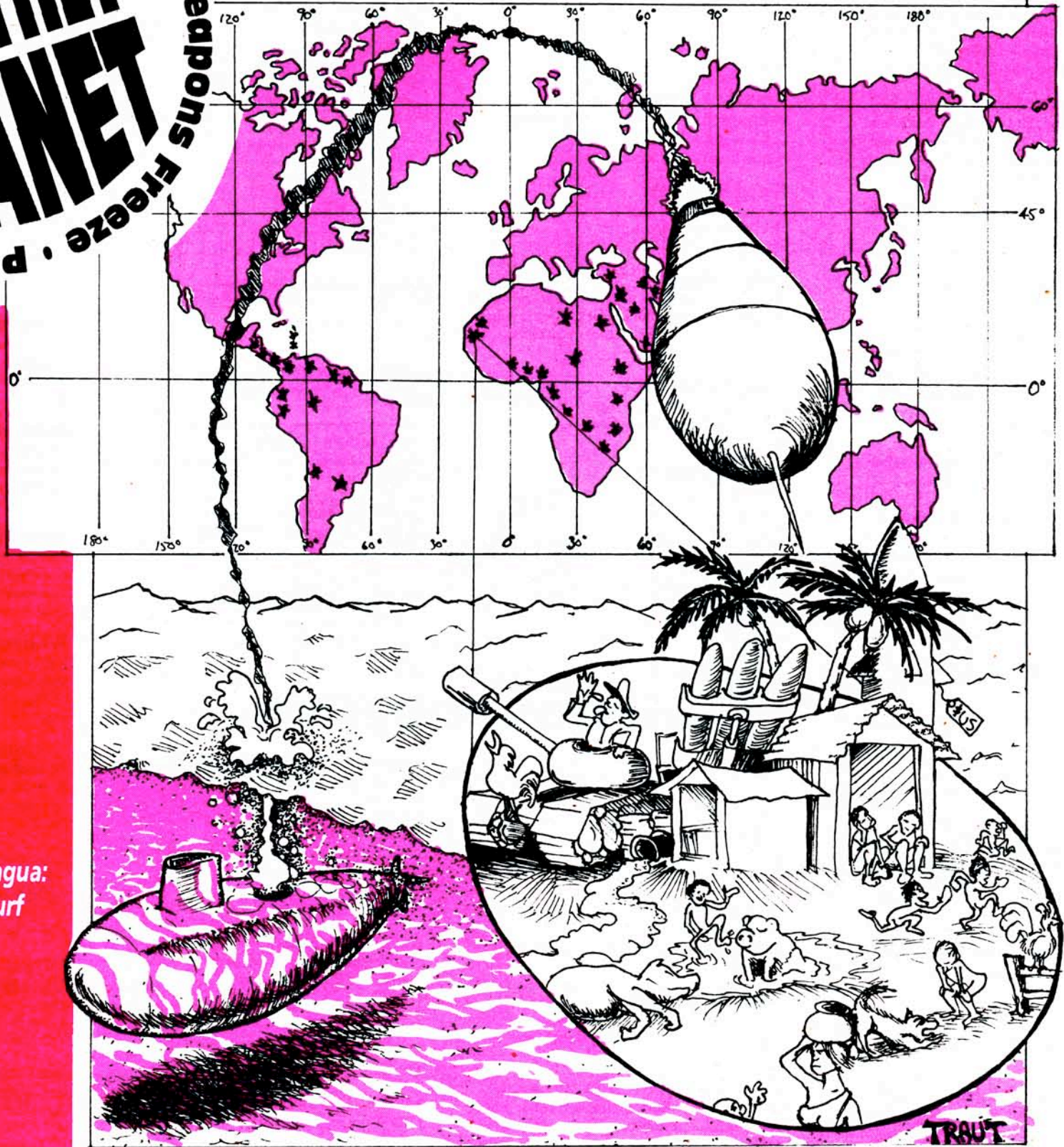


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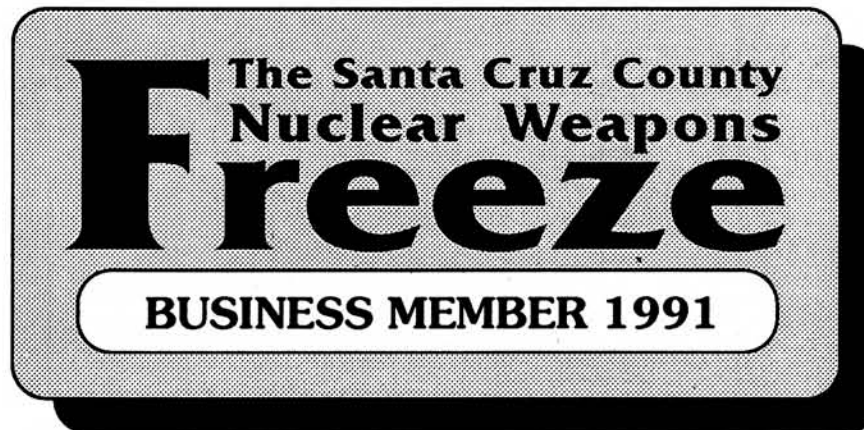
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Dr. Huet-Vaughn had worked with patients in an underserved area in Kansas City, Kansas. She is the mother of three children, ages 2, 5, and 8. During her trial, presiding officer Col. Richard Russell refused to permit comment on her motives for avoiding

active duty. The 19 witnesses who were finally able to testify, mostly Huet-Vaughn's colleagues and patients, characterized her as a dedicated and caring physician who served poor people in Kansas City, regardless of their ability to pay.

On what moral ground does our government condemn Dr. Huet-Vaughn to 2-1/2 years in prison, separate her from her children and community, after allowing an unscrupulous criminal illustrating utter contempt for our constitution, such as Ollie North, go free? In what way does Dr. Huet-Vaughn's crime of upholding her professional oath to preserve life merit this wholly dispro-

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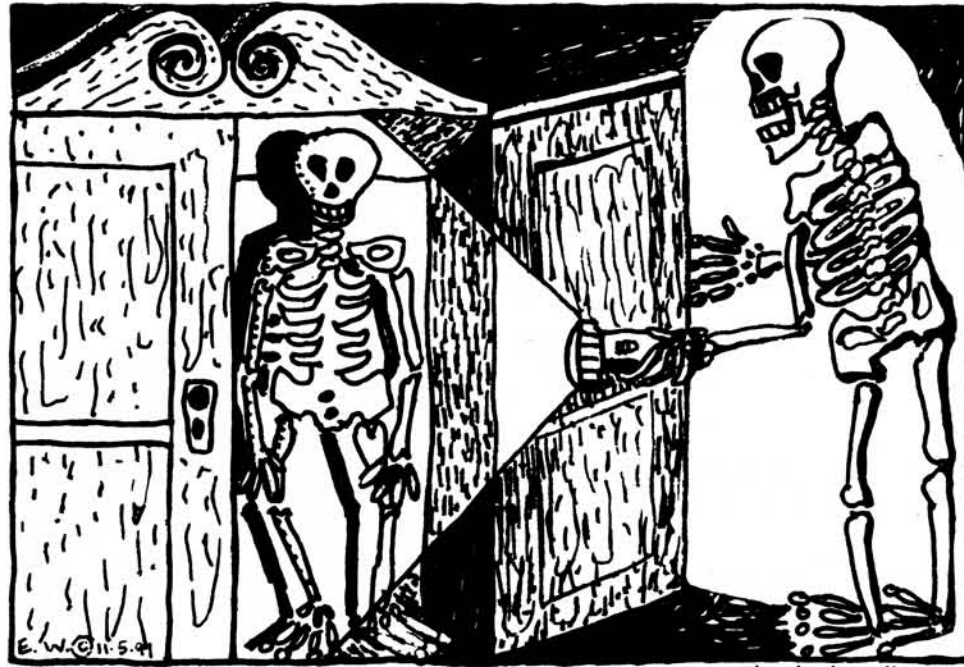
To many people, the name Bob Woodward may conjure up the image of a tough, nosy reporter willing to shine truth's light on some of government's darkest nooks and exhume the grisliest skeletons from anyone's closet.

Woodward first burst onto the national stage during the Watergate crisis, when, as a relatively inexperienced journalist he and partner Carl Bernstein made history by exposing Nixon's role in the scandal. Woodward went on to become a *Washington Post* editor and highly successful author. Almost all of his books, including his recent *The Commanders*, about the men who made the decision to go to war in the Persian Gulf, are characterized by a distinct lack of documentation.

Woodward's Teflon began to wear off some years ago with the publication of *Veil*, his book about the CIA. In *Veil*, as in his other books, Woodward gives intimate details, quotes from secret conversations, and describes what goes on behind closed doors, just as though he were there. In the case of *Veil*, he asks the reader to trust him that former CIA chief William Casey gave him the whole scoop during Casey's last hours, after Woodward snuck into the dying man's hospital room.

(One can picture the scene easily: Woodward in Casey's darkened hospital room, down on one knee in front of Casey's bed, paper and pencil in hand, throwing nervous glances at the door. Casey, on his side, drooling heavily on the sheets as he gives his last confession.)

But a recent book that casts the



Elizabeth Williams

Watergate scandal in a different light seriously strips Woodward of any remaining Teflon he might have. *Silent Coup: The Removal of a President*, by Len Colodny and Robert Gettlin, two former journalists, apparently sheds new light on events surrounding the Watergate break-in. *Silent Coup* reinterprets the roles key Nixon aides played in the scandal, and concludes that Nixon was not just a corrupt president, he was also a victim of a secret Pentagon cabal that was alarmed by the White House's rapprochement with China and the Soviet Union. (By now it should seem clear to anyone that presidents don't fall just because of a scandal or two.) While the existence of an anti-Nixon group in the Pentagon had been discovered in the early seventies, no one had apparently realized the full extent of its infiltration of the White

House, or its ultimate goal.

One of the most interesting things about *Silent Coup* is that it led Colodny and Gettlin to find out more about who Bob Woodward really is. It seems that Woodward has always liked his past to remain murky. But through numerous interviews and careful research, Colodny and Gettlin take many of his claims apart.

Woodward's claim that as a Navy lieutenant he did nothing important is key. The authors discovered that his work was actually to brief military and intelligence officials on classified matters. During his tenure as a "briefer," which lasted for two years (1969-70), Woodward was briefing none other than the chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Thomas Moorer, and General Alexander Haig, who was stationed at the White House at the time.

Both are implicated in the plot to spy on and possibly derail the Nixon administration.

To make a long story short, Colodny and Gettlin believe that General Haig was the seemingly omniscient source Woodward introduced to the world as "Deep Throat." After putting the pieces together, according to the authors, we would have to conclude that Haig was acting out his part of the plot to bring about the demise of President Nixon. Why did Haig choose Woodward as his channel? Why has Woodward been so anxious to play down his connections to military and intelligence figures? There is a host of similar questions raised by *Silent Coup*.

So far, *Silent Coup* is getting high marks from historians and respected journalists — at least from those who aren't committed to the Woodward/Bernstein version at all costs. And Colodny and Gettlin have some stunning interviews, including ones with Woodward himself, Admiral Moorer, and a former Navy yeoman and Pentagon spy named Charles Edward Radford. The authors asked Radford what the purpose of spying on the White House had been. He replied that their objective was "bringing Nixon down...[and] getting rid of Kissinger."

