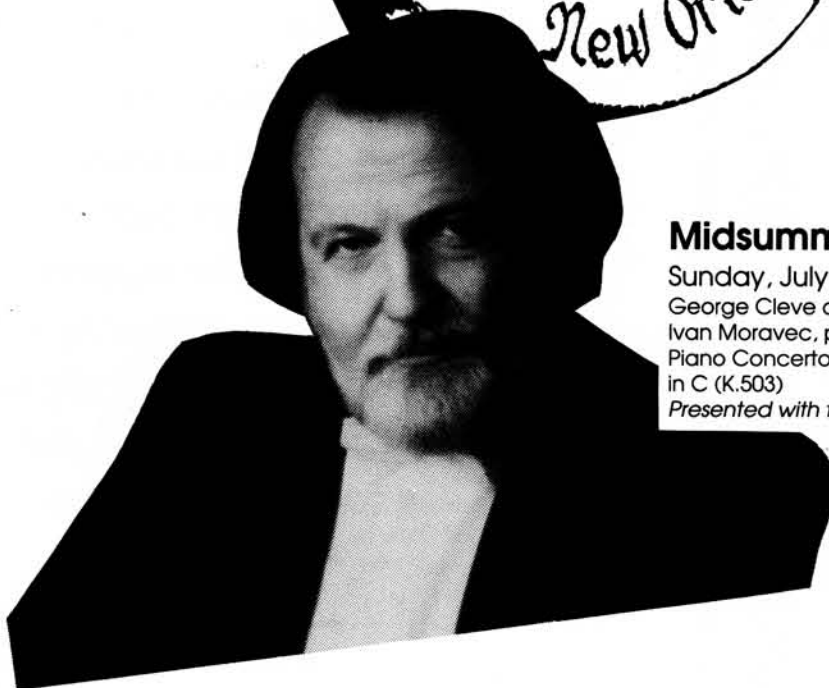
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THE LIMITED MEDIA COVERAGE given to the events which led up to the Gulf War was cited as the top under-reported issue of 1990, according to a national panel of media experts.

The second most under-reported story of the year focused on the botched and expensive solution to the savings and loan crisis while the third-ranked story explored the role of the Central Intelligence Agency in the S&L scandal.

Now in its 15th year, Project Censored, a national media research effort conducted annually by Sonoma State University, locates stories about significant issues which are not widely publicized by the national news media. The founder and director of the project is Carl Jensen, professor of communications at the university.

Following are the top ten under-reported stories of 1990:

Covering the Gulf Crisis, Mortgaging the Fourth Estate

WHEN WAR IS ON THE HORIZON, press skepticism is the first casualty. Many journalists fell into the unseemly role of Pentagon cheerleaders instead of being the honest, skeptical brokers of information they should be. As in Panama and Grenada, journalists and news executives took their cues from government officials. Even Defense Department spokesperson Pete Williams admitted that "the reporting has been largely a recitation of what administration people have

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said." Meanwhile, dissent from official policy was all but nonexistent in news coverage. In the opening weeks of the crisis, the media focused on the two major questions: "Will we go to war?" and "Will we win?" Far less attention, however, was paid to two other equally

vital concerns: "Should we go to war?" and "Can war be avoided?"

While the press was busy christening Hussein as "the new Hitler," they were slow in uncovering the fact that just days before the invasion of Kuwait, the White House was lobbying

Congress not to apply sanctions against Iraq and that US Ambassador April Glaspie was telling Hussein that the US had "no position" concerning Iraq's border dispute with Kuwait. Nor was there any coverage of the August 23rd secret offer by Iraq to pull out of Kuwait and release all hostages (which Bush rejected).

President Bush told the nation that there was no decision more difficult than sending young Americans into a combat situation. The press should feel an equally grave obligation — to scrutinize such a decision and make clear its human and political costs. SOURCES: *Image*, 10/14/90, "The First Casualty," by Mark Hertsgaard, pp. 6-9; *Editor & Publisher*, 10/20/90, "Storytelling from the Persian Gulf," by Debra Gersh, p. 7; *The Quill*, 10/90, "Imperial Thoughts," by Mike Moore, pp. 16-21; *The Spotlight*, 10/8/90, "Saddam Was Bush-Wacked on Invasion," by John McBrien, p. 1.

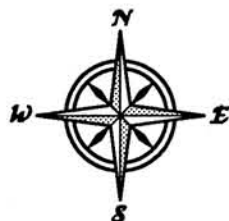
The S&L Crisis: The Solution is Worse Than the Crime

AN EARLY ESTIMATE OF THE COST TO taxpayers to bail out the savings and loan industry was \$155 billion. More recently, a *Wall Street Journal* correspondent suggested a \$1.4 trillion figure. But the most "acceptable" figure for the bailout appears to be \$500 billion.

To put that \$500 billion in perspective, the combined 1988 profits of all the companies on the Fortune 500 list added up to just \$115 billion. And the combined 1987 budgets of all 50

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states didn't add up to \$500 billion. In fact, the total federal expenditure on one of the nation's most widespread problems — the homeless — is little more than one-tenth of one percent of the amount we'll spend to bail out the savings and loan industry.

This bailout was engineered by the Resolution Trust Corporation (RTC) — the government's S&L caretaker which is engaged in a massive give-away that will make Teapot Dome look like a demitasse cup. The RTC is the nation's largest operator of financial institutions and, according to *The New York Times*, is "quickly becoming the biggest financial institution in the world." The RTC was established without any meaningful public debate nor with any serious consideration of alternatives.

Here's just one example of the RTC solution: an Arizona insurance executive with a history of legal and regulatory problems was allowed to buy 15 insolvent Texas savings and loan associations with \$1000 of his own money and \$70 million of borrowed money and in turn was promised \$1.85 billion of taxpayers' money in federal subsidies. Remember, this case was not part of the S&L crisis, but part of the so-called solution.

What has taken place involves fraud, malfeasance, and nonfeasance of a scope never seen before. No war, no defense program, no social program, no other scandal has ever cost what this will cost. And yet the media, absorbed in human interest aspects

of the crisis at best, relegate important S&L stories to the business pages despite their enormous effect on every American.

SOURCES: *The Progressive Review*, "No-Fault Capitalism Meets Lemon Socialism," August 1990, by Sam Smith; *Wall Street Journal*, 8/9/90, "Viewpoint: Biggest Robbery in History — You're the Victim," by Michael Gartner, p. A11.

The CIA Role in the Savings & Loan Crisis

SOME \$500 BILLION TO 1.4 TRILLION taxpayer dollars will be needed to bail out the savings and loan crisis. One very obvious question, which has not been asked by the major news media, is what happened to so much money?

