



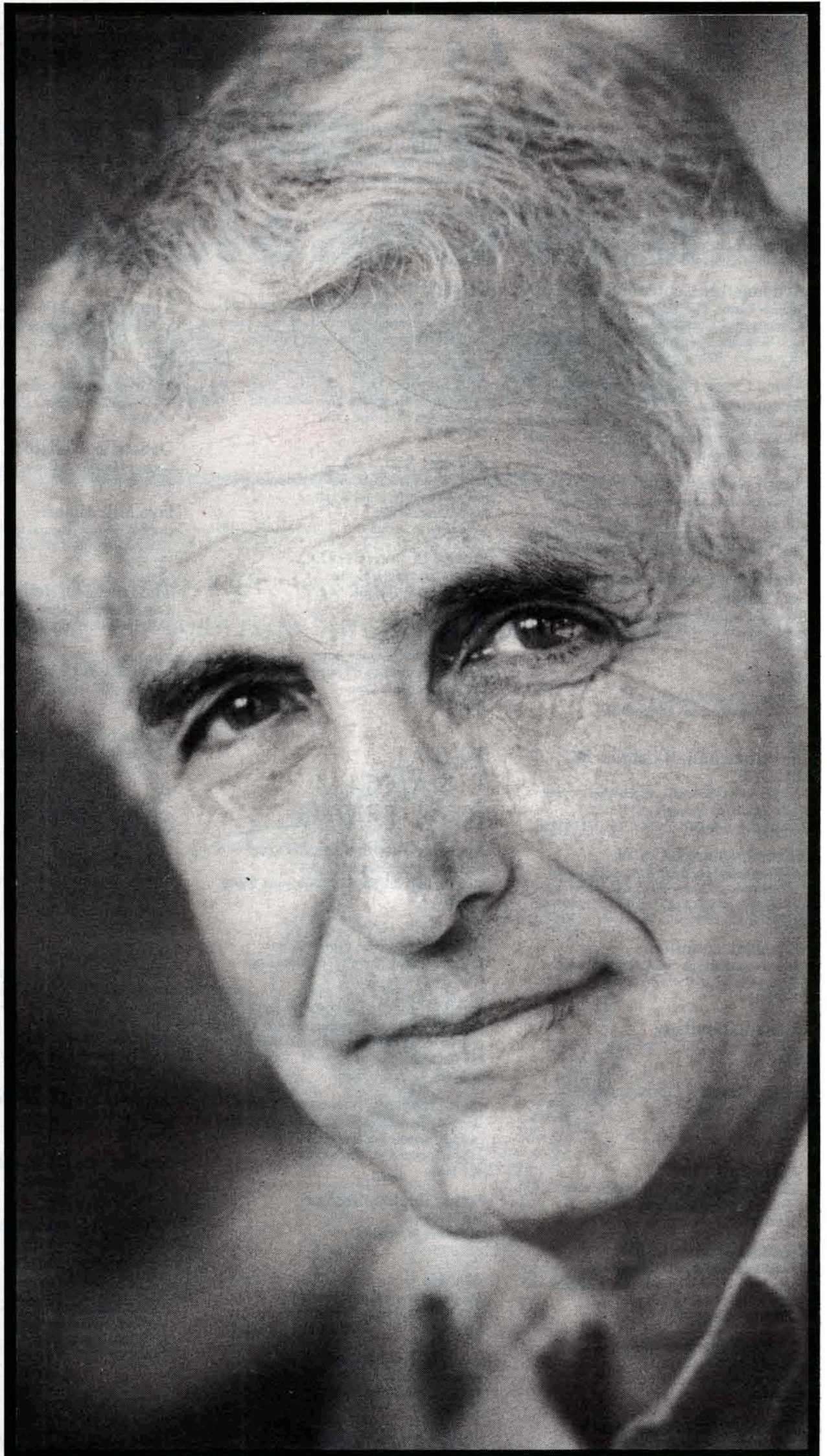
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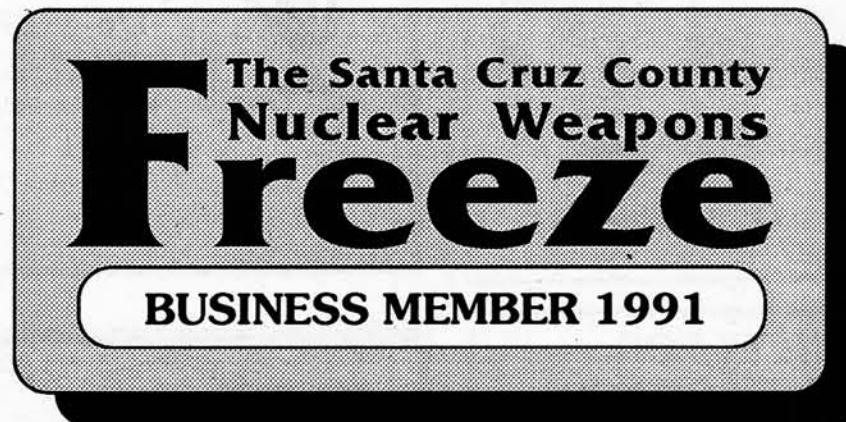
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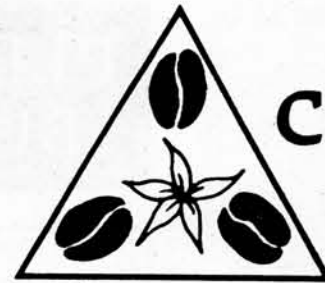
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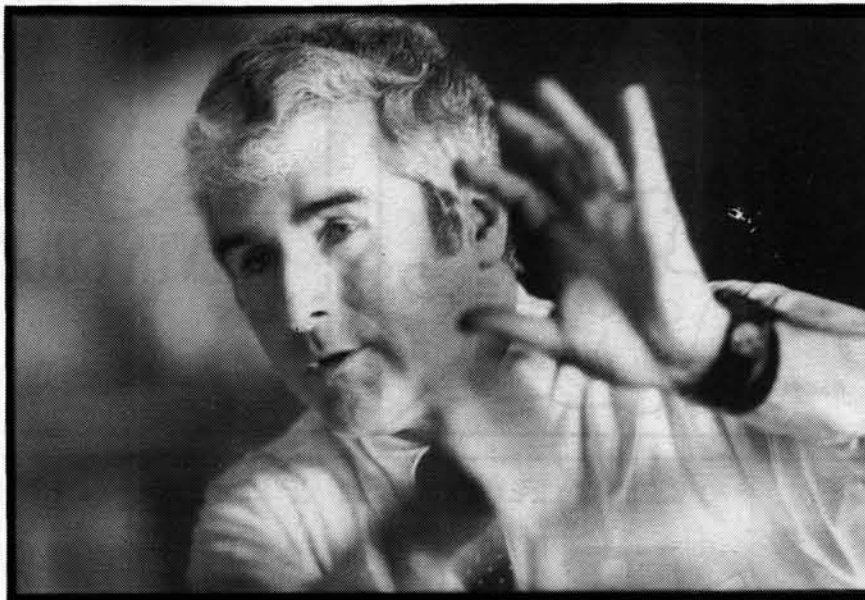
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CORRECTION

In my article in last month's *Planet*, I overstated the casualties of the insurrection against Saddam Hussein's regime after the allied victory over Iraq. Greenpeace has published the following summary of deaths in the Gulf crisis, the war and its aftermath:

- Iraqi troops killed during the war — 100,000-200,000.
- Kurds and other displaced people who died in camps and on the road — 15,000-30,000.
- Iraqis killed in the rebellions against Saddam Hussein — 20,000.
- Iraqis who died from starvation and disease after the war — 4,000-16,000.

- Iraqi civilians killed during the war — 5,000-15,000.
- Kuwaitis killed during the Iraqi occupation and war — 2,000-5,000.
- Allied troops killed in action and in accidents — 343.

Thank you for printing this correction.

Scott Kennedy
Santa Cruz

SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT

I've just read the *Planet* from cover to cover and am amazed at the analytical detail and unimpeachable correctness of nearly everything stated concerning George Bush, the Middle East, Kuwaiti atrocities, etc., but disappointed to find no focus upon the local or regional reasons why the American public performs like slobs who elect (by both voting and non-voting) thugs to run public affairs. In short, you're not really saying anything to get things moving toward a peaceful world. Well, you might ask, what would tend to get things moving? Here are some suggestions:

1. *Education.* The school system in this country is administered by illiterates whose prime function is to produce the slobs who support militarism. Yet, by never raising this issue, the *Planet* blissfully allows illiteracy to continue, thus assuring that the peace message will never get across, with consumerism triumphant. For starters, to get the schools to do their jobs, the "school district" should be abolished, all the administrators fired, and the schools run solely by teachers — teachers, that is, *not* trained in "Schools of Education" where students waste time away from the world history, literature and art that would make them good teachers.

2. *Politics.* In the whole world, there are only two political parties: the Humanist and the Machinist. The Machinists, of course, are in control of all the governments, corporations, schools, labor unions and the nominal "political parties." All the talk about "Republicans" and "Democrats" and "Socialists" and "Progressives" and "Conservatives" is the huge smoke screen used to obscure and defeat the Humanist program. The

Planet, though certifiably Humanist, seems content to recognize and dignify Machinist Democrats, for example, as people working for or against peace. (I am not totally opposed to Machines; yet I would suggest they be used in the inconspicuous service of man- and womankind.)

3. *Toxicars.* No person who cares about the Earth, its people, its children could possibly any longer drive or ride in an internal combustion vehicle — a toxicar. This fact should be stated baldly and repeatedly in publications like the *Planet* if a semblance of sanity were to appear in the world body politic. How discussions of the Gulf War could fail to mention the necessity to get rid of toxicars is incredible. If all the people of Humanist persuasion (perhaps a silent majority) were to stop driving or riding in toxicars, the Machinist thugs would be summarily defeated.

These are some of the types of ideas I find missing from the pages of the *Planet* — ideas whose inclusion would make for a publication of far more widespread interest and relevance.

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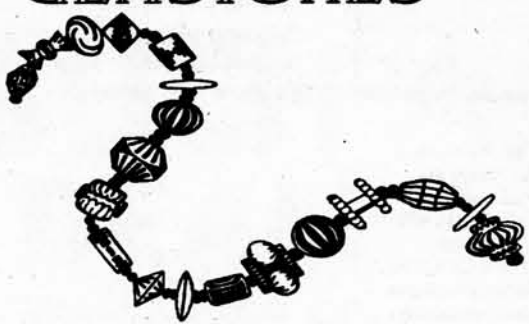
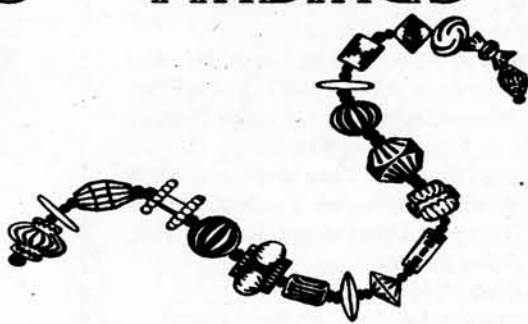
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WOMEN & URINALS, PART 1

Who would have thought that I could walk into a rest room equipped with a urinal and actually use one? Surely not me. At least not before I read that letter from Sandra Wong in your "Letters" section a while back. It was absolutely the gosh awful truth. I went to a concert last weekend at the Shoreline and the line to the women's rest room was beyond belief so a friend and myself said, "what the heck," and strolled into the men's room as did several other women. The big difference between them and us was that they had to wait in agony for the next available stall while my friend and I were able to use a urinal easily without waiting, much to the dismay of most everyone else in the facility.

This is without a doubt the most innovative letter I have ever seen printed in your paper and one of the best ideas/solutions to a problem that has come about in some time. Thanks again for printing the letter and come on world — get on the ball — I am living proof that urinals are and would be a feasible addition for womankind.

Lorna Ho
San Francisco

WOMEN & URINALS, PART 2

I would like to thank you so much for printing the letter from Sandra Wong in your July issue. When I initially read the letter I thought it was a joke; after all I had been doing it the "normal girl's way" for my first 22 years of existence and the couple of times I did try to stand or use a urinal when nature called it was a mess, to say the least.

On a whim I did reply to Ms. Wong's letter and am I ever glad I did. Not only has her enlightenment come in handy for myself a dozen or so times in the last month while attending concerts, going backpacking and in general day-to-day life, I am leaving for Japan for the next 11 months and I am sure her method will come in handy when I am abroad.

If possible, could you please reprint Ms. Wong's letter? I urge any female who has ever wished she could relieve herself in a standing position, use a urinal, cares about equality in public facilities, and would like to save a drop or two of water, to respond to her offer because believe it or not real women can and do, do it standing up!!!

Arigato.

Lin-Lin Tsou
San Jose

WOMEN & URINALS, PART 3

I can't believe it! I responded to Sandra Wong's letter in your July issue in which she states women can stand up while urinating and have the convenience of using urinals if they are available. What a concept! For three years now I have had urinals staring me in the face every morning in my dorm rest room and for three years I had tried to figure

out how I, a female could use one. My dilemma was solved on a trip to Santa Cruz this summer when I picked up a copy of your paper. Please, if you can, share Ms. Wong's letter with those who missed it or thought it was just a joke, by reprinting it so I won't be the only girl standing hip to hip next to a guy at the urinals. What a concept! What a reality!

Aileen Catapusan
Concord

WOMEN & URINALS, PART 4

Editor's note: Due to popular demand, here is Sandra Wong's original letter.