(The above relied on Robert Sherrill's recent review of *Silent Coup*. See "Bob and Al's Bogus Journey," *The Nation*, 10/7/91. Sherrill also describes the amusing and underhanded ways in which the *Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, *Time* and others tried to damage the success of *Silent Coup*.)

FORMERLY RELIABLE SOURCES

Can you trust right-wingers who propound conspiracy theories that attack the Bush administration? After all, why would they say anything bad about their own unless it was true, and unless they had a deep and unfailing commitment to publicize the truth? That kind of logic can lead to trouble.

In fact, a warning flag has been issued by a number of progressive journalists and analysts that liberals and progressives need to be wary of right wingers bearing conspiracy theories that appeal to leftist tastes.

One right wing hack who made great inroads into progressive media, especially in radio talk shows, is Craig B. Hulet. This self-inflated "expert" was recently exposed by Richard Hatch and Sara Diamond ("Who is Craig Hulet?" *Anderson Valley Advertiser*, October 2, 1991) and Chip Berlet ("Right-Wing Conspiracists Make Inroads Into Left," *The Guardian*, September 11, 1991).

Hulet's claims that he is a longtime journalist and editor, a former director of a private institute, a one-time employee of the National Security Council, and many other of his creden-

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tials, were found to be impossible to verify. Indeed, Hatch and Diamond's findings, as well as Berlet's, all seem to point to a concerted effort on the part of Hulet to misrepresent his past and enhance his credibility.

Why did Hulet suddenly become so popular? It appears that during the desperate times of the Gulf War and its aftermath, Hulet was able to present himself to progressives as an independent researcher who had all the right answers. The fact that Hulet is a smooth talker, with a confident tone and a voice that sounds good on radio, probably helped him considerably.

Upon closer examination, Hulet's propositions are either impossible to prove or don't stack up when compared with available documentation. One of Hulet's major claims, for example, is that the Kuwaiti rulers, the al Sabah family, have \$300 billion dollars of investments in the US. These investments, he says, are the lever the Sabahs used to force the US to fight the Gulf War. However, according to Berlet's article, "most newspapers and financial reporting services estimate Kuwaiti investments in the United States at between \$30 and \$50 billion." In addition, the U.S. government can and does freeze foreign holdings under certain circumstances, so it hardly seems likely that threats of withdrawal could have worked.

Before being exposed, however, the glib Hulet did make a large number of appearances on numerous radio stations, including KPFA (Berkeley), KPFA (Los Angeles), and

KUSP (Santa Cruz). Unwary progressives were also disseminating his propaganda via audio tapes, video tapes, and printed matter.

AN APARTHEID SYMPHIZER?

During the hearings on the worthiness of Judge Clarence Thomas, his character was supposedly a key issue. But Thomas' connections to paid agents of apartheid received little attention. In particular, Thomas' old friendship with J.A. Parker, who for years was a registered agent for South Africa, should have received more attention.

According to *Nation* columnist David Corn ("Beltway Bandits," September 30, 1991), Parker, a right-wing African-American, was a principle of the PR firm that sponsored a reception for the South African ambassador in 1987. And who should be on the guest list but Judge Thomas, apparently having accepted the invitation. At the time, Parker's PR firm was working to stave off attempts in Congress to impose economic sanctions on South Africa, and Thomas, then head of the EEOC, was invited to attend strategy sessions on influencing legislation. ■

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PROPERTY RIGHTS IN NICARAGUA: A NEW BATTLE OVER OLD TURF

By Trevor Davis

isolation enacted by the Sandinistas before leaving office last year. These laws essentially guarantee people the right to maintain property they already live on or own — land either state-owned or reappropriated after the Revolution of 1979. Over one million people benefitted from this redistribution.

If the laws are repealed, most of this redistributed land would be confiscated. Families living on property 60 square meters or greater would have to pay the "fair market value" or lose their property. Though not specifically in the current proposal, confiscated homes would all but certainly be returned to their pre-revolution owners. Only those in homes less than 60 square meters would not be impacted.

There's an obvious intent behind this emphasis on larger land holdings. Nicaragua's farm cooperatives — situated on plots of land big enough to accommodate several families — would be devastated if Cesar's legislation goes through.

After four months of debate and political warfare, the fate of Nicaraguan property rights remains uncertain. Sandinista members of the National Assembly walked out of the Assembly in protest when Cesar's legislation was first introduced last June. On August 23rd, with no Sandinista members voting, the National Assembly unanimously approved a measure drafted by Cesar that would repeal laws 85, 86 and 88.

Then, on September 11th, President Chamorro vetoed 20 of the 33 articles of the National Assembly measure, dismissing them as unconstitutional. While 13 articles remain, it as if Chamorro had vetoed the entire package; the remaining articles do not add up to a coherent policy.

Chamorro didn't give the National Assembly a chance to override her decision; she withdrew the veto on October 2nd, on the condition that the bill would be reworked in a way "acceptable to all parties."

At press time, a commission made up of representatives of both the Sandinista Party and the UNO Coalition is meeting in the hopes of reaching a compromise. The commission was to have made its formal recommendations on October 24, but didn't. Cesar was out of the country during the latter part of October and negotiations seem to be stalling.

With no resolution in sight, some municipalities have gone ahead and handed out land titles to their residents over the last few months. In October, after months of promising to put the government behind this effort, President Chamorro opened the Office of Territorial Organization in Managua, Nicaragua's capital city. Ironically, few people can afford the fees this governmental office charges to

issue land deeds. What those titles already issued will be worth once the government reaches a decision on the property rights question is anybody's guess.

There is far more at stake here than just land ownership. The battle over property is merely a right-wing backdrop to the first serious challenge of Violeta Chamorro's political power since her election last year.

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Chamorro's relatively smooth transition into the presidency last February had much to do with her repeated promises to respect land reform brought about by the Sandinistas. That Nicaragua's far right would now threaten these same reforms indicates they are also willing to sacrifice what little peace and stability Nicaragua has known in exchange for the absolute power they wielded in the days of the Somoza dictatorships.

After the National Assembly voted to approve what has become known in Nicaragua as "Cesar's Law," Alfredo Cesar had a draft of the bill published in the country's pro-UNO newspaper, *La Prensa* — an action that would customarily take place in Nicaragua after the president signs the bill into law. Chamorro sent a harsh letter to Cesar expressing her "astonishment" at seeing the law in *La Prensa* "as if I had signed it." Cesar's response was nothing short of a war cry: "Whether they like it or not, this will be the law of the Republic."

Prior to the 1990 elections, no one had expected that the ownership of redistributed properties would ever be challenged. Explains Dora Maria Tellez, a member of the Sandinista cabinet: "We didn't worry too much about giving out papers [deeds of ownership]. We were more interested in bringing about social justice than in legalizing it."

But with the surprise election of Chamorro last year, the Sandinistas were prompted to enact laws which guaranteed what had already been gained and established — the legal transfer of properties to the over 200,000 families who had benefitted from land reform. If these laws are repealed, the ownership of entire neighborhoods will be called into question. The Somoza family, which spawned the three dictators that ruled Nicaragua for most of this century, owned roughly one third of all the country's land at the time of the revolution. A small, extremely wealthy minority owned most of the rest.

Some of Cesar's more vocal allies are in the US. On June 25th, *The New York Times* ran a front-page story entitled "Sandinistas' Booty Sets Off a Bitter Battle in Nicaragua." The writer, Mark Uhlig, depicts Cesar's initiative as "aimed at revising special laws that the Sandinistas pushed through in

This summer's battle over property rights has brought Nicaragua its most serious crisis since President Violeta Chamorro's electoral victory in February of 1990. Led by former Contra Alfredo Cesar, the country's political right wing is taking aim at one of the most significant gains of the Sandinista Revolution: land reform.

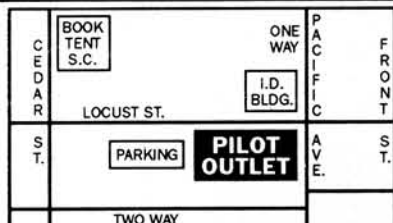
Starting back in June, Cesar, currently president of the National Assembly, called for the dismantling of long-standing Sandinista urban and rural land reforms. Specifically, Cesar wants to repeal National Assembly Laws 85, 86 and 88, leg-

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their last days in power." These unnamed "special laws," he says, "awarded tens of millions of dollars... to Sandinista loyalists in the weeks between their defeat in the elections in February 1990 and when they left power that April."

This media portrayal of Cesar as the new champion fighting Sandinista "corruption" may be linked to a more explicit US agenda. A formal declaration of support, signed by 50 US congressmembers last August, has prompted speculation that his efforts to confiscate land come at the bidding of the State Department. His challenge of Chamorro's authority, according to Congress, "strengthens the bases of Nicaraguan democracy and is an inspiration for democratic peoples." Such US support may be Cesar's ultimate power base.

Throughout the crisis, Cesar has been openly meeting with US Ambassador to Nicaragua Harry Schlauderman. In moves that seem to contradict embassy protocol (nothing new for US diplomats stationed in Nicaragua), the ambassador openly supports Cesar's efforts to destabilize Chamorro's government. Schlauderman has appeared at press conferences with Cesar, and told the newspaper *Barricada* that the Bush administration may condition further US aid on radical reforms in the Chamorro government.

More than four months after the property rights of Nicaraguans were called into question, the issue is still unresolved. With the re-emergence of Contra fighting in the countryside, runaway inflation, rising unemployment and the decline in health care and education, the reversal of land reform in Nicaragua could well end up being just another failure among many committed by the UNO government since taking power.

On the other hand, land reform — more than any other issue in Nicaragua — contrasts the social democracy popularized by the Sandinistas with the oppression and economic disparity experienced in Nicaragua under the long string of US-backed dictators who ruled before the revolution.

How the government will act on the question of property rights — and how the people will respond — remains to be seen. ■

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

CONGRESS TRADES STEALTH BOMBER FOR STAR WARS

by Shelly D'Amour

At press time, Congress is finishing the conference report on the fiscal year 1992 Department of Defense Authorizations Bill. The conference committee is comprised of selected members of the House and Senate Armed Services committees, and seeks to iron out the differences between the House and Senate versions of this year's defense bill. The fiscal year began October 1st, and Congress is way behind schedule in completing the budget process.

Last month Congress was faced with a decision over whether it would continue to support two key weapon systems designed for the Cold War world: the Stealth (B-2) bomber and Star Wars. In the end, it appears that a compromise was struck and one system was traded for the other.

The conference committee approved almost all of President Bush's \$3.2 billion request in funding for the B-2 but essentially said no to any additional planes over the 15 already contracted for. Included in the authorization is \$1 billion in escrowed funds toward the construction of a 16th Stealth bomber, but the system must clear significant hurdles before Congress will release these funds. Most observers on Capitol Hill believe the program is essentially dead at this point.

The House has consistently gone on record this year against any further appropriations for the B-2. The Senate also fought a pitched battle on this issue and came up two votes short of canceling the program during floor consideration of the defense bill. The language of the conference report indicates that funding for a 16th bomber is theoretically possible, but Northrop

Corporation (the principal contractor for the B-2) must first demonstrate significant improvements in the plane's flight test performance, and Congress would have to clear any release of funds with a second vote.

Northrop's latest round of difficulties with its lucrative pet project began when a July 26 Air Force flight test revealed that the plane is more radar detectable than Congress was originally led to believe when designs for the aircraft were first presented over three years ago. Northrop spokesperson Les Daly tried to paint the conference report in a positive light, stating that the Congress seemed to "recognize the value of the B-2 bomber and a desire to continue the program cautiously."

Fifteen bombers have been planned for, at a current projected cost of \$865 million a copy. That's up from \$600 million a piece three years ago. Three planes have been built and are undergoing performance evaluations at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

The White House lobbied hard to acquire four additional bombers this year, as Pentagon strategists scrambled to rehabilitate the plane's image as a Cold War relic. Originally designed to counter Soviet ICBMs, the B-2 suddenly became a bomber without a mission in the face of a rapidly crumbling Soviet empire. The administration tried unsuccessfully to convince Congress that the B-2 was still viable toward addressing regional military conflicts. Key congressional backers of the B-2 also complained that the president's recent announcement of unilateral nuclear arms cuts didn't give them much to work with.

The conference committee did approve \$4.3 billion for Star Wars,

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including support for a controversial plan to deploy a ground-based missile defense system in North Dakota by 1996. Included in the funding measure is \$390 million for the "Brilliant Pebbles" missile interceptor program.

In August the Senate approved \$4.6 billion toward deployment of up to 100 ground-based missiles at a site near Grand Forks, North Dakota. If enacted, this would constitute the first-ever deployment of a Star Wars system. The House version of the bill did not contain funding for the Grand Forks deployment.

The deployment plan seriously challenges the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty, which prohibits the testing and deployment of ballistic missile defense systems in space. The treaty does, however, allow for up to 100 ground-based interceptors to be deployed at a single site. US administration officials, along with the support of some in Congress, are interested in amending the ABM Treaty to allow for up to seven deployment sites. Until recently, the Soviets have been adamant in their opposition to any amending of the treaty. Unfortunately, they have recently indicated that they are open to renegotiation.

The central figure in this controversy is Senate Armed Services Committee

chair Sam Nunn (D-GA). Nunn, like many of his colleagues, has tried to have it both ways. A long-time advocate for the ABM Treaty, Nunn is also an avid supporter of Star Wars. In the 1980s Nunn led the fight against attempts by the Reagan administration to "reinterpret" the treaty to embrace deployment of SDI space-based components. That was before there was really anything to deploy. Now that Congress has funded enough pieces of the Star Wars program to actually deploy something, the treaty has become a negotiable item.

To date, the ABM Treaty has been an effective instrument in keeping the arms race out of space. The recent actions of the Senate and the conference committee have put the integrity of the treaty at risk, paving the way toward possible eventual deployment of a space-based system.

As with the B-2, the Pentagon has had to do a rapid about-face on its PR in order to make Star Wars a saleable weapons system for the post-Cold War world. This presents an interesting challenge since Star Wars was conceived of and promoted exclusively as a protective defense against Soviet aggression. However, military linguists have been hard at work crafting a new image, and a new vocabulary, for

Congress' (and our) consumption. The "evil empire" is now passé, replaced by shadowy references to nefarious Third World madmen. Star Wars deployment, White House spokesperson Marlin Fitzwater assures us, is now critical to "protect against accidental, unauthorized, or third country launches." Expect to see this and similar phraseology coming from White House and Pentagon sources from now on. It represents the new government currency when presenting rationales for weapons systems.

ISRAELI MISSILE SALES TO SOUTH AFRICA

The October 27th *Washington Post* revealed that Israel had recently violated an important non-proliferation accord by selling missile technology to South Africa. Furthermore, the *Post* stated, the United States imposed heavy penalties on South Africa, but none on Israel.

The incident involved an Israel government-affiliated corporation which sold ballistic missile technology to Armscor, a South African corporation with ties to the government. The sale violates the terms of the 1987 Convention for the Limitation of the Spread of Missile Technology. Last year, Congress adopted a series of mandatory sanctions against violators. As a result, South Africa will have its import/export privileges to the United States revoked for a period of two years. Additionally, South Africa is barred from entering into any contracts with the US government during this period.

President Bush waived the sanctions against Israel in exchange for Israel's promise to abide by the terms of the arms convention beginning in 1992.

NUCLEAR TESTING

House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt (D-MO) has introduced the Nuclear Testing Moratorium Act (HR 3636), which would impose a one-year moratorium on the underground testing of nuclear weapons, as long as the Soviet Union or one of its successor states does not test. The bill currently has 112 cosponsors, including local

16th district Representative Leon Panetta (D-Monterey).

The proposed legislation is the result of a signature campaign begun by Rep. Mike Kopetski (D-OR), who earlier was seeking cosigners on a letter to Armed Services chair Les Aspin, requesting that a one-year moratorium be attached to the Defense Authorizations bill. Kopetski reportedly also did the leg work in getting cosponsors to Gephardt's legislation.

In the Senate, Senator Paul Simon (D-IL) has drafted a similar letter to Armed Services chair Sam Nunn, and is seeking cosigners. There is currently no formal legislation in the Senate to address nuclear testing.

WEAPONS PLANTS

In a surprise development, Energy Secretary James D. Watkins announced that the Department of Energy would postpone for two years a decision on how and where to build a new nuclear weapons facility.

The announcement comes at a time when the Energy Department was expected to release a decision on where the new bomb factory would be located. Instead, Watkins opted to push the decision back two years, citing the changing world scenario and the recent administration decision to eliminate short-range nuclear weapons as the principal reasons.

The proposed facility would manufacture tritium, a gas which extends the "shelf life" of nuclear weapons. Watkins stated that the dismantling of the short-range nuclear weapons will provide enough tritium to maintain current stockpiles for the next two years, and so a decision on the new facility need not be rushed at this time. However, he stressed, he still foresees the necessity for the new plant. The intent of the waiting period is to put the reactor on the same timetable as the rest of the DOE's weapons complex, which is undergoing massive reconfiguration.

On a related issue, a bill designed to force the federal government to comply with the same environmental laws it imposes on private industry passed the Senate 93-4. The Federal Facilities Compliance Act (S596), sponsored by Senator George Mitchell (D-ME), gives the Environmental Protection Agency

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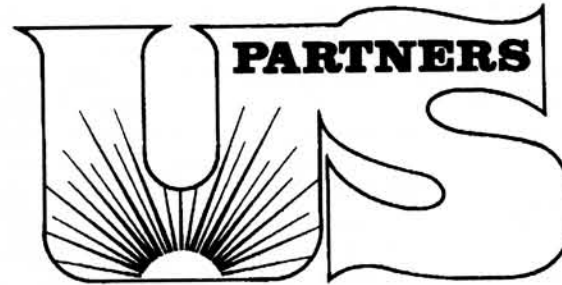
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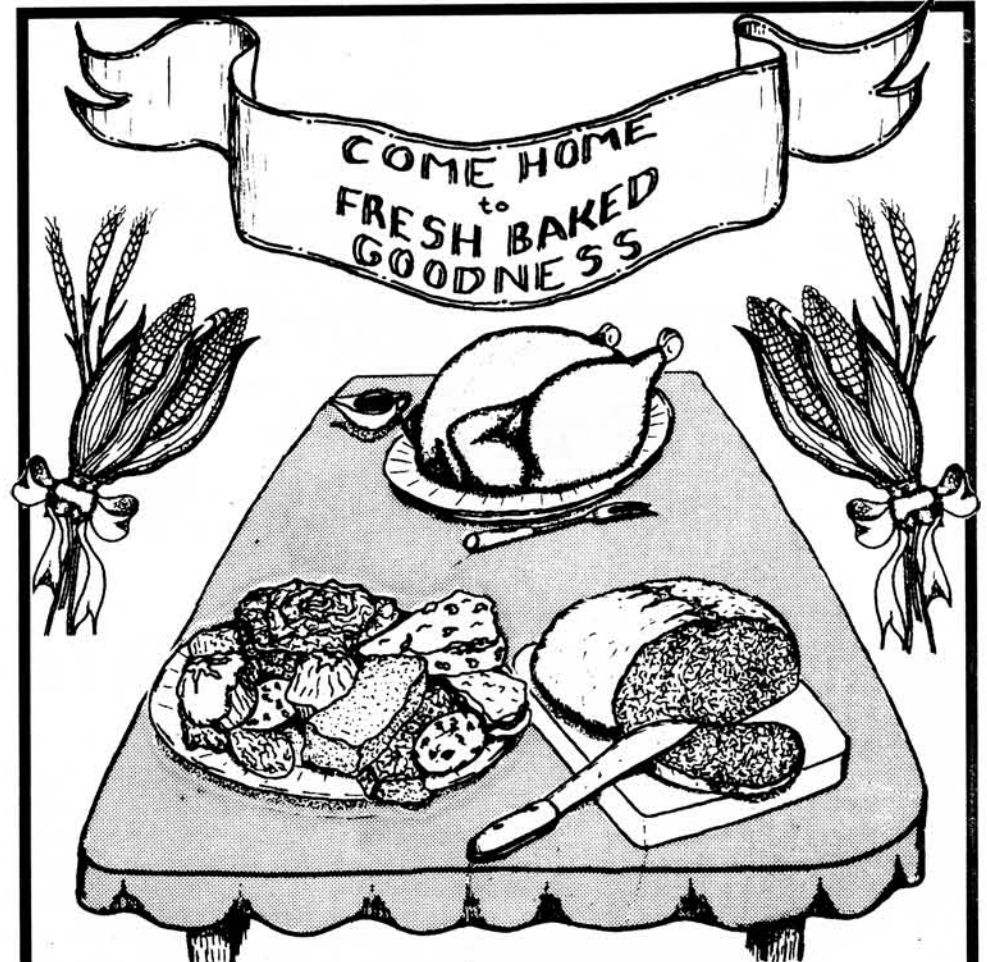
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The bill contains a major weakness in that it permits federal agencies to stockpile mixed wastes until the end of 1993, at which time they would be given an extension until 1997 if they are able to prove that storage facilities are unavailable. This compromise amendment was added in order to ensure successful passage of the bill. While it waters down the bill significantly, it also allows for the first legislation of its kind that holds the federal government accountable to the standards that it sets for industry.

NUCLEAR WASTE DISPOSAL

A proposal to open a "low-level" nuclear waste dump in the Southern California desert has met with forceful opposition from state officials and local

residents who say the planned facility isn't safe enough to hold the radioactive materials, some of which will remain lethal for thousands of years.

If the California Department of Health Services has its way, a license to operate the dump may be awarded in a matter of weeks to a Kentucky-based firm with the dubious name of US Ecology. If the prospective dump is opened, it will be the first such low-level waste (LLW) repository constructed since the 1960s. Currently, there are three LLW repositories operative in the United States, all of which are scheduled to close in 1993. So called "low-level" nuclear wastes are gener-

ated by a variety of sources from hospitals to nuclear power plants. Some of the waste decays rapidly. However, the majority is generated from nuclear power plants and decays over many thousands of years.

The proposed site occupies a piece of federal land in the Ward Valley, a remote section of Southern California desert, approximately 25 miles west of Needles. If eventually built, the dump site would sit only 15 miles from the Colorado River. A large underground reservoir also runs beneath the site. Area residents have expressed the concern that the LLW holding tanks have not been designed well enough to

maintain LLW for long periods of time without it eventually leaking into the soil and water supply. Assemblymembers Byron Sher (D-Palo Alto), Tom Bates (D-Berkeley), and state Controller Gray Davis (D) agree. However, California is under pressure from the federal government to come up with a dump site by 1993, or risk severe consequences.

Congress created legislation in 1986 which mandated that all states that produce LLW come up with a dump site plan by 1992. The legislation called for the formation of regional pacts of states which would utilize a dump site to be located in one of the states of their region. At the time California — the largest generator of LLW west of the Mississippi — opted to construct its own dump site. However, with the deadline drawing near and no other LLW sites in the running, state officials are afraid that California will be forced to take everybody else's LLW. California alone is projected to produce 138,000 tons of radioactive waste over the next 30 years. Assemblymember Bates told the *San Francisco Examiner*, "I'm very very concerned we are going to become the dumping ground for the entire nation." Los Angeles anti-dump activist Daniel Hirsch concurred: "It's like all 50 states were told to go jump off a cliff and California is the only one nearing the precipice."

EL SALVADOR

In a disappointing move, the House and Senate have dropped the ball on El Salvador, clearing the way for more than \$21 million in military aid over the next four months. The aid package was rolled into an omnibus foreign aid spending bill called a continuing resolution (CR), which provides the federal government with foreign aid funds through March 31, 1992 until the formal Foreign Aid appropriations bill can be worked out. The CR is a budgetary vehicle frequently employed by Congress as a stop-gap measure to keep the government running until it can complete action on formal appropriations legislation. Final action on this year's Foreign Aid bill is being postponed by Congress at the request of President Bush, who wants to delay congressional action on proposed loan guarantees to Israel, pending outcome of the current Middle East peace talks.

The lack of support for any aid restrictions for El Salvador is particularly disappointing since the House and Senate have consistently gone on record this year to support stringent restrictions on military aid. At stake is approximately \$3.5 million per month in military assistance while the CR is in effect. Add to that some of the \$80 million in unspent military aid that is in the pipeline from previous years.

Prior to the CR, both the House and the Senate were well on their way toward passing bills which would have cut this

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year's aid request in half. The funding restrictions would have escrowed half of President Bush's \$45 million aid request plus half of all existing pipeline funds, pending satisfactory resolution of several high-profile human rights cases, and continuing progress in the current round of peace talks between government officials and FMLN rebels.

The release of military aid, however small, comes at the worst possible time. Salvadoran rebels and government representatives are in the final stages of negotiations which may well produce a cease-fire by Christmas. Salvadoran army officials have been quoted in recent months admitting that the reduction in US military aid over the past year had a direct influence on their willingness to approach the bargaining table.

It was two years ago this month that a contingent of soldiers from the elite Atlacatl battalion left their barracks in the middle of the night and quietly entered onto the University of San Salvador campus. Six prominent Jesuit university professors, including university rector Rev. Ignacio Ellacuria, were dragged from their sleep out into the nearby courtyard and executed. In an adjoining room, their housekeeper and her 15-year-old daughter were shot to death in their beds, apparently in compliance with an army officer's orders to "leave no witnesses."

In September of this year that officer, Col. Alfredo Benavides, made history in El Salvador as the first army officer ever to stand trial and be convicted of a

human rights abuse. Four of the gunmen who stood trial with Benavides were exonerated, even though they admitted to participating in the killings. Benavides himself is widely regarded as a "sacrifice" on the part of the Salvadoran military command. The intellectual architects of the murders will probably never be known. Meanwhile, the day after the Benavides conviction, the Salvadoran army renewed its bombing campaign in the remote peasant areas of Guazapa and Morazan.

It is against this backdrop that Congress must be made to account for its decision to allow military aid to flow freely once again. In particular, members of the House leadership should be called to task for refusing to back aid restrictions in the CR. The people of El Salvador deserve at least that from us, as on this somber anniversary they make their bold and hopeful bid for peace.

ACTION: Contact the following members of the House leadership and express your outrage that restrictions on military aid to El Salvador were not included in the continuing resolution: House Speaker Thomas Foley (202) 225-5604; Majority Leader Richard Gephardt (202) 225-0100; Majority Whip David Bonior (202) 225-3130; and Foreign Operations Subcommittee chair David Obey (202) 225-2041. ■

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Trident-2 & the New World Order

By Bob Aldridge

In high school science class we learned that mass cannot be destroyed, but its form may be changed. Pentagon dreams seem to follow that same maxim — at least as far as a first-strike capability is concerned. First-strike programs are still at work, although with a slightly different slant. Euclid presented another axiom for mathematics: things equal to the same thing are equal to each other. Again transposing to current events: if Trident nuclear submarines are instruments of war, and war is necessary to preserve what President Bush calls the *new world order*, then Trident must somehow be connected to that new world order. Let us examine first strike and Trident in that light. But first a word of caution. Don't confuse the *new world order* (italicized in this article) promulgated by President Bush with the dynamic restructuring of societies which is taking place around the globe.

The paramount reason behind the arms race has been to protect big businesses, whose only allegiance is wealth. The way they get wealthy is by maximizing profits. Nothing does that better than cheap labor, ready access to natural resources, and abundant fertile land on which to grow crops which are greatly demanded in rich countries. Where is this wonderland? It is the poor nations of the world which are struggling against poverty, sickness, and famine — the so-called Third World. That is the place where exploitive corporate dreams are realized. A place where people are so desperate they will comply with almost anything to earn a little money or acquire a few crumbs of bread. A place where working conditions and safety are not strongly protected. A place where environmental regulations and hazardous waste dumping restrictions are nil.

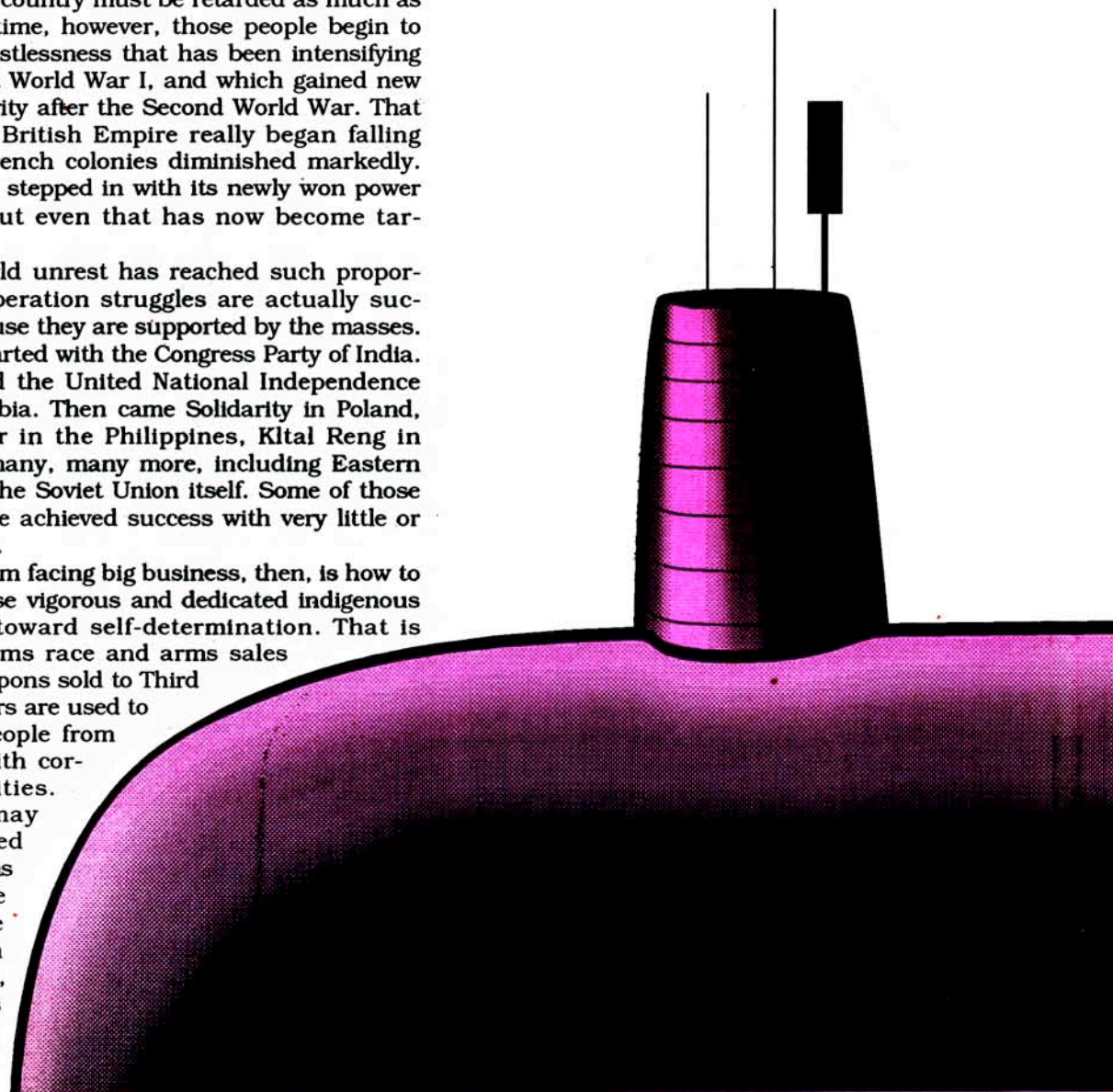
To keep Third World people compliant, development of their country must be retarded as much as possible. In time, however, those people begin to stir with a restlessness that has been intensifying since at least World War I, and which gained new levels of activity after the Second World War. That is when the British Empire really began falling apart and French colonies diminished markedly. America then stepped in with its newly won power and glory, but even that has now become tarnished.

Third World unrest has reached such proportions that liberation struggles are actually succeeding because they are supported by the masses. It possibly started with the Congress Party of India. That inspired the United National Independence Party of Zambia. Then came Solidarity in Poland, People Power in the Philippines, Kltal Reng in Palau, and many, many more, including Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union itself. Some of those struggles have achieved success with very little or no bloodshed.

The problem facing big business, then, is how to suppress these vigorous and dedicated indigenous movements toward self-determination. That is where the arms race and arms sales come in. Weapons sold to Third World dictators are used to keep local people from interfering with corporate activities. Such use may not be defined in those terms but that is the bottom-line purpose. In addition, such sales

have become a lucrative source of profits for the weapons merchants. Conventional forces and tactical nuclear weapons back up these totalitarian regimes and combine with the strategic nuclear forces to keep out competition — competition from such powers as the Warsaw Pact countries and the Soviet Union. None of this is new. Many of us have recognized this scenario for some time.

But during the past several years, events behind the global pattern of exploitation have been shifting like California's tectonic plates. The Warsaw Pact is no more and the Soviet Union is crumbling. Stirring consciousness in the masses throughout the world has created massive upheaval of governments. The resulting political dust has clouded the business climate in underdeveloped areas but it has also opened new marketing potential in the naive emerging democracies.



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At the same time, as competition from the Communist Bloc fades, dictators in smaller countries are getting more ambitious. They feed their egos with high-tech weaponry which they acquire by one means or another. Sometimes these self-proclaimed heroes operate to the detriment of business interests, as was demonstrated recently in the Persian Gulf.

So a new scenario has unfolded to affect the big business interests which control our government. America's foreign policy needed some serious rethinking and restructuring. The result was euphemistically dubbed by our president as a *new world order*. Contrary to the liberating order sought by emerging democracies around the globe, this *new world order* is precisely calculated to influence evolving circumstances in a manner to promote conditions most conducive to business activities. New markets must be exploited to the fullest before indigenous production gets off the ground. A fine line must be tread between highest returns from foreign arms sales and protecting the latest technology from renegade dictators. Regional uprisings must be immediately crushed with quick and decisive military force before opposition, particularly opposition at home but also abroad, can be mustered. Foreign military alliances must be strengthened and increased, and US military forces must be deployed in select strategic areas.

Another aspect of Bush's *new world order* is to delude the public into believing that more harmonious global conditions are being sought. Toward that end, several long-in-negotiations treaties have been signed. It started with the Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty which has removed all ground-based intermediate-range nuclear missiles from Europe. Given the sad history of failures in the US weapons inventory, it is fortunate for America and its allies that they have been removed. Had those weapons ever been used the friendly-fire casualties would have been tremendous. But, now that all possible profits have been reaped from INF production, they have been negotiated away.

More recently the Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) and the Strategic Arms Reduction Talks (START) treaties have been signed. Reduction of Europe's conventional forces was dictated by common sense while the Cold War was still raging, and is anti-climactic now that the Warsaw Pact has self-destructed. Strategic arms elimination under START will only affect older weapons. Nothing in that treaty will significantly constrain new developments or prevent the United States from acquiring a first-strike capability. So much for that aspect of the *new world order*.

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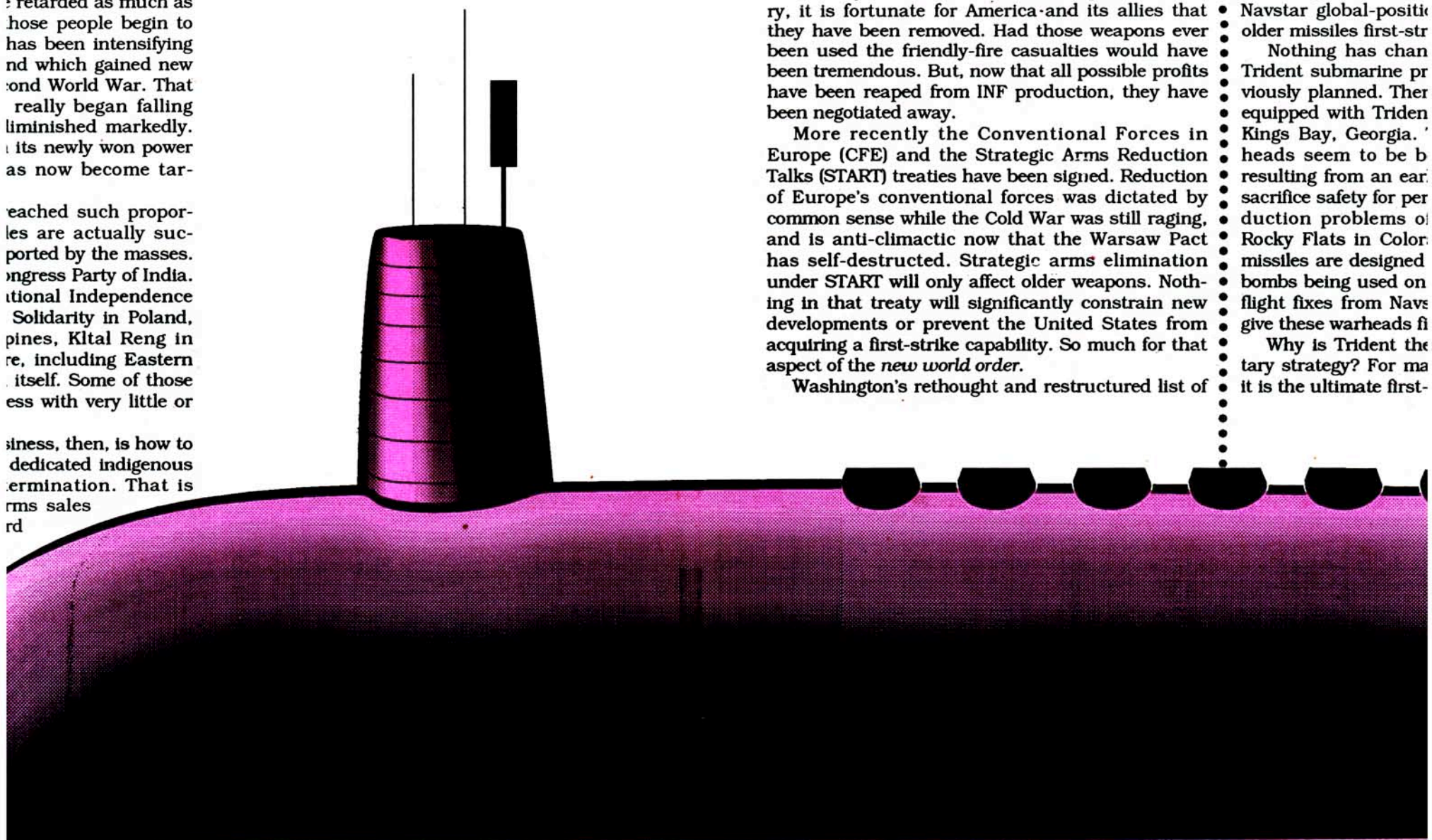
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priorities for the new world order has hammered out a military strategy which shifts emphasis from containing the Kremlin to keeping regional dictators in line. When push comes to shove, smart weapons targeted by sophisticated command, control, communications and intelligence devices will strike. But the Pentagon is not satisfied with just that. It wants unquestioned superiority. The most it can get. It wants a nuclear and conventional arsenal that could surgically remove any target on the earth, whether that be a clandestine uranium enrichment plant, a germ warfare factory, or a front-line command post. These must have a first-strike precision and better. Nothing is more persuasive than a full strike capability — if not for threatening the Soviets, then to intimidate any government that stands in the way of America's lifestyle. More about lifestyles later.

Trident stands as the centerpiece for this unquestioned advantage. After all, Trident is the ultimate first-strike weapon. There have been some cutbacks in the Trident program, just as in other military projects. The total number of Trident submarines planned has dropped to the 18 already funded — it is better to yield a little, at least in appearance, when the public is clamoring for a peace dividend. And, of course, plans can always be changed again at a later date if the atmosphere is right.

Trident's West Coast base at Bangor, Washington bears the brunt of this reduction in thinking. Its announced quota has been reduced to the existing eight subs which will continue to carry the older Trident-1 missiles, rather than be retrofitted to launch the larger Trident-2s. But letting the status quo remain unchanged seems to be the extent of the Trident cuts — unchanged, that is, except for possibly adding Navstar global-positioning receivers to give those older missiles first-strike accuracy.

Nothing has changed for the East Coast. The Trident submarine program is progressing as previously planned. There will eventually be ten subs equipped with Trident-2 missiles operating out of Kings Bay, Georgia. The larger, 475-kiloton warheads seem to be bogged down with problems resulting from an early-in-the-program decision to sacrifice safety for performance, and also from production problems of the fission component at Rocky Flats in Colorado. Nevertheless, Trident-2 missiles are designed to also carry the 100-kiloton bombs being used on the West Coast Tridents. In-flight fixes from Navstar navigation satellites will give these warheads first-strike accuracy.

Why is Trident the centerpiece of current military strategy? For many of the same reasons that it is the ultimate first-strike weapon:

Nothing is more persuasive than a first-strike capability — if not for threatening the Soviets, then to intimidate any government that stands in the way of America's lifestyle.

(1) The missiles can be launched from a platform of unknown and undetectable locations. Furthermore, no foreign basing agreements are necessary for the launch site.

(2) Trident missiles can strike anywhere in the world with little or no warning. There is absolutely no defense against them.

(3) The missiles are very accurate and can be made even more precise for specific applications with lower-yield bombs.

(4) Trident is flexible. Portions of the fleet can remain targeted against the Soviet Union while other missiles can be equipped with low-yield nuclear or even conventional payloads. As times change, so can the mix of warheads.

No, these possible modifications to Trident missiles have not been specifically announced to the public. That does not mean they are not planned, or even being implemented. If we wait for the Pentagon to announce its intentions, or if we even accept unquestioned what it does announce, we'll forever remain in the dark. To stay informed we have to watch which way the wind is blowing and anticipate what is ahead. What is certain is that the modifications described above are possible. In view of Bush's *new world order*, they are probable.

So when some people say they take pride and comfort in knowing that Trident subs are out there on patrol, they have not examined the entire picture. They are victims of a well-financed and misleading public relations effort geared to pacify citizen discontent. Trident — both its cost and purpose — epitomizes the total lack of understanding which is causing oppression, famine, poverty, sickness, and death among our poorer brothers and sisters.

Yes, Trident does protect the American lifestyle as that lifestyle exists today. We Americans buy the products which are produced by raping the Third World. If big business behavior in poorer countries were not protected, we Americans could not live so lavishly. Hence we resist any action which threatens our lifestyle. And so long as we wear moral blinders we will continue to do so. But if we can transcend material comforts and empathize more closely with suffering people, new priorities will steer our lives. Then — just as benevolent change came about in Zambia, Poland, the Philippines, Eastern Europe, the Soviet Union, and elsewhere — America will actually become the type of country we like to think it is. It will be a country of which we can once again be proud. ■

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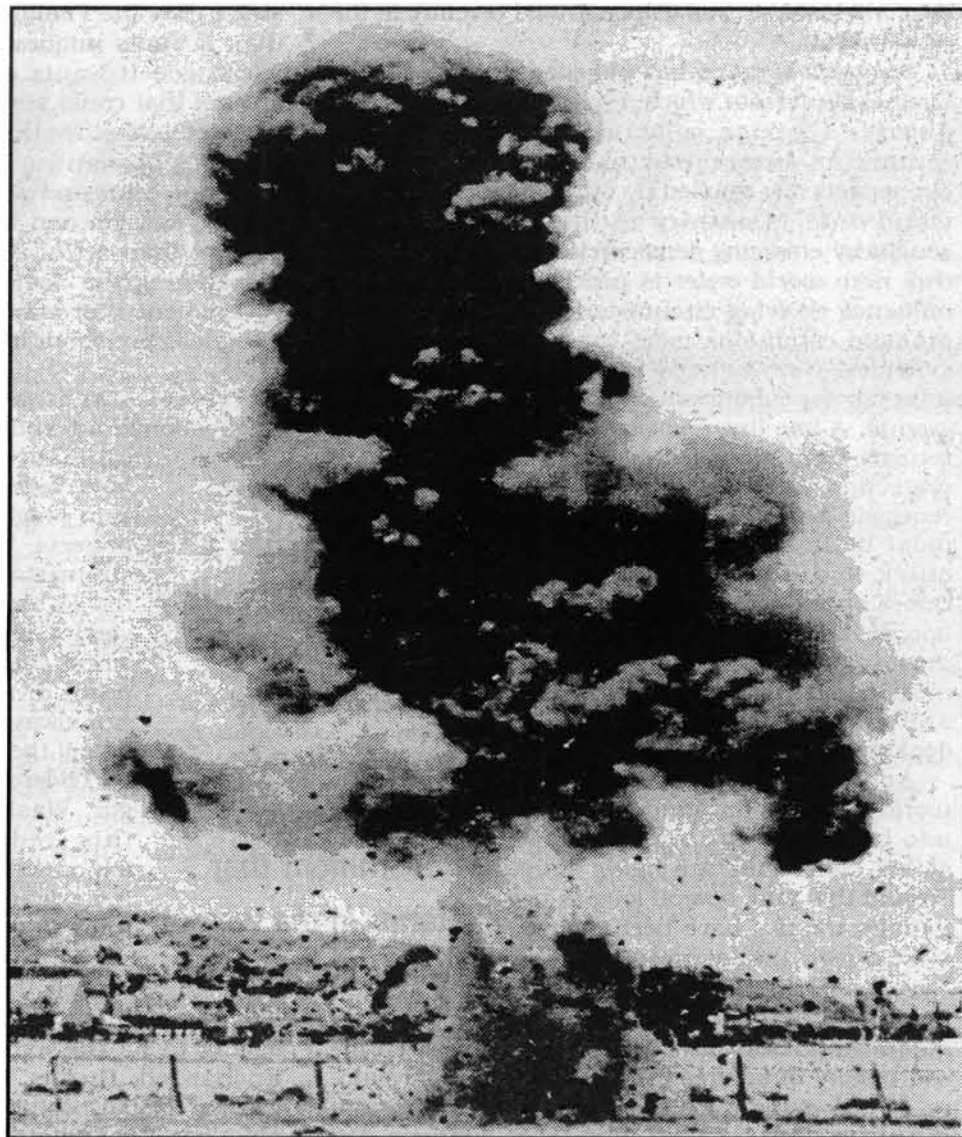
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HOT FLASHES

By Catherine Franke



OZONE THINS, EPA FIDDLES

New scientific data reveals an even more alarming rate of ozone layer destruction than previously thought. On October 23rd, an international panel of 80 scientists released new findings to the United Nations, warning of the urgency to halt production of materials which emit chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), halons, carbon dioxide, and other ozone-depleting pollutants into the atmosphere. Panel co-chair Dr. Robert Watson of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration called the situation "extremely serious."

Scientists have discovered that the ozone "holes" over the North and South Poles are much worse than prior data had shown, and that the protective ozone layer in northern latitudes (North America and Europe) and in southern latitudes is being depleted not only in the winter, but year round.

This discovery of the accelerated rate of ozone depletion over the US in the summer has potentially devastating consequences. Even before this new information came to light, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) had calculated that 12 million cases of skin cancer would develop in the United States due to last decade's 4.5 to 5 percent ozone reduction. Out of those diagnosed with skin cancer, an

estimated 200,000 are expected to die. This rate of depletion was triple that of the 1970s. According to Dr. Watson, the new findings point to a further 3 percent total destruction of the ozone layer in the next ten years.

The summer months are when the most damage can be done from ultraviolet rays to sunbathers and to crops. The ultraviolet rays that pass through the depleted ozone layer cause cancer, cataracts, crop damage, and, scientists predict, could destroy the feeding patterns of marine life.

In addition to reducing ozone, CFCs act to trap heat in the atmosphere, which contributes to global warming. The new findings also indicate that the depletion of the ozone layer may actually help to offset global warming; thus, stopping ozone destruction could speed up the warming trend. EPA head William Reilly seized on this disturbing information to justify the administration's lack of action concerning the problem of global warming. Rather than call for reductions of carbon dioxide emissions that are a major cause of warming, or call for an accelerated phase-out of CFCs, Reilly was content to state that "what had been thought was a major greenhouse gas turns out in fact to be having a cooling effect."

(Sources: New York Times 10/23, 10/18, 10/10; San Francisco Chronicle 10/10) ■

CHERNOBYL BURNS AGAIN

A fire which erupted last month at Chernobyl, the site of the 1986 nuclear meltdown that spewed radiation around the globe, has ignited new concern about the faulty nuclear power plants in the Soviet Union and former Eastern Bloc countries.

The fire, which reportedly erupted in a turbine building adjacent to the nuclear reactors, was contained and Soviet officials claimed that no radiation was released. Emotions, however, are ablaze. Due to internal and foreign public pressure and the renewed fear of another nuclear holocaust, the Ukrainian parliament voted on October 29th to shut down Chernobyl by 1993, two years ahead of schedule. "The station is not safe, and it is a cause of constant fear for citizens of Kiev and for the whole world, because we live on a small planet," said Ukrainian parliament member Vladimir F. Shovkoshytny.

The economically burdened remains of the Soviet Union is calling for aid from other countries, especially the world's two leading nuclear powers, the United States and France, to help foot the approximate \$15 billion bill for the proposed shutdown of Chernobyl.

The 1986 nuclear disaster at Chernobyl was responsible for an officially reported 32 deaths, but Vladimir Chernousenko, scientific director of the 20-mile exclusion zone around Chernobyl, accuses Moscow of covering up the true tragedy of the accident. Chernousenko said in April that the nuclear explosion claimed up to 10,000 lives.

A few days before the fire broke out, Ivan Selin, chair of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, completed a tour of nuclear power plants in Eastern Europe and said that conditions there are unsafe. He explained that the improvement or shutdown of outdated plants in the former East Bloc countries is made impossible due to a lack of resources, an overreliance on nuclear power, and an unstable political environment.

(Sources: *New York Times* 10/13, 10/8; *San Jose Mercury News* 10/12; *Santa Cruz Sentinel* 10/12; *Los Angeles Times* 10/30) ■

WASTING CALIFORNIA

If state officials have their way, 138,000 tons of low-level radioactive waste is destined to be dumped in the California desert. After a turbulent, 11-year decision-making process, California officials have finally decided upon the Ward Valley in San Bernardino County as the receptacle for the state's hundreds of tons of nuclear waste from hospitals, universities, and nuclear power plants.

The disposal plan awaits the approval of Governor Pete Wilson and the state Department of Health Services. According to the deputy director of the Department of Health Services, Ron Joseph, the nuclear disposal plan is "the most scientifically reasonable answer to the disposal of low-level nuclear wastes."

This has a few people up in arms.

Retired chemical engineer George

Butler, who lives 22 miles from the proposed dump site, started People Against Radioactive Dumping and has garnered over 4,000 signatures from worried residents on petitions against the waste plan.

State Assemblymembers Tom Hayden, Byron Sher, and Tom Bates, and state Controller Gray Davis, are also worried about the nuclear waste disposal plan. Along with environmental groups, they say that the dump site is not designed well enough to prevent contamination of underground water supplies. But these are just "irresponsible scare tactics," according to US Ecology Senior Vice President Ron Gaynor.

Meanwhile, the California Radioactive Materials Management Forum has hired a Los Angeles public relations firm, Winner/Wagner, to come up with a "strategic communications plan" to convince the Wilson administration to adopt the waste plan.

(Sources: *San Francisco Examiner* 10/15; *San Francisco Chronicle* 10/30) ■

NOT IN OUR BACKYARDS

While residents and environmentalists battle the federal government over the proposed nuclear waste plan in San Bernardino, California, the states of Colorado, New Mexico, and Idaho are at war with the government as well — and sometimes against each other.

Joined with Idaho Governor Cecil D. Andrus in an almost hopeless battle against federal legislation are the Shoshone-Bannock Indian Tribes. While the Shoshone-Bannock Indian Police successfully halted shipment of radioactive wastes from crossing tribal borders for 12 hours, Andrus has been struggling to keep Idaho's borders free from radioactive waste and the National Engineering Laboratory from becoming a permanent nuclear waste site. In October 1988, Andrus banned radioactive military waste and further shipments of nuclear material from the Public Service Company in Colorado, owner of the St. Vrain nuclear plant, from crossing Idaho's borders. But his victory was short-lived. He lost a court battle against the Department of Energy last month and has been forced to open up Idaho's doors to radioactive wastes once more. Now Andrus is tickled to see a waste disposal site opened in New Mexico.

New Mexico residents don't see eye to eye with Andrus. While Idaho has been busy battling the Energy Department, New Mexico's Attorney General Tom Udall has filed his own lawsuit in Washington District Court to halt the opening of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in Carlsbad. New Mexicans have gained a small reprieve in the war against waste; the Justice and Energy departments agreed to keep the site closed until November 8th, and a hearing is set for the 15th.

(Source: *New York Times* 10/10, 10/17) ■

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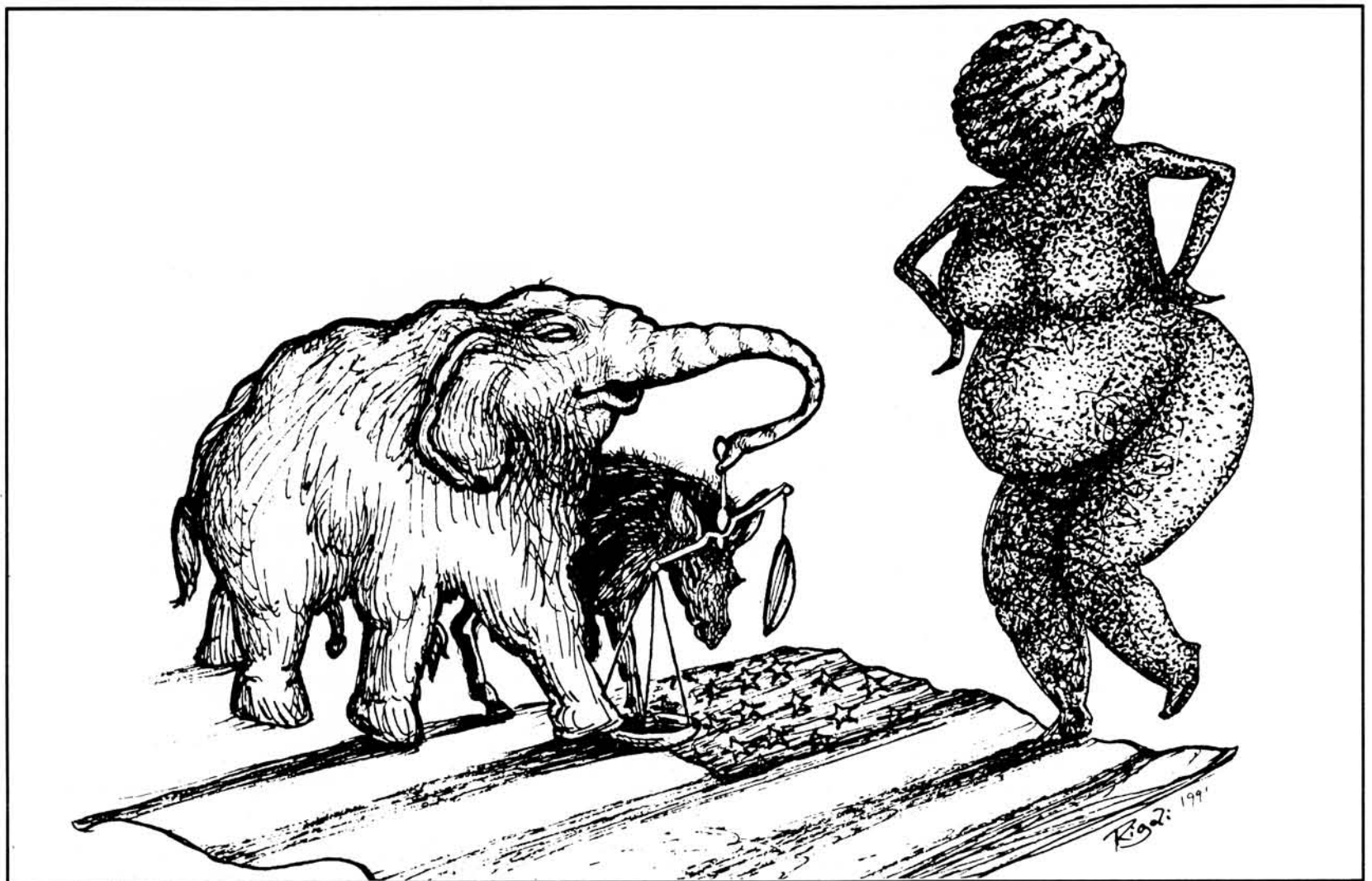
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Thomas Confirmation Fuels Outrage, Commitment to Change

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Clarence Thomas is on the Supreme Court — and many women are mystified and outraged. After claiming to take Anita Hill's charges of sexual harassment seriously, senators voted Thomas in based on flimsy credentials and more than a little masculine empathy. The glaring lack of women and people of color in higher levels of government was likely a major factor in the outcome of the hearings. Rosemary Dempsey, action vice president of the National Organization for Women (NOW), charged: "Obviously their behavior demonstrates that they are completely out of touch with

women and the realities of sexual harassment in the workplace...it is clear that we need more women and people of color in the highest levels of government. Ninety-four percent of all senators are wealthy white men. There are only two women in the Senate and no people of color."

As the hearings progressed, the government forces working against feminist objectives became increasingly clear, prompting many to question the confirmation process and raise the larger issue of representation of women and people of color in government. Yet strong condemnation of sexual harassment was linked with what many consider a hypocritical response — giving a man of questionable credi-

bility the "benefit of the doubt." For example, many find it hard to believe Thomas' repeated statements under oath that he had never discussed *Roe v. Wade* (the landmark 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion in 1973), even though he was in law school at the time of the decision.

Although the confirmation vote was largely split along party lines, 11 key Southern Democrats defected to the pro-Thomas side in the final hour. Many women's political organizations view this as a betrayal of their votes and campaign contributions and are now vowing political revenge in the 1992 elections.

On the day of Thomas' confirmation, NOW issued a news release from

Executive Vice President Patricia Ireland stating: "Women's voices, needs, experience and perspective are simply ignored in public policy making. No more devastating example exists than the vote today to confirm Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court." She challenged and threatened the incumbent senators who voted him in by saying, "We will build a new political force to challenge incumbents who have abandoned the dream of equality...We will no longer beg for our rights from men in power, we will replace them and take power ourselves."

Within hours of the confirmation women's groups were protesting at their representatives' offices and in Washington. The Fund for the Femi-

NOW's Expanded Bill of Rights for the 21st Century

The Commission for Responsive Democracy was charged by the 1989 NOW National Conference to investigate the formation of a new party dedicated to equality for women and an expanded Bill of Rights for the 21st Century. The Bill of Rights for the 21st Century includes, but is not limited to:

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7. The right to clean air, clean water, safe toxic waste disposal, and environmental protection;
8. The right to be free from violence, including freedom from the threat of nuclear war.

The recommendations of the Commission for Responsive Democracy will be sent for discussion and approval to the NOW National Conference in June, 1992 in Chicago. The decision of the NOW Conference, the supreme governing body of NOW, will be binding on the organization.

nist Majority, a leading supporter of liberal Democratic candidates, picketed the Washington, DC Hilton, where the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee (DSCC) was holding its annual fundraising banquet. Fifty women carried signs saying, "Women were Robbed" and "We Will Remember, We Will Never Forget." Dozens of women protested at the Capitol, chanting "We'll remember in November," a potent warning for the incumbents. Eleanor Smeal of the Fund for the Feminist Majority is quoted in *The New York Times* as saying, "Why has the Democratic Senate helped confirm appointment after appointment of right-wing ideologues? The anger and frustration is so deep." Rosemary Dempsey said the overwhelming message from the thousands of calls NOW has received since the confirmation was one of resolute, angry determination: "The reaction from women and some men has been incredible...women are calling and saying, 'I've had it, I need to get involved. [I'll do] whatever it's going to take to get these guys out of office who have no idea about the gender bias in all American institutions...'"

Senator Robb (D-VA) is a particular target because, as well as voting to confirm Thomas, he also chairs the DSCC. Shortly before the committee's annual benefit banquet, the company that handles DSCC's fundraising cancelled its \$4-million-a-year contract, to protest Democratic senators' votes to confirm Judge Thomas. The firm, Craver, Mathews, Smith & Company handles direct mail for many women's groups and other liberal organizations. In their cancelling statement, as quoted in *The New York Times*, company president Roger M. Craver wrote to Senator Robb that

Women constitute a substantial portion of the donors to the D.S.C.C. For years they have been reaching deep into their pockets to help protect the Democratic majority in the Senate because they truly believed only a Democratic

Senate could protect them from an increasingly conservative judiciary and an outwardly hostile executive branch. That faith was shattered by the way the Democratically-controlled Senate handled the entire Thomas nomination. Not only did it take a tidal wave of outrage to force the Senate to take the charges of sexual harassment seriously, but the majority was much too willing in the first place to confirm a nominee who presented himself as a man of few beliefs.

Other senators being targeted include Senator Alan Dixon (D-IL) and Orrin Hatch (R-UT). Hatch sponsors an annual Women's Conference, which will take place on November 8 this year. Women's organizations in Utah are organizing an "Axe Hatch Picket," as well as a media-blitz campaign. NOW staff are convinced that there will be more financial withdrawals from senatorial campaigns.

Anger and frustration seem to have finally reached the limit for some feminists, at least in the electoral arena. According to a statement issued by NOW in September, it is currently completing the final stages of constructing an alternative political party. This action follows a year of public testimony in cities across the country from activists in many political struggles. The NOW Commission for Responsive Democracy, "fueled by the public dis-

gust with the massive and unprecedented corruption, greed and hypocrisy in the Republican and Democratic parties," called for the formation of a new party.

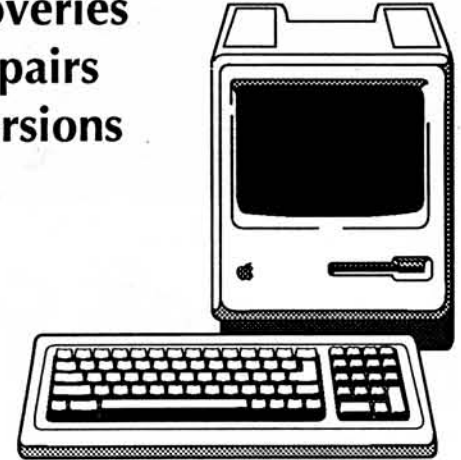
A working group has been formed, including Patricia Ireland and other political activists such as Dolores Huerta, co-founder of the United Farm Workers of America, and Sara Nelson of the Christic Institute. According to Rosemary Dempsey, "We need to start the search for the strongest possible women, feminists or progressive persons...[this confirmation process has been a] catalyst for a Third Party Movement."

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Ironically, in New York state two women are competing for the Democratic senatorial nomination in the approaching primary. Elizabeth Holtzman (currently city comptroller of New York) and Geraldine Ferraro (1984 vice presidential candidate) are both campaigning for the chance to challenge the incumbent, Alfonse D'Amato, a conservative Republican. Both women have feminist backgrounds, especially Liz Holtzman. D'Amato's reputation was damaged by a recent series of ethics investigations. His vote for Thomas has spotlighted his anti-choice stance, a position many feel is out of sync with liberal New York.

In California, too, dissatisfaction with a conservative senator is mounting. Republican John Seymour, who voted to confirm Thomas, has a vague position on abortion rights. Like New York, California is one of the most progressive states in the Union in terms of social legislation. It remains to be seen whether Seymour has the ability to fairly represent Californians' views.

Although feminists generally condemn Thomas' confirmation, they differ in their assessments of the future implications of the hearings themselves. Many doubt the ability of state and federal agencies to deal with sexual harassment charges. "It's a good thing, I suppose, that senators...felt compelled to recognize and decry the everyday sexual humiliation of working women. But mostly it was just theater," said Katha Pollitt in a scathing editorial in *The Nation* that questioned the ability of elected officials to represent women's concerns. According to Jillian Greensite of the UCSC Rape Prevention Education program, state and federal agencies should now take the initiative. They "should now step in and say 'we are here to hear suits'....State and federal agencies whose credibility has been stretched have a responsibility to say 'we take sexual harassment seriously,'" she said.

Yet there is also optimism about the unprecedented attention to the problem of sexual harassment in the national media and at the highest levels of government. "People will be able to give a name to what's happening," says Greensite. "Because the issue was aired, people may be more encouraged [to talk about it]," she said. "Some people may be so outraged that they will have the courage to say something to their harasser." Dempsey calls it the "collective click," and went on to say: "Our membership at all of our offices has increased 500 percent in the days since the confirmation. This is a catalyst, not just a 24-hour 'happening'...Yes, it's despicable, but at least the arrogance and insensitivity of these men has been exposed...We have deep resources out there."

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Despite massive organizing and public action to stop the confirmations of conservative Supreme Court justices such as Bork, Kennedy, and Thomas, the Reagan and Bush administrations have managed to pack the court. By carefully choosing nominees with the proper right-wing credentials and sending them to be confirmed by the Senate on their merits alone, they have practically predetermined the outcome of the inevitable challenges to *Roe v. Wade*. Prior to Thomas' confirmation, it seemed possible to rely on court re-interpretation of the Constitution to protect women's reproductive rights, but this is no longer the case. With the almost certain loss of court protection of reproductive freedom, many feminists are now turning to the Democratically controlled Congress to legislate the abortion rights granted in *Roe v. Wade*. ■

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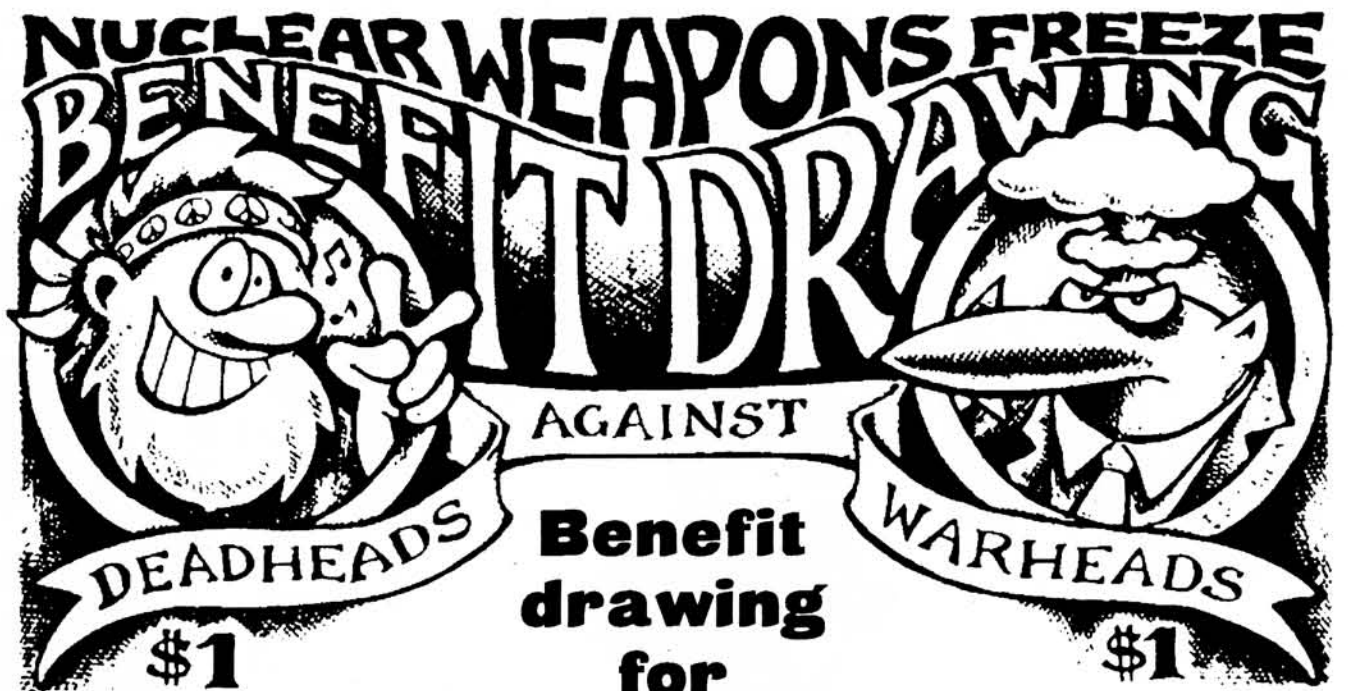
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Letter from britain

By Pete Shanks

To a visitor from America, the most striking feature of the view from this side of the Atlantic is the apparent irrelevance of the USA. America just doesn't matter much anymore.

On the surface, this is absurd. The McBurger infection continues to spread along English High Streets; the World Series was broadcast live (at 2 a.m., to a small audience of VCRs); the NFL is broadcast every Sunday night; audiences flock to *Robin Hood* and *Terminator II* and are being primed for *The Fisher King*. American pop culture continues its dubious reign.

But the political and economic power that fueled the rise of that cultural imperium seems to have slipped away. The investments that worry British

nationalists are now Japanese (it is not loudly acknowledged that the "British" car industry threatened by Nissan, Toyota and Honda is largely owned by Ford, GM and Chrysler). The political leaders whose uncontrolled decisiveness scares Westminster are now moving to Berlin.

The Cold War is over. Washington won and is no longer needed.

When President Bush does something newsworthy, such as opening the Madrid peace conference, he still gets air time, sandwiched between the Battle to Save Sterling and the acquittal of an IRA bomb expert. Indeed, he is still ritually referred to as Leader of the Free World; but then Her Majesty refers to John Major's administration as "My Government" and no one in the UK bats an eye. The British are so accustomed to separating nominal and actual power that they rarely bother to mention the distinction.

Some of the decline in respect for American authority certainly derives from Reagan's presidency. The unanimous view in Britain is that Ronnie was a doddering idiot of no importance. This posi-

tion is, of course, not unknown in America, although it is a little unfair — no politician who both promises to make the rich richer and succeeds in doing so deserves to be called totally incompetent. Nevertheless, the legacy of presidential irrelevance, true or not, continues to tarnish Bush's image on this side of the Atlantic.

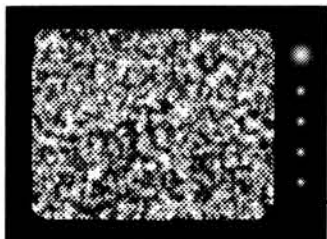
Even if Bush were to withdraw all US forces from Europe, he would be seen here as reacting to, rather than dominating, events. The context of British discussion would be the European Defense Force that the French and Germans are advocating. British Conservatives prefer NATO while the newly Euro-centric Labour Party fervently opposes Tory policy.

For relations with Europe are the only substantial issue of British politics. The election that must be called by next summer may turn on issues of competence — the Tories are bedeviled by a sluggish economy and seem to have completely run out of new ideas; Labour's ideas are vague at best but they don't seem to be knifing each other in the back quite as much as they used to and, after a

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dozen years out of power, they can't be blamed for the recession so they have a slight lead in the polls. Essentially both parties agree that they should maintain the Health Service and the basic structure of the Welfare State, together with a market economy not overburdened by state ownership of essential industries (what used to be called Socialism). Thatcherism is coming into perspective, as a slight adjustment to, rather than a replacement of, the old post-war consensus.

A great deal of political maneuvering is taking place, however, on European questions, in the run-up to the Maastricht Summit in December, at which some kind of European treaty will be signed. Tory isolationists are posturing, largely in the hope of getting better terms, while Neil Kinnock's Labour Party hopes it is seizing the historical moment by championing the move to Europe.

The questions are real and important: Should there be a common European currency, replacing the pound, franc, and mark by perhaps the year 2000? Is a common European foreign policy, decided if necessary by vote, feasible? Will the economic alliance between EFTA and the EC, which is creating a free-trade zone for essentially all Europe, some 370 million people whose combined economies could dwarf America's, lead to the creation of a huge new federation? Is that the goal of modern British and European policy?

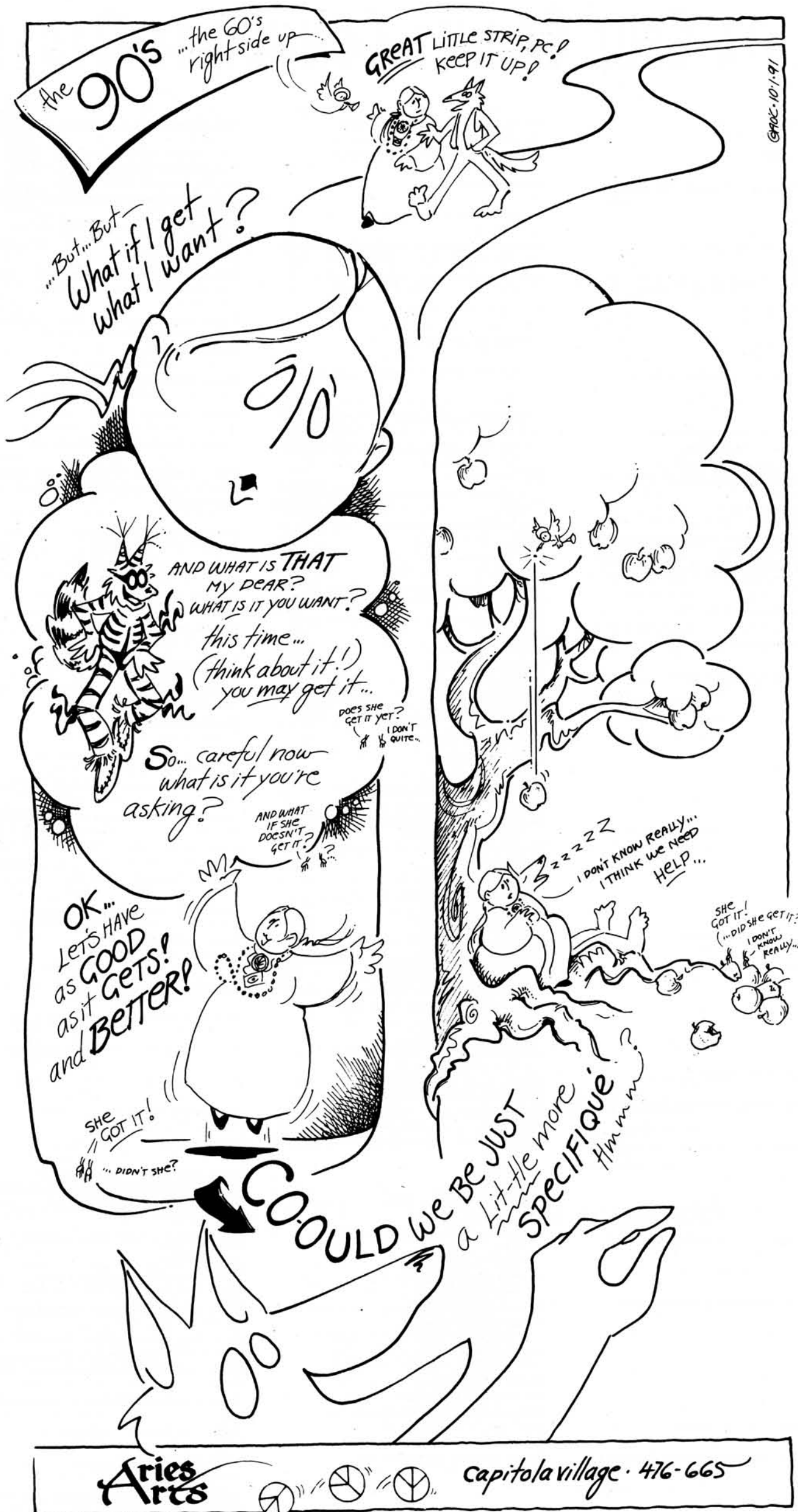
Meanwhile, the world's only superpower is ignored.

It used to be said of Britain that it had lost an Empire and not yet gained a role. From here it seems that America has lost a role (Defender of the Free World) and with it an empire that was no less real for its lack of the traditional instruments of imperial power (such as direct taxes and appointed proconsuls). Wealth we still have, but dominance is dying.

There's a new world a-borning, and now is the time to rethink our defense and foreign policy priorities.

Will America flail about in attempts to impose its will on an increasingly reluctant world? Or will we move towards global democracy? Can we learn to go along with decisions that we may disagree with? Can we accept a reduced place in the world?

Do we dare to risk peace? ■



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425-1146 Box 604, Santa Cruz 95061

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WHERE TO RECYCLE IN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

CALIFORNIA BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING AND LITTER REDUCTION ACT: You may redeem beverage containers marked "CA Redemption Value" at state-certified centers located near most supermarkets. There are about 20 such centers in Santa Cruz County (redemption bimetal).

EXPLANATION OF OTHER MODES: Drop-off centers accept materials on a donation basis only. For example, you might deliver recyclables to a charitable group, or drop off materials at a landfill recycling center prior to dumping your refuse. Buyback centers offer cash for some materials. They generally buy glass, aluminum, cans, paper, cardboard, and/or metals. Some buyback centers operated by nonprofit groups encourage donation of materials. **CALL AHEAD FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION.**

SPONSOR	LOCATION	MODE	MATERIALS	HOURS	PHONE
SCOTT'S VALLEY					
Recycle America & County of Santa Cruz	Urbanized residential area	curbside collection	cans, glass containers, plastic drink bottles, news, cardboard, oil	weekly schedule on garbage day	423-2022 425-2721
Cabrillo Heat Lions Club & Waste Management of Santa Cruz	Trout Gulch Road & Apts St.	drop-off	news	anytime	476-1201
\$ 20/20 Recycle Centers	Deluxe Foods, 763 Rio Del Mar Blvd. Safeway, 16 Rancho Del Mar Shopping Ctr	redemption	qualified beverage containers	11-5, Tues. - Fri. 8:30-5 Sat.	415 487-2048
BEN LOMOND					
County of Santa Cruz & Waste Management of Santa Cruz	County Transfer Station Recycling Center, Newell Creek Road	drop-off	aluminum, glass, news, cardboard, oil, filters, metals, batteries, mattresses, wood waste & brush	7:30-3:30 every day	338-8610
\$ Valley Women's Club w/ Ben Lomond Library & SLV Girl Scouts	County Transfer Station	redemption	qualified beverage containers	11-5 every day	338-6578 338-6158
BOULDER CREEK					
\$ Valley Women's Club, w/SLV Kiwanis Club	SLV Redemption/ Recycling Center, Johnnie's Super 13224 Hwy 9	redemption	qualified beverage containers	11-5 every day	338-6578 338-9166
CAPITOLA					
Capitola Disposal Co.	residential area	curbside collection	aluminum, metal cans, glass, news