In a series of S&L articles, Pete Brewton of *The Houston Post* found links between S&Ls, organized crime figures, and CIA operatives, including some involved in gun running, drug smuggling, money laundering and covert aid to Nicaraguan Contras. In his March 11, 1990 article, Brewton even suggested links between President Bush's son Neil and the CIA/organized crime figures: "A failed Colorado savings and loan whose board of directors included a son of President Bush was part of an intricate web of federally insured financial institutions that had business links to organized crime figures and CIA operatives, *The Houston Post* has learned."

Despite the blockbuster nature of Brewton's exposés, the major news media have not been quick to follow

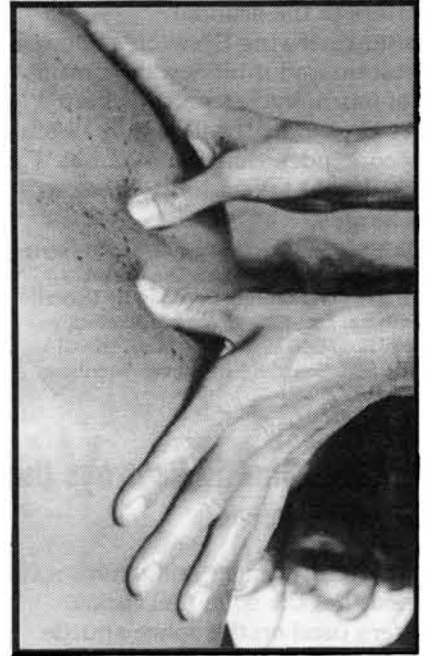
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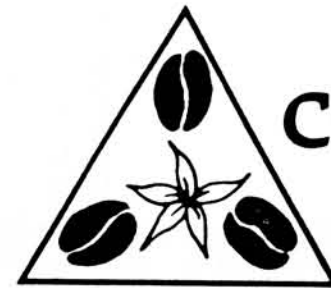
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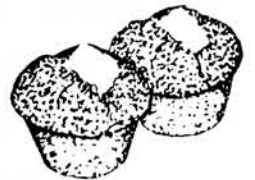
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up. The strange silence on the part of the press led Steve Weinberg, former executive director of Investigative Reporters & Editors, to investigate the accuracy of Brewton's charges. Weinberg raises two key questions: if Brewton's information is wrong, what should other journalists be doing to set the record straight, and if he is right, why have most news organizations failed to assign their own reporters to the scandal?

After reviewing Brewton's documentation and interviewing a number of journalists, some of whom reject Brewton's thesis totally, Weinberg concludes that the national press should take a harder look at his charges.

SOURCES: *The Houston Post*, 2/4/90+, series of articles by Pete Brewton; *The Nation*, 11/19/90, "The Looting Decade," by Robert Sherrill, pp. 589-623; *Columbia Journalism Review*, Nov/Dec 1990, "The Mob, The CIA, and the S&L Scandal," by Steven Weinberg, pp. 28-35.

The NASA Shuttle Destroys the Ozone Shield

TWO SOVIET ROCKET SCIENTISTS HAVE warned that the solid fuel rocket boosters used on the space shuttle release 187 tons of ozone-destroying chlorine molecules into the atmosphere with every launch.

Valery Burdakov, co-designer of the Russian "Energia" rocket engine, noted that each shuttle launch releases

250 tons of hydrochloric acid (which destroys the ozone), seven tons of nitrogen (another ozone depleter), 387 tons of carbon dioxide (a major contributor to the "greenhouse effect"), and 177 tons of aluminum oxide (linked to Alzheimer's Disease) before reaching an altitude of 31 miles.

According to Burdakov and his colleague, Vyacheslav Filin, a single shuttle launch can destroy as much as 10 million tons of ozone. This means that 300 total shuttle flights will completely destroy the Earth's protective ozone shield.

These extraordinary charges were supported by research done by the Military Toxics Network in San Francisco. Working with the Russian figures and data obtained from NASA, the Network concluded that significant damage was being done to the ozone layer by the space shuttle launches. SOURCES: *Earth Island Journal*, Fall 1990, "Soviets Say Shuttles Rip Ozone Layer," by Gar Smith, p. 8; *SSU Star*, 5/8/90, "Doc Caldicott Prescribes Medicine," by Mindi Levine, p. 1; *San Francisco Chronicle*, 8/21/90, "Group Says Space Shuttle Damages Earth's Ozone," by David Sylvester.

Continued Media Blackout of Drug War Fraud

WHILE DRUG WAR RHETORIC CONTINUES to saturate the mainstream press, high-ranking drug war insiders continue to come forward in attempts to expose the "war" for

what it really is: a battle for the hearts, minds, and tax dollars of the American public.

Michael Levine recently retired from the DEA after 25 years as a leading undercover agent. Over the course of his career, Levine has personally accounted for at least 3,000 people serving a total of 15,000 years in jail, as well as several tons of various illegal substances seized. Levine documents numerous instances of CIA involvement in the drug trade, State Department intervention, and DEA cooperation with both parties. Levine's story closely parallels that of Richard Gregorie, whose defection from the Attorney General's office was the fourth-ranked "censored" story of 1989.

According to Levine, "the only thing we know with certainty is that the drug war is not for real. The drug economy in the United States is as much as \$200 billion a year, and it is being used to finance political operations, pay international debts — all sorts of things.

"The whole drug war is a media war," says Levine. "It's a psychological war, aimed at convincing America through the press that our government is seriously trying to deal with the drug problem when they're not." SOURCES: *Extral* July/Aug 1990, "Ex-DEA Agent Calls Drug War a Fraud," by Martin A. Lee, pp. 3-5; *The Humanist*, Sept/Oct 1990, "A Funny, Dirty Little Drug War," by Rick Szykowny, pp. 15-27.

What Really Happened to Panama Is a Different Story

ACCORDING TO A VARIETY OF authoritative sources, the US invasion of Panama received inadequate and erroneous news coverage. It now appears that the legal implications of the invasion, the Bush-Noriega relationship, and the actual post-invasion conditions in Panama have all been misrepresented to the American people. But perhaps the most fraudulent news coverage dealt with the true numbers of civilian and combat fatalities.

Official accounts spoke of 202 dead Panamanian civilians, 314 dead Panamanian soldiers, and 23 dead Americans. New findings indicate that the US lost more soldiers than did Panama. Physicians for Human Rights (PHR) has challenged the government figure of 202 dead civilians and former US Attorney General Ramsey Clark has put the figure at 3,000. The news program *60 Minutes*, in a September 1990 exposé, reported the existence of at least six yet-to-be-exhumed mass graves to conclude that Panamanian civilian deaths could run as high as 4,000.

The actual death toll has been obscured through US military practices of incineration of corpses prior to identification, burial of remains in common graves prior to identification, and US military control of administrative offices of hospitals and morgues, as well as

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the removal of hospital and morgue registries from their original sites. The US retained direct and full control of Panamanian media until mid-February. And US journalists were sequestered in military barracks for the first 36 hours of the invasion and then saw only official authorized sites.

SOURCES: Panama Delegation Report, 3/1/90, by the Central American Human Rights Commission; *San Francisco Bay Guardian*, 9/26/90, "The Hidden Body Count," by Jonathan Franklin, p. 29; *CBS News*, 60 Minutes, 9/30/90, "Victims of Just Cause," by Mike Wallace; *Washington Post*, 6/30/90, "How Many Died in Panama, letter cont.," by Joanne Heisel; *The Nation*, 6/18/90, "The Press and the Panama Invasion," by Marc Cooper, pp. 850-852.

The Pentagon's Secret Billion Dollar Black Budget

WHILE THE NATION ENTERS A RECESSION and budgets for federal social and educational programs are cut, the Pentagon has a secret stash, called "The Black Budget," which costs taxpayers \$100 million a day. In the past three years, \$100 billion has disappeared into the Black Budget.

The money to run America's eleven intelligence agencies has always been hidden in the Pentagon's budget. But when Ronald Reagan came to power, the White House began to conceal the costs of many of its most expensive weapons, enshrouding them in the deep cover once reserved for espionage. The black budget exploded; by 1990 it quadrupled in size, reaching about \$36 billion a year.

The Pentagon keeps this money hidden by keeping two sets of books: one for the general public, one for the generals. Hundreds of "black programs" are concealed in the public budget it submits to Congress. In short, the Pentagon budget, which is nationally debated, is a false document, an elaborate cover story.

One of the big problems is that the terrible failures of secret spending and research are never scrutinized. The Pentagon, which buys "bargains" such as \$436 claw hammers and \$9606 wrenches from its favorite contractors, says that the black programs are better managed, more efficient, and less susceptible to fraud than unclassified programs. Frank Conahan, the head of the General Accounting Office's national security division, says that's nonsense. "The only difference between the two (programs) is the degree to which things are kept from the public."

SOURCE: *Rolling Stone*, 9/6/90, "How the Pentagon Hides Its Secret Spending," by Tim Weiner, pp. 39-40.

The Bill of Rights Had a Close Call in 1990

AN ANTI-CRIME BILL WAS INTRODUCED in both the US Senate and House in 1990 which would have essentially nullified the Bill of Rights. S2245, introduced by Senator Phil Gramm (R-Texas), and HR4079, introduced by

Representative Newt Gingrich (R-Georgia), both call for "A Declaration of National Drug and Crime Emergency."

The legislation stated that "the Congress declares the existence of a National Drug and Crime Emergency beginning on the date of enactment of the act and ending on the date that is five years after the day of enactment of this act." Both bills have provisions for utilizing tents and various other shelters, including unused military facilities, for the confinement of state and federal "violent criminals." The bills also would suspend protection from unreasonable search and seizure, excessive fines, bail, or punishment, and the right to be brought to trial.

Civil libertarians claim that a number of Executive Orders which would suspend civil rights and liberties could take effect in the event of "any national security emergency situation that might confront the nation." The president's signature would declare the state "national security emergency" necessary to empower the Federal Emergency Management Agency "to take over government, suspend the Constitution and do what it wants." Oliver North revealed during the Iran-Contra hearings that plans had been formulated to suspend the Constitution.

While the legislation was not enacted during the 1990 session, observers fear that oppressive parts of the Gramm-Gingrich bills may be added to the omnibus anti-crime bill which is working its way through Congress. Nonetheless, despite the extraordinary attack on the Bill of Rights, and despite the support of a number of representatives and senators (including Pete Wilson), the oppressive legislation was not put on the national agenda by the mass media for discussion by the public.

SOURCES: *The Spotlight*, 8/6/90, "Repressive Gingrich Bill: Dangerous Attack on Rights," p. 1, and 10/15/90, "Danger to Bill of Rights" pp. 1, 14-15, both by Mike Blair.

Where George Was During Iran-Contra

ALTHOUGH THE EVENTS OF THE IRAN-CONTRA scandal have faded from the minds of the American press, the unanswered and perhaps the most intriguing question continues to be: "Where was George?"

New material from North's diaries, which has yet to be widely examined or disseminated by the mainstream media, combines with previous evidence to suggest Bush was not "out of the loop" as he asserts.

The diaries provide additional evidence that Bush played a major role in Iran-Contra from the beginning. While the secretaries of state and defense were both cut out of the arms-for-hostages deals after objecting to it, Bush attended almost every key meeting.

While mounting evidence continues to thoroughly contradict the President's disclaimers, the White House

sticks by its stock response: "The vice president's role in the Iran-Contra affair was completely examined in the congressional inquiry, and we have nothing to add."

SOURCE: *The Washington Post* (Outlook), 7/10/90, "Where George Was," by Tom Blanton, pp. C1-C5.

America's Banking Crisis: Coming Soon to a Bank Near You

A NEW NATIONWIDE FINANCIAL CRISIS is brewing and, thanks to the lack of interest of the mainstream media, Americans will be just as surprised by it as they were by the massive failure of the savings and loan industry.

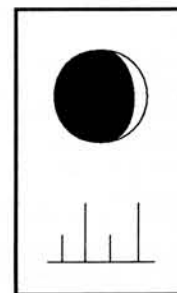
The same economic conditions that led to the demise of the savings and loan industry have been eating away at commercial banks, and, according to Dan Brumbaugh, a Stanford economist and expert on the S&L debacle, the same kinds of accounting gimmicks that hid the S&L crisis are now being used to cover up the commercial banking crisis. Brumbaugh thinks many of the country's banks, including some of the largest — Chase Manhattan, Chemical, Manufacturers Hanover, Bankers Trust, and even Citibank and Bank of America — are nearly insolvent, with the true market value of their assets inadequate to pay back their depositors and other creditors. The banks' records say otherwise, he

asserts, only because of manipulation of their books.

Because of a record number of bank failures this year, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) which insures the \$2.7 trillion deposited in US commercial banks, has lost money for the third year in a row. It now holds only 60 cents per \$100 of insured deposits, which is the lowest level in its 57-year history. In the first half of 1990 alone, 112 banks failed.

The bag the taxpayers will be left holding, in the case of a bank failure of the S&L variety, is a big one. The effects will be equally severe and we will pay — as we have been paying — as taxpayers, citizens, borrowers, and workers. The bill for a decade of federal deregulation, wild financial speculation in the private sector, and the Reagan administration's immense military expenditures is about to come due. It is unfortunate that a trusting public, which is going to end up paying those bills, hasn't been warned by the mainstream media. SOURCE: *Dollars & Sense*, October 1990, "If You Liked the S&L Crisis...You'll Love the Banking Crisis," by John Miller, pp. 10-11.

Anyone interested in nominating a "censored" story of 1991 can send a copy of the story to Carl Jensen, Project Censored, Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, California 94928. Deadline for nominations is Nov. 1, 1991. An 86-page sourcebook of the top 25 censored stories of the year is available for \$10.



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Box 7763, Santa Cruz 95061
- Democratic Management Services** 425-7478
310 Locust St., Santa Cruz 95060
- Democratic Socialists of America (DSA)** 479-0641
664 37th Ave., Santa Cruz 95062
- Democratic Women's Club** 479-0641
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- Earth Save** 423-4069
706 Frederick St., Santa Cruz 95062
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- Familia Center** 423-5747
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- Homeless United For Friendship & Freedom** 427-1205
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1522 Pacific Ave., Santa Cruz 95060
- Human Care Alliance** 423-0554
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- I/You Venture** 423-9494
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- Janus Alcoholism Services** 462-1060
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- Media Watch** 423-6355
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- People's Democratic Club** 458-1830
126 Auburn Ave., Santa Cruz 95062 William Allayaud
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- Planned Parenthood, Santa Cruz** 426-5550
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- Planned Parenthood, Watsonville** 724-7525
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- Progressive Business Network** 475-7787
3016 Buckingham Ln., Santa Cruz 95062
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41 Jefferson St., Watsonville 95076
- Rainforest Futures** 426-9251
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- UCSC Women's Center** 429-2072
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- Uhuru Solidarity Committee** 462-1353
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- Union of North American Women for Peace & Justice in Central America (UNA)** 426-3452
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- Women's Health Center** 427-3500
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- Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)** 425-7618
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WHERE TO RECYCLE IN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

CALIFORNIA BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING AND LITTER REDUCTION ACT: You may redeem beverage containers near most supermarkets. There are about 20 such centers in Santa Cruz County (*redemption* in the "Mode" column on the chart below.) Centers operate at least 30 hours per week and must pay you at least 2 1/2 cents each for all qualified containers, whether made of aluminum, glass, plastic or bimetal.



EXPLANATION OF OTHER MODES: Drop-off centers accept materials on a donation basis only. For example, you might deliver cardboard, and/or metals. Some *buyback* centers operated by nonprofit groups encourage donation of materials. **CALL AHEAD** materials at a landfill recycling center prior to **FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION.**

SPONSOR	LOCATION	MODE	MATERIALS	HOURS	PHONE
SCOTT'S VALLEY					
Recycle America & County of Santa Cruz	Urbanized residential area	curbside collection	cans, glass containers, plastic drink bottles, news, cardboard, oil	weekly schedule on garbage day	423-2022 425-2721
Cabrillo Host Lions Club & Waste Management of Santa Cruz	Trout Gulch Road & Apts St.	drop-off	news	anytime	476-1201
\$ 20/20 Recycle Centers	DeLuxe Foods, 783 Rio Del Mar Blvd. Sateway, 16 Rancho Del Mar Shopping Ctr	redemption	qualified beverage containers	11-5, Wed.-Sun. open 8:30 Sat. closed 1:30-2	415 487-2048 Hayward
BEN LOMOND					
County of Santa Cruz & Waste Management of Santa Cruz	County Landfill Recycling Center Newell Creek Road	drop-off	aluminum, glass, news, cardboard oil, metals, mattresses, batteries	7:30-3:30 every day	336-8610
\$ Valley Women's Club w/ Ben Lomond Library & SLV Girl Scouts	SLV Redemption/ Recycling Center Hwy. 9 & Fillmore St.	redemption drop-off	qualified beverage containers, news, glass, cardboard, tin	2-5, Mon.-Fri. 10-5, Sat. & Sun.	338-6578 338-6158
BOULDER CREEK					
\$ Valley Women's Club, w/ SLV Kiwanis Club	SLV Redemption/ Recycling Center Johnnie's Super 13224 Hwy 9	redemption drop-off	qualified beverage containers, news	1-5, Mon.-Fri. 10-5, Sat.-Sun.	338-6578 335-9166
CAPITOLA					
Capitolia Disposal Co.	residential area	curbside collection	aluminum, glass, news	weekly schedule on garbage day	476-9288
\$ Envipco California	Nob Hill Food 809 Bay Avenue	collection	cardboard	by arrangement	476-9288
\$ Envipco California	Nob Hill Food 809 Bay Avenue	automated redemption	qualified beverage containers	anytime	none
FELTON					
\$ Valley Women's Club w/ SLV Lions Club	SLV Redemption/ Recycling Center Vista Foods 6123 Hwy 9	redemption drop-off	qualified beverage containers	11-5, every day except Tues. & Thurs. 1-5, Tues. & Thurs.	338-6578 335-9166
LIVE OAK AREA					
Recycle America & County of Santa Cruz	Urbanized residential area	curbside collection	cans, glass containers, plastic drink bottles, news, cardboard, oil	weekly schedule on garbage day	423-2022 425-2721
California Grey Bears	2710 Chanticleer Ave. (north of Hwy 1 near Skyview Drive-In)	drop-off	news, aluminum, glass, PET plastic, cardboard, brown paper bags, office & computer paper	8-4:30, Mon.-Fri. (24-hour bins in front)	479-1055
\$ 20/20 Recycle Centers	DeLuxe Foods 2-1515 East Cliff Dr.	redemption	qualified beverage containers	11-5, Wed.-Sun. open 8:30 Sat. closed 1:30-2	415 487-2048
\$ Opal Cliffs Food	Opal Cliffs Food 4125 Portola Drive	in-store redemption	qualified beverage containers	9-2, every day	476-1851
SANTA CRUZ					
City of Santa Cruz Recycling Program	Municipal Landfill Recycling Center, on Dimeo Lane, 3 mi northwest on Hwy 1	drop-off	aluminum, glass, news, cardboard, oil, metals, PET, mattresses, auto batteries, magazines & catalogs, computer & office paper	7:30-3:30 every day	429-3657
City of Santa Cruz Recycling Program	all residences, single units through fourplexes businesses	curbside collection	aluminum, glass, news, cardboard, oil, tin, PET plastic	weekly schedule on garbage day	429-3666 429-3490
Al Paris Recycling	1111 River St. Across from Tannery	collection drop-off	glass, cardboard office paper, glass, aluminum	by arrangement open 8-5 weekdays	429-3490 459-9619
Monterey Bay Recycling	210 Encinal St.	collection	office paper, books waste fuel, oil, auto batteries	by arrangement 8-5, Mon.-Fri. 8-12, Sat.	426-0112 427-3773
Hedrick Distributors Bayside Oil		drop-off collection	cardboard, glass, computer & ledger paper, aluminum	by arrangement	426-1748
Cardboard Seekers Sam Paris		collection	qualified beverage containers	11-5, Wed.-Sun. open 8:30 Sat. closed 1:30-2	415 487-2048
\$ 20/20 Recycle Centers	Sateway 2111 Mission & 117 Morrissey Blvd	redemption	qualified beverage containers	11-5, Wed.-Sun. open 8:30 Sat. closed 1:30-2	415 487-2048
SCOTT'S VALLEY					
Recycle America & County of Santa Cruz	residential area	curbside collection	cans, bottles, news, cardboard	weekly schedule on garbage day	423-2022 438-0732
Lions Club	Kings Village Road near Skating Center	drop-off	news	anytime	none
\$ Envipco California	Nob Hill Food 222 Mt. Hermon Rd.	automated redemption	qualified beverage containers	anytime	none
Zanotto's Deluxe Market	14 Victor Square	redemption	qualified beverage containers	8-9 everyday	438-4324
City of Santa Cruz	700 Lundy Lane	drop-off	motor oil	8-4 Mon.-Fri.	438-0732
SOQUEL					
Recycle America & County of Santa Cruz	Urbanized residential area	curbside collection	cans, glass containers, plastic drink bottles, news, cardboard, oil	weekly schedule on garbage day	423-2022 425-2721
\$ RoundUp Recycling	3820 Soquel Drive	buyback, drop-off	aluminum, glass, cardboard, office paper, non-ferrous metals	9-12, 1-4:30 Mon.-Sat.	462-6701
\$ 20/20 Recycle Centers	Sateway 2650 41st Ave.	redemption	qualified beverage containers	11-5, Wed.-Sun. open 8:30 Sat. closed 1:30-2	415 487-2048
SUMMIT AREA					
C.T. English Home & School Club	23800 Summit Rd. 2.5 mi. east of Hwy 17	drop-off	qualified beverage containers, news	anytime	353-1123
WATSONVILLE AREA					
County of Santa Cruz & Waste Management of Santa Cruz	County Landfill Recycling Center, 2 1/2 mi. northwest on Buena Vista Drive	drop-off	aluminum, glass, news, cardboard, batteries, metals, mattresses, oil, PET plastic	7:30-3:30 every day	688-7250
City of Watsonville	businesses	collection	household hazardous materials: paints, thinners, solvents, pesticides, flammable liquids, many household cleaners	by arrangement	761-4150
City of Watsonville	businesses	collection	beverage containers, cardboard, metal, wood	by arrangement	728-6073
\$ Reynolds Aluminum Recycling	Crestview Shopping Center, 1424 Freedom Blvd.	buyback redemption	scrap aluminum, all qualified beverage containers	10-5, Tues.-Sat. closed 1-1:30	800 228-2525
\$	Trailer at Fairway Foods parking lot, 906 Eastlake Ave.	Buyback redemption	scrap aluminum, all qualified beverage containers	10-5, Tues.-Sat. closed 1-1:30	
\$ Couch Distributing	104 Lee Road	buyback	aluminum	10-2, Mon.-Fri. & by appointment	724-0649
\$ D&D Recycling	710 B Walker St.	redemption buyback drop-off	aluminum, glass, PET plastic, non-ferrous metals, cardboard, news	8-5, Mon.-Sat.	722-3597
\$ Watsonville Metals Co.	213 Dias Lane near Casserty & Webb	buyback collection	most metals baled cardboard	8-5, Mon.-Fri. 8-4, Sat.	728-1551
\$ Bulaich Machinery & Salvage	39 Walker St.	buyback	aluminum, non-ferrous metals	9-5:15, Mon.-Fri. 9-4, Sat.	722-1096
\$ State Steel Company	56 Porter Drive in Fajaro	buyback	most metals	8-5, Mon.-Fri. 800-447-7117	724-7111
\$ Envipco California	Nob Hill Food 1912 North Main St.	automated redemption	qualified beverage containers	anytime	none
\$ 20/20 Recycle Centers	Albertsons, 1986 Freedom Blvd.	redemption	qualified beverage containers	11-5, Wed.-Sun. open 8:30 Sat. closed 1:30-2	415 487-2048
Rick's News		collection	news, office paper	by arrangement	728-5915
Industrial Stak-Rite		collection	cardboard, office paper	by arrangement	724-3905
C&M Salvage		collection	cardboard, office paper	by arrangement	761-2390
Security Shred & Bale		Collection for fee	confidential papers & files	by arrangement	722-4101

PEACE & JUSTICE CALENDAR

All events listed are in Santa Cruz unless otherwise noted.

Calendar items must be typed or legibly written and sent (along with any photos) to *The Monthly Planet*, 320-G Cedar St, Santa Cruz, CA 95060. We do not take calendar items over the phone. We must receive your listing no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 23 for inclusion in the August issue (publication date: Thursday, August 1).

thursday, june 27

Codependency and Relationship Support Group on Communication and Anger, with Carol English, CHT. The Gathering Place,

9341 Mill St., Ben Lomond, 10-11 a.m.
Info: 336-8818.

friday, june 28

The San Francisco Mime Troupe presents *Back To Normal*, a play about the adventures of a young soldier returning from the Persian Gulf. Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium, 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 the day of show. Tickets for children are \$5 in advance and \$6 the day of show. Available at the Santa Cruz Action Network, 108 Locust St #13, the Civic Auditorium Box Office and Cymbaline Records. A benefit for SCAN. Info: 458-9425.

sunday, june 30

The 15th anniversary Resource Center for Nonviolence Annual Dinner and Program with former US defense analyst and peace activist Daniel Ellsberg. Speaking on "From Vietnam to the Gulf War and Beyond: Conscience and the Rule of Law." First Congregational Church, 900 High St. Dinner (vegetarian) 5:30 p.m., program 7:30 p.m. Donation \$18-\$35 (sliding scale); \$5-\$10 for 12 years and under; under 3 free. A limited number of seats are available for the program only with Daniel Ellsberg for

\$3-\$5. Advance reservations recommended. Childcare available if requested one week in advance. Info or reservations: 423-1626.

monday, july 8

Parents' Liberation and the Relation to Young People's Liberation, presentation by Patty Wipfler, director, Parents' Leadership Institute. 7-9:30 pm, Family Health Education Center, 1051 Cayuga, Santa Cruz. \$2-\$10 sliding scale donation. Info: 457-0334.

wednesday, july 10

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom potluck luncheon with slide show and video of WILPF history. Lucy Haessler, third-generation WILPF member, will present the background. Trinity Presbyterian Church, Melrose and Poplar, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Info: 425-7618.

thursday, july 11

Craig Hulet speaks on "Waking Up to the New World Order." Calvary Episcopal Parish Hall, 532 Center St., 7:30-10:30 p.m. \$3-5 sliding scale. Sponsored by the Media Action Group of Santa Cruz. Info: 335-3250.

saturday, july 13

Fourth Annual Estival Festival. Features performances by 12 or more of Santa Cruz County's finest performing arts groups, on Pacific Ave. between Walnut and Church Sts. Headline attractions for the festival (July 13 and July 20) include The Cabrillo Music Festival, Shakespeare/Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz County Symphony, Kuumbwa Jazz Center, Birds of Paradise, La Esperanza Del Valle, Santa Cruz Opera Society Inc., New Music Works, Mountain Theatre, Tandy Beal Dance Co., Little Eyeses, Mt.

Madonna Choir, Titos Sompá, and Santa Cruz Ethnic Arts Network. Food and arts and crafts booths. Funds, production, and direction provided by the Downtown Association with additional financial support provided by the Santa Cruz City Arts Commission. 1-5 p.m. Info: 429-8433.

saturday, july 20

Fourth Annual Estival Festival. See Saturday, July 13.

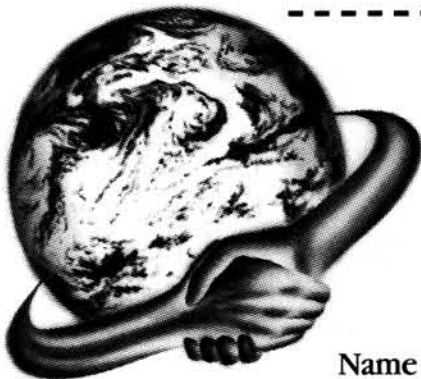
Independent Adoption Center free Information session. This nonprofit foundation helps families interested in adopting infants, provides counseling and low-cost legal services. 2060 Walsh Ave., Santa Clara, just east of the San Tomas Expressway. Tax deductible donations accepted. Info: 986-8343.

friday, august 2- sunday, august 4

"Kinship with life" workshop is about discovering your place and power within the whole Earth community through the use of movement, speaking and listening, ritual, laughter, and silence. Food and accommodations available. Located at The Quaker Center in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Registration begins 5:30 p.m. Friday; workshop ends 2 p.m. Sunday. Info: 423-4069.

saturday, august 3

Community Carnival '91 — produced by the Santa Cruz Greens. A day of fun for all ages with solar-cooked food, local original folk music, and other activities to stimulate ecological, social and cultural awareness and responsibility. Coincides with statewide meeting of the California Green Party Organizing Committee. Laurel Park (Louden Nelson Center), 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Info: Aaron 427-9796.



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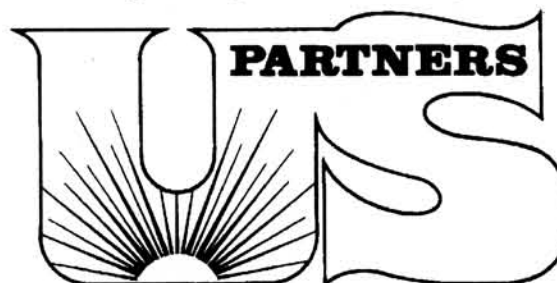
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ONGOING EVENTS

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 meeting. Every other Monday (July 8 and 22) at United Methodist Church, Boulder and Mountain Sts., Boulder Creek, 7 p.m. Info: 338-7040.

Santa Cruz Action for Big Mountain meeting. 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.

Gay Men Living with HIV/AIDS. Closed 8-week session to provide a forum for deeper emotional work on the issues members face. Next session opens July 1 for a limited number of new members. No fee. Facilitator: Tom Butz, Ph.D. Info: Wendy or Jana at SCAP 427-3900.

TUESDAYS:

Persian Gulf Peace Committee meeting. 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. 7:30 p.m. Come early to sign up for a performance spot. Women only. YWCA, 303 Walnut St.. \$1 donation at door. Info: 429-7924.

"The Open Door," a drop-in support group for battered women. 7-9 p.m., Free. YWCA, 303 Walnut St. Call 425-5525 for information or to request childcare.

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.

12-Step Group for People with HIV. Meets every Tuesday 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.

WEDNESDAYS:

Santa Cruz Greens regular meeting. 1st and 3rd 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:

Parenting for the '90s: Preparing for the Drug-Free Years. A five-week prevention program recommended for parents of children under 13 to minimize the possibility of involvement with drugs and alcohol. June 13-July 18 (no class July 4), Loudon Nelson Center, \$15 materials fee donation. To register call 458-4101 or 438-3521.

AIDS/ARC Support Group. Meets Thursdays 2-4 p.m. Facilitator: Alan Dampsey. Call for info and registration: 427-3900.

Support Group for Family and Friends of People with HIV/AIDS. Alternate Thursdays 6-7:30 p.m. No fee. Call for info and registration: Wendy at SCAP, 427-3900.

Treatment Update Group ("Project Inform" Update). Meets 7 p.m. first Thursday of every month (July meeting will be July 18) at SCAP office. Open to seronegative and seropositive individuals. Info: Wendy at SCAP, 427-3900.

SATURDAYS:

Bystander CPR. 2nd 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.

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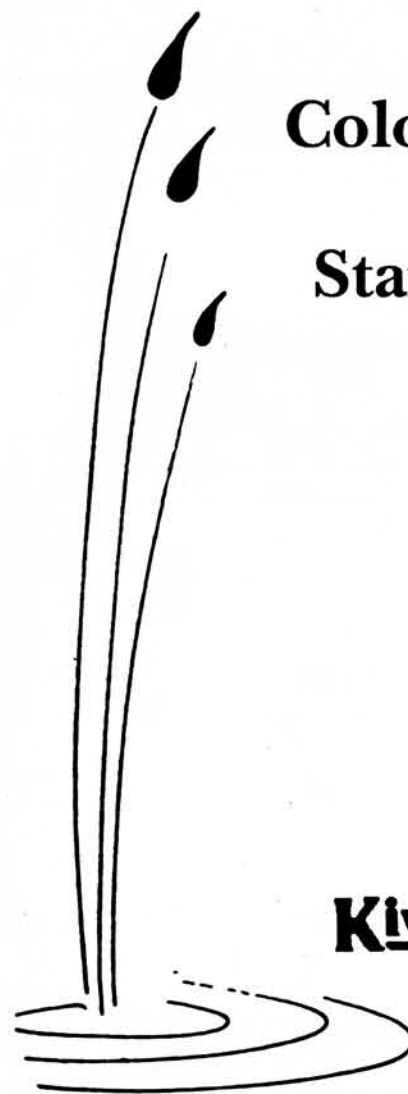
Earthbeat. A KZSC (88.1 FM) program in search of justice, peace and environmental sanity. Featuring news, music, spoken word, and special guests. Hosted by Tom Kruzik, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Santa Cruz Students for Social Responsibility meetings—Sundays at 3rd 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.

Vigil for Lasting Peace. First Sunday of each month, 12-2 p.m., Window-on-the-Bay Park, Camino El Estero and Del Monte Ave., Monterey. Sponsor: WILPF. Info: 372-6001.

WILPF, Monterey Branch, membership meeting. 1st Sunday of each month, 3-5 p.m., (following vigil), Monterey Library Community Room, Pacific and Madison Sts. Info: 372-6001.



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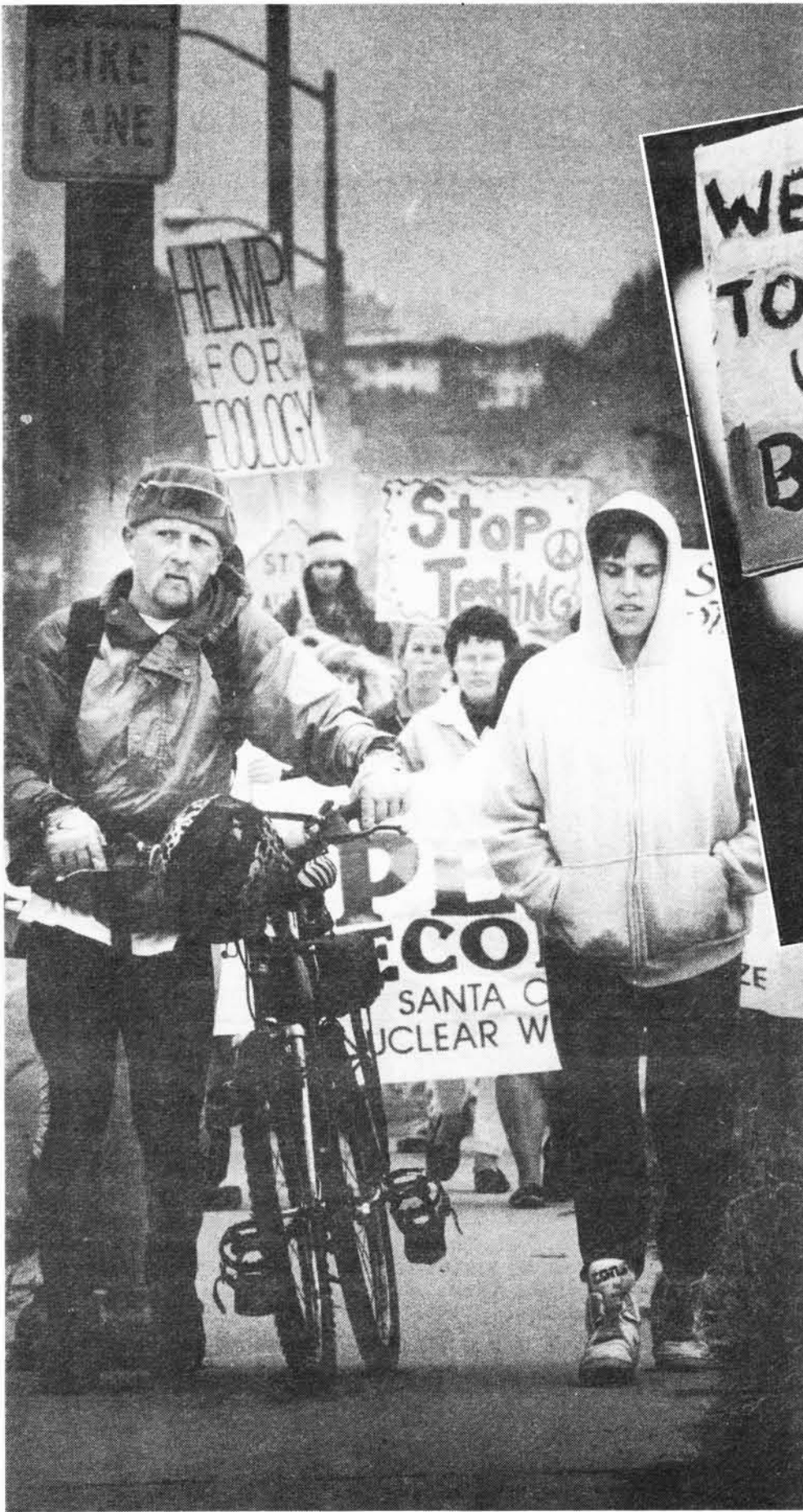
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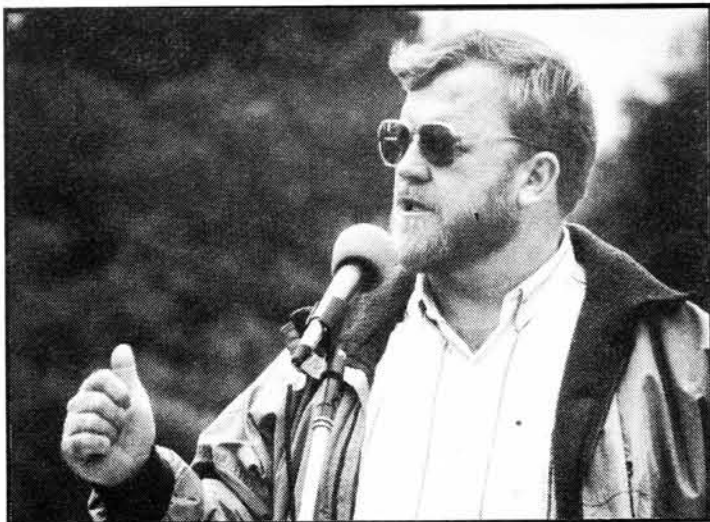


MARCHING FOR A PEACE ECONOMY

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"March for a Peace Economy" was the theme of the ninth annual Nuclear Weapons Freeze Walkathon on June 2nd. The money raised by walkers will fund the Freeze's peace economy campaign, which works for a shift in federal spending priorities.

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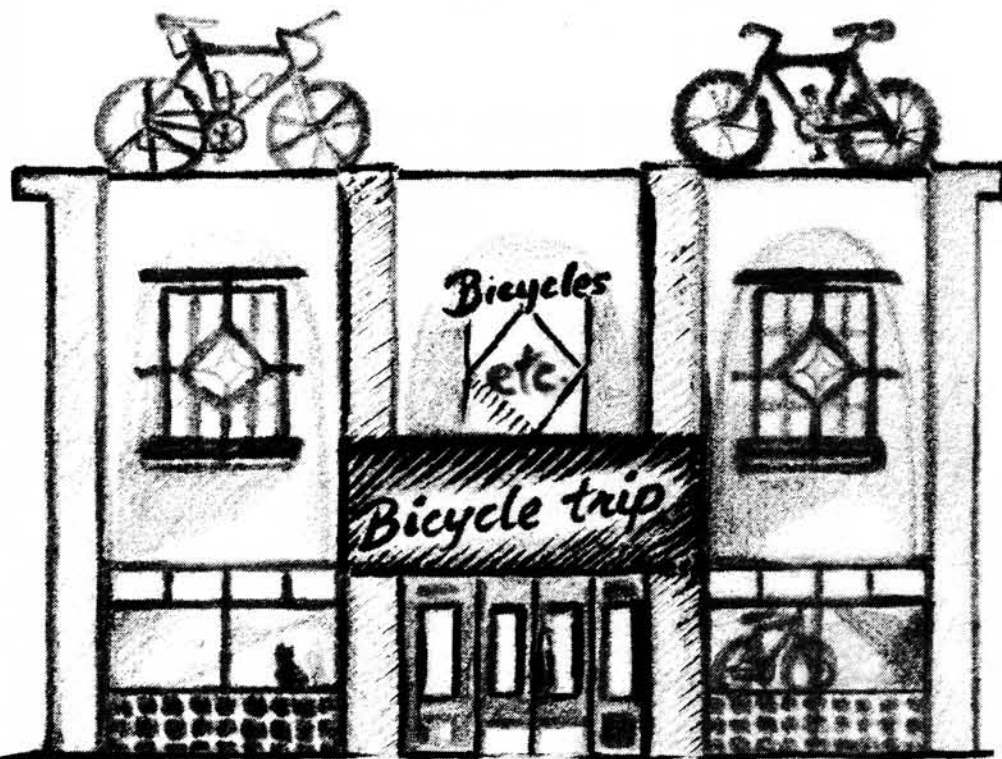
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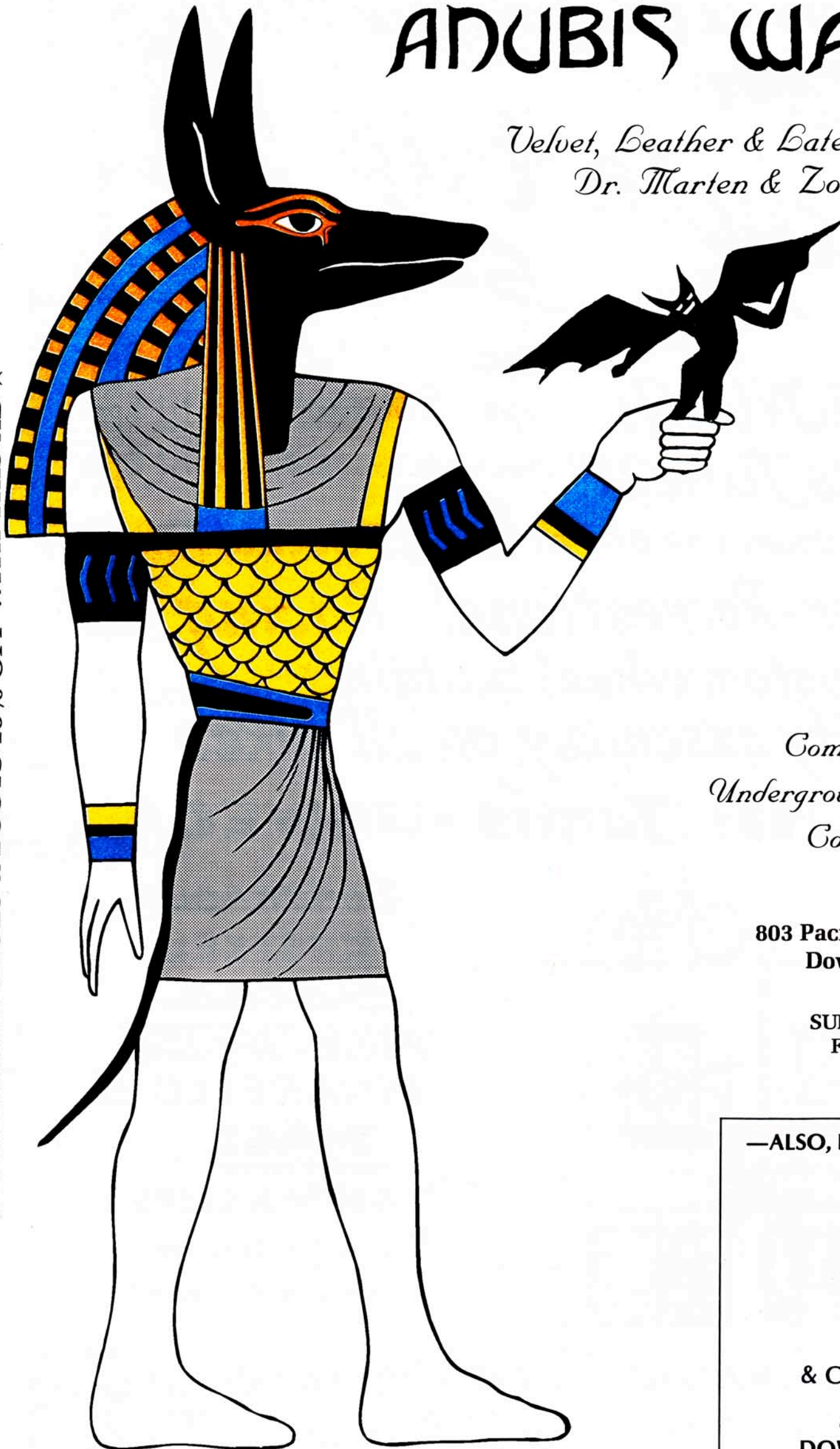
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