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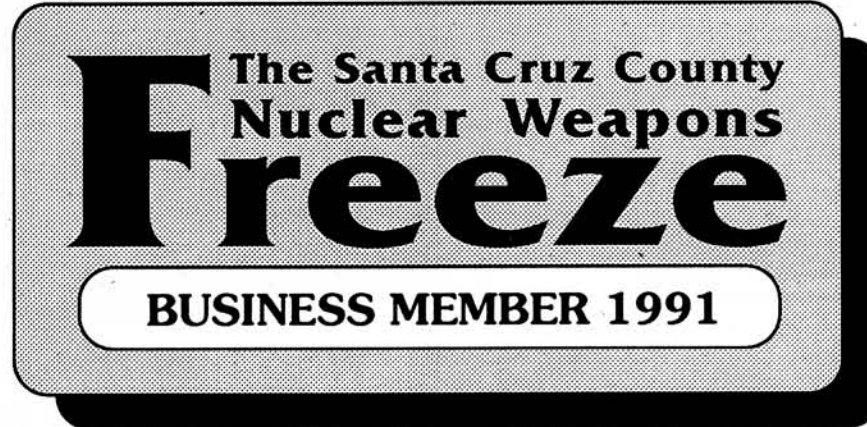
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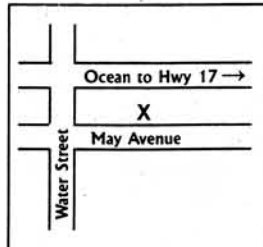


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OPEN LETTER TO DANIEL ELLSBERG

The following is an open letter to Daniel Ellsberg, in response to the excerpts of his speech published in the August issue of *The Monthly Planet*:

Dear Mr. Ellsberg:

I am writing to respond to your comments on "the gender gap and the Gulf War," in which you recommend that more women's groups get involved in the peace movement. I am not a member of a mainstream women's organization, nor do I share the sometimes conservative ideology of those groups all of the time, but I do have my own personal reaction to your ideas on women's involvement in the peace issue.

1) First, I agree with you that "Women are...less fascinated by war, by technology...less interested, less approving of war and violence in general." From my perspective, war is created by men to the detriment of everyone.

2) I do, however, take offense at your audacity in telling women that we need to take responsibility for facilitating peace, because "if you wait for men to do it, it's not going to get done." Mr. Ellsberg, I am tired of cleaning up after your gender's messes. I support the women who

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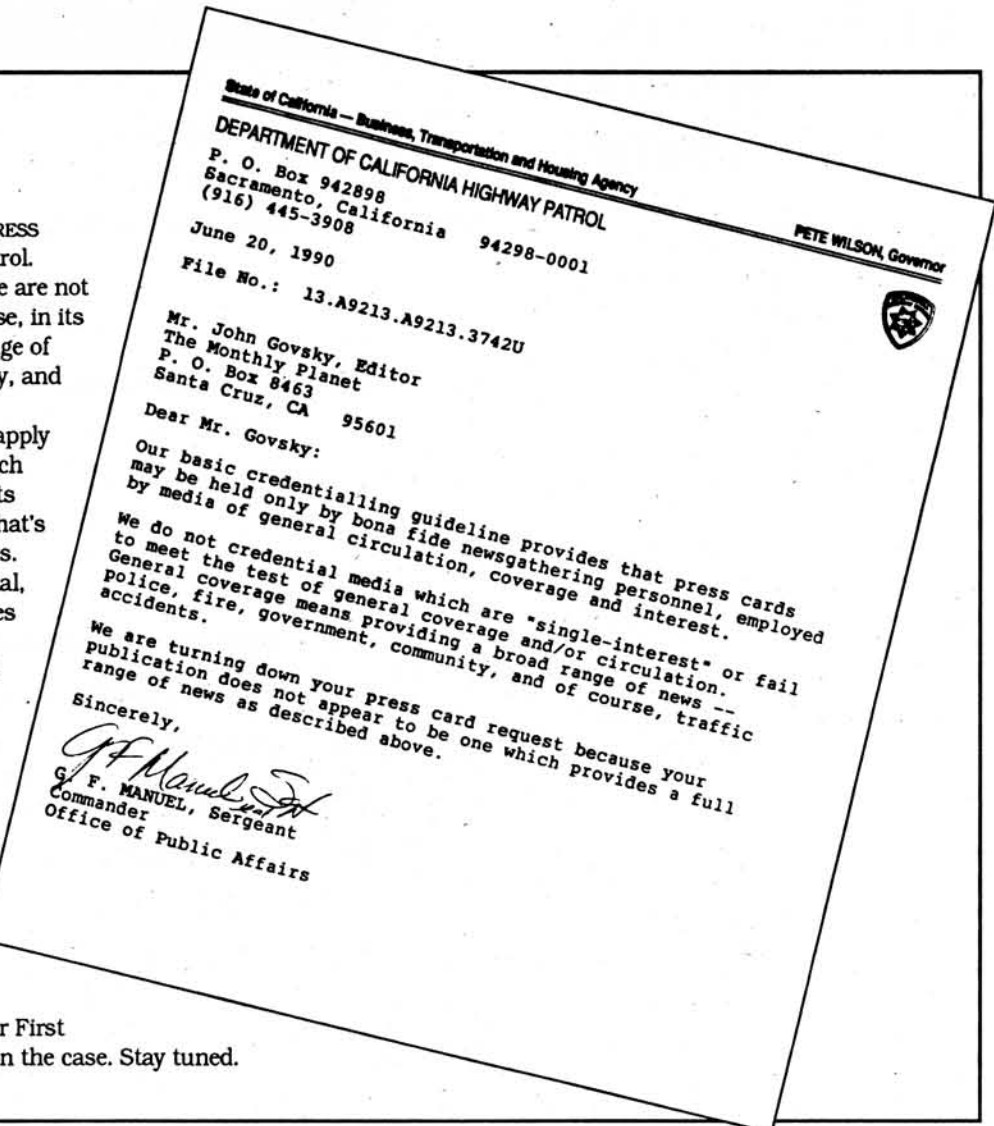
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are putting their energy into the peace movement because I think that we as women need to decide how we will express our commitment to creating a better world. What I do not support is men telling us what we should be doing, and how we should be defining our issues. Telling me or any women what to do is an old pattern of oppression, and I suggest you think about that.

3) I would also suggest that the men who run the peace movement think about broadening the move-



ment's definition of "peace." While the movement as it is might focus specifically on wars like Vietnam and the Persian Gulf, you need to understand that for women, there are war conditions here at home. We are not safe in the streets, we are not safe in our bedrooms, we cannot trust even our fathers or our male lovers not to violate or kill us. More women died as a result of domestic violence during the Vietnam War than soldiers were killed by the weapons of "the enemy." For

women, there is no peace even when the wars you focus on are over. Please try to understand the context of our lives before you try to tell us what to do.

4) Your attitude is an example in itself of the sexism that exists in the peace and the progressive movements. Don't get me wrong: I think that we essentially share the same goals, in theory if nothing else. But women have been the foundation of every movement for justice that I know of, including the Civil Rights

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movement, the progressive movement, the environmental movement, and the peace movement. We have always responded to men's cries for help, asking us to put aside our "narrow concerns" for the good of all, and promising us that we will of course benefit once the goals of the movement are attained. What usually happens is that we put our hearts and souls into the work, and are expected to provide inspiration, make coffee, work like hell, and then turn adoring eyes up at men who take credit for our efforts. And the kicker is that when the party's over, women are still in the position of servant, and men ask us yet again not to be so selfish and to help with the new struggle, whatever that is.

I recommend that you, and men like you, who obviously have a tremendous commitment to justice, take responsibility for your own messes, and let women decide if we want to help. And if we do decide to work with you, and many of us will, I suggest that you not only treat us with respect and dignity, but that you take every opportunity to thank us for our hard and ceaseless work for a better world.

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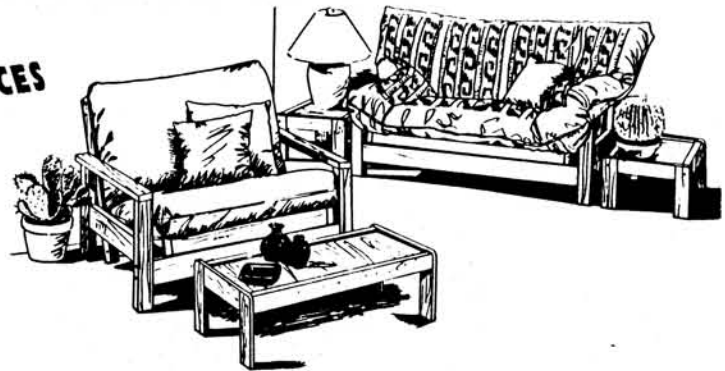
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With the current recession, ad revenues have plunged precipitously. Magazines are especially hard hit, and many seem to be on the brink of closure. The recent demise of *California* magazine, and the near-failure of its sister magazines, *S.F.* and *Angeles*, is a typical example of where a large part of the industry may be heading ("S.F., Angeles Magazines Reborn," David Armstrong, *San Francisco Examiner*, 8/16/91).

But unlike *California*, many magazines are taking bold steps to stay afloat — by making deals advertisers just can't refuse. According to the *Wall Street Journal's* Joanne Lipman, who recently wrote on the current advertising scene in the magazine world, the trend is toward aggressive ad sales tactics that blatantly cross the boundary of fairness ("Hurt by Ad Downturn, More Magazines Use Favorable Articles to Woo Sponsors," 7/30/91).

For example, Lipman cites the case of *Healthline* magazine's offer to trade glowing product reviews for cold hard cash. *Healthline* editor-in-chief Paul Insel recently offered *Weight Watchers* two articles, both guaranteed to be favorable toward the food company's products, for the tidy sum of \$25,000. *Weight Watchers* refused the offer, but competitor *Nutri/System*



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couldn't resist a similar deal. *Nutri/System* is now in court defending itself against various charges stemming from the *Healthline* deal, including charges of false advertising.

Walking Magazine, in another example of a publication that's playing fast and loose with editorial integrity, is now also in court. The magazine, along with its main advertiser, Reebok International Ltd., is defending against a charge that it allowed itself to be "fraudulently influenced and controlled" by Reebok. Besides using Reebok-affiliated consultants on its advisory board, *Walking Magazine* also ran articles favorable to Reebok.

"Advertorials," or advertisements whose format makes them difficult to tell from articles, are also proliferating. Lipman writes that *Electronic Gaming Monthly*, a youth-oriented rag

published by Sendai Publishing Group, "claims that its ad pages have shot up by 500% just since October partly because it began selling article lookalikes (sic) to advertisers."

Yet it isn't only small-time specialty magazines that are selling their editorial space. Lipman reports in her article that the American Society of Magazine Editors has warned "such publications as *Newsweek*, *Business Week*, *Esquire* and *Harper's Bazaar*... for not properly identifying special advertising sections."

The major television networks are also being hit hard by sharply declining ad revenues ("Prospects Darken for Networks' Ad Sales," Joanne Lipman, *Wall Street Journal*, 8/16/91). The effect on television could be that more programs produced by advertisers and their agencies will replace programs produced by the networks

themselves or by independent producers ("When Agencies and Clients Produce the TV Programs," Randall Rothenberg, *New York Times*, 7/1/91).

And an even more insidious result of the grave downturn in ad revenue is a heightened censorship of reporting on controversial issues. While it is well known that many establishment media outlets tailor their editorial policy so as not to antagonize major advertisers, this practice may become even more widespread during a period of shrinking profits.

Last year, when the group Neighbor to Neighbor attempted to broadcast a television advertisement urging consumers to boycott Folger's coffee, it found that most stations were unwilling to air it. Folger's is owned by Procter and Gamble, reputed to be television's largest all-around advertiser. Procter and Gamble flexed its muscles shortly after the Neighbor to Neighbor campaign began: it withdrew \$1 million-worth of advertising from Boston-based WHDH-TV after the station aired the Neighbor to Neighbor commercial ("The Boycott Ad You May Never See," Jim Crogan, *San Francisco Bay Guardian*, 6/13/90).

In another example, the health issues surrounding the constant and prolonged use of video display terminals are even now only receiving spot attention in the media. Evidence indicates that a large number of industry giants, including the American Newspaper Publisher's Association, have worked hard to keep the issue from being looked at too closely (see, for example, "VDT Hazard: Is High-Tech Work High Risk," Mark A. Pinsky, *In These Times*, Nov. 18-24, 1987). Ironically, many media workers who spend long hours typing at VDTs are some of the most affected by the resultant health hazards.