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

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

The majority of the population feels that this is absolutely impossible, a female standing to urinate, but in reality, it is a rather easy thing to do. Almost every woman on earth at some time has wished she could accomplish


this. I, myself, have been doing it since my mother taught me as an alternative to "hovering" when I was about five years old. You do not need any devices such as a funnel and no artificial prosthetic apparatus either. Your God-given anatomy is all you need.

I hope you as a paper will print this, the general public will respond, and the female population as a whole will give this a try to not only help break down the gender

barrier, ease the comforts of camping and outdoor active life, but save us a few gallons of precious water at the same time.


Any women interested in how this rather easy process is done, please send me a self-addressed stamped envelope and I will be more than happy to share this with you.

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WHAT IS THE TALLY OF REAGAN/BUSH MASSACRES?

We have read and enjoyed your fascinating paper for years as an alternative to the myopic mainstream press, which is pro-Congress, pro-president, pro-nuclear and pro-war unquestionably, as in servile, servant, slave, subversive to democracy. Kennedy's feature article "Nuked World Odor" [sic] is shockingly devoid of massacre details, considering that he went to Iraq and was subjected to vitriol from our infamous Santa Cruz third-finger-flingers who slather upon the blink of President Bush's cruel eagle eye.

While we are subjected to the collapse of our schools, bus line, water supply, aid to the blind and disabled, starvation for our children, outrageous tax hikes for the poverty-level income people, an election fraud system that allows president, Congress, governor and legislature to hold power without regard to winning 51 percent of the electorate vote; the virtual destruction of our forests leading to California desert; college graduates as \$4.25/hour fry cooks; and a huge percentage who cannot read or write; landlords squeezing us out of food and drink...strange to be living in the age of America's collapse and no one cares; to be ripped off royally in taxes for President Bush's massacres world-wide; to know as this is written that he is bombing babies to bits somewhere in the world for some sage reason; that Congress is a one-party system disguised as two, re-elected automatically, blah, blah ad nauseum.

The point is — if our courts give out life sentences for murder, why do we allow President Bush to commit mass-murder without trial? How many has he killed, maimed as President Reagan's apprentice and on his own? This is the point that sticks in my throat — not one of the endless atrocities misnamed war under either president has had any purpose other than mass murder of our own troops and civilian, helpless populations.

Nor will we get an answer from our Congress — persons who act as spineless as jellyfish, and without conscience.

We want you to give us the presidential tally of world massacres under Reagan and Bush, including their invasion of South and Central American nations under the clever disguise of anti-drug puritanism. We understand that most of the American troop deaths have been friendly fire, and there was virtually no military resistance by the Iraqis — another gigantic fraud upon the sleeping, good-hearted generous Americans? How Americans must be despised as the world's cruellest massacre experts?

*Ms. and Mr. Roberta,
Sam Reynolds
Santa Cruz*

OPPOSE UCSC'S PLANS FOR COLLEGES 9 AND 10

Why has UCSC decided to build Colleges 9 and 10 in a unique area regarded as the most beautiful and beloved by students and staff? At a public meeting of the Campus Facilities Planning Committee I heard the chairperson of the College 9 and 10 site committee describe the proposed site as one of the most beautiful places in the world. At the meeting the committee stonewalled any suggestions from the public that opposed their plans and the public has no influence on the decision making process.

There are alternative sites; according to the EIR the only justification for the College 9 and 10 site was that it completes the arc. According to the final EIR, Colleges 9 and 10 will bring up to 2,744 students and provide classroom space for 585 students. Housing costs at UCSC are skyrocketing: in 199-91 a single dorm room without meal plan cost \$470 a month, and when Colleges 9 and 10 are constructed it will be approximately \$600 a month.

Student fees are escalating, there is a deterioration in the quality of education resulting in overcrowded classes, there is an inability to enroll in classes needed for graduation, there are fewer professors and more teaching assistants teaching. Working conditions are deteriorating with staff workloads doubling in the midst of hiring freezes.

There will be a public hearing Tuesday, October 1 at 7 pm at the UCSC student center multi-purpose room. This will be the last chance for the public to express its views on the proposed timber harvest for Colleges 9 and 10.

*Bob DeBolt
Santa Cruz*

PULL YOUR HEAD OUT OF THE TV

I needed to write and express my sadness for the people of this country who seem to have chosen comfortable ignorance over troubled awareness. There are so many people who choose to stick their heads in their TVs. And the thing is that only 13 corporations own 80 percent of the nation's newspapers, magazines, radio stations, and they control seven major movie studios. This means we're bound to be getting somewhat biased programming — the primary message being what a great nation we are. Is it such a great nation where free enterprise has practically been monopolized by the rich? Where there are 2.5 million fewer low-cost housing units than there were ten years ago? Where 40 percent of the children are homeless? Where "for the cost of the B-1 bomber, every single scrap of lead paint could be removed from every house in America and four million children could have been saved from brain damage and a doubtful

future?" according to Conn Hallinan, lecturer in journalism at UCSC, reporter for Pacific News Service, and a free lance journalist.

Where are the priorities? Where are the people who care to pull their heads out of their TVs and look at what's really going on?

*Deitra McMahon
Soquel*

PEOPLE POWER WANTS BIKE-FRIENDLY DOWNTOWN

The city of Santa Cruz is currently holding a series of public hearings of great importance for bicyclists and environmentalists. The hearings are about the new general plan for Santa Cruz. The general plan is a document which spells out city policies and priorities for the next 2-4 years. The circulation element — a part of the general plan — deals with transportation issues. Part of the circulation element — the Arterial Streets Master Plan, ASMP — designates which streets are expected to serve as heavy traffic-carrying thoroughfares, or "arterial" streets. Arterial streets are candidates for road-widening projects for the purpose of increasing traffic capacity.

At the recent traffic commission hearing (28 Aug.) on the draft ASMP, dozens urged the commissioners to support biking and public transit instead of undertaking road widening projects. This is not new: for years, neighborhood activists have been arguing against city plans to funnel more traffic onto their home streets. What is new is that now the commissioners are listening.

At issue is the draft ASMP's projection for increased per capita driving, as well as the proposed road projects to accommodate the projected increase, but it makes only passing mention of possible methods for preventing or alleviating it.

Commissioners listened for three hours as speaker after speaker lambasted the automobile and its environmental and social impacts. People from Broadway, Laurel, and Live Oak neighborhoods delivered a clear and consistent message: not in my backyard, not in anyone's backyard, not in our city. Eastside business owners united to oppose "improvements" to increase traffic on Soquel Ave. Parents spoke of the dangers to children from increased traffic near schools and day care centers. Bicyclists, including a delegation from People Power (the local bike activist organization) spoke in favor of more bike lanes.

People Power pointed out that the draft ASMP is based on the concept of a "level of service," or LOS, which is implicitly a level of service provided to motorists, and ignores the needs of cyclists and other users of alternative transportation (despite the traffic commission's stated position favoring bicycling and public transit). People Power then unveiled a set of proposals to improve service for alternative

modes of transportation. The centerpiece proposal was a "Bike Arterial Streets Master Plan," designed to give cyclists safe and direct routes to all points in the city.

Other People Power proposals would give new bike lanes priority over on-street parking and even auto travel lanes; and request that the traffic commission develop the concept of "level of service" for users of alternative transportation.

When public testimony was closed, it was the commissioner's turn to blast "the stinking automobile" (as it is referred to by commissioner Ron Swenson). Commissioner Ed Porter made a motion on the proposed new road connecting Broadway and Brommer streets: that it should be considered only as a bike and pedestrian project, with no cars. The motion passed unanimously. Contra-flow bike lanes — which would allow two-way bike traffic on one way streets — also were considered by the commission. The commission unanimously approved Commissioner Porter's motion to (in the future) consider the installation of a contra-flow bike plan in any location where there was significant public input requesting it.

Commissioner Swenson initiated a motion directing city staff to study scenarios in which the increase in traffic (projected by the draft ASMP) would not occur.

There was also a lively discussion concerning a suggestion made by Kevin Karplus (chair of the County Bicycle Committee), that the controversial eastern access to the UCSC campus be designated only for alternative modes of transportation.

A related development transpired earlier this year. In February, Vision Santa Cruz (the downtown reconstruction advisory board) proposed a draft recovery plan with almost no provision for bicycles. People Power got wind of this deficiency, and submitted a detailed "Plan for a Bike-Friendly Downtown" to Vision Santa Cruz, which preceded to veto almost all of it. But in April, when Vision Santa Cruz went to the city council for approval of its draft recovery plan, the city council, led by bike-friendly members Scott Kennedy and Katherine Beiers, directed Vision Santa Cruz to reconsider the People Power plan.

Vision Santa Cruz then appointed a special bike subcommittee to do just that. In June, after seeing the recommendations of that subcommittee, Vision Santa Cruz voted to approve roughly half of the bike friendly measures in the original People Power plan.

The bicycle revolution is coming to Santa Cruz. Although it's not as dramatic as the events unfolding in the former Soviet Union, it too represents a triumph over tyranny, in this case the tyranny of the automobile. It is up to us cyclists to keep up the momentum by supporting bike-friendly politicians, and letting them know what we want.

*Don Fong
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Bush's Arms Proposal:

A Small Step in the Right Direction

By Shelly D'Amour

PRESIDENT BUSH'S DRAMATIC MOVE last month to eliminate an entire class of US nuclear warheads met with delight and amazement around the globe; while at home, it sent defense contractors and military strategists scrambling to understand the impact the decision might have upon current and future military projects.

On September 27th, Bush outlined his plans to dismantle or store the estimated 1,250 tactical nuclear weapons which are currently deployed in Europe and in South Korea. Tactical weapons are nuclear weapons with ranges of up to 70 miles which are designed to be used against troops and equipment on the battlefield. Both the United States and the Soviet Union have long possessed a sizeable arsenal of tactical weapons, the existence of which has been used as a deterrent against land invasions by either side. Tactical weapons have never, of course, been employed, although President Bush was reported to have been considering their use in the war against Iraq.

The weapons, which are both land- and sea-based, will be brought back to the United States for disposition. Some

will be dismantled. Others will go into storage. In addition, the president declared a "stand down" of the nation's Minuteman missiles and B-52s from 24-hour alert status. Since 1957, a force of B-52 bomber planes has been airborne around the clock, prepared for instant response to a presidential order to begin nuclear war. Likewise, deep beneath the earth's surface in places like the Strategic Air Command in Nebraska, or Whiteman Air Base in Missouri, missile crews have pulled their lonely vigils, waiting for a command they hoped would never come.

In his nationally televised speech, the president stated that he would like to begin negotiations with the Soviet Union to eliminate multiple missile warheads, or MIRVs, from each superpower's long-range ballistic arsenal. MIRVs are multiple, independently targeted warheads attached to inter-continental ballistic missiles (ICBMs). The MX missile, for example, which contains up to 10 warheads, is the classic US MIRVed system.

The president's arms reduction announcement has received enthusiastic, if somewhat confused, support from arms control advocates. It would appear that Mr. Bush, who has never been



AND THEN, SUDDENLY... THE "PEACE" PRESIDENT

exactly dovish on military matters, has had a sudden conversion of sorts. Has the "education president" now become the "peace president?" Not exactly.

Administration officials indicated that it was the president's growing con-

cern over the safety of nuclear weapons in the various Soviet republics that led to the decision to take unilateral action on US tactical weapons. The president is gambling that Soviet republics will follow suit. Short-range weapons are believed to be based in the republics of Russia, the Ukraine, Byelorussia, Kazakhstan, and others.

Officials are demonstrating a sudden unusual level of concern for the well-being of the Soviet Union. "They are in a situation where there are far too many nuclear weapons for their own health," relayed one unnamed source to *The New York Times*. US Defense Secretary Dick Cheney also encouraged the USSR to divest itself of this "expensive drag on their economy, which they do not need and cannot afford." At no time did the administration express similar concerns about the "expensive drag" military spending has placed on the US economy.

In his address to the nation, Bush appealed to Congress to maintain support for the B-2 stealth bomber and Star Wars, stating that full funding for these programs was critical toward "insuring the credibility of our deterrent." The B-2 and Star Wars are strategic systems designed to counter Soviet military threat against the United States. Since that threat no longer exists to any significant degree, it was not clear from Mr.

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Bush's statement why such a deterrent was still needed. In addition, Mr. Bush stated that defense spending should not be decreased further than the 25 percent already planned for over the next five years, adding "the peace dividend I seek is not measured in dollars but in greater security."

Congressional supporters of the B-2 and Star Wars say that Mr. Bush has handed them a very difficult assignment. Senate Armed Services Committee chair Sam Nunn (D-GA) stated that the president's latest proposals have made reductions in B-2 and Star Wars even more likely than before. Nunn indicated that the Senate had hoped to use the MX as a "bargaining chip" in its negotiations with the House over which programs will be funded in the new fiscal year, which started October 1st. Now that the president has indicated his intention to eventually eliminate the MX, Nunn feels that Senate conferees have nothing to bargain with.

In recent months the House cut off all funding for the B-2 stealth bomber, and reduced the president's Strategic Defense Initiative (Star Wars) funding request significantly. The Senate, by contrast, funded Mr. Bush's full request for four additional B-2 bombers, and embarked on a controversial plan to begin ground-based deployment of an SDI system by 1995. House and Senate conference committee members are now charged with ironing out the differences in order to produce a unified military spending bill. Senate conferees had

hoped to offer dropping MX funding if House conferees would agree to a compromise on B-2 funding.

The current military spending bill is slated for \$291 billion for fiscal year 1992. Secretary Cheney indicated that no savings from the arms reductions would be realized in the short run due to the expenses involved in transporting and dismantling weapons. However, like the stone that is cast into a still pond, the ripples of this latest action are starting to be felt.

One very positive outcome is that the country's demand for plutonium and tritium production is suddenly greatly lessened. The plutonium cores from dismantled weapons can be processed and reused. Likewise, tritium gas from decommissioned warheads can be stored for future use. Congress is in the process of reviewing Department of Energy recommendations for revamping the nation's weapons production facilities. The elimination of tactical weapons may result in certain facilities being closed permanently.

Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev has expressed support and optimism about the Bush proposal. He challenged the United States to institute a ban on underground nuclear weapons testing. The Republic of Kazakhstan has closed its test site at Semipalatinsk, and it appears that the other Soviet test sites are not currently operating.

In making his move now, Mr. Bush is hoping to achieve a similar response from the Soviet Union as a whole, while

it can still act as such. It may already be too late. As central governing authority erodes a little more each day in the Soviet Union, Mr. Bush may have to look forward to 15 individual sets of negotiations. Mr. Gorbachev is conferring with leaders in the various republics, but will probably not risk an action on the scale of Mr. Bush's without first having obtained their support. US administration officials concede that if Mr. Gorbachev is unable to do so, the best they can hope for is that individual republics will destroy whatever tactical nuclear weapons exist on their soil. If not, the world will enter into a very dangerous and unstable period in its history.

Mr. Bush has embarked on a courageous and historic course. For that he deserves congratulations and encouragement. However, his continued support for high levels of military spending, for underground testing, and for expensive and unnecessary systems such as the B-2 and Star Wars, indicates that he continues to operate within the framework of superpowers engaged in a Cold War. Is it really a New World Order that Mr. Bush envisions, or a more tightly controlled Pax Americana in which the US exercises economic and military dominance over the rest of the world without fear of interference? Congress has an unprecedented opportunity to take up the thread that Mr. Bush has (no doubt unintentionally) offered, and begin to unravel the military ties that have bound us and the planet to an unthinkable conclusion.

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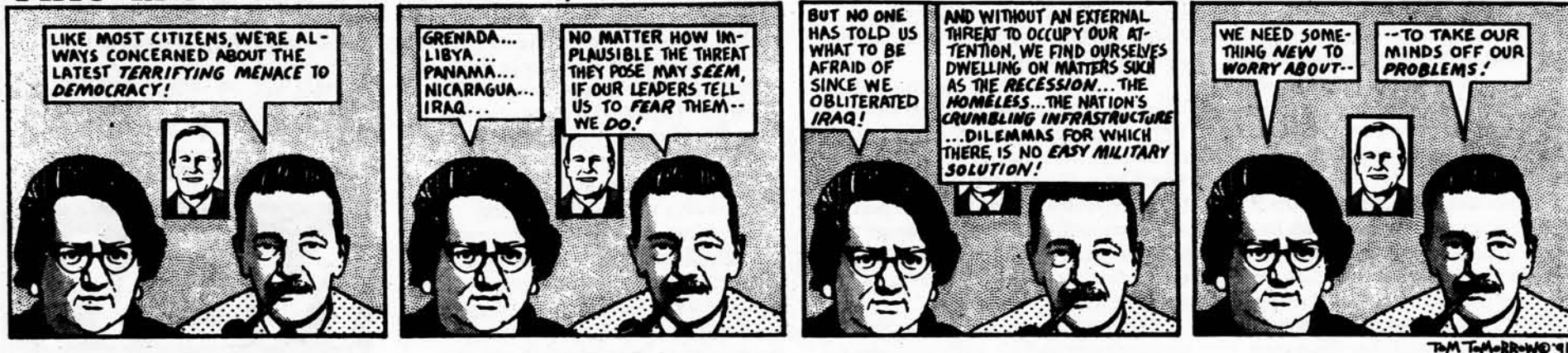
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Will Congress Continue to Fund Weapons Designed for a Cold War World?

by Shelly D'Amour

AT PRESS TIME, MEMBERS OF Congress are meeting in conference committee to hammer out their differences over next year's military spending bill. At issue is whether Congress will continue to fund weapons systems which were designed for a Cold War world.

The House and Senate remain locked in their respective positions over the fate of the B-2 (Stealth) bomber and Star Wars. In recent months, the House voted to end the B-2 program after the currently planned-for 15 planes are built. By contrast, the Senate approved President Bush's full request of \$3.2 billion to build four additional bombers next year. The B-2 has come under increasing scrutiny as recent performance evaluations indicate that the plane is not as "stealthy" as it was once thought. A July 26 Air Force flight test revealed that the bat-styled bomber was not, in fact, "invisible," but rather proved to be more radar-detectable than Congress was led to believe when original designs for the aircraft were first presented.

Originally designed to counter Soviet ICBMs, the B-2 is suddenly a bomber without a mission. White House and Pentagon officials are attempting to rehabilitate the plane's current public perception as a Cold War relic by redirecting its purpose toward addressing regional military conflicts. To succeed, however, Pentagon strategists must counter three years of their own publicity, which painted the B-2 as the ultimate in modern military equipment, a necessity in a world susceptible to Soviet aggression. More than any other single weapons system, the B-2 has become the poster child symbol of a world order which no longer exists.

Recognizing that its number one cash cow may shortly be rendered obsolete, Northrop Corporation (the principal contractor for the B-2),

pulled out all the stops recently in an aggressive ad campaign designed to garner grassroots public support. Californians in particular have been treated to a regular series of elaborate newspaper displays, depicting the B-2 as a major source of jobs and revenue for the state. A September 26 *San Jose Mercury News* article investigated the claims made in the Northrop ad, and found them to be somewhat less than accurate. For example, Northrop claims that the B-2 provides over 35,000 jobs and pumps over \$1 billion into California's economy. However, the *Mercury* points out that much of the money invested in Northern California subcontractors actually went to purchase software. A survey of area defense contractors indicated that few jobs were so directly tied to the B-2 program that they would be in jeopardy if the system were to lose its funding.

The White House is itself engaged in a heavy lobbying campaign to save the beleaguered system. It is believed that the conference committee will approve funding for two additional bombers, at most. To date, 15 are scheduled for completion, three of which have actually been built. The president would like to eventually commission 75 stealth bombers. At current costs of \$800 million a copy, that's more than most congressmembers are willing to swallow. Opponents of the B-2 are demanding a shift in national priorities, pointing to the real and immediate domestic needs which have gone unattended since the beginning of the Reagan years. Senator Jim Sasser (D-TN), who has spearheaded most of the efforts to defeat the B-2 in the Senate, put the choice succinctly: "Make no mistake: opting to buy expensive Cold War systems will have a real and negative influence on the quality of life in this country."

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Whatever struggles the conference committee is engaged in over the B-2, they pale in comparison to what is unfolding over the future of the Star Wars program.

An effort is underway in the Senate to establish a ground-based deployment system for SDI, potentially derailing the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty. The 1972 treaty prohibits the flight testing and deployment of ballistic missile defense systems in space. To date, the ABM Treaty has effectively kept the arms race out of space. All that may eventually change, however, if a controversial new Star Wars deployment plan gains acceptance in Congress.

In August, the Senate approved \$4.6 billion toward deployment of up to 100 ground-based missiles on a site near Grand Forks, North Dakota, by 1996. The House scaled back its SDI commitment this year, authorizing

\$2.7 billion. The Grand Forks deployment plan is not part of the House funding measure.

The ABM Treaty actually allows for a maximum ground deployment of 100 missiles on a single site. A coalition of center-right senators, including Armed Services chair Sam Nunn (D-GA), is backing the deployment proposal. Additionally, some senators have indicated an interest in either renegotiating the ABM Treaty to embrace additional deployments, or abandoning it altogether.

In June, Senators William Cohen (R-ME), and John Warner (R-VA), issued a report calling for renegotiation of the ABM Treaty so as to allow up to 1,200 ABM launchers deployed at up to seven sites. The report encouraged "unlimited testing and development" of anti-ballistic missile technologies, and even export of these technologies to other countries.

The July/August issue of *Arms Control Today* states that the Cohen/Warner report calls on the president to demand Soviet acceptance of these changes within the next two years, or else risk US abrogation of the treaty. This would appear to directly contradict a June 7 letter to the president authored by the two senators, together with Senator Richard Lugar (R-IN), stating "we do not endorse abrogation of the ABM Treaty nor, indeed, do we believe there is a consensus in the Senate for abrogation."

The Senate has been giving these kinds of mixed messages over the ABM Treaty for the past few months. In August the Senate passed a resolution 99-0 which stated that the proposed Grand Forks deployment "does not imply Congressional authorization for development, testing, or deployment of anti-ballistic missile systems in violation of the ABM Treaty." Then, in a series of five votes, the Senate proceeded to strike down any amendment aimed at limiting Star Wars development in order to preserve the integrity of the treaty.

In order to gain enough support for ground-based deployment, pro-Star Wars members of Congress are trying to get President Bush to let go of the "brilliant pebbles" space-based missile interceptor program — at least temporarily. The Cohen/Warner report expressed enthusiasm for "brilliant pebbles" but acknowledged that a sufficient consensus of support did not exist in Congress at this time. Bush has threatened to veto the Department of Defense bill if funding for "brilliant pebbles" is not included.

A central figure in this debate is Armed Services chair Sam Nunn. Nunn has led the charge over the past six years in the Senate to preserve the ABM Treaty. Now he is spearheading the drive toward ground-based deployment. Senator Nunn is still reported to oppose any space-based deployment of a Star Wars system.

More than any other single weapons system, the B-2 has become the poster child symbol of a world order which no longer exists.

Wars for almost ten years without taking sufficient responsibility for the direction of the program. Now enough pieces have been developed that a decision must be made about its future. The actions of the conference committee will, in large measure, determine what path the US will travel in the face of new global realities. **ACTION:** If your senator is a member of the Defense Authorizations conference committee, urge him (yes, they're all "hims") to vote against any funding for Star Wars deployment. Otherwise, contact Senator Sam Nunn (202) 224-3521 and urge him to do the same.

NON-PROLIFERATION

Recent revelations of Iraqi possession of nuclear material, coupled with fears concerning breakaway Soviet republics in possession of nuclear weapons, has served to heighten congressional concern over nuclear proliferation. Two House members have introduced a measure aimed at strengthening the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

Representatives Edward Markey (D-MA) and Gerald Solomon (R-NY) have introduced HR2755, the Nuclear Proliferation Prevention Act of 1991. The legislation seeks to prohibit export of enriched uranium and place tighter restrictions on nuclear exports in general. In addition, it establishes sanctions against violators and seeks to improve controls over proliferation in the international community. The bill is currently in need of co-sponsors.

On the international front, France has decided to become a signatory to the NPT, and China has indicated it is considering similar action. Concerns over nuclear capability in Pakistan and India continue. In June, the House passed a measure which requires an annual presidential certification that India has not developed additional nuclear weapons, or else risk a cutoff of non-food-related foreign assistance. Pakistan lost its US foreign aid last year because it failed to meet the requirements for the presidential certification. Pakistan maintains its nuclear program is for "peaceful" purposes only.

The United States created the Pakistani problem in the first place when then-President Reagan agreed to allow Pakistan to acquire nuclear material for its nuclear power program, despite the fact that Pakistan refused to sign a non-proliferation agreement. Pakistan is now believed to have developed a crude nuclear device, although none are known to have been tested.

The Non-Proliferation Treaty will be

up for renewal on its 25th anniversary in 1995. It is imperative the the US set the pace toward that renewal now, by committing itself to becoming a non-supplier nation, and encouraging other nuclearized nations to do the same.

ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL

President Bush has requested Congress to delay consideration of \$10 billion in loan guarantees to Israel for 120 days, pending the results of the upcoming Arab-Israeli peace conference. The loan guarantees would assist Israel in absorbing and resettling Ethiopian and Soviet immigrants into the Occupied Territories. The settlement of immigrants in the Occupied Territories has been a core issue between Israel and its Arab neighbors. Twenty-five thousand acres of land in the occupied area has been seized since January of this year for immigrant resettlement.

The Friends Committee on National Legislation is calling on Congress to set the following conditions on any loan guarantees: 1) a freeze in Israeli settlement activity; 2) an official Israeli affirmation of UN resolution 242 (the "land for peace" resolution); and 3) that there be no forced expropriation of land or displacement of existing communities in Israel or the Occupied Territories.

The \$10 billion would be dispersed over a five-year period. A first installment of \$2 billion is already projected into Israel's budget for the coming year. Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT), chair of the Foreign Operations subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee, has indicated he will support the 120-day delay. However, the Senate is far from a consensus on this issue. President Bush stated recently that he will veto the loan appropriation if it comes prior to the peace conference.

NUCLEAR WASTE DISPOSAL

A proposal to place a "low-level" nuclear waste dump in Southern California is drawing fire as citizens prepare to gather for a public hearing slated for early October.

The proposed dump site is Ward Valley, a remote desert area near Needles, California. If approved, Ward Valley would become the first national dump site constructed since the 1960s. Currently, there are three low-level dumps operative in the United States, all of which are slated to close by 1993. So-called "low-level" radioactive wastes (LLW) include medical and industrial wastes, which decay very rapidly. However, the majority of LLW is generated by the nation's nuclear power plants and weapons facilities, and may remain lethal for hundreds of thousands of years.

Responding to complaints from the three states hosting dump sites — Washington, Nevada, and South Carolina — Congress created legislation in 1986 mandating that states which dump LLW come up with alternative sites by 1992. The legislation called for the formation of regional compacts among states. One state within each compact would be chosen as the dump

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site for waste material generated by the others. At the time, California — the largest generator of LLW west of the Mississippi — opted not to belong to a regional pact, but rather to have its own dump site. However, under the terms of the legislation, the federal government may force California to accept other states' waste materials.

Sometime in early 1987, the California State Department of Health Services contracted with a Kentucky-based firm with the dubious name U.S. Ecology to prospect for dump sites. USE has operated a string of similar facilities around the country, and holds an impressive track record for mismanagement which has resulted in enormous quantities of radioactive material being leaked.

The proposed Ward Valley site sits only 15 miles from the Colorado River. A huge underground reservoir is also located on the site. Additionally, desert plant and wildlife that inhabit the area, most notable the California desert turtle, are at risk.

Hearings are scheduled in Sacramento for October 8th (see calendar section for details). Testimony has been limited to four people from each side, at most. Opponents of the dump site are trying to persuade Mountain View Democrat Byron Sher, chair of the State Assembly Natural Resources Committee, to agree to extend the hearings for at least one entire day. **ACTION:** Contact Byron Sher (916) 445-7632/fax (916) 324-6974, and

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ask that he extend the hearings on the proposed Ward Valley dump site to allow for more public testimony. All members of the Natural Resources Committee should be encouraged to attend these hearings. To find out if your state assembly representative is a member of this committee, or to obtain additional information, call (in Northern California) Ward Young at (510) 658-2135, or (in Southern California) call Lisa Olsen at (213) 458-2694. If possible, plan to attend the hearings yourself.

EL SALVADOR

A Salvadoran military officer has been convicted of the November 1989 assassinations of six Jesuit priests and their two co-workers. The verdict marks the first time that any army officer has ever been tried and convict-

ed for human rights crimes in El Salvador. However, it is widely believed that the intellectual architects of the murders remain at large, and will probably never be brought to trial.

Colonel Guillermo Alfredo Benavides was accused of ordering the executions by one of the gunmen who carried them out. According to the September 30 *New York Times*, Lieutenant Jose Ricardo Espinoza testified that Benavides ordered him to kill Rev. Ignacio Ellacuria, the rector of the Jesuit-run university in San Salvador, and to "leave no witnesses." Benavides himself was not present at the time of the raid and killings.

In addition to Benavides, the panel of four jurors, whose identities have been kept secret, found Lieutenant Yushy Rene Mendoza guilty of one of the murders, that of 15-year-old Celina Ramos, who with her mother was shot to death in their beds at their university residence. Five other soldiers were identified as gunmen, four of which stood trial with Benavides and Mendoza. A fifth soldier had fled the country. The four were found innocent of the slayings, despite the fact that all had confessed to participating in the massacre.

Critics contend that Benavides, a lower-ranking officer, could not have possibly initiated the assassination orders on his own. Benavides was part of the Atlacatl, an elite battalion headquartered at the military academy in San Salvador. A record book detailing

the comings and goings from the school on the night of the murders mysteriously disappeared shortly thereafter.


Benavides is generally regarded as a "sacrifice" on the part of the Salvadoran army command, which has always protected its own and resisted any attempt to be held accountable to civilian law. At stake for the military is \$45 million in US military aid plus an additional \$150 million held up in the pipeline from previous years, which Congress has threatened to withhold indefinitely, pending outcome of the murder trial.

In recent months Congress has made it clear to the government of El Salvador that it would severely restrict US military aid to that country until significant human rights reforms have been enacted. At the top of the list was the successful prosecution of those responsible for the Jesuit murders. The House has already voted to withhold half of President Bush's \$85 million military aid request, and the Senate is tentatively prepared to do likewise. In addition, several pieces of legislation have been introduced in the past six months which seek to create a more substantive US policy on El Salvador.

The other major factor for Congress as it debates the possible release of military aid, is the status of negotiations between the Salvadoran government and rebel forces. In September, representatives of the FMLN and the Cristiani government

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reached tentative agreements which may pave the way for a cease-fire by Christmas.

These two events described above, however imperfect their outcomes may be, when taken together represent unprecedented developments toward a freer, more just society in El Salvador. The victories stand on very fragile ground, however. Any attempt by the United States to provide military aid at this time would send the worst possible signal to the Salvadoran government and military about the seriousness of

US intentions. The peace process in El Salvador must be given every opportunity possible to work.

ACTION: October will be the month of decision in the Congress over the fate of military aid to El Salvador. Given the current positive movements, some congressmembers may be tempted to renew aid. Your message should be: No military aid to El Salvador. Give the peace process the chance to work.

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MR. DANIEL ELLSBERG HAS HELD THE government's highest security clearances and has been indicted for espionage. He has written nuclear war plans for the Joint Chiefs of Staff and has been arrested many times for anti-nuclear civil disobedience. He has been a high-level consultant to the White House and has been on Richard Nixon's enemies list. He has served in the Marines and has worked tirelessly for peace.

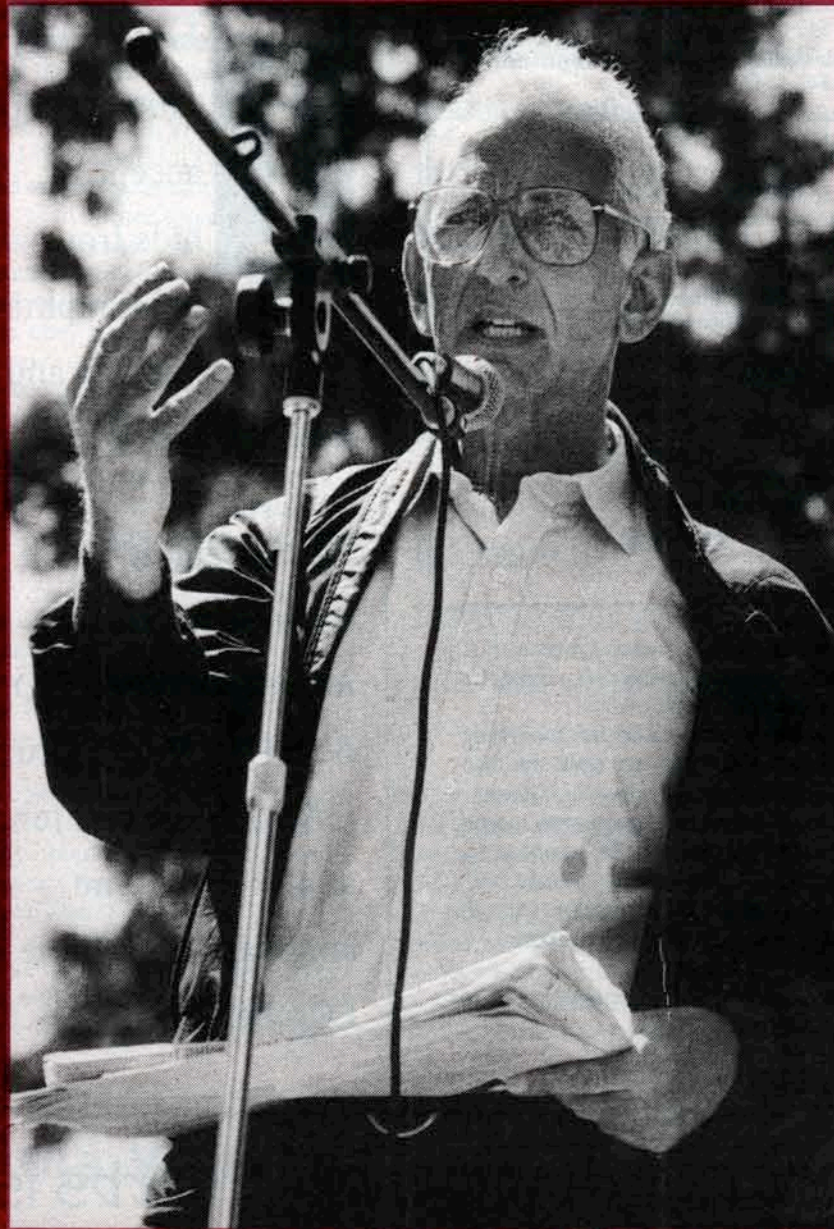
Ellsberg's distinguished career in government service and his history of peace activism are difficult to encapsulate. He received his B.A. in economics from Harvard in 1952, *summa cum laude*, where he wrote his thesis on decision-making processes under uncertainty. After three years in the Marines and a few years as a member of Harvard's Society of Fellows, Ellsberg received his Ph.D in economics from Harvard. He joined the Rand Corporation, a respected think tank, as a strategic analyst and became a high-level consultant to the Kennedy administration, particularly on nuclear weapons policy. In 1961 he was the sole drafter of the general nuclear war section of the Secretary of Defense Guidance on Basic National Security Policy (the highest-level Kennedy administration policy guidance for the annual operational nuclear war plans of the Joint Chiefs of Staff).

From 1965 to 1967, while in Vietnam to evaluate the war, Ellsberg's thinking on the war slowly shifted. By the time he returned to the US he knew the war was wrong.

Daniel Ellsberg made history in 1969 when he and a colleague, Anthony Russo, gave *The New York Times* a copy of what would become known as the *Pentagon Papers*, a top-secret study of US involvement in Vietnam. Ellsberg, as an intelligence analyst at the highest levels of government, was one of the authors of this 43-volume study. These documents detailed the pattern of government lies concerning the Vietnam War, and helped fuel anti-war sentiment in the US. For leaking the *Pentagon Papers*, he faced the possibility of 115 years in prison. But his indictment on 12 counts of espionage, theft, and conspiracy was dropped in 1973 as a result of the government's misconduct in trying to obtain damaging information on Ellsberg.

Since that time Ellsberg has been an outspoken advocate of peace. He has received the Tom Paine Award and the Gandhi Peace Award. He has lectured, written, researched, and been arrested dozens of times for various causes relating to peace.

When this interview took place on September 21st, Ellsberg was preparing to leave for the Soviet Union to "speak to as many people as I can, to the highest levels I can reach" to "encourage them to make initiatives...that will move the world hopefully toward a process of denuclearization and demilitarization." Foreshadowing George Bush's arms control proposal of September 27th, his main concern was the large numbers of tactical nuclear weapons now, perhaps, in the hands of the republics rather than the Soviet central government.



DANIEL ELLSBERG

ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS & (WHAT'S LEFT OF) THE SOVIET UNION

Interview by John Govsky

MONTHLY PLANET: Does the breakup of the Soviet Union increase or decrease the security of the United States and the world community, in your opinion?

DANIEL ELLSBERG: I happen to be very focused on the issue of control of nuclear weapons in the territories of the former Soviet Union, and there the answer is rather complicated. On the one hand, it would seem that the chance of an all-out nuclear war coming about through a, let's say, false alarm or a breakdown of stability in a major crisis involving the US, and either Russia or any of the other territories of the former USSR, seems much less likely for the indefinite future. So that terror has diminished, not so much because of the breakup really as because of the change in relationship between the two territories. And that risk would have declined even if the USSR were not in the process of breaking up. Russia actually will still have by itself enough capability to pose a real threat to the United States and the United States forces, but the political change and its relationship has made that extremely unlikely, even in the event of foreseeable kinds of crises that might arise. So that risk has gone down greatly.

On the other hand, at this moment, the republics seem to be moving very quickly toward claiming control of the nuclear weapons within their territory, both strategic and tactical. And in that sphere the tactical weapons to me would pose the greatest problem, these being in the hands of troops and being distributed among most of the republics. We haven't learned yet really just how many republics may actually have them; it may be nearly all 15 of them — easily ten or more. So in that sense there have suddenly emerged ten new nuclear powers in the last few weeks since the coup. A first reaction by Yeltsin was that these weapons would all be gathered into Russia. That notion has been rejected by the Ukraine and Kazakhstan in particular and some of the others, especially responding to Yeltsin's worrisome comments just after the coup, through his spokesperson, that Russia might be interested in revising borders.

MP: I remember that comment. It was somewhat alarming.

DE: And I think that each of these countries now, each of these republics, has certainly begun to see the advantages of claiming authority over nuclear weapons in terms of using them as ultimate symbols of sovereignty, as bargaining chips, and as actual deterrents against conflict with Russia or their other neighbors. And conceivably before long, their militaries will conceive the possibility of using them in an actual conflict that might occur. I'm speaking again of tactical weapons, with an average yield of about the size of Hiroshima or Nagasaki, so these are very, very large weapons of mass destruction, even though they're much

smaller than the strategic weapons.

In other words, it seems the chance of conflict is not zero among some of those republics, some of which are fighting already, like Armenia and Azerbaijan. And the chance of Yugoslav-type conflicts doesn't seem at all unlikely. We're talking about actual fighting conflicts between nuclear powers, in a way that has never occurred between powers that have nuclear weapons on both sides. The possibility, in other words, that nuclear weapons will actually explode somewhere in the territory of the former USSR in the next generation or so, has, I'm sorry to say, gone up significantly. And that has great implications for countries outside their borders, in two ways: as a precedent for first use in other conflicts, and an incentive for other countries to get their own nuclear weapons as a deterrent. Additionally, there is the direct physical aspect of fallout and radiation. We're talking about the possibility of

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hundreds or thousands of Chernobyls. And that's a prospect that ought to make the rest of the world sit up.

MP: I heard that the leaders of Kazakhstan shut down their test site because they wanted to make the republic a nuclear-free zone and asked the Russians to remove nuclear weapons from their territory.

DE: President Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan took that position before the coup, and reiterated that position just after the coup. But some ten days or so later, he changed his position and said that they definitely were the successors to the USSR in the control of all forces on their territory, and that included weapons, and that included nuclear weapons.

MP: And didn't the Ukraine say something similar after the coup?

DE: The Ukraine did the same switch. The Ukraine too had talked about making its area a nuclear-free zone and at least being passive toward the prospect of those weapons leaving their territory for Russia, which is what Yeltsin announced was in the process of happening about a week or so after the coup. But that position too has been changed.

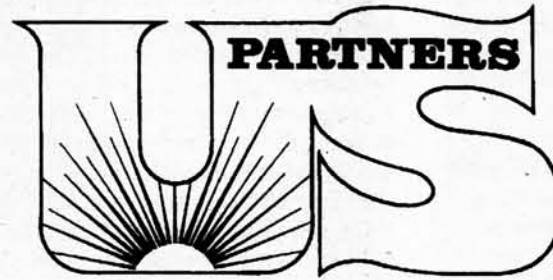
MP: How do you think the US should respond to what's happening in what used to be the Soviet Union?

DE: Not just the US, but I think the world, and the people in Moscow and the other capitals of the republics should all be extremely concerned over this prospect for the reasons that I've just given. Not only is the psychological and political precedent of the sudden appearance of five to ten new nuclear powers a great problem of proliferation, but the actual prospect of limited or nuclear wars — limited only by comparison to an all-out war between, say, the US and Russia — is really increasing in the future. So it puts the problem of nuclear proliferation at the top of the international agenda, now that the security problem of an all-out preemptive strike between the former USSR and the US has sharply receded. Possible confrontations between nuclear-armed republics is of great concern, not only to those republics but to other countries as well. I think that it puts a very great premium on ridding the territory of the former USSR of tactical nuclear weapons in particular, as well as addressing the problem of the control of what strategic weapons remain. Obviously, those should be reduced very sharply and control should become as centralized or as tightly regulated as possible. These weapons that might well enter into small-scale combat should simply be gathered together and destroyed under international inspection.

Of course, that is very unlikely to happen in a world in which the neighbors of the Soviet Union remain armed with nuclear weapons, including tactical nuclear weapons. And navies, for example, are cruising around their shores with tactical nuclear weapons. And the US and other countries continue to test and produce these weapons. So I think another matter that should move very high into the international agenda is a campaign to rid the Earth of tactical nuclear weapons, which are essentially weapons of first use. Such weapons are very vulnerable to nuclear attack, no matter how they're based, unless they're in nuclear submarines, which they aren't. Tactical nuclear weapons — whether based in naval surface ships or on land, even when mobile, or based for delivery by planes — remain very vulnerable. The planes are vulnerable when they're on the ground, particularly on bases, and even the so-called mobile weapons, artillery and short-range missiles, tend to be in fixed spaces most of the time, where they're vulnerable to attack.

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All these weapons tend to be very vulnerable to nuclear attack, and thus are first-use only weapons. They really are only usable if you use them before they have been subject to attack, thus they would be used to initiate nuclear attack.

MP: But as of now, you think that the republics themselves are controlling many of the tactical nuclear weapons.

DE: I'd have to say first that I don't know. I'm sure the US doesn't know, and I would guess that question is very hard to answer even within these republics. It depends partly on who the commanders controlling these weapons and their soldiers under them respond to, authoritatively, and obviously that was shown to be a very hard question to answer in the coup itself. Some units responded to superiors who had arrogated authority to themselves by virtue of the coup, others did not and chose to accept the authority of Yeltsin as president of the republic, others responded to the chief of staff of the armed forces who happened to be part of the coup. So all of this would be very hard to answer in a practical way and possibly even in a formal way right now. The republics, as I understand it, are claiming authority over the forces in their territory, but I don't think that is happening unchallenged. Gorbachev, I'm sure, still considers himself the

commander-in-chief and to some degree that's recognized, even by the republics. Supposing then that Gorbachev gave an order, which he has apparently not done, to move these weapons out of the Ukraine and Kazakhstan and elsewhere to Russia, or wherever he wanted. Would that order be obeyed? Or would it be countermanded explicitly by say, Nazarbayev or some of the other republics? Who would the commanders obey? And if the commanders chose one way, would their subordinate commanders, or the soldiers, obey those orders or would they choose otherwise?

I would guess that no one is in a position to answer questions either universally for the whole of the territory or very confidently for any part of it. And that's probably why it hasn't been tested very strongly. I doubt very much that Gorbachev is in any hurry to give an order that he fears might actually be disobeyed, which would divest him of a sense of authority. So the truth is that the world is in a very uncertain state on this question and the republics themselves are, too.

MP: You've spoken mostly of the short-range tactical weapons. Do you know anything about the long-range strategic weapons that are pointed, say, at the United States?

DE: Yes, those exist in four of the republics: Russia, the Ukraine, Kazakhstan, and Byelorussia. One article I saw even suggested that there might be

"We have a supposedly independent party, the Democrats, which acts as a younger brother, sort of, trying to live up to the values and examples of the incumbent party. They seem to have no aspiration to be a real opposition at all. They apparently want the same sources of funding, that is, very rich men and corporations."

some storage of strategic weapons in the Baltics, which would be very interesting. And these of course are not very mobile. They're silo-based missiles on the whole, though some of them are so-called mobile weapons, like the SS-25s — very large, unwieldy things.

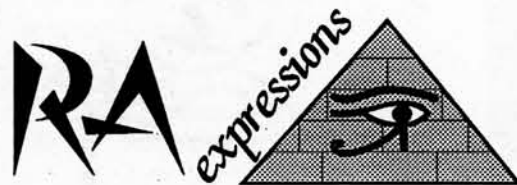
It would seem that whereas in some sense Gorbachev is accepted as central

commander, the fact is that the republics are claiming authority over them. So from that point of view, we're facing de facto four nuclear powers with capability to attack the United States, where a month ago there was one. However, I don't want to deprecate the problem of the seven, eight, ten, or 15 republics that have control of those smaller, Hiroshima-sized tactical weapons, even though they couldn't reach the United States.

MP: The US military budget still stands at close to \$300 billion a year, with half of that still devoted to defending Western Europe against a Soviet invasion. Why do you think this bloated military budget is not being significantly cut?

DE: I could answer that on several levels. We have a president who feels himself, to an extraordinary degree, to be the representative of the military-industrial complex. He is a force for inertia and maintaining the status quo with respect to defense spending, research and development, and even many aspects of the Cold War ethos. He's very resistant to questioning that or changing it, no matter how the outside world changes. I think in that respect, for instance, he's much more of an inertial force than Ronald Reagan was in his last year or two. And in fact Bush came into office apparently determined to correct what he saw as some of the flakiness of Ronald Reagan in being willing to change some of these aspects.

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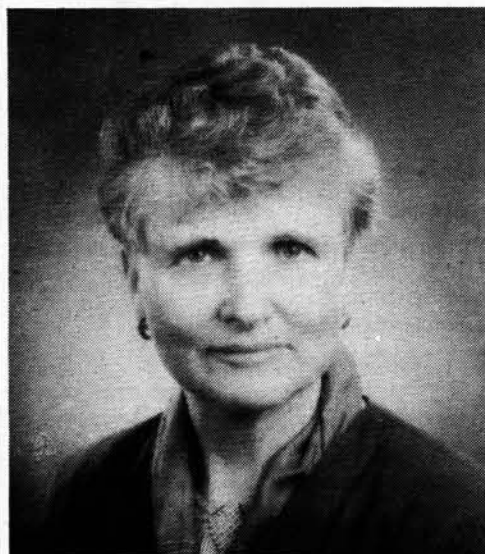
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Second, we have a supposedly independent party, the Democrats, which acts as a younger brother, sort of, trying to live up to the values and examples of the incumbent party. They seem to have no aspiration to be a real opposition at all. They apparently want the same sources of funding, that is, very rich men and corporations. And they have not yet chosen to make an issue of this. Obviously one would hope for some presidential candidates to emerge in the next months on the Democratic side who would make the perfectly obvious point that not only is most of the spending in our defense budget wasteful and redundant by any standards at all of national security, but that on the positive side it represents a flow of resources that could go very far toward solving all of our major problems. That includes deficit reduction as well as, I would say even more urgently, the rebuilding of the infrastructure, health problems, education, and problems of the environment. Even the defense budget couldn't do all those things in one year — the environmental problems, for example, are vast, here and elsewhere. But over a matter of years it really could solve those problems.

And what's true for the US is true for the world as a whole. The resources

could deal with human problems, including the vast ecological problem, along with famine, education and health problems throughout the world. The resources do exist in the form of the defense budgets of the world, which together add up to nearly \$1 trillion a year. About \$960 billion a year is spent on so-called defense. Most of it is wasteful and redundant, even given the existing arms races. But if one dealt on a multilateral basis with stopping those arms races so that neighbors and rivals were disarming simultaneously, even the military rationale for most of these weapons would simply evaporate as it has already done in West Europe and East Europe. And that means that most, 75 or 80 percent or more of a trillion dollars a year, would suddenly become available for dealing with other problems.

Possibly the most urgent need for this redirection of resources is in the territory of the former USSR itself. Their problems of conversion and their immediate problems of dealing with possible famine, and extreme health problems as their system is breaking down, can be dealt with in the first instance only with a lot of aid, and if you look a little further beyond the winter, with a lot of capital assistance

when it comes to conversion. That aid does exist in the budgets of the Western world. It exists in the defense budgets that are no longer necessary precisely because these changes in the USSR are taking place. But if those budgets don't go down there will be no aid. And the states of the USSR will sink into very desperate straits materially and politically, and probably in many cases revert to very authoritarian forms which may, in turn, in confirming the old order of armed competition among themselves, confirm the old way of thinking, the old world order, and justify the continuance of large arms budgets in the West, making it clear that there will be no possibility of aid or of changing the situation. In other words, you could have a degenerating spiral of a situation that would reproduce, continuing the old world order. The alternative would be drastic changes in these defense budgets, reflecting the changes that have already taken place in the USSR. And part or most of that freed money would be spent at home or go to deficit reduction or various things, but some significant fraction of that, I think, should go toward aid and conversion and investment in the republics of the USSR and East Europe. That in turn would make for a more peaceful world.

MP: As far as I know, Representative Les Aspin's proposal to shift a billion dollars from the US military budget to the Soviets, calling it "defense by other means," is the only such proposal at this point, which is paltry.

DE: Yes, that obviously is along the lines of what I'm saying, and it is by a Democrat, and notice by the way that it's by a Democrat who feels that he can afford to say something that's sensible, decent and humane —

MP: Because he chairs the Armed Services Committee —

DE: Because he was such a rotten hawk. Because he demonstrated his virility so convincingly during the war.

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Whereas Senator Sam Nunn, who I think served very well in trying to resist that war — and I give him great credit for that — now feels he has to atone for that by backing totally unnecessary defense spending.

MP: Do you think that Boris Yeltsin is as committed to the idea of disarmament as Gorbachev seems to have been? How do you think the shift of power from Gorbachev to Yeltsin will affect arms control?

DE: I don't think he's thought about it as much as Gorbachev has, or, say, Shevardnadze had come to do in office. Gorbachev was really unique among world leaders of the entire nuclear era in both the depth of his thinking about the problem and the values that he displayed, and so in that respect I'm sorry that he's been losing in influence. Yeltsin did say that he wanted Russia to be free of nuclear weapons, but he coupled that in the same statement with a very fatal use of the old word "parity" as being very important. "Parity" was the word that Brezhnev invoked for a generation to justify the buildup and the dangerous waste of about a trillion dollars. Even when

Brezhnev turned to wanting to see the arms race end, he couldn't free himself from the notion that he had to retain parity and to go down, if two powers went down, in lockstep together. And since the US had no real desire to go down, that killed the prospects for ending the arms race. I'm worried to see Yeltsin using the same term. It was Gorbachev who freed Soviet policy from the requirement of maintaining parity, both in posture and in reductions.

In a way, what started the process both of disarmament and perhaps the disintegration of the Soviet Union was Gorbachev's initiative, in December of 1988, to begin taking tanks out of East Europe and destroying them, without initially demanding reciprocity from NATO, although of course he called for reciprocal measures and sought a treaty on reductions, which he actually got. So I think that is a very promising precedent, that I'll point to in terms of the ability of a move like that to change the environment in which Western decision-makers confront their choices. It led to public pressure for reciprocal moves and it eventually led to an actual bilateral process.

I'll give some examples, if I may, of

some of the things I would like to see them do. Yeltsin himself, as president of the republic of Russia, could suspend testing at Novayazemlya, which is the last remaining site for nuclear testing. In this case he would simply be emulating the president of Kazakhstan, who ended testing at the second site in the Soviet Union, which was Semipalatinsk, at the end of August, at the time of the coup. Thus, he could just end testing. And he could either do it permanently or he could do it for a prolonged moratorium, and call on the US to join him, in a matter of, say, several years.

The tactical nuclear weapons in Kazakhstan and Ukraine, which apparently now are not to be moved to Russia as Yeltsin had announced, could be eliminated, or if not eliminated, drastically reduced and destroyed, dismantled under international inspection. In other words, Kazakhstan and Ukraine could show their sovereignty, in the control of nuclear weapons, not by hanging on to these weapons or by increasing them, but by reducing them, by taking measures of disarmament. They could lead the way toward this worldwide move toward the abolition of tactical nuclear weapons. But I

would hope that they could announce the beginning of a process of the abolition of these weapons in which they would initiate the destruction of a large fraction of them, calling on other nuclear powers to do likewise, and promising to continue if these actions were reciprocated.

Who is controlling nuclear weapons on Soviet naval ships? The first guess would be Gorbachev, but that's not 100 percent clear. At any rate, they should remove those weapons from naval ships immediately — they should denuclearize their navy, in terms of weapons. That should happen in the US and other navies as well, as a clear-cut abolition.

I'm talking here about zero options, to use the phrase that was used for intermediate-range nuclear weapons when the decision was made bilaterally to eliminate them as an entire class of weapons worldwide. Well they should have a zero option for naval surface weapons, other than strategic ballistic missile submarines. Naval surface ships should be free of these weapons, and tactical nuclear weapons in general should be abolished. Again there could be initiatives to this effect in the Soviet Union. Another thing that the Ukraine, Kazakhstan, and Russia could do is eliminate entirely their SS-18s, which are first-strike only weapons — vulnerable weapons which pose the threat of a first-strike. They should never have produced them in the first place. It was a great strategic error to imitate US weapons of that sort on the grounds of parity, and that mistake should be corrected by just eliminating them.

MP: You've spoken about what the governments can do. What do you think the peace movement should focus on to further the goal of disarmament and security?

DE: To think of the two goals I've described in very broad terms — a radically denuclearized world and a radically demilitarized world — as moves that any one country will make by itself is not realistic. On the other hand we have a situation where the US is confronting a radically reduced threat. So I think that the peace movement should be scornfully rejecting the totally inadequate schedules that have been sug-

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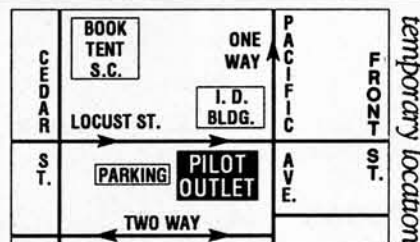
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gested for reducing our defense budget, in terms of 25 percent reductions or 50 percent reductions over ten years. We're in a situation where more than 50 percent of the defense budget has been invalidated or deprived of any rationale last year, or even two years ago, and certainly all the more this year with the demise of the Communist Party, and the obviously pending decentralization in the former USSR. Half of the defense budget devoted to NATO plus the strategic forces which were built up on that confrontation; more than 50 percent has no rationale as of now. And to think of postponing reductions of that order by three years or five years, let alone the ten years that people talk about, is to postulate the wasting of something between a half a trillion and a trillion dollars. Now I don't think that there's anybody in the United States who would really be willing to stand up and say that we could afford that. I can't imagine George Bush coming right out and saying that, and yet that is what he's proposing. I should say he's proposing much worse than that. But his Democratic opposition is talking about wasting that amount of money by going down so gradually.

MP: Yes, I'm very aware of the Democrats' avoidance of the issue.

DE: It's been an abrupt global shift, and that means an abrupt conversion, as occurred in this country at the end of the Second World War, is the goal

that we should set for ourselves. And of course everything that I'm suggesting for the Soviet Union would be absolutely appropriate here as an initiative, in the sense of let's say, the ending of testing, along with bilateral, negotiated resolutions in these matters. But initiatives that would start them off would be at least as appropriate for the US as for the Soviet Union. It's just that I don't really expect them here, whether we take up that call or not. But the ending of testing, the great reductions in our strategic forces, and the abolition of MIRVed [multiple warhead] land-based missiles is just as appropriate for us as it is for the Soviet Union. The abolition of tactical nuclear weapons, of weapons on naval surface ships — all of these are potentially short-term moves that are very much needed here. But as I say, I don't see any sign of the possibility of abolition. The next hope would be: Can the peace movement help generate public pressure in this country to match such initiatives as the former Soviets may demonstrate? Here we could play a very significant role, perhaps in company with some other powers, like the French. François Mitterrand is talking about such things. If they could make moves together, we in the peace movement, I think, could be considerably effective in trying to get Bush, and to get Congress to really force Bush, to do what he doesn't want to do, and that is

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INTERVIEW

MASHA REMIZOVA IS 31 YEARS OLD, AND has lived in Moscow all of her adult life. She lives with her husband, Alexander Vyaltshev, and her eleven-year-old son, Daniel, in an apartment that is a ten-minute walk from the Kremlin. Like many Moscow residents, she found herself at the barricades in front of the Russian Parliament building during the August coup, not knowing whether the tanks would roll into the crowd.

Remizova is finishing her degree in Journalism at Moscow State University this year, and currently works for a cooperative translating fiction from English to Russian. She and her husband also publish a literary journal in Moscow called *Klyukva* (Cranberry). At a younger age she was what would be called a hippie — now she would best be thought of as a member of the intelligentsia in Moscow. Remizova has traveled in Western Europe and America.

This interview was conducted by telephone to Moscow on September 28th with translation help from Rose Factor.

MONTHLY PLANET: Where were you on the morning of August 19 when you heard that there was a coup in Moscow? What were you doing, and how did you hear about it?

MASHA REMIZOVA: I was in my apartment, and it was announced on the radio early in the morning. But actually it was passed by word of mouth from one person to another because nobody really believed that a coup had taken place. Everybody thought it was a joke.

MP: (laughs) So did you learn from the radio or from word of mouth?

MR: I was called by my cousin.

MP: And you went out onto the street?

MR: Yes. It was eight in the morning. At first I was overwhelmed, and I didn't know what to do at all. I thought that everything was coming to an end, and had gone back to what it had been before. And then I went out onto the street and I saw leaflets — there were appeals to come to the Russian Parliament. And I returned home and told my husband and some of my friends that we had to go to the building of the Russian Parliament, and that's what we did. And when we came up to the Parliament building we saw that barricades were being erected, and it was at that time that I became convinced that people had changed and they could do something very definite to oppose the authorities. I saw around me, that, strange as it may seem, the mood of the people was festive and if not for those three people who fell during the night of the 20th, it really would have been a rather festive occasion. We started helping erect barricades —

A Moscow Resident Describes Life at the Barricades

Interview by Breton Carr

MP: How did you construct the barricades?

MR: Well, you know, in Moscow construction is going on all the time, and there are bricks and stones and all kinds of rubble all over the place, and that's why it was not that hard to start building barricades. And then people came in their own cars; they brought up trolleybuses and buses and the streets were crossed by these cars and trucks.

MP: Where did the leaflets come from?

MR: As far as I know they were written by the deputies of the Russian Parliament. They were made very quickly, some were made on typewriters, and some were made on computers.

MP: So it was the deputies who first organized resistance to the coup?

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MR: Yes, yes, I think so.

MP: Not the students, but deputies?

MR: Students were in the voluntary detachments that were formed from the very start. And they were ready to make live lines and not let the tanks go through. Of course, there were not only students, but the students were among those resisting. This was the first time — during the days of the coup — that I saw that my people

united as one. People that earlier felt hate for one another, like a soldier from Afghanistan and some hippie, were all together as one single people, and I think and I hope that from now on matters will really change and they will become united as one people.

MP: You went to the barricades when you first learned of the coup. What did you see?

MR: I saw very many acquaintances there, almost everybody I knew was out there in the barricades. My mood changed and I saw that we could win victory when I saw the people and how they were united.

MP: So then through the first day, everything was very happy and festive. But when night fell, what did you do for food?

MR: Well, people were warned that they should take some sandwiches with them, and hot tea. But there were also places where people were given food free of charge.

MP: So you said that people were asked to bring food — who was leading the group, who was in charge?

MR: Well, Yeltsin and Ruskoy [Vice President of the Russian Republic] and their assistants were in charge.

But some of the people who came, on the spot, took charge of things, and they just spontaneously started leading everybody.

MP: Were most of those in the barricades young people?

MR: No, I think mostly it was middle-aged people. And this is interesting. I have never seen so many beautiful faces in one place.

MP: Beautiful in what way?

MR: Simply beautiful people. Inspired people.

MP: Were there any foreigners in the barricades?

MR: I didn't see any. But they did come around to watch and ask questions. One American gave us cigarettes and chocolates.

MP: Did you have anything like tents?

MR: Well, after staying there throughout the first day and night, we went back to our apartment to sleep. When we came back to the Parliament building the second night, we took a tent with us, but many were without tents at all. It was cold and raining all the time.

MP: So during the second day you went home to sleep?

MR: Yes, because it rained all day. It was very cold and wet.

MP: But there were still people around the Russian Parliament building during the daytime.

MR: Yes, most of the people were there during the daytime, and there were less during the night. But we felt that it was more important to be there during the nighttime.

MP: Was it more dangerous then also?

MR: Yes, but we felt we must be there.

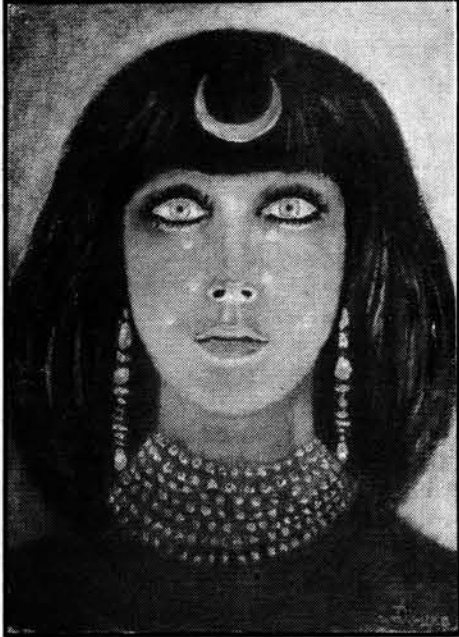
MP: And were people afraid during the night?

MR: Well, in the nighttime, they really were scared, because people started leading the crowd, and they were warning them, “Be careful because the tanks are approaching,” and at that point there was some kind of fear. But the first night was not the worst one. The second night was much more terrible because on that night we saw traces of bullets and we heard shots, and that was a terrible night.

MP: What happened on the second night?

MR: At about 2 a.m., the radio broadcasting from the Parliament building that was giving us directions said that the women who were inside the Parliament had to leave it and go away from it for some 20 meters because they expected soldiers to storm the building. We were told what to do if there was a gas attack. We were told to wet our handkerchiefs and where the first-aid points were to be in case of a gas attack. Well, I got very scared because bullets rang out, and there were tracer bullets, and it looked like something from the film, *Apocalypse Now*.

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Painting of Masha Remizova by her husband Alexander Vyaltsev

MP: When did you realize that it was going to be okay — that you were out of danger?

MR: At first nobody knew what was taking place. We were expecting the tanks to approach us. It was quite evident that everyone was scared — even the men who were next to me were very scared — their eyes were popped out and their faces were very pale. Then the radio announced that people had been killed, and that was

probably the most horrible moment. But then fortunately the tanks stopped. I just can't imagine what would have happened if they had continued to move on! There would have been very many killed and wounded. They say there were about 50,000 people around the Parliament building that night, and truly they were all without weapons.

MP: At that time you saw the tanks, and they came close to the people?

MR: I didn't see the tanks myself because the Parliament building blocked them from my view. They were coming from under the bridge on the other side of the building, and I couldn't see them. It was under this bridge and at this time that the three young men were killed.

MP: What did people do when they were afraid — what did they do for strength? Did they pray, did they sing, did they do anything together or did they just wait quietly?

MR: We were so tired and so exhausted, and we were all wet from the rain, so there was no joy. And then we knew that people had just been killed, so we just waited quietly. When it became daylight, and the tanks hadn't approached the building, we then understood that things had changed for the better.

MP: We have learned that the reason the tanks did not proceed into the crowds and destroy what you were

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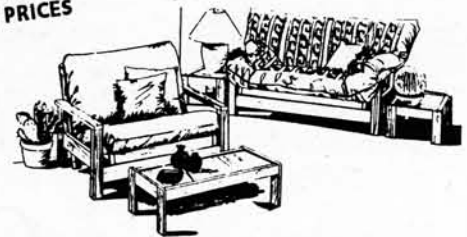
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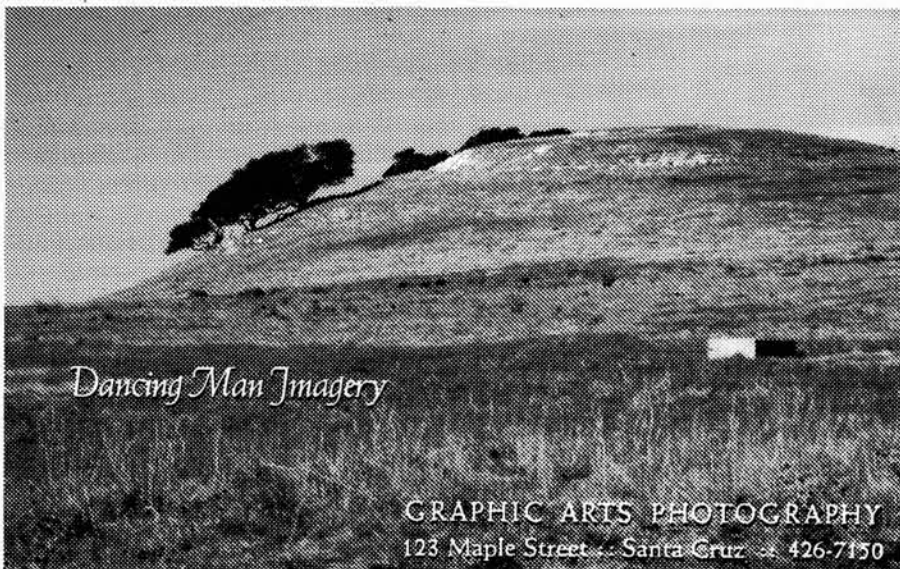
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doing there is because the KGB refused to follow orders at the middle level.

MR: Yes. I know.

MP: How do you feel about the KGB? This seems ironic.

MR: (chuckles) I think that many in the middle level of the KGB want to become generals, and they understood that if they didn't overthrow the current generals, they couldn't become generals themselves!

MP: (laughing) Are people still afraid of the KGB?

MR: No. After the coup failed, the KGB tried to pretend they were our friends, but nobody believes them. And crowds destroyed Dzerzhinsky's statue in front of Lubyanka Prison with great pleasure.

MP: When we read about the coup here, we heard that much of Moscow went about its business and continued

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normal activities while the coup was taking place. Is this right?

MR: Well not exactly. For example, the stock exchange immediately closed, and I know that many people didn't go to work. But the metro worked, and the telephones too, but not always — sometimes the connection over the phone was broken.

MP: So there was a different feeling throughout the whole city?

MR: Yes. There was a strange feeling because, for example, the metro oper-

ated normally, although logically it would have made more sense for it to be shut down. And even those who did go to work actually didn't work — they listened in to the radio and talked among themselves about what was happening.

MP: What is the political situation like there now? Do you feel that the government has a clear leader, or do you feel that everything is rather confused?

MR: I'm afraid it's chaos, mostly. Really, everything is confused.

MP: So, the political situation is chaos — what about the economic situation?

MR: Oh, Breton! Yesterday I spent an hour and a half in line to get butter. It's worse than last year at this time.

MP: And is it also worse than before the coup?

MR: Yes, yes.

MP: How do you feel about Yeltsin?

MR: I respect him.

MP: Would you rather have Yeltsin or Gorbachev in charge of the country now?

MR: Well really, Gorbachev is the leader of a non-country now. The Soviet Union no longer exists in reality. Of course I would prefer that Yeltsin be in control of whatever country I could say I am living in today.

MP: There are those in the West who consider Yeltsin to be a demagogue, and not as clever as Gorbachev. How would you respond to these people?

MR: You could think of Gorbachev as a piece of candy. The wrapper is pretty, but the candy is not good. On the other hand, Yeltsin's wrapper may not be so nice, but the candy is better.

MP: Do you think that with the political chaos and economic problems there could be another coup — that people might soon yearn for authoritarian rule again?

MR: No, I don't think so. But I do think that civil war could happen very easily.

MP: Why?

MR: From two causes. Nationalism and disputes about how to arrange the new economic structures.

MP: By "nationalism" do you have in mind the secession of the various republics?

MR: No. I mean within the Russian republic itself. You know, the Russian republic is made up of several autonomous republics.

MP: I see. So do you think that democracy can develop out of your present conditions of chaos?

MR: Well, I think there is too much "democracy" right now. I mean, right now there are deputies in the Congress who are not in favor of change, and they use "democracy" to debate endlessly as a way of slowing down change.

MP: What do you think about the question of financial aid to your country from the West?

MR: I think that it is important for us to learn to take care of ourselves — to learn economic independence. But the situation is so bad right now that I also think that some aid should be given.

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to join the Soviets in this process.

MP: I know that in California there's a move in many counties to put initiatives on the ballot to call for reductions in military spending and redirection of the money —

DE: Well where that happens, I just want to reiterate, I think it's very important not to be unduly modest in framing those objectives, because I think we have to be a voice for adding to the American agenda the genuinely reasonable, appropriate alternative to the current courses. And that doesn't mean 10 or 20 percent reductions over ten years, it means drastic reductions right now, when we need those resources. It means 50 percent and more within a few years. I could say this year except that the transition would probably create some problems. But you could take as a goal the speed of the transition from war to peace after World War II, from 1945 to mid-1946, as a very appropriate cutback, and that was of a very radical scale.

MP: You're an extremely active advocate of peace and social justice issues. What keeps you going? From where do you draw your inspiration and your hope?

DE: Well I would say that in many of the past years, hope is less evident in my own feelings than desperation. It's a feeling always that citizen action can make a difference and a feeling that the stakes were so high and the risks are so imminent that a very intense effort was worthwhile even if that chance was a very small chance. In other words, I've been able to keep going, it happens, on a very thin diet of hope, given that that hope has never totally disappeared. And I don't expect it to disappear. While there's life, there's hope, as my friend Douglas Dowd always said. It's a cliché, but he said it at the right moment and in the right context. It's simply true. Total despair in the sense of a feeling of certitude that there is no way out really bespeaks more certainty than we're entitled to have about history and politics and human behavior.

But I must say there has been in recent years a different basis for political activity than there was in earlier years. And that change is so spectacular and so far-reaching and so sudden I think, speaking now above all of the USSR, that it gives a very different basis for hope. If the USSR could change that fast and that much, then anything is really possible in terms of changing the world, and our own country. Not to say that it makes these changes highly likely, but I do see a real possibility now for solving our human problems, at least in material terms, that hardly seemed possible before.

I would say there's more of a basis for hope than there has been at any time in my lifetime, and at the same time a challenge to political activity, because it's increasingly likely, increasingly obvious, day by day, week by week, that most leaders of the world, starting with our own, are not rising to these opportunities of their own volition. They are men — in virtually all cases male — of the old order, who

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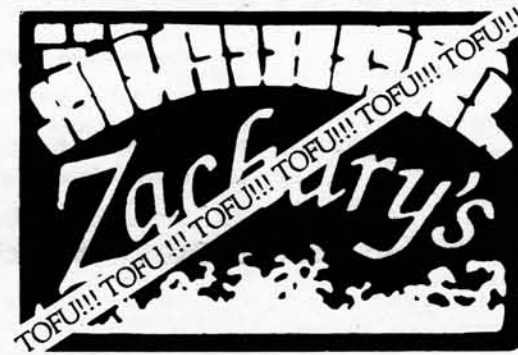
rose up from that old order and felt comfortable and secure and competent within the assumptions of the old order, and they have no interest in changing their framework. And thus the budgeting and the threats and the appeals to machismo and to national honor are not going to change without a challenge from below, both in legislatures and in the public. The legislatures too, it's clear, are not going to show initiative without really being pressed by the public. At this point I would have to say there has so far still been a disappointingly small amount of ferment in the public, in the sense of desperate and imperative demands from groups that their needs be met instead of further wasting our resources on the arms race. But that potential is there, and I think that does define the task of those of us who see the opportunities in these terms.

I don't mean, I'm sorry to say, that all the recent indications are all in the direction of hope. Because I really do think that a very old cliché of the world being at a crossroads is more true at this moment than it generally is. Bush is blinded, it seems, by his own past and personality, and more recently by the euphoria of his victory in the Middle East as he sees it. He's in a very powerful position of leadership and he's leading the world in one direction, the old order of threats and arms and arms sales and in unilateral action outside any framework of law. It's a vigilante kind of operation, in part driven by the short-run sense that weapons are our most competitive product at this moment, for export arms sales, and in our own hands as well.

But again I must say, in the countries of the Soviet Union, the republics are putting ethnic feuds and religious animosities high on their agenda and even talking about arming themselves as well as controlling nuclear weapons. So they're not at this moment setting the example of a new direction, even though as I've said earlier, I think it's pretty urgent that they be the ones to do so.

So we have on the one hand this path of keeping up the defense budgets and going in the old direction, and that's a path of decline, quite rapid decline for the world. On the other hand we have the chance for a tremendous change in focus. I think that if we're to take that other path it will be the publics of the world, pressing on their legislatures, that will make it happen.

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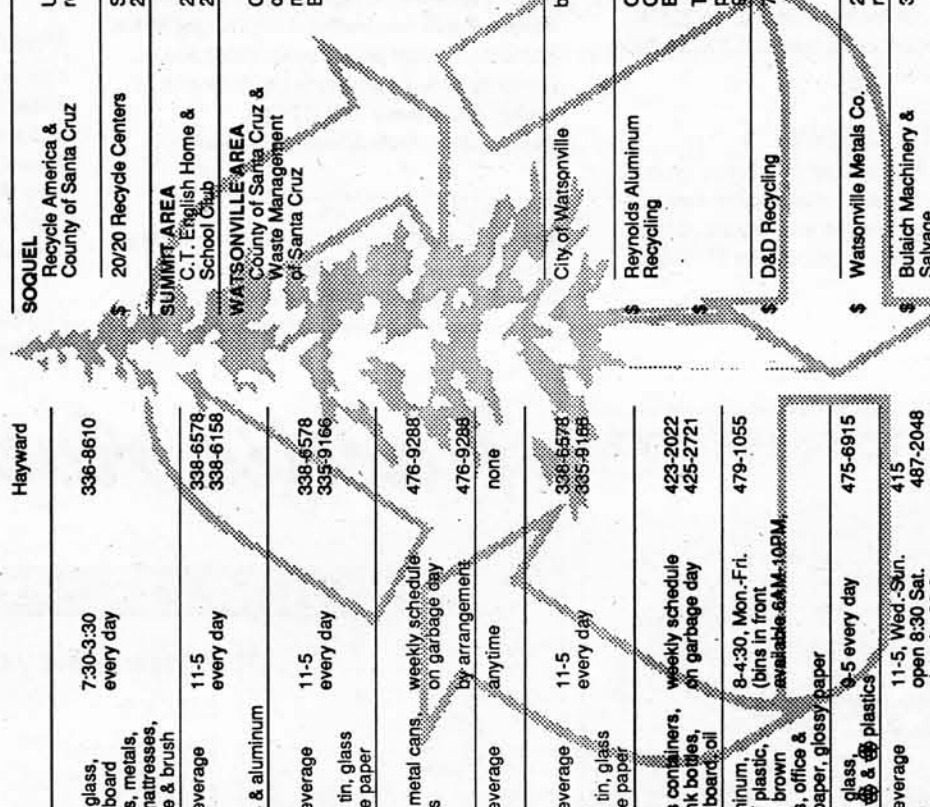
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thursday, october 3

Update and video on military conscientious objectors. Review of recent developments with military C.O. cases of Erik Larsen, Tahan Jones and others. Sponsored by the Draft and Military Counseling Services, Resource Center

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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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Solar City Fair. Exhibits, activities, speakers and music about our Earth's most important resource, the sun. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Plaza Park, San Jose. Sponsor: Northern California Solar Energy Association. Info: 277-5533 or 371-9122.

saturday, october 5— sunday, october 6

Discussions on the proposal that the Santa Cruz Lesbian & Gay Community Center become the Santa Cruz Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Community Center. On Saturday, lesbians and gay men will gather at Loudon Nelson Center, 9 a.m., to discuss the pros and cons of this proposal. At 1:30 p.m., both groups will gather together to discuss their opinions and ideas. On Sunday, bisexual men and women will gather at Loudon Nelson Center, 1-4 p.m., to hear the conclusions of the earlier meetings and discuss their reactions. Wheelchair accessible. Please refrain from wearing scented personal products. Presented by the Santa Cruz Lesbian & Gay Community Center. Info or ASL interpreting: 425-LGCC.

sunday, october 6

Vigil for a lasting peace: Keep land for peace a reality. Vigil in support of Israeli-Palestinian negotiations under the United Nations and to stop US aid for settlements. Sponsored by Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Monterey Branch, and Peace Coalition of Monterey County. 12-2 p.m., Window-on-the-Bay Park, Camino El Estero and Del Monte Ave, Monterey. Info: 625-1338 or 372-6001.

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Monterey Branch open meeting. Topic: Changing US budget priorities: how the process works. 2:30-4:30 p.m., Community Room of the Monterey Library, Pacific & Madison Sts., Monterey. Info: 372-6001. Monterey Library, Pacific & Madison Sts., Monterey

monday, october 7

A talk by Angela Davis. Part of the UCSC Monday Evening Lecture Series presented by Santa Cruz Students for Social Responsibility. Cowell Dining Hall, UCSC, 8 p.m. Tickets at the door: students \$3.00; general \$4-10. (A

reception will be held at 4:30 p.m. at 1101 Bay St, Santa Cruz. Students/seniors: \$10-\$20; general: \$20-\$30.) Info: 458-2719.

tuesday, october 8

California nuclear waste dump hearing. A "low-level" nuclear waste dump is planned for Ward Valley, California. The California State Assembly Committee on Natural Resources will hold a hearing concerning this dump at the State Capitol Building in Sacramento, Room 4020, 9:30 a.m. For ride-sharing or more information, call (415) 861-0592.

thursday, october 10

Crisis in Central America (a PBS *Frontline* series). Part of the Video Nights for a Sustainable World Thursday night series. 7 p.m. \$1 plus donation per video requested. Call Sandy for directions and to confirm showings at 423-7632.

"Indian America Today." Indian America Series lecture. With speakers Al Cross and Elisa Gonzales, SBQIC. Presented by San Jose State's Environmental Resource Center. Co-sponsored by San Jose Big Mountain Resistance and Support Group and South Bay Quincentennial Indigenous Council. Free, with suggested donation of \$5. Washington Square Hall, room 109, 7 p.m.

friday, october 11

A day to rethink Columbus and resist colonialism. Sunrise ceremony 6 a.m., vigil to follow, rally with speakers 9 a.m. San Jose City Hall, at the statue of Columbus (Mission and N. San Pedro). Sponsored by American Indian Movement, San Jose; San Jose Big Mountain Resistance and Support Group; and Santa Cruz Action for Big Mountain. Info: 427-3785.

sunday, october 13

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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.
- 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.
- Santa Cruz Students for Social Responsibility Monday Evening Lecture Series: Re-evaluating Social Dynamics for the '90s.** Cowell Hall, UCSC, Santa Cruz, 8 p.m. Info: 458-2719.
- People for Animal Liberation meeting.** 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. Escuela Pacifica, 409 Washington St., Santa Cruz, 7:30 p.m. Info: 426-3197.
- Current Events Discussion Group.** Free. YWCA, 303 Walnut St., Santa Cruz. Time to be announced. Info: 426-3062.

TUESDAYS:

- Santa Cruz Action for Big Mountain meeting and video.** 1st Tuesday of the month. Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz, 7 p.m. Info: 464-8633.
- 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 7-9 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: 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. Sponsor: Santa Cruz AIDS Project. Info: 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.
- Support Group for Women with HIV/AIDS.** Meets one Wednesday evening each month. No fee. Sponsor: Santa Cruz AIDS Project. Info: 427-3900.

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.
- Video Nights for a Sustainable World.** 7 p.m. Call Sandy for directions and to confirm showings at 423-7632.
- AIDS/ARC Support Group.** Meets Thursdays 2-4 p.m. Facilitator: Alan Dampsey. Sponsor: Santa Cruz AIDS Project. No fee. 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. Sponsor: Santa Cruz AIDS Project. Call for info and registration: 427-3900.
- Treatment Update Group ("Project Inform" Update).** 1st Thursday of the month. Open to seronegative and seropositive individuals. Meets at the Santa Cruz AIDS Project office, 1606 Soquel Ave., Santa Cruz, 7-8:30 p.m. Info: 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.
- Support Group for Gay Couples Coping with HIV.** 2nd Thursday of the month. No fee. Sponsor: Santa Cruz AIDS Project. Info: 427-3900.

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:

- Peace & Freedom Party of Santa Cruz County meeting.** 1st Saturday of the month. Business meeting and political discussion. Public input welcome. Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz, 2-4 p.m. Info: 423-3062.
- 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 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. Sponsors: Women's International League for Peace & Freedom, Monterey Branch; and the Peace Coalition of Monterey County. 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 & Madison Sts. Info: 372-6001.

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monday, october 14

A talk by Dennis Banks. Part of the UCSC Monday Evening Lecture Series presented by Santa Cruz Students for Social Responsibility. Cowell Dining Hall, UCSC, 8 p.m. Tickets at the door: students \$3.00; general \$4-10. (A reception will be held at 4:30 p.m. at 1101 Bay St, Santa Cruz. Students/seniors: \$10-\$20; general: \$20-\$30.) Info: 458-2719.

thursday, october 17

Faces of War; MacMichael on Nicaragua; and Cover Up Behind the Iran-Contra Affair. Part of the Video Nights for a Sustainable World Thursday night series. 7 p.m. \$1 plus donation per video requested. Call Sandy for directions and to confirm showings at 423-7632.

"Fight Fair" communication workshop for Lesbians. This workshop is for women who wish to enhance their relationships, learn to express feelings and resolve conflict constructively. Individuals and couples are welcome. YWCA of Santa Cruz, 303 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz, 7-9 p.m., \$15 per person. Info and pre-registration: 479-0473.

friday, october 18

"The Domestic Drug War, State Militia & Operation Greensweep," featuring Ed Connolly, Jonathan Franklin and Johan Carlisyle. Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz, 7:30 p.m. Tickets, \$5 in advance, available at the Book Loft and the Christic Action Team Community Resource Center, 509 Broadway, Santa Cruz. \$7 at the door. Sponsor: Christic Action Team. Info: 426-3254.

saturday, october 19

"Creating Affordable Housing in an Environmentally Sustainable Community" conference. Topics include: How can we have both affordable housing and environmental protection? The ins and outs of local regulations. Environment siting criteria for new projects. Affordable housing: alternatives to new development. Tour of Neary Lagoon project. Sponsor: Santa Cruz Action Network. Sliding scale \$6-\$20 for the day (no one will be turned away for lack of funds). Lunches will be available at low cost, or bring your own. Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Space is limited and pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Info: 458-9425.

"A New World Family" community forum. Speakers include Sasha White, Rennie Davis, Barbara Marx Hubbard, and Sue Miller Hurst. Visions for a model community, audience participation, entertainment, refreshments. Cabrillo College Theater, Aptos, 1-4 p.m., \$3. Sponsor: Campaign for the Earth. Info: 338-6013

monday, october 21

Champagne reception with Daniel Ellsberg. Join the Nuclear Weapons Freeze for this special opportunity to meet and talk with peace activist Daniel Ellsberg at the lovely home of Eleanor Wasson, 660 Escalona Drive, Santa Cruz. 4:30 p.m. Sliding scale: \$35-\$50. Info: 458-9975.

Daniel Ellsberg talk: "Chances for Peace and the Role of Nuclear Weapons in the New World Order." Part of the UCSC Monday Evening Lecture Series presented by Santa Cruz Students for Social Responsibility. Cowell Dining Hall, UCSC, 8 p.m. Tickets at the door: students \$3.00; general \$4-10. Info: 458-2719.

"Supporting Women in Politics" — A group is forming whose purpose is to address the barriers to women running for and gaining political office in order to effect an increase in women's participation in local, state and national politics. UCSC Women's Center, Cardiff House, 7-9:30 p.m. Info: 426-2139.

tuesday, october 22

Peace Coalition of Monterey County regular meeting with representatives of organizations. St. James Parish Hall, Franklin & High Sts., Monterey, 5:30-6:45 p.m. Info: 883-0406 or 372-6001.

thursday, october 24

Crisis in the Gulf; Perspectives on the Gulf Crisis; and Vietnam Vets: Dissidents for Peace. Part of the Video Nights for a Sustainable World Thursday night series. 7 p.m. \$1 plus donation per video requested. Call Sandy for directions and to confirm showings at 423-7632.

"A Magical Journey-Tibet on Mountain Bike." Blending dramatic slides, insightful narration, and Tibetan music, writer and photographer Andy Selter presents Tibet as few have seen it. He and companion Debbie Martin travelled through Tibet in autumn 1987. UCSC Classroom Unit 1 (behind Whole Earth Restaurant), 8 p.m. \$3 students, \$4 general. Info: 459-2807 or 459-2668.

"Indian Law." Indian American Series lecture. Speaker Abbey Abenati. San Jose State, Washington Square Hall, room 109, 7 p.m. See October 10.

sunday, october 27

Walk for AIDS '91. A 10-kilometer fundraising walk to benefit AIDS services, care, and education in Alameda, Contra Costa, Napa, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, and Monterey Counties. Locations: Santa Cruz, Oakland (Laney College/Lake Merritt), and Stanford University (Frost Amphitheater). Info: 1-800-439-WALK or 370-9595.

monday, october 28

John Stockwell talk: An update on the Praetorian Guard and the New World Order. Part of the UCSC Monday Evening Lecture Series presented by Santa Cruz Students for Social Responsibility. Cowell Dining Hall, UCSC, 8 p.m. Tickets at the door: students \$3.00; general \$4-10. (A reception will be held at 4:30 p.m. at 1101 Bay St, Santa Cruz. Students/seniors: \$10-\$20; general: \$20-\$30.) Info: 458-2719.

tuesday, october 29

Helen Caldicott talk: "Citizen Action in the 1991 Elections." Spangenberg Auditorium, Arastradero & Foothill Expressway, Palo Alto, 8 p.m. Tickets \$7-\$15, sliding scale. Wheelchair accessible. Sponsor: Peninsula Peace Center. Info: (415) 326-8837.

thursday, october 31

Hearts and Minds; The Heroin Highway; and Choices or Chance. Part of the Video Nights for a Sustainable World Thursday night series. 7 p.m. \$1 plus donation per video requested. Call Sandy for directions and to confirm showings at 423-7632.



Former White House policy analyst under President Reagan, Barbara Honegger will speak on recent developments concerning the October Surprise scandal at Cowell Dining Hall, UCSC, 8 p.m., on Monday, November 4th.

thursday, october 31— saturday, november 2

International Working Conference on the Arms Trade in New York City. The conference will discuss the costs and consequences of the international arms trade. Registration fee \$35. A project of the International Office of SANE/FREEZE; co-convenor: European Network Against the Arms Trade. Info: (212) 949-7033 or (212) 986-2910.

friday, november 1

HallowWeed Happening — A community ritual and dance to liberate the hemp plant. Celebrate the Witches' New Year dressed in your most magical attire, and help the Holy Hemp Sisters raise consciousness. Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz, 7-11 p.m. Info: 685-1241.

saturday, november 2

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom Northern California "cluster meeting." All branches in Northern California will gather for a day-long session mainly focusing on "Undoing Racism" with workshop leaders Yeshi Newmann and Sala Steinbach. Unitarian Church, Aguajito Road, Carmel, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Registration fee \$10-\$20 includes lunch. Send reservations with checks to "WILPF, Monterey Branch" to Deanne Gwinn, 2 Walker Court, Soledad, CA 93960. Info: 678-0632, 375-8296 or 372-6001.

sunday, november 3

First Annual Santa Cruz Vegetarian Fair '91. Speakers, classes, music. Free event for adults and children. (John Robbins talk \$6.) Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Evening benefit dance with Pele Juju plus special guest band. \$6.50 advance, \$7.50 at door. Advance tickets mail check to Vegetarian Information Center, P.O. Box 1460, Santa Cruz, CA 95061.

Vigil for a lasting peace sponsored by Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Monterey Branch, and Peace Coalition of Monterey County. Window-

on-the-Bay Park, Camino El Estero & Del Monte Ave, Monterey, 12-2 p.m. Info: 372-6001.

monday, november 4

A talk by Barbara Honegger. Part of the UCSC Monday Evening Lecture Series presented by Santa Cruz Students for Social Responsibility. Cowell Dining Hall, UCSC, 8 p.m. Tickets at the door: students \$3.00; general \$4-10. (A reception will be held at 4:30 p.m. at 1101 Bay St, Santa Cruz. Students/seniors: \$10-\$20; general: \$20-\$30.) Info: 458-2719.

"Defending Civil Liberties: A Perspective," a talk by Ira Glasser, executive director of the national ACLU. The ACLU's annual fundraiser and dessert extravaganza. Star of the Sea Parish Hall, 515 Frederick St., Santa Cruz, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$10. The public is invited. For ticket info and reservations, call 439-9500.

thursday, november 7

The Revolution in Peru; Warning: the Media May Be Hazardous to Your Health; and Black History as Seen Through the Eyes of First-Graders. Part of the Video Nights for a Sustainable World Thursday night series. 7 p.m. \$1 plus donation per video requested. Call Sandy for directions and to confirm showings at 423-7632.

"What Endures: California Indians of Today." Indian America Series lecture. Speaker Malcolm Margolin, Publisher and author. San Jose State, Washington Square Hall, room 109, 7 p.m. See October 10.

saturday, november 9— monday, november 11

Veterans Witness Day at the Nevada Nuclear Test Site. Veterans and supporters will come together for a 3-day, 2-night camp-out, including a celebration, Veterans Rally on Sunday, and nonviolent direct action. Info: Alliance of Atomic Veterans (602) 768-6623 or American Peace Test (702) 386-9834.

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OCT 7
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Keith Thompson
To Be A Man
In Search of the Deep Masculine
Essays of timely importance to men awakening to the search for meaning, including Jung, Hillman, Neruda, Hesse and Bly.
- TUESDAY
OCT 8
7:00 PM
Curt Gentry
J. Edgar Hoover: The Man and the Secrets
The chilling account of one bizarre individual's unchallenged secret control of the U.S. government at the highest levels for fifty years.
- MONDAY
OCT 14
7:00 PM
Cathleen Rountree
Coming into Our Fullness: On Women Turning Forty
A collection of full page photographs and interviews with eighteen celebrated creative women.
- TUESDAY
OCT 15
7:00 PM
Dena Taylor
Author of *Red Flower: Rethinking Menstruation*
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Coeditor of *Touching Fire: Erotic Writings by Women*
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Writings on Menopause
Contributors who will be reading include Patrice Vecchione, Carol Standacher and Louise Thornton.
- MONDAY
OCT 21
7:30 PM
Stephen Mitchell
Translator of the *Tao Te Ching* and *The Book of Job*
The Gospel According to Jesus
A new translation and guide to his essential teachings.
- TUESDAY
OCT 22
7:00 PM
Ken Norris
Dolphin Days
My Life and Times with the Spinners
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Discoveries and Puzzles
Co-sponsored by Long Marine Lab, UCSC
- MONDAY
OCT 28
7:00 PM
Ron Hansen
Marriette in Ecstasy
A novel, the provocative investigation into the nature of passionate faith.
- TUESDAY
OCT 29
7:30 PM
Laura Davis
Author of *The Courage to Heal Workbook*,
co-author of *The Courage to Heal*
Allies in Healing
When the Person You Love Was Sexually Abused As a Child:
A Support Book for Partners
- WEDNESDAY
OCT 30
7:30 PM
Sue Bender
Plain and Simple: A Woman's Journey to the Amish (newly in pb)
Plain and Simple Journal
The story of a harried urban Californian moved to live with the Amish and attempt to integrate austerity, humility and clarity into her life.
- MONDAY
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7:30 PM
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