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tising or without the stranglehold of corporate underwriting? Most probably can't, but as *Ms.* magazine showed last year with its spectacular rise from the ashes, it's possible. The original *Ms.*, begun in 1972, was a high-circulation women's magazine that explored many relevant issues — and carefully skirted others ("Power to the Readers: *Ms.* Thrives Without Ads," Deirdre Carmody, *New York Times*, 7/22/91).

Ms. had many advertisers who wouldn't tolerate bad coverage of their industry, including cigarette manufacturers. *Ms.* only crossed these advertisers at its own peril, and it practiced self-censorship when it came to exposing the effects of tobacco use on women ("Pro-Smoking Censorship in Women's Magazines," excerpted from *Wellness Letter* in *FAIR's Extra!*, March/April 1991).

Still, the magazine was losing money and suspended publication in November 1989. Last year, after devoted readers protested, *Ms.* publishers decided to begin publication again, but this time there would be no ads. The magazine was now larger and substantially more expensive, thus completely relying on the dedication of its readers to keep it afloat. So far the magazine has succeeded beyond even its own hopes, and has joined the ranks of the few successful ad-less magazines extant.

MEDIA PUBLICLY EXPOSE THEMSELVES

JOKES ASIDE, Paul Reubens, aka Pee-wee Herman, has been jerked around by much of the media since he was so rudely pulled out of an X-rated theater on the fateful evening of Friday, July 26.

While their editorial pages were friendly, many newspapers ran "objective" articles that assumed Reubens' guilt outright. CBS immediately cancelled all scheduled reruns of "*Pee-wee's Playhouse*," apparently unable to grasp the idea that Reubens is actually an adult with certain inalienable rights. The syndicated television show "*Entertainment Tonight*" featured ex-comic Soupy Sales as an expert on washed-up children's entertainers. Sales handed Pee-wee's career the death sentence.

One of the more obnoxious articles that circulated was an Associated Press piece by Malcolm Ritter ("Telling Children About Pee-wee's Arrest," *San Francisco Examiner*, 7/30/91). Ritter's article quoted child psychologists who practically suggest that parents act as though Reubens was already pronounced guilty by a judge. "If a child asks why Herman exposed himself," says the article, "the parent can answer that he does not know, but that it was wrong."

Articles discussing the appropriateness of having police covertly monitor adults' activities in darkened movie theaters, or the rights of an accused to be held innocent unless proven otherwise, or even a focus on the right to privacy, all seemed noticeably rare.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

WHILE SON NEIL BUSH recovers from the slap on the wrist he received for his deep involvement in the Silverado Savings and Loan scandal, father George Bush is coming in for a bit of scrutiny for the role he might have played in the scandal known as the "October Surprise."

Meanwhile, the president's older brother, Prescott Bush, may be another tainted member of the celebrated family. It seems that Prescott Bush has been fronting for Japanese companies controlled by Japanese organized crime figures. According to a recent Reuters story filed from Tokyo, the head of one such Japanese company said, "All our US investments were advised by Mr. [Prescott] Bush. He gave us an investment guarantee of \$2.5 million, and he received \$200,000" from the resulting US investments ("Mob-Run Firms

Linked to Bush Kin," *San Francisco Examiner*, 7/27/91).

The short Reuters piece was based on a translation from a Japanese daily, and it seems unlikely that any US media will do their own investigations at this time. However, scattered reporting of the elder Bush's connections to Japanese organized crime have surfaced briefly this year, according to a recent article in the media watchdog publication *Lies Of Our Times* ("The Other Envoy to China," Ellen Ray, July-August 1991).

The *Lies Of Our Times* article also suggests that Prescott Bush has close connections to Japanese organized crime investments in China. Prescott Bush, in fact, has an \$18 million stake in a Shanghai development project that he received at no cost. What's more, Prescott Bush and one of the Japanese front companies

based in New York, Asset Management International, benefitted from the recent sale of sophisticated communications technology to China.

In the wake of the Tiananmen Square uprising, the US government had considered banning large-scale investment in China, as well as the transfer of advanced technology to that country. Now, why has the president worked so hard to ensure that the US maintain normal economic ties to China?

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QUEER CIRCUMSTANCES

GAY COMMUNITY ACTIVISTS, in a successful effort to bring more attention to the US military's ban on homosexuality, last month revealed that a top Pentagon official is gay. Pete Williams, Press Secretary to Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney and a regular face on TV during the Gulf War, appears on the cover of August

27th's *Advocate*, the national gay and lesbian news magazine.

The cover article exemplifies a practice called "outing," wherein queer activists call attention to the sexuality of public figures in hopes of broadening the acceptance of homosexuality. In this case, journalist Michelangelo Signorile targeted an institution that routinely destroys

peoples careers and lives simply because they are gay. Since Pete Williams took the job of top military spokesperson two years ago, the armed forces have discharged 2,273 gay or lesbian soldiers; 12,966 in the last nine years.

Losing their military careers is not the only punishment queer military personnel face — they are often to bru-

tally interrogated, threatened that their names will be printed in hometown newspapers, and even court-martialed and put into military prisons. Women are discharged at a rate *ten times* that of men, and many lose custody of their children. For Sgt. Timothy Miller, the prospect of court-martial ended instead in an apparent murder-suicide that also took the life of his lover, Spc. Terry Wayne Stephenson, in July.

In outing Williams, a trusted member of Washington's inner circle, *The Advocate* points to hypocrisy at the highest levels of government. Dick Cheney, the FBI, and probably even President George Bush have long known that Pete Williams is gay — if he hadn't mentioned it before, certainly his security clearance checks would reveal it — and they obviously think he is capable of serving his country in high office. But they continue to uphold the military's archaic regulations against homosexuality in the ranks.

In an August 4th ABC TV interview, Cheney said homosexuals should be allowed to hold civilian jobs in the Pentagon. Yet he said he does not find the policy of discharging homosexual servicepeople "fundamentally wrong." The Department of Defense later reaffirmed its regulation after a petition from 32 members of the House asked that it be struck down.

Despite Williams' prominence and the apparent willingness of the Bush administration to work with gays at high levels, the national media have largely looked the other way when confronted with this story, acting as if homosexuality is too shameful to be mentioned. In June, long before the *Advocate* article appeared, Washington activist Michael Petrelis held a press conference and outed Williams to reporters from the *Washington Post*, Associated Press, Tribune Broadcasting, and an NBC television station. Not one of the outlets repre-

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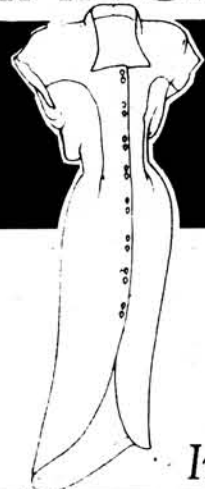
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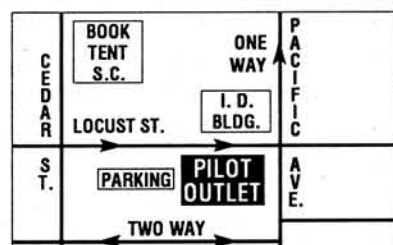
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sented at the press conference so much as mentioned the story. Later, when the face staring from news stands all over the country made the controversy undeniable, many news papers reported the story without naming Williams, alluding only to a "high Pentagon official."

(Source: *The Advocate*, August 27, 1991; *Associated Press/New York Times* 8/5/91, 8/8/91) — g. e. jarrett

BUTTON, BUTTON, WHO'S GOT THE BUTTON?

ACCORDING TO GORBACHEV AIDE ANATOLY Chernayev, when supporters of the ill-fated Soviet coup snatched up Gorbachev at his *dacha* they also grabbed the launch codes for the USSR's nuclear arsenal. Though it's vaguely reassuring that the codes alone may not have been enough to launch the missiles — cooperation of the nuclear command structure is necessary — the incident calls into question the fate of the Soviet weapons force.

The codes are now safely (?) back in the hands of the central government, an increasingly irrelevant body as republic after republic attempts to leave the union. Though much of the testing and manufacturing of nuclear weapons takes place in areas that may become independent republics, and many weapons are spread throughout the USSR, the most strategically-important weapons (i.e., those which rival the US's) remain in Russia, close to the seat of power.

Of course a single old-fashioned warhead in the hands of a rebellious, fratricidal outlying republic would be enough to wreak total havok, but who's worrying? And Russia is impotent now, so we needn't worry about the fact that it's armed to the teeth with weapons of mass destruction, right? And after all, the technical sophistication of Uncle Sam will protect the world, right? Has anyone considered *disarmament*?

(Source: *Associated Press/Santa Cruz Sentinel*, 8/27/91) — g. e. jarrett

NUCLEAR FROGS

BEWARE! RADIOACTIVE FROGS ARE ON THE loose! According to officials at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee, the frogs live in mud and waste water contaminated by the lab, which conducts nuclear research for the Department of Energy. Some of the frogs recently disappeared from the site where they hatched in the spring.

Lab officials claim that the hot frogs present no danger to the public unless eaten. According to Frank Kornegay, environmental coordinator for the lab, one can't be hurt by "rubbing them, picking them up or moving them around. But they are contaminated internally."

Kornegay said the lab plans to erect a three-foot-high fine mesh fence to keep the rest of the nuclear frogs from hopping away.

(Source: *Associated Press/Washington Post* 8/4/91) — John Gousky



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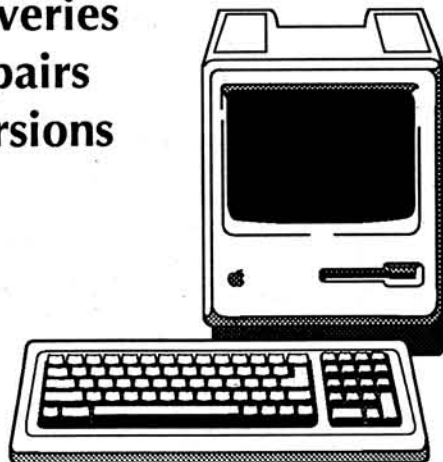
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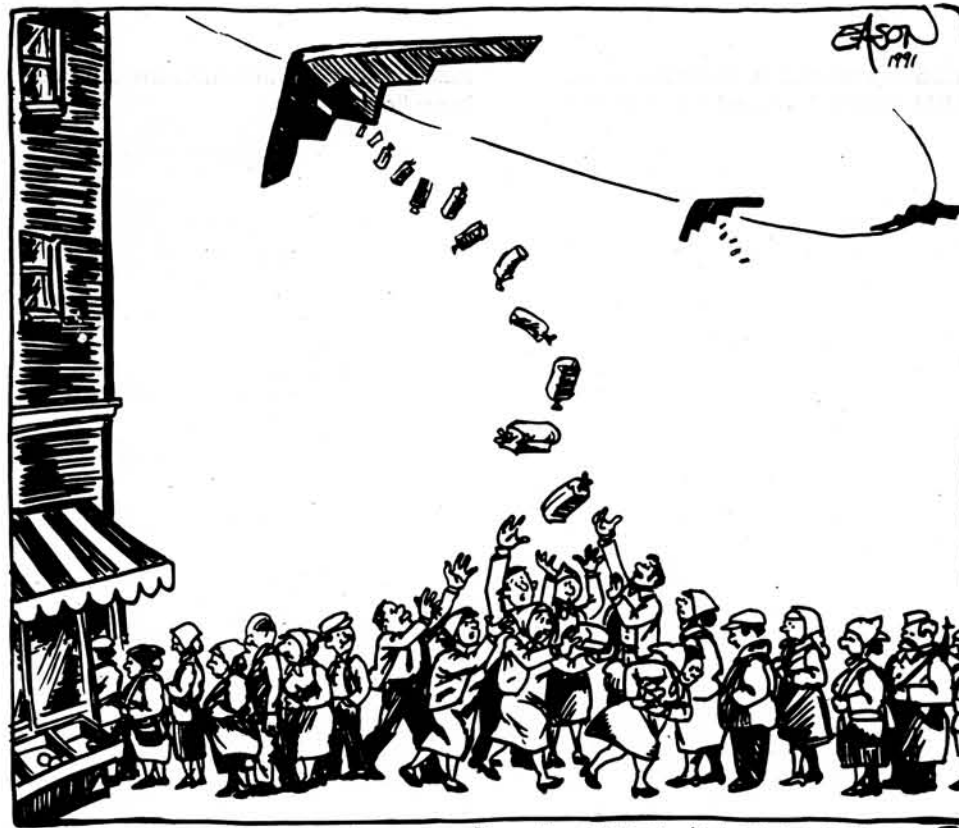
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Ignoring Changes in Moscow, Congress Continues Funding Stealth Bomber, Star Wars

by Shelly D'Amour

THE COLD WAR IS OVER. The Berlin Wall has come down. The Soviet Union is rapidly disintegrating into a collection of independent states. Somebody should tell the US Congress.

Oh, they've heard rumors to this effect for some time now. Some of them have probably even seen a story or two about it on CNN. But, they



WELL, AND JUST WHAT WILL WE DO NOW WITH ALL THOSE BOMBERS?

caution while voting in one of the largest military budgets in history, don't you believe it. Even as the tide of history passes before their very eyes, Congress is putting the finishing touches on a military spending bill which is largely predicated upon a world order which no longer exists.

The \$291 billion military authorizations bill is now largely completed, and awaits only some fine tuning in a joint House-Senate conference committee scheduled for sometime in September. As in previous years, massive amounts of funding were reserved for the B-2 and Star Wars.

The Senate approved \$4.8 billion in funds for the construction of four additional B-2 (Stealth) bombers, after rejecting an amendment aimed at cutting back the program. Originally designed to counter mobile Soviet ICBMs, the B-2 is suddenly a bomber without a mission. Senators Patrick Leahy (D-VT) and William Cohen (R-ME) sponsored the amendment to terminate the B-2 program once

construction of 15 previously authorized planes is completed. The amendment went down to defeat, 42-57, following a spirited and emotional debate. Arms control supporters in the Senate were at a loss to understand their colleagues' rationale. "Do we plan to bomb the bread

lines in Moscow?" asked Tennessee Democrat Jim Sasser. "Is that what we're going to do with them?"

Efforts to maintain the B-2 program began in earnest last May, when Northrop Corporation (the principle contractor for the B-2) got wind that its lucrative pet project was in jeopardy. The House voted in 1990 to terminate the program after 15 planes were produced, and it appeared that they were going reject President Bush's request for four additional planes this year. Northrop launched one of the most extensive lobby campaigns for a weapons system that Capitol Hill has seen in years, culminating in something it called "Stealth Week," in which three stealth aircraft

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flew over the city of Washington, DC, and camped at Andrews Air Force Base. Congressional tours of the aircraft were arranged by Northrop, which also organized a massive national phonebank targeting B-2 supporters in key congressional districts. "Stealth Saves Lives" became Northrop's official motto during the lobbying effort. In the end, the House didn't see it that way and voted to maintain the 15-limit cap. However the Senate — always anxious to save a few more lives, if not a few more dollars — agreed to fund the full administration request.

The cost of producing an individual bomber has increased about 33.3 percent since the plane was introduced two years ago. Originally priced at around \$600 million each, the B-2 is now estimated to cost \$865 million a copy. When senators balked at paying even \$600 million for one of the bat-winged planes, Senate Armed Services chair Sam Nunn (D-GA), himself a strong supporter of the B-2, trivialized their concerns, accusing his colleagues of having a collective case of "sticker shock." But now with shrinking defense needs abroad and pressing domestic problems at home, money is very much the issue. "They offered to fly me out to see the (B-2)," once quipped Rep. John Kasich (R-OH), "but I told them that I would arrange it so they could fly in to see the Treasury building where they will have to print all the money to pay for it."

Why does Congress, (most notably the Senate), dump billions of dollars into systems which seem to have outlived their purpose, given the geopolitical changes sweeping the globe? There are a variety of reasons. Some believe that systems such as the B-2 and Star Wars should be refocused toward addressing regional military conflicts or deflecting surprise attacks from nefarious Third World madmen and "rogue Soviet commanders," as supporters have been wont to phrase it in recent months.

Others weigh the number of jobs and amount of contract money to be lost in their state or district. In this regard Northrop has been most strategic, awarding over 1,800 subcontracts to companies across all 48 contiguous states. California ranks second with nearly \$1.8 billion in B-2 dollars, according to an August 6 *New York Times* article. Ultimately this did not sway enough House members to expand the program, but it may have had a significant impact in the Senate. This is because representatives look to the interests of their particular districts whereas Senators look at their states as a whole. It is much harder to sway a majority of 435 House members — a significant portion of whose districts may benefit slightly or not at all from any one particular defense contractor — than it is to sway a majority of 100 senators, all of whom have major defense dollars invested in their states.

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development, and production that congressmembers feel wasteful if they cancel such a program in mid-stream. This is especially true of Star Wars.

Somehow, some way, Congress wants to be able to have something to show for the tens of billions of dollars it has invested in SDI to date. The latest plan, approved by the Senate in August, provides \$4.6 billion toward deployment of up to 100 ground-based missiles on a site near Grand Forks, North Dakota, by 1996. In July, the House approved \$2.7 billion

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— Senator Jim Sasser on the Stealth bomber

for Star Wars but did not include the Grand Forks deployment in its version of the military spending bill. If ultimately approved, this would mark the first deployment of a Star Wars system. This has arms control supporters extremely worried. Critics view any Star Wars deployment as a threat to the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty. The 1972 treaty bans the testing and deployment of anti-missile systems in space.

This latest Star Wars proposal has found an odd ally in the person of Senator Sam Nunn. Nunn has been a staunch supporter of the ABM Treaty and, up until now, an opponent of Star Wars deployment. Why support for ground-based deployment? Technically, the ABM Treaty does allow up to 100 ground-based interceptors deployed at a single site, according to an analysis produced by Dr. Robert Bowman, a former DOD employee and Star Wars expert who now works against deployment of the system. Nunn appears to be supporting ground-based deployment as long as it is not linked to any space-based system. The House specifically stripped its Star Wars authorization of any funding for the so-called “Brilliant Pebbles” space-based system. The Senate approved monies for Brilliant Pebbles, but Senator Nunn is holding up the bill pending negotiations with the White House. President Bush has stated that he will veto any military spending bill that does not include Brilliant Pebbles funding.

In a schizophrenic series of votes, the Senate first affirmed the ABM Treaty, and then proceeded to reject amendments aimed at supporting the treaty by delaying Star Wars deployment. An amendment authored by Senators Carl Levin (D-MI) and Joseph Biden (D-DE) stating that the Grand Forks deployment plan “does not imply Congressional authorization for development, test-

ing, or deployment of anti-ballistic missile systems in violation of the ABM Treaty,” passed unanimously on a vote of 99-0. Then it got weird. An amendment by Senator Albert Gore (D-TN) to eliminate the provisions for a ground-based system by 1996 failed on a vote of 39-60. An amendment by Tom Harkin (D-IA), and Paul Simon (D-IL) to simply delete the 1996 deployment date from the provisions failed 34-64. The Senate also defeated another Harkin/Simon amendment to reduce SDI funding from \$4.6 to \$3.2 billion, on a vote of 38-60. A Jeff Bingaman (D-NM)/Tim Wirth (D-CO) amendment to bar deployment at more than one site was defeated 43-56. (Actually, the ABM Treaty would require renegotiation to allow for deployment on multiple ground-based sites.) Finally, an amendment by Dale Bumpers (D-AR) to cut Star Wars funding to \$3.6 billion went down to defeat 46-52.

In summary, it appears that the Senate wants to go on record stating it supports the ABM Treaty, but does not seem willing to commit itself to scaling back or eliminating a weapons system which clearly threatens the treaty’s existence. Is a particular SDI system not a threat to the ABM Treaty simply because the Senate says it isn’t? Ronald Reagan tried that approach back in 1985 and the Senate wouldn’t buy it. Senator Nunn

needs to make his position on this matter clear. Meanwhile, the billions keep flowing...

ARMS TRANSFERS

The Senate passed up an opportunity to make a major impact on the future of the Middle East arms trade when it refused to consider an amendment which would have established a multilateral arms moratorium. The amendment, sponsored by Senators Paul Wellstone (D-MI), Alan Cranston (D-CA), Thomas Daschle (D-SD), and Tom Harkin (D-IA), would have prohibited the US from transferring arms to any nation in the Middle East unless and until another major arms supplier did so. The sponsors withdrew their amendment when it became clear they did not have the support. However, they plan to attach the language to the upcoming Foreign Operations Appropriations bill later this fall. The House Foreign Aid Authorizations bill does contain the moratorium provisions, however. These will be discussed when the House and Senate take up the Foreign Aid bill in conference committee.

The Wellstone/Cranston/Daschle/Harkin amendment received the backing of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which supported the concept of a “challenge moratorium,” designed to encourage other nations from refraining, at least temporarily, from arms trade in the Middle East

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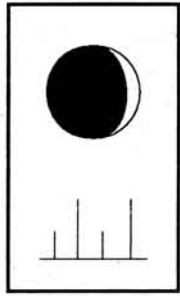
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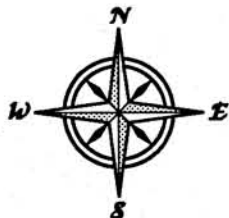
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until more constructive international solutions could be found. Unfortunately, the full Senate did not want to take on the Bush administration, which strenuously opposed the amendment.

Senator Dale Bumpers (D-AR) also withdrew his amendment, which would have eliminated State Department provisions for a new loan program for commercial arms sales. Bumpers also plans to attach his bill during the appropriations process sometime in September.

The Bumpers amendment was especially key toward restricting US arms sales, because it would have blocked the administration's plan to allow the Export-Import Bank of the United States to finance arms sales to other countries. The Export-Import Bank makes loans to foreign governments so that they can purchase US goods and services. The bank is restricted from financing arms sales, under Section 32 of the Arms Export Control Act. In April, the Bush administration announced it would lift the financing restrictions, thus making it easier for other nations to borrow US money to buy US weapons. The administration stands opposed to any moratorium on arms sales — unilateral or multilateral — to nations it considers "friendly" to US interests.

ACTION: Contact your senators and tell them: 1) to support efforts by Senators Wellstone and Cranston to enact a moratorium on arms sales to the Middle East and; 2) to support Senator Bumper's efforts to restrict the Export-Import Bank from financing arms sales. If you live in California, Senator John Seymour (R) especially needs to hear from you.

EL SALVADOR

On July 24th and 25th, the Senate took up an amendment offered by Senators Christopher Dodd (D-CT) and Patrick Leahy (D-VT) on strengthening restrictions on US aid to El Salvador. The bill was withdrawn from consideration following a filibuster orchestrated by Senate Republicans. The bill would have withheld 50 percent of this year's military aid request (\$85 million) plus half of all military aid from previous years that is still not spent (currently estimated at \$150 million). Furthermore, the legislation would have strengthened the hand of Congress to approve or deny future presidential requests to release escrowed funds. Currently, the president can decide on his own to release escrowed military funds after submitting a report to Congress, called a "finding," in which he outlines how the conditions for release of the funds have been met. This loophole has been a persistent stumbling block in the ability of the Congress to keep military funding out of the hands of the Salvadoran military once it has been escrowed.

Congress successfully placed similar restrictions on military aid to El Salvador last year. However, President Bush recently released the \$45 million escrowed funds, citing renewed military activity by the Salvadoran rebel forces (FMLN).

It appears that the Senate wants to go on record stating it supports the ABM Treaty, but does not seem willing to commit itself to scaling back or eliminating a weapons system which clearly threatens the treaty's existence.

The Dodd/Leahy amendment had strong support in the Senate, and probably would have passed, if not for the filibuster organized by Senators John McCain (R-AZ) and Jesse Helms (R-SC) as a last ditch effort to kill the legislation. Earlier in the day, Senator Robert Dole (R-KS) tried to have the bill tabled (i.e. killed). His amendment went down to defeat, 43-56. California Senator John Seymour voted to support the Dole tabling amendment and Senator Alan Cranston voted against it. The defeat of the Dole amendment then set the stage for the filibuster. It takes 60 votes to stop a filibuster (called a "cloture" vote). Since the vote was after midnight, the best the Senate could come up with was 52 votes. California Senator Alan Cranston voted to break the filibuster, and Senator John Seymour voted against breaking it. Dodd and Leahy agreed to withdraw their amendment in order to save the Foreign Aid bill as a whole. However, the language covering military aid restrictions will be reintroduced in the Foreign Aid Appropriations bill.

ACTION: El Salvador will be a top priority item when Congress reconvenes in September. Contact your senators now and demand an end to all war-related aid to El Salvador. In particular, tell your senators to support the Dodd/Leahy language on El Salvador, which will be attached to the Foreign Operations Appropriations bill.

DRUG WAR

In July, the administration announced plans to release \$94 million in aid to Peru in order to assist that government in efforts to combat the narcotics trade in the Andes. The aid is also (perhaps principally) aimed at helping the Peruvian government in stamping out the Maoist insurgency group Sendero Luminoso ("Shining Path"), which is believed to be protecting drug traffickers. Certain members of Congress and various human rights groups have joined forces to oppose the aid, citing various studies that label the Peruvian government as having one of the worst human rights climates in Latin America.

The administration plans to spend \$34 million in military assistance to Peru, which involves sending a team of more than 50 US military "trainers," including Green Berets, to work with Peruvian combat battalions stationed in the Upper Huallaga Valley, a focal point for Shining Path and cocaine traffic activity. The US per-

sonnel will also engage in "human rights training" with the Peruvian forces, which should be interesting. Like their counterparts in many other Latin American countries, the Peruvian military operates virtually independently from governmental control. The same is true for local police authorities, especially in the districts outside of Lima. It is well documented that Peruvian military units in the Andes regularly protect drug traffickers in return for substantial payoffs. Andean peasants are the ones who lose, caught in a literal battlefield between the drug traffickers, the Shining Path, and various military and paramilitary forces. Instances of torture, disappearances, and mass executions have increased alarmingly over the past five years.

Until recently, the Peruvian government has resisted attempts by the United States to bring the drug war into its territory. However, the previous and current administrations have pressured Peru into accepting US "assistance" in combating the narcotics trade by threatening to withhold international loans and other forms of economic aid. The latest deal is sweetened with a \$60 million economic aid package which is badly needed by the impoverished nation. The US has maintained a presence in the Upper Huallaga Valley since 1987. Concerns have been raised on the part of some congressmembers that this latest military package represents a deeper level of intervention into Peruvian affairs. The Bush administration maintains that it has no plans to expand its operations in Peru beyond current involvement in the drug war, and that US military personnel will not be sent into the field alongside Peruvian military units, but will remain in non-combat zones in an advisory capacity only.

Under the terms of the International Narcotics Control Act, the United States is barred from funding drug war efforts in four Andean Nations — Peru, Ecuador, Bolivia, and Colombia — until such time as the administra-

tion issues a finding to Congress that these governments have made substantial human rights gains. Specifically, the president must certify that these nations can control their police forces to the extent that they can vouch for their behavior. To date, the administration has come up with the required determination for three of the four countries, and is feverishly hammering out a rationale for Peru that will fly in Congress.

Members of Congress will be reviewing the aid request carefully. Senator Leahy has already indicated that he will attempt to block any aid appropriation to Peru. Juan Mendez, executive director of the human rights organization Americas Watch, has expressed his opposition to renewed US military assistance. In the August 6 *New York Times*, Mr. Mendez was quoted as saying: "The United States is involving itself in a very dirty war. I think the administration would do a lot better if it demanded reform first." There is reason to hope that Congress will vote accordingly. However, it will take an extensive educational and lobbying effort to persuade enough members to stand up to the president on this one. In the same *Times* piece mentioned above, Pennsylvania Democrat Gus Yatron, chair of the House subcommittee on Human Rights, summed it up succinctly: "The administration's decision to send military trainers to Peru represents an unwarranted escalation of United States military involvement in a country whose security forces have one of the worst human rights records in Latin America."

ACTION: Contact your representative and urge her/him to oppose all military-related assistance to Peru. Ask them to consider the human rights reports on Peru produced by Amnesty International and Americas Watch before making their decision. Ask that s/he demand a reform of the Peruvian military before any such aid request is considered.

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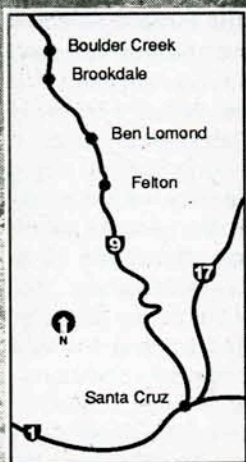
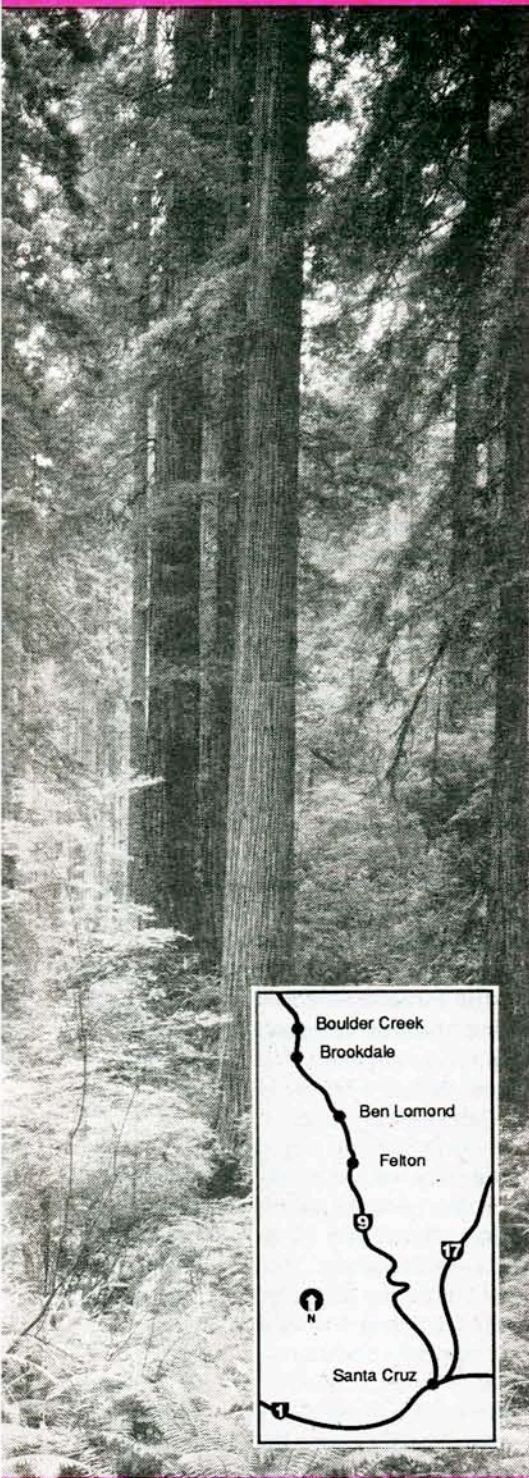
renovation? Before our schedules become too full, Fall is a good time to consider what is really important to each of us. Fall can be a time to begin to find alternatives which can change our lives and those of individuals we love.

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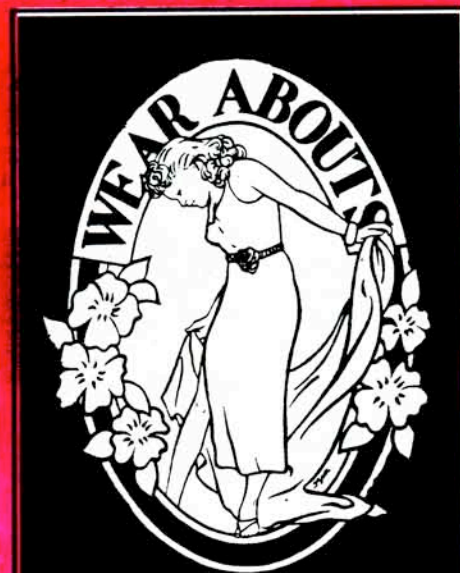


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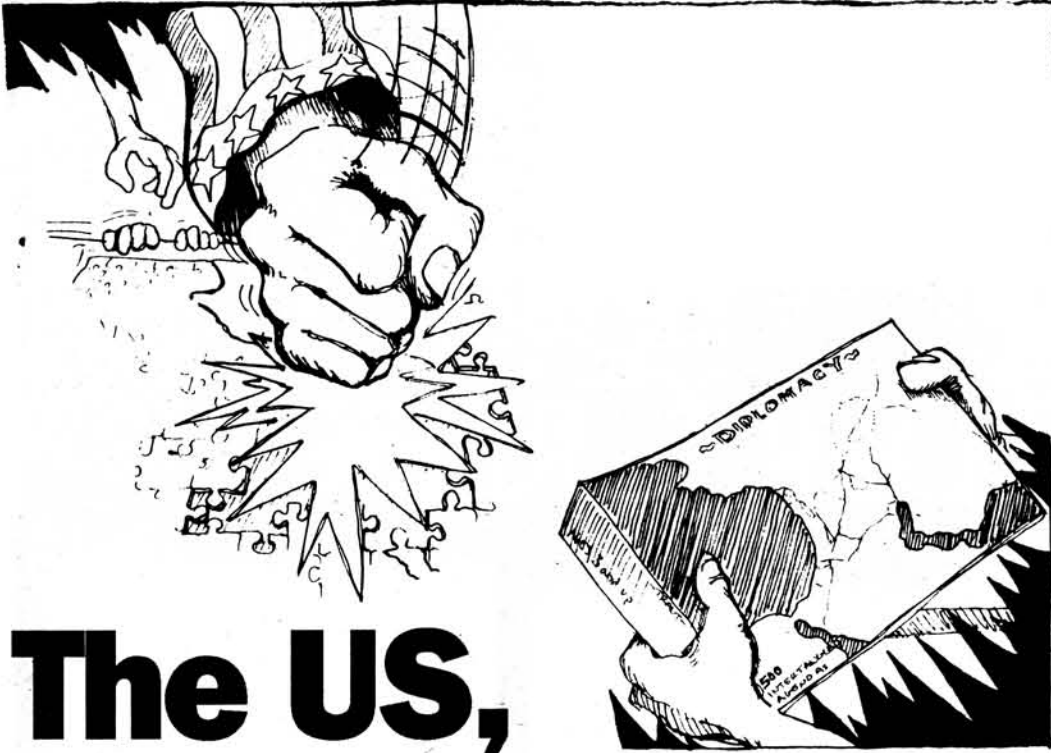
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The US, the Middle East, & the New World Order: New Chances for Peace?

By Scott Kennedy

MIDDLE EAST EFFORTS stalled for years over the question of an international peace conference. The Arab states and the Palestine Liberation Organization insisted on an international conference on the assumption that the Soviet Union would offset the United States' weighing in on the Israeli side. The Israelis rejected an international conference for the same reason. The US and Israel preferred the divide and conquer approach evident in the Camp David treaty with Egypt. Each Arab state, in turn, would be brought to terms in US-brokered negotiations conducted in full awareness of the overwhelming power of the US-Israeli alliance.

The decline and fall of the Soviet Union and the end of the Gulf War have fundamentally changed this dynamic. Now it is the US which has announced an international peace conference, co-hosted with the USSR, to address the Palestinian issue.

This unprecedented mixture of new East-West power relationships with the old Middle East conflicts has at its center the indomitable Ariel Sharon. Sharon is the outspoken voice for Israel to dig in its heels and resist the relentless momentum toward international negotiations at a time when the US seems to owe more to long-term and newfound Arab allies than to the Jewish state.

Sharon's Fear: A Peace Conference

Ariel Sharon, Israel's Housing Minister, is a man who often elicits strong reactions. To some, the former Minister of Defense is the most daring of Israel's military commanders, the staunchest advocate of "Greater Israel," and *Arik hamelech* ("Sharon the King"). To others, the architect of Israel's disastrous invasion of Lebanon in 1982 is "the Butcher of Sabra and Shatilla."

In many ways, Sharon's record is more appropriate for a police blotter than a political resume. His aggressive use of an Israeli "Green Patrol" to uproot Bedouin tribes in the Negev, brutal attacks on civilians in the 1956 war, ruthless suppression of Palestinians in Gaza after 1967, and his provocative decision to seize an apartment and move into the Arab quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem, are a few examples.

Indeed, Sharon is legendary for his hard-line position on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Nevertheless, his views can be very educational. At this juncture, Sharon has a perspective that can help us understand the possible threat, or potential, of the current Middle East peace process.

For example, Sharon has consistently and adamantly opposed Israeli participation in peace talks. The current round of diplomatic discussions setting the stage for an international

Middle East peace conference has proven no different. While he failed to dissuade the Shamir government from going along with the peace initiative brokered by US Secretary of State James Baker, Sharon continues to protest Israel's willingness to join in negotiations. Why?

In the August 17, 1991, weekly edition of the *Jerusalem Post International*, Sharon argues that, in agreeing to attend an international peace conference, "Israel has fallen into a difficult, dangerous political situation. And this time, the trap is of our own making." It is worth examining Sharon's fears about the onset of peace negotiations. Although his views are usually stated in the most extreme form, Sharon's arguments embody many of the contradictions found in mainstream Israeli political discourse.

For example, Sharon's commentary details the following "Israeli concessions to date":

- Agreeing to participate in an international peace conference, a format which the Jewish State has long rejected, preferring bilateral negotiations in which the US and Israel team up against a series of Arab adversaries;
- Entering into negotiations without a prior agreement to "end terrorism," including suspension of the Palestinian *intifada* (or "uprising");
- Accepting participation of the European nations in negotiations,

partners that Israel has always scorned;

- Accepting the United Nations at the international conference, despite Israel's consistent opposition to the UN's presence even as an observer; and

- Assigning an "ongoing" role to the international conference, rather than limiting the international conference to a one-shot ceremonial event.

According to Sharon: "In all these matters [Israel] conceded without pressure and without getting any concrete return. Now, a single issue remains — the makeup of the Palestinian delegation."

Sharon's claim is patently absurd. Israel has been experiencing unprecedented pressure from the United States. And, by agreeing to participate, Israel has in turn received promises of an end to the Arab boycott, mutual recognition and peace treaties from its Arab adversaries.

Yet Sharon is not mollified by the prospect of peace treaties with Israel's neighbors, including its most intractable foe, Syria. To the above laundry list of Israeli terms which he thinks must be met before beginning negotiations, Sharon also: insists that the Palestinians as a people not be represented in negotiations, demands that the Israelis select any Palestinian representatives to negotiations, and requires guarantees that the peace process will not result in the creation of a Palestinian state.

Having unilaterally established the parameters within which Middle East peace discussions must maneuver, Sharon attempts a 10-point display of mental gymnastics: "For lo, these many years, we [Israelis] have been demanding that the talks be held *without prior conditions* [emphasis added] — and, indeed we posed none."

Given the above list of demands, one can hardly agree that Sharon's approach is "without prior conditions."

It is clear that Sharon's last-ditch strategy is fundamentally meant to obstruct even the convening of peace talks. His opposition is based on the conviction that the mere initiation of peace talks will result inexorably in the creation of a Palestinian state. In other words, Sharon believes that those who oppose a Palestinian state parallel to Israel must assure that peace negotiations *never* take place. The beginning of multilateral talks and the involvement of Palestinians in any negotiations, even as part of a joint Palestinian-Jordanian delegation, strike terror in the heart of Israelis such as Sharon. To such people, Zionism is utterly antithetical to any notion of Palestinian peoplehood, national identity, national sovereignty or self-determination.

Sharon's world view impels an

outright rejection of any acknowledgement of Palestinian peoplehood, whether at the substantive or procedural levels. He not only rejects the possible outcome of a Palestinian national homeland co-existing alongside Israel, but also rules out participation by the Palestine Liberation Organization or Palestinian leadership from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip in any peace process. And he seeks to avoid or forestall peace negotiations that do not take place within the narrow confines he has established.

This approach calls to mind an oft-quoted statement by the late Nachum Goldman. Goldman, a leader of world Zionism who for decades spoke out for recognition of Palestini-

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an rights, described the essential thrust of Israeli diplomacy as "postponing the inevitable."

Sharon is, in a sense, the epitome of this dominant Israeli political tendency of attempting to postpone the inevitable acknowledgement of Palestinian rights. One hears more subtle echoes of this approach in the statements of many people for whom Israel can do no wrong and for whom the Arab states and Palestinians are always lacking.

Thankfully, more and more Israelis have come to recognize the Palestinians as a people. They accept that the collective aspirations of the Palestinians are as valid as those of Israel and other nations. Many of these people may not accept this point of view as a matter of principle. But they have been persuaded by the nearly four-year-old Palestinian *intifa-*

da that, no matter how undesirable it may seem, co-existence with some Palestinian entity is a grim reality that must be accommodated.

A growing number of Israelis and supporters of Israel in the United States have come to actively advocate on behalf of, or grudgingly resign themselves to, eventual coexistence of Israel with a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. As a result, "the inevitable" is reluctantly afforded the long overdue opportunity to at least make an appearance on the horizon. Ironically, it is the United States which seems to have belatedly accepted the task of forcing the Israelis to accept this reality, after decades of subsidizing and reinforcing Israeli denial.

Meanwhile, the Palestinians have done back-flips to bring their reality into the Middle East equation. PLO Chair and President of Palestine Yasser Arafat has made virtually every concession available to him, short of organizational self-nullification, in order to maintain momentum toward negotiations. The Palestinians have formally adopted the UN resolution establishing the state of Israel, formally declared their independence, renounced terrorism, explicitly recognized Israel, and offered assurances that Palestine will be demilitarized with adequate international guarantees to meet Israel's security concerns. Arafat has now also agreed that the PLO will not be formally represented at the peace table and that Palestinians may be a subordinate part of a Jordanian delegation. Rumor has it that prominent Palestinian spokespersons from Arab East Jerusalem are even building homes outside the city limits in the West Bank to sidestep Israeli objection to Palestinian Jerusalemites being party to negotiations!

If an international peace conference actually takes place, the Palestinians will be present, one way or another. On this, Arafat and Sharon are in agreement. There is a further confluence of views evident in Arafat's confidence and in Sharon's horror that Palestinian participation will set in motion a series of inevitable steps towards a Palestinian state. Why else would Sharon oppose the talks with such ferocity and Arafat accept them with such deference?

These recent developments are a hopeful sign. It is more likely that Sharon's fears will prove justified than that the US-sponsored peace process will offer too little to Palestinians at the outset. Of course, the US will attempt to get away with as little cost to Israel as possible, but the Bush administration finally appears ready to extract concessions from Israel. These shifts will in turn benefit the Palestinian cause.

If negotiations actually take place, and if Palestinian spokespeople actually participate, it will represent an important breakthrough. At last, Abba Ebban's famous observation that "The Palestinians have never missed an opportunity to miss an

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One troubling aspect of the current flurry of Middle East diplomacy is the Bush administration's transparent attempt to portray the new diplomatic opening as a product of the allied victory over Iraq. While the Persian Gulf War was a public relations coup for President Bush, objectively it was a flop.

In a recent commentary on National Public Radio, Daniel Shorr drew three conclusions from the war:

1. In the name of "liberating Kuwait," the US forced Iraq's withdrawal but restored to the throne a feudal and despotic Kuwaiti regime, demonstrably indifferent to fundamental human rights and hostile to democratic values.

2. Iraq's invasion of Kuwait was portrayed as a threat to the economic viability of petroleum-dependent Western economies. A year since Iraqi and Kuwaiti petroleum exports effectively ceased, not only has oil continued to flow to the West, but gasoline prices have actually gone down. Yet destruction of petroleum facilities, loss of petroleum resources, and increased prices will be far greater in the long run because of allied military actions.

3. Saddam Hussein, represented as the epitome of evil, remains in power. While Bush offered soothing reassurances that our nation had no beef with the people of Iraq, the destruction of Iraq's infrastructure will end up killing more people than the war itself. It is becoming ever clearer that the US war plan included punishing the Iraqi population as a means to damage Hussein. Kurdish and Shi'ite insurrections, encouraged by Bush and crushed by the Iraqi regime, also cost more lives than the allied air and ground war.

To Shorr's list can be added proliferation of arms sales to the region, creation of millions of refugees, attacks by Turkey on Kurdish forces within Iraq, widespread disease and hunger, an incalculable environmental disaster in the Persian Gulf, the loss of the US peace dividend to a burgeoning national debt and a bloated military budget, and the social and economic disruption and related costs of hundreds of thousands of veterans returning to our society.

Israel, the United States' most costly "strategic asset," demonstrated its value by sitting on its hands during the war. This has caused serious questions for the first time in Congress about its "bang for the buck." Historic enemies, dictatorial regimes and world-renowned sponsors of terrorism, taken under Uncle Sam's wing in the allied cause through bribes or threats, are now calling due the US's political debts.

The Gulf War was arguably unnecessary and could have been avoided with significant benefits to everyone involved. We now know of several spe-

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cific times when the US scuttled diplomatic alternatives to war. Still, many Americans claim that "You can't argue with success." Because our culture is obsessed with technique and with product, a self-proclaimed military "success" provides its own justification.

Saddam Hussein was much maligned when he articulated a "linkage" between the Gulf crisis and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Bush rejected such linkage out of hand. A symbolic step by the UN or US towards addressing the Palestinian issue might well have produced a negotiated withdrawal of Iraq from Kuwait and avoided a war altogether. How ironic that the US now accepts "linkage," in effect crediting the Gulf War with opening prospects for a peace settlement with Israel.

In the US, meanwhile, the flags and yellow ribbons on car antennas grow tattered, and the public grows restive. People are unsettled with the apparent mixed outcome of the Gulf War and disturbed by continued deterioration of the US society.

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Take the case of Syria. Was it Syria's animosity towards Saddam Hussein that prompted Hafez Assad to join the allied front against Iraq? Did Syria's participation in the war effort set the stage for negotiations with Israel? This is what Bush would like us to believe.

Or was it the decline in the power of the Soviet Union? Several years ago, Soviet Premier Mikhail Gorbachev shocked Assad and the world with news that the Soviet Union was withdrawing economic support for Syria. During his toast at a public reception in Moscow for Assad, Gorbachev announced to the Syrian president that the time had come to make peace with Israel. The Soviets would no longer underwrite the cost of Syria's attempt to achieve strategic military parity with Israel.

Without its superpower sponsor, Syria is no match for Israel. Assad had little choice but to abandon the military option and adjust his strategy. Rapprochement with the West became a necessity and the Gulf War provided a timely opportunity for Syria to demonstrate its new direction. The Soviets similarly pulled the rug out from under the PLO and Iraq.

Thus the change in US-Soviet relations fueled the Gulf crisis and forced a realignment of Middle East power relationships. One outcome is a new readiness among Arab states to seek peace with Israel. Baker has even invited Qaddafi to the negotiations.

The US and the New World Order

In post-Cold War international relations, the US-USSR military standoff and nuclear deterrence no longer prevail. Yet at the end of the Gulf War, there was broader US public support for intervention abroad than at any time since the advent of the Vietnam War. The US is therefore free to strut about the globe as the sole surviving superpower, pontificating about a "New World Order." With Nicaragua, Panama, and now Iraq, the contours of this New World Order are becoming clear.

Some of these characteristics include:

1. The US is poised to project its power into any regional conflict without fear of Soviet military reaction. As Colin Powell, chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, declared some months ago, "We have the overwhelming power and we have demonstrated our willingness to use it."

2. The US has become more overtly committed to military solutions to political problems.

3. The US has emerged from the Gulf War as the world's leading exporter of arms to the Third World.

4. The US now has unprecedented control over the United Nations.

5. The US has demonstrated that it prefers stability and order to democracy and change. This bias has been clear in Bush's normalizing ties and extending most favored nation status to China despite the Tiananmen Square massacre. The US has not demanded that the Kuwaiti regime democratize its liberated country. The US gave mixed messages to the Kurds and Shi'ites in Iraq, encouraging revolt and then leaving them hanging. Bush apparently wanted a military coup but no popular insurrection against Hussein. The US remained silent when Turkish forces attacked Kurdish fighters in Iraq. The same ambivalence was evident in Bush's response to the attempted coup to oust Gorbachev. In each instance, Bush has favored the continuity and domination of elites over democracy.

Prospects for the Peace Movement

Those working for peace and justice face a daunting challenge in this emerging "New World Order."

Given the abortive coup against Gorbachev, the Soviet Union is likely to experience further chaos, Balkanization, and diminished influence. Gorbachev or his representative will likely be mere figureheads at the Middle East peace talks. The US holds most of the cards.

With the collapse of the Soviet empire, the US peace movement must move beyond the bilateral nature of much of our strategies. We must revive the moral, geo-political, and economic arguments for unilateral disarmament. We must make fundamental changes because it is in our self-interest as a nation to do so.

The guns or butter argument is taking on a new urgency. The US is more likely to be destroyed by distorted priorities at home than by any foreign threat. There is no reason to believe that the US empire will escape the dynamic popularized by Paul Kennedy's *The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers* (Vintage Books, 1989): military powers extend their reach to protect their economic interests until the economic base at home can no longer support the military stretch, and decline and fall result.

In a recent poll, 51 percent of the people interviewed said the US should not take "the lead militarily role where there are problems in the world requiring a military response." Seventy-five percent said "we can't afford to defend so many nations." A recent *San Francisco Chronicle* article showed that 75 percent of US cities pay more in federal taxes for the military than are returned through government contracts or other programs. Given the budget cuts affecting schools, cities, and social welfare programs, budget priorities and the Peace Economy Campaign are the key leverage points. They are the means by which the struggles for racial and economic justice and for peace and disarmament can be bridged.

Bush is averaging a war each year (Nicaragua, Panama, Iraq), so it appears that those working for peace and justice will have to work hard to defend the rights of other countries around the world against US intervention and domination. Yet we will also be called, as Martin Luther King, Jr. said when founding the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, to "save the soul" of our own country. Recent events in the Soviet Union have again demonstrated that no government, however powerful or well-armed, can survive without the consent of the governed. In the coming decades, the US people must rediscover the lessons of our own history and denounce The New World Order in no uncertain terms.

Scott Kennedy has been on the staff of the Resource Center for Nonviolence since 1976, and chairs the national steering committee of Middle East Witness and the Fellowship of Reconciliation's Middle East Task Force.

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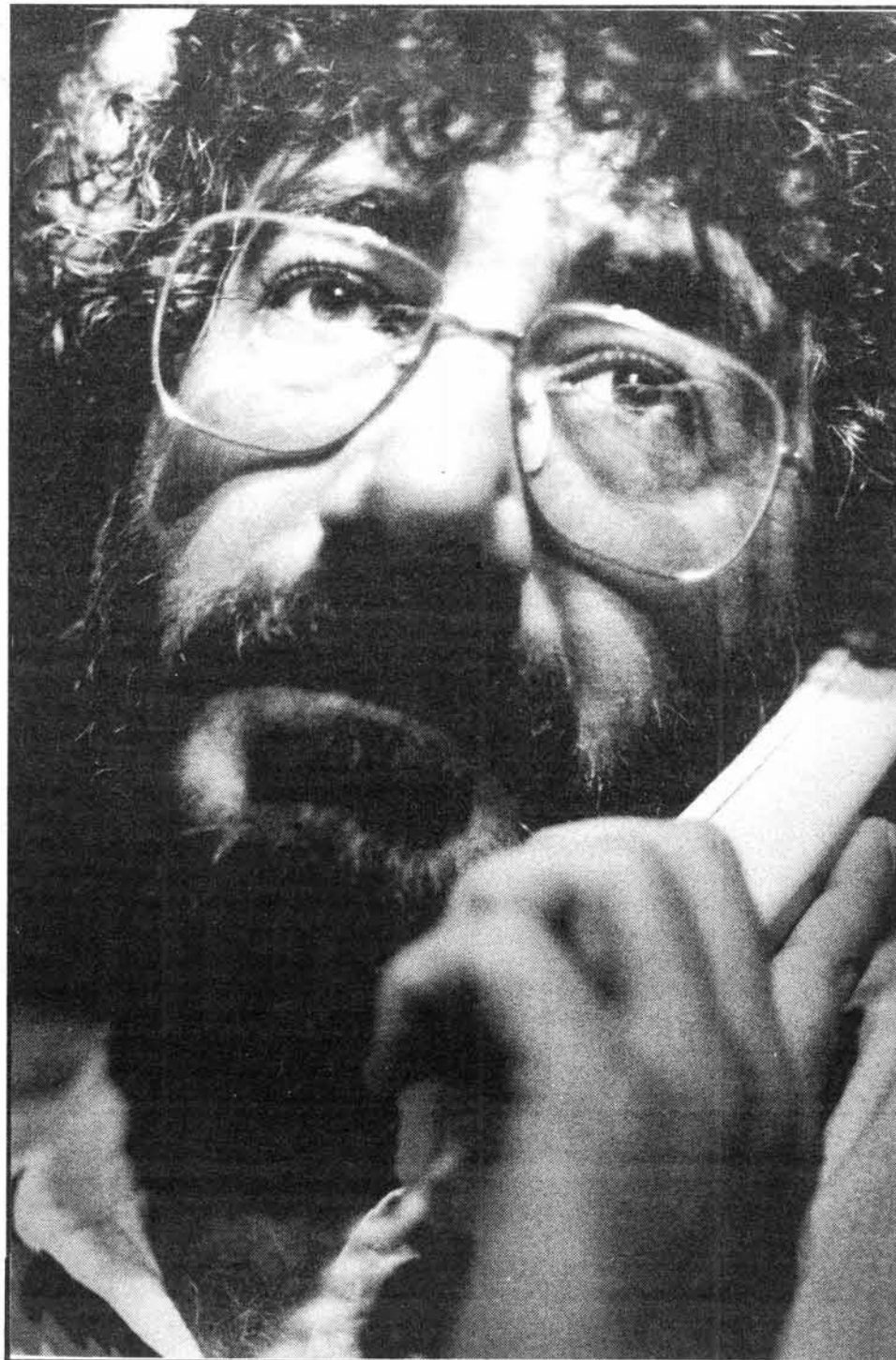
After American troops left Kuwait and the Kuwaiti authorities returned to their positions of power, the government quickly took revenge upon suspected "undesirable elements" in the country. Abuses, torture, and executions became the order of the day.

Middle East Watch, a New York-based non-profit organization, has been researching and documenting human rights violations in Kuwait during the Iraqi occupation and after the liberation of the country. This organization is about to publish a book on the abuses committed by the Kuwaiti government, tentatively titled *The Violent Restructuring of Kuwait*, which documents scores of human rights abuses and personal suffering caused by Kuwaiti government acts of vengeance.

Aziz abn-Hamad, a senior researcher with Middle East Watch, has examined the general pattern of revenge upon distrusted individuals in Kuwaiti society, including a case that has affected Santa Cruz directly: the summary execution of two members of a Santa Cruz resident's family and the attempted murder of his sister.

According to Aziz abn-Hamad, the tragedy that befell Naim Farhat's family is not an isolated incident, but part of a pattern of killings that occurred predominantly during March and April of this year. More than 60 government killings in Kuwait have been well-documented by Middle East Watch in recent months. Kuwaiti government forces and vigilante groups working closely with government forces are responsible for these incidents.

Aziz abn-Hamad believes that the true number of those killed by these forces far exceeds the number of cases documented by his organization. The discovery of mass graves and Kuwaiti government refusals to exhume the bodies, plus Kuwaiti resistance to investigate claims of abuses, leads Middle East Watch to fear considerable government participation in many more crimes against Kuwaiti residents after the war. The victims are overwhelmingly non-Kuwaiti (anyone whose ancestors did not live in Kuwait before 1920, although they may have been born and raised there) who had the misfortune of



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MONTHLY PLANET: Naim, you've suffered a great loss. Your father and brother have been killed and your sister is in critical condition in Lebanon right now. Tell us briefly about your family in Kuwait.

NAIM FARHAT: Four members of my family lived together in Kuwait: my father, my two brothers, and my sister, Naimat. My whole family strongly believed in the Kuwaiti cause and the Kuwaiti people. They did everything possible to help the Kuwaitis get their country back. It was my family's country too. For instance, my father was working with the General Bureau of Investigation in Kuwait. The Iraqi Army immediately interrogated him, trying to find some information about his officers and the people he worked with. He used to be dragged from his home in the middle of the night to be beaten. He was tortured with cigarette burns to his face, and the Iraqis would demand all kinds of information. During that time my father consistently refused to give out any information. My sister worked in Al Ahli Bank in Kuwait. Because she was a Lebanese citizen, she was capable of moving between the Iraqis and the Kuwaitis. She used to get money out of the Kuwaiti citizens' bank accounts and buy them groceries and take these groceries to their houses. Meanwhile, my youngest brother, Osama, who was killed, was smuggling arms to the Kuwaiti Resistance Group. He used my sister's car to do this. My older brother was also fighting with the Kuwaiti Resistance. He was a mechanic and could sabotage Iraqi cars.

MP: I understand he was actually rewarded after the war.

NF: Absolutely right. The government has rewarded him. It's so ironic. He would have been killed too if he had been home. But he was lucky. He was out celebrating the victory.

MP: Let's focus on the other members of your family, those who were less fortunate. Can you tell us about the events of March 2nd of this year?

NF: At approximately 4 o'clock in the morning, four men drove up to my family's house. Three stayed in the car, while one approached the house. Our neighbors saw them. My dad and my sister heard a shot fired from the roof of the house. A soldier yelled, "This is a Kuwaiti Resistance Group, open the door!" My dad opened the door and said, "You're welcome." He then opened his arms and said, "Well, you're welcome, what do you desire, how can we help you?" The soldier from the Kuwaiti Resistance Group replied, "I have an order to try to find any kind of documents or information that you were cooperating with the Iraqis." My dad immediately tried to explain to him that we did everything possible to help the Kuwaitis. My dad said, "We have nothing to

Kuwaiti Atrocities After the War: Santa Cruz Resident Attempts to Save Sister's Life After She Is Raped, Shot, and Left to Die.

Interview by Barry van Driel

being suspected of cooperating with the Iraqi invasion force.

One of the most shocking incidents recounted in the upcoming Middle East Watch publication involves the murder of Naim Farhat's father, Ismail, his brother, Osama, and the rape and shooting of his sister, Naimat. Naimat is presently 70-80 percent paralyzed and needs

immediate surgery in the United States to save her life. Efforts to secure humanitarian parole for her have been stalled in INS bureaucracy as time runs out to save her life.

Below is an interview with Naim Farhat, Santa Cruz resident since 1984, and brother of Naimat. This interview took place on August 22nd in Santa Cruz.

hide, so go ahead and take a look." And then the soldier immediately ordered my sister to tie up my brother and my father.

MP: So your brother and father were then tied up?

NF: That's correct. At first Naimat didn't do the job right. So the soldier kicked her in the groin and made her do a better job. She then tied up my brother and father. He forced her to make him a cup of tea in order to prepare himself for what he was going to do. He told my sister, among other things, that he had been trained in the United States. At a certain point, the soldier took her to the bedroom. He raped her and shot her once in the head and once in the hand. After that, he went to the other room, put a gun to my father's eye and pulled the trigger.

MP: This killed him?

NF: Yes, then my brother was shot in the ear. You have to imagine the scene...my dad must have been desperately begging the Kuwaiti Army

"My brother and father were interrogated by the Iraqis. They ended up in their files. The Kuwaitis did not bother to check why they were in the Iraqi army files, whether they were collaborating or resisting. They were non-Kuwaitis and they were in the Iraqi files. That was enough."

soldier to: "please leave, take my life, but leave my son alone. He's 20 years old, he has not done anything wrong." Now they are both dead.

MP: They also assumed your sister was dead? They didn't expect the only eyewitness would be around to tell the world what happened?

NF: No, they were certain that she was dead and the job was done...but she didn't die. She regained consciousness after an hour-and-a-half in a pool of blood. She managed to crawl about a hundred yards to where our neighbors could hear her scream for help. They heard her screams and helped her.

MP: What is her condition right now and what is her mental state?

NF: She is half paralyzed. While she was still in Kuwait she was afraid of me saying too much to the American public about her tragic story. She was afraid that somebody from the Kuwaiti resistance was going to hear what I was saying and come back to finish the job. She had lost all faith in justice and in humanity. Now, she has nightmares all the time, and she's suicidal quite often. It's terrible for her.

MP: Where is your sister staying?

NF: She was moved to Lebanon to be with her relatives and because she is safer there.

MP: You spoke to your father in December about the situation in the country. Was he concerned about your family?

NF: No, my father was calm and he said, "I will not leave Kuwait by escaping. I will not smuggle myself out of Kuwait. Either I will leave Kuwait with dignity or I will leave dead." He never expected to be killed by the people he was helping.

MP: How does your older brother, who has now been rewarded, feel about this situation?

NF: He is angry, very angry. That is all I can say.

MP: Now, people are going to wonder: Why your family? They were part of the resistance movement? Why did they target your family?

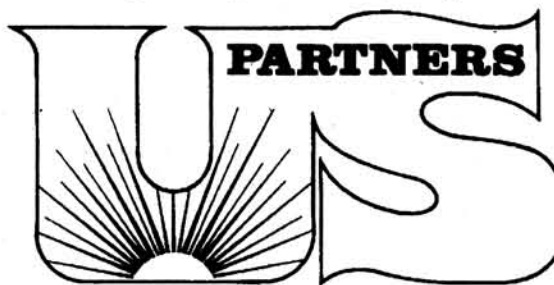
NF: Well, you have to understand that my brother and father were interrogated by the Iraqis. They ended up in their files. The Kuwaitis did not bother to check why they were in the Iraqi army files, whether they were collaborating or resisting. They were non-Kuwaitis and they were in the Iraqi files. That was enough. A senior official in Kuwait, a retired general, confirmed this. He said that the Kuwaitis tried to eliminate any non-Kuwaitis in the files.

MP: You are trying to do two important things. First, you are trying to get the Kuwaitis to accept responsibility for the incident, and help your family. How are the Kuwaitis responding?

NF: After initially denying the incident ever occurred, they are now trying to cover it up by saying that it was all a mistake. They claim that the person who did it was drunk, and that they are therefore not responsible. Remember, however, that there were four men and that they knew about the interrogation of my brother the previous day. The Kuwaiti government is now dishing out millions of dollars to American families of those who died during Desert Storm...yet they won't help an innocent family that they destroyed...a family that helped them. A spokesperson for the Kuwaiti ambassador said also that my sister Naimat could not have

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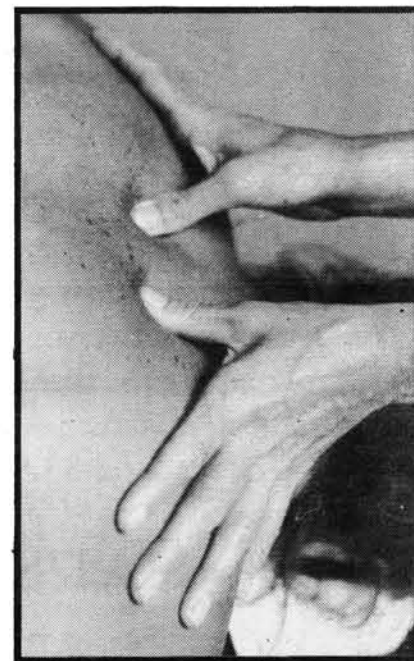
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been raped by a Kuwaiti soldier... Kuwaiti men don't do such things. Bullshit!

MP: I believe the Kuwaiti ambassador and other officials have even made threats because of your story. Is this true?

NF: Exactly. The *Washington Times* ran an article on June 21st about this incident and the Kuwaiti ambassador told the editor that the story wasn't true. The ambassador demanded that the story be corrected. Also, the Kuwaitis refuse to investigate the murders or bring the killer to justice. They are protecting him. According to Middle East Watch, Kuwaiti officials are also threatening various people not to testify. These include the person who was interrogated with my brother the evening before and also my family's neighbors. They have all been told to keep their mouths shut.

MP: A second thing you are doing is that you are attempting to get your sister to the United States for surgery. But this is proving to be difficult, I believe?

NF: Yes. According to American University Hospital in Beirut, she is missing a part of her skull and there are bullet fragments in her brain. She needs an operation in the United States within the next few weeks to protect her brain from being exposed to the sun or heat, and also

from any accidental fall. She could die otherwise. So I have been working day and night trying to get her a humanitarian parole from INS. This is not an easy task. There is a lot of bureaucracy and the Kuwaiti government is working against us. Luckily, Leon Panetta and the Rev. Jesse Jackson have been very helpful. They have personally committed themselves to this issue. Thank God!

MP: So I can imagine that getting your sister here is your first priority?
NF: Absolutely, her life is in danger. It's quite ironic that we can send 500,000 troops to Kuwait and spend billions of dollars fighting a war, but we can't save one innocent victim who can be saved if only the willingness were there.

MP: I understand a complication in all this is that the Kuwaitis want your sister to travel to Kuwait?
NF: Yes. They want her to fly again to Kuwait for a checkup.

MP: Do you think she will do this?
NF: No way! She refuses, of course. She is afraid for her life. After all, it is the Kuwaiti authorities who are responsible for her condition...they don't want eyewitnesses. It is bad publicity. She might not come out of Kuwait alive. They won't let me come to Kuwait to be with her if it happens. They won't even let my

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mother into Kuwait to visit her husband's and son's grave and mourn. And for my sister...It would be too traumatizing.

MP: If your sister does make it to the United States, and let's hope this does succeed, what then? Where do you go from here?

NF: Well, she will come to Santa Cruz to be with me, and then she will immediately need an operation. The operation will be difficult, but it is our only hope. I am trying to find a doctor right now who can do the surgery. All I really care about at the moment is my family and their welfare. I want them to be safe. I want them to be happy. This can't

happen any more in Kuwait, our home for so many years...I really hope that we can be reunited here.

MP: You must be going through a lot of personal stress, yourself, though?
NF: My life and my financial situation are a shambles. I have nightmares in which I hear my family members scream. It doesn't leave me alone. My phone bills can be weighed in pounds. They come in these big envelopes... thousands of dollars. And then the cost of my sister's operation? I don't even want to think about it, but I am hopeful that people will help us, if the Kuwaiti government refuses. I have to think about the money. It's very stressful. The Kuwaiti government is responsible...they should pay. Otherwise, I will just call everyone and talk to everyone and fax everyone. What else can I do? Until she is here, safe and sound, I cannot sleep.

MP: How much support have you been getting from others in your quest to save your sister's life?

NF: The emotional support in this community and elsewhere has been wonderful. I spoke recently at a Christic Action Team event in Santa Cruz and it warmed my heart to see the sympathy for my situation and my family's situation. People have been writing letters to Leon Panetta. Also, most of the media has been willing to give my story to the pub-



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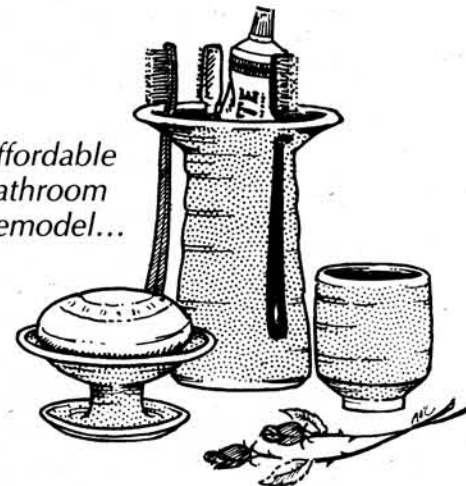
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lic. Of the local media, only the *San Francisco Examiner* has turned it down. An editor said that the *Examiner* didn't have the staff or money to cover this. This makes me sad. What an awful excuse. But anyhow, most people have been wonderful. Leon Panetta and his staff have done everything in their power to help. Rev. Jesse Jackson and Jack O'Deel, of the Rainbow Coalition, have put pressure on the INS to speed up the process. They are all fantastic people, and this has given me hope that my sister will be here soon. I am very very thankful to all these people. Then, of course, many Santa Cruzans have helped me get out petitions, contact the media and other things.

MP: Finally, some people have been asking how they can help. What can they do, or how can they contact you?

NF: It is important to put pressure on Kuwaiti government officials to take responsibility for their actions. They should take care of my family and pay for my sister's health costs. People can write the Kuwaiti embassy and tell them this. There are other things people can do: Leon Panetta needs to know that he should keep up the pressure, we need help finding a good neurosurgeon, and we also need financial help. Any donations or suggestions are welcome and should be sent to

UPDATE:

According to INS officials, due to the urgency of this matter, an immediate humanitarian parole has been approved. Naimat Farhat will soon be in Santa Cruz. Naim, just before this interview went to press, expressed his thanks to Jesse Jackson, Jack O'Deel, Leon Panetta, his staff, friendly journalists and all those in Santa Cruz and elsewhere who helped him. Although the Farhat family is in a celebratory mood, the drama will continue for them. Naimat remains seriously ill and the difficult next step of brain surgery is yet to come. She and her family will have to cope with her rape, her disability and the death of two loved family members.

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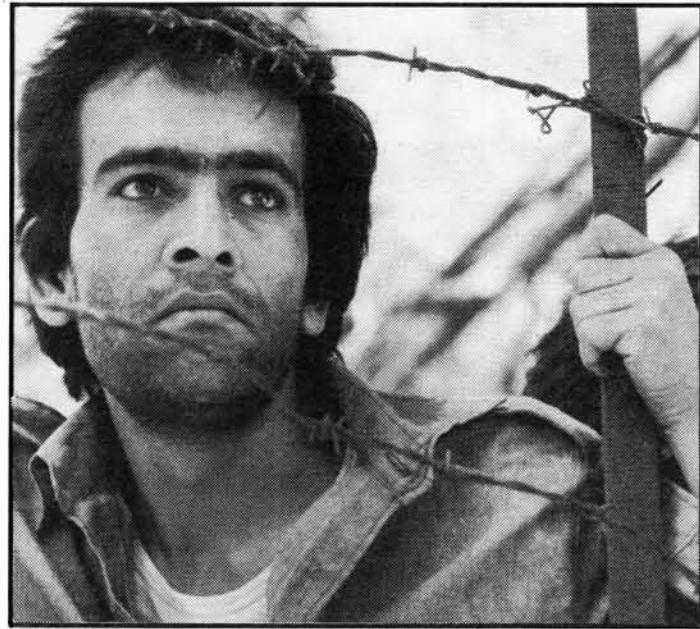
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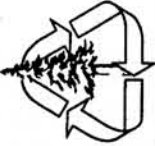
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- Children's Creative Response to Conflict** 426-3381
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- Christic Action Team** 426-3254
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- Coalition for Meaningful Pay (COMP)** 662-3633
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- Conflict Resolution Program** 427-3234
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- Democratic Management Services** 425-7478
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- Save Soquel** 476-1871
4453 Fairway Dr., Soquel 95073 Judy Parsons
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- Sunray Meditation Society** 726-2444
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- UCSC Women's Center** 429-2072
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- Union of North American Women for Peace & Justice in Central America (UNA)** 426-3452
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- Unitarian/Universalist Fellowship Social Action Committee** 684-0506
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- VFW Post 5888, Bill Motto** 429-8345
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WHERE TO RECYCLE IN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

CALIFORNIA BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING AND LITTER REDUCTION ACT: You may redeem beverage containers marked "CA Redemption Value" at state-certified centers located 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 recyclables to a charitable group, or drop off materials at a landfill recycling center prior to dumping your refuse. *Buyback* centers offer cash for some materials. They generally buy glass, aluminum, cans, paper, cardboard, and/or metals. Some *buyback* centers operated by non-profit groups encourage donation of materials. **CALL AHEAD FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION.**



SPONSOR	LOCATION	MODE	MATERIALS	HOURS	PHONE
APTOS 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 & Aptos St.	drop-off	news	anytime	476-1201
\$ 20/20 Recycle Centers	DeLuxe Foods, 783 Rio Del Mar Blvd. Safeway, 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	qualified beverage containers, news, glass, cardboard, tin	11-5, every day	338-6578 338-6158
BOULDER CREEK \$ Valley Women's Club, w/SLV Kiwanis Club	SLV Redemption/ Recycling Center Johnny's Super 13224 Hwy 9	redemption	qualified beverage containers	11-5, every day	338-6578 335-9166
CAPITOLA Capitolia Disposal Co.	residential area	curbside collection	aluminum, glass, news	weekly schedule on garbage day	476-9288
\$ Envipco California	businesses	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	qualified beverage containers	11-5, every day	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	476-1651
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	curbside collection	aluminum, glass, news, cardboard, oil, tin, PET plastic	weekly schedule on garbage day	429-3666 429-3490
Al Paris Recycling	businesses	collection	glass, cardboard	by arrangement	429-3490
Monterey Bay Recycling	1111 River St. Across from Tannery	collection	office paper, glass, aluminum, plastic drink bottles	by arrangement open 8-5 weekdays	459-9619
Hedrick Distributors	210 Encinal St.	collection	office paper, books	by arrangement	426-0112
Cardboard Seekers	Sam Paris	collection	waste fuel, oil, auto batteries	8-5, Mon.-Fri. 8-12, Sat.	427-3773
Sam Paris		collection	cardboard, glass, computer & ledger paper, aluminum	by arrangement	426-1748
\$ 20/20 Recycle Centers	Safeway 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 household hazardous materials: paints, thinners, solvents, pesticides, flammable liquids, many household cleaners	7:30-3:30 every day	688-7250
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
\$ Couch Distributing	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	724-0649
\$ D&D Recycling	104 Lee Road	buyback	aluminum	10-2, Mon.-Fri. & by appointment	722-3597
\$ Watsonville Metals Co.	213 Dias Lane near Casserly & Webb	buyback collection	aluminum, glass, plastic drink bottles, non-ferrous metals, cardboard, news	8-5, Mon.-Fri. 8-4, Sat.	728-1551
\$ Bulaich Machinery & Salvage	39 Walker St.	buyback	most metals baled cardboard	8-5, Mon.-Fri. 9-4, Sat.	722-1096
\$ State Steel Company	56 Porter Drive in Pajaro	buyback	aluminum, non-ferrous metals	8-5, Mon.-Fri. 800-447-7117	724-7111 800-447-7117
\$ Envipco California	Nob Hill Food 1912 North Main St.	automated redemption	qualified beverage containers	anytime	none
\$ 20/20 Recycle Centers	Alberions, 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 & Bate		Collection for fee	confidential papers & files	by arrangement	722-4101

PEACE & JUSTICE CALENDAR

about this operating nuclear plant and waste dump in San Luis Obispo are invited to attend. Info: Diablo Project office, (805) 543-6614.

monday, sept. 9

"The Hidden Side of the Gulf War—The War on the Iraqi People," a talk and video program by Larry Everest, Bay Area Journalist. Presented by the Media Action Resources Group and The Christic Action Team. Larry Everest will speak about his 3-week investigative trip to Iraq and Jordan, which took place from June 20-July 10, where he witnessed first-hand the crises of scarce food and shelter, and the inadequate facilities for health, sanitation and other services. He will present video footage showing a cross-section of Iraqi society struggling to cope with its devastated infrastructure. Calvary Episcopal Parish Hall, 532 Center St., 7:30 p.m. Info: War Crimes Tribunal 335-3250.

monday, sept. 10

Police Review Public Forum. Panel discussion and a time to ask questions concerning a police review commission for Santa Cruz County. Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz, 7:30 p.m. Co-sponsors: Coalition for a Police Review Commission and Loudon Nelson Center. Info: 426-3254 or 427-1774.

US War Crimes in the Gulf will be the topic of a meeting that will include portions of a video containing a speech by Ramsey Clark and testimony exposing war crimes committed by the American government. A question & answer period will follow a presentation by Michael and Maureen Smith. Seaside Library, 7:30 p.m. Sponsor: Peace Coalition of Monterey County. Info: 883-0406.

wednesday, sept. 11

Al-Masrah for Palestinian Culture and Art will be performing their play "Ansar." The play highlights

the condition of Palestinian political prisoners in the Israeli detention camp, known as Ansar III in Arabic and Ketziot in Hebrew. Al-Masrah is a non-profit organization dedicated to the development of Palestinian culture and art and to the promotion of creativity in all its forms. Cabrillo College Theater, 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be available through the Resource Center for Nonviolence and the Cabrillo College Box Office. \$10-15 sliding scale. Sponsored by the Resource Center for Nonviolence and the Cabrillo College Students for Social Responsibility. Info: Resource Center 423-1626.

thursday, sept. 12

Evaluation Meeting of Santa Cruz City Councilmember Scott Kennedy. Arranged by Scott Kennedy for you to share any thoughts or concerns about his performance on the city council to date, and to make any suggestions for the future. Mayor's Conference Room, City Council Office, 809 Center Street, 7:30 p.m. Also see Sept. 16. Info: 429-3550.

saturday, sept. 14

US War Crimes in the Gulf. Bay Area hearing of the Commission of Inquiry for the International War Crimes Tribunal. (Car pool to San Francisco from the Santa Cruz County Building parking lot at 10 a.m. Call 688-8692 after Sept. 1st.) Mission High School, 18th and Dolores St., San Francisco. Testimony begins at 1 p.m.; evening rally at 7:30 p.m. Sponsors: Commission of Inquiry and Emergency Committee to Stop the US War in the Middle East. Info: (415) 821-6545.

monday, sept. 16

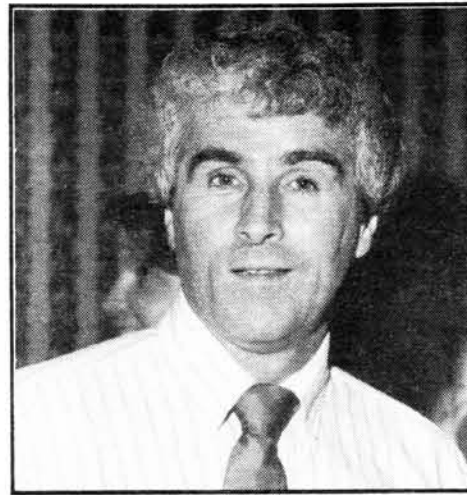
Evaluation meeting of Santa Cruz City Councilmember Scott Kennedy. 404 King St., 7:30 p.m. Also see Sept. 12. Info: 429-3550.

thursday, sept. 19

Free Composting Workshop. Learn how to turn your food and yard waste into a valuable soil conditioner. Participants are asked to bring typical compostable materials from their backyards and to wear clothing that you can wipe your hands on. Sponsored by Ecology Action of Santa Cruz and funded by the County of Santa Cruz. 4-6 p.m. Alianza Elementary School, Life Lab Garden, 440 Arthur Rd., Watsonville. Info: Ecology Action 427-1357.

friday, sept. 20—sunday, sept. 22

Fall Harvest Wellness Fair. Over 60 booths offering services and products such as chiropractors, mas-



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sage therapists, acupuncturists, tarot and astrological readings, as well as art, jewelry, new age music, books and tapes. Live music, art show, lectures and demonstrations. Special Children's Celebration Friday evening, with clowns, jugglers and face painters. Food and beverages from Keffi's Restaurant will be available for purchase. Friday 6-10 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday noon-7 p.m. General admission at the door \$5. Friday, special 2 for 1 tickets. Children through age 12 free (all 3 days). Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium, 307 Church Street. Info: 459-0523.

saturday, sept. 21

A Topical and Dynamic Discussion with Daniel Sheehan, head lawyer for the Christic Institute. Sheehan will discuss recent events that are profoundly affecting the political climate in America today. Veteran's Auditorium, 842 Front St., Santa Cruz, 7:30 p.m. Sliding scale cost (call for details). Sponsors: Santa Cruz Christic Action Team and Bill Motto VFW Post 5888. Info: 426-3254 or 426-2292.

"Creating Community Out Of Diversity: A Workshop on Overcoming Barriers." Presented by Loudon Nelson Community Center. The workshop will draw on the theory and framework of Ricky Sherover-Marcuse, a pioneer in the area of unlearning the "isms" that keep our communities from reaching their potential. Roland Saher, MFCC, will facilitate. Loudon Nelson Community Center, 301 Center Street, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sliding scale \$10-\$30. Pre-registration required by Tuesday, Sept. 17. Info and pre-registration: 429-3504.

International Peace Festival, "Think Globally, Party Locally." Presented by Mt. Diablo Peace

Center. Northern California's peace, justice, and environmental communities unite to celebrate diversity and home and abroad. The multicultural day features an information fair, international music, great food, and children's games. Admission: one can of food or \$3 per person, under 12 free. Todos Santos Plaza, Willow Pass Rd. and Grant St., downtown Concord, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Raffle drawing, live auction of world art and special donations 4:30 p.m. Info: (415) 933-7850

saturday, sept. 28

Independent Adoption Center free information session. The nonprofit center has helped over 900 families to adopt infants, providing counseling and low-cost legal services. Santa Cruz Library meeting room, Central Branch, 224 Church Street, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Info: 986-8343.

sunday, sept. 29

Chill Cookoff. Proceeds will benefit the San Jose Peace Center. Food, arts and crafts booths, and live entertainment. Noon-6 p.m., on 7th Street just south of Santa Clara Street, downtown San Jose. Info and tickets: 297-2299.

monday, sept. 30

Travelling With a Camcorder: Making Television Worth Watching. Award winning documentary maker Jorge Monzon and producer Mark Adams bring a multimedia presentation on their Rainforest Video Project designed to teach non-professional camcorder users how to shoot a public access cable television documentary on the sustainable rainforest strategies in Costa Rica. Bookshop Santa Cruz, 1547 Pacific Ave., Santa Cruz, 7 p.m. Free. Info: 761-5551.

friday, october 4

An evening with Dr. Helen Caldicott, Nobel Peace Prize nominee, author, and lecturer. Sponsored by the San Jose Peace Center and Professors for Social Responsibility. Morris Daily Auditorium, San Jose State University, 8 p.m. Tickets: 297-2299.

friday, october 4—sunday, october 6

Missile Silo Site Occupation. A civil resistance action at one of the Minuteman missile silos in Western Missouri. Sponsors: Missouri Peace Planters, P.O. Box 22374, Kansas City, MO 64113 and Nukewatch, P.O. Box 2658, Madison, WI 53701-2658.

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ONGOING EVENTS

MONDAYS:

Coalition for Nicaragua regular meeting. Meetings held on the 2nd Monday of every month are educational and include both historical information and current events and action. Free and open to the public. Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz, 7-9 p.m. Info: 335-7164.

San Lorenzo Valley Peace Coalition meeting. Every other Monday (call first to confirm) at United Methodist Church, Boulder and Mountain Sts., Boulder Creek, 7 p.m. Info: 475-3114.

Santa Cruz Action for Big Mountain meeting. Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz, 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 St., Santa Cruz. Info: 426-5072.

Queer Nation meeting 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz, 7-9 p.m. Open to anyone interested in direct action for lesbian/gay/bisexual visibility and acceptance. Info: 457-2521.

Current Events Discussion Group. Free. YWCA, 303 Walnut St., Santa Cruz. Time to be announced. Info: 426-3062.

TUESDAYS:

Earthbeat. A KZSC (88.1 FM) program (every other Tuesday) in search of justice, peace and environmental sanity. Featuring news, music, spoken word, and special guests. Hosted by Tom Kruzik, 7-8:30 p.m.

"The Open Door," a drop-in support group for battered women. 7-9 p.m., Free. YWCA, 303 Walnut St., Santa Cruz. 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 Ave., Santa Cruz. 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, Santa Cruz. 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 Ave., Santa Cruz, 8 p.m. Info: 335-3216 or 476-5957.

Women's International League for Peace & Freedom general meeting. 1st Wednesday of the month. Trinity Presbyterian Church, Poplar and Melrose, Santa Cruz. Call to confirm time. Info: 457-8004.

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

THURSDAYS:

National Organization for Women general meeting. 1st Thursday of the month. Temple Beth El, 3055 Porter Gulch Rd., Aptos. 7 p.m. Open to the public. Info: 335-7704.

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 at SCAP office. Open to seronegative and seropositive individuals. Info: Wendy at SCAP, 427-3900.

NOW's Reproductive Rights Task Force meeting. 4th Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Call 426-6448 or 458-2959 for location.

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

FRIDAYS:

"Open Michelle," a women's open mike. One Friday each month (call to confirm). 7:30 p.m. Come early to sign up for a performance spot. Women only. YWCA, 303 Walnut St., Santa Cruz. \$1 donation at door. Info: 429-7924.

SATURDAYS:

Bystander CPR. One Saturday a month (call for details). 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 Ave., Santa Cruz, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Pre-registration required. Info: 426-3062.

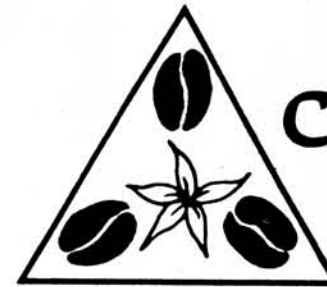
SUNDAYS:

Santa Cruz Students for Social Responsibility meetings — Sundays (no meeting in summer; next meeting is Sept. 29) 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.

Women's International League for Peace & Freedom, 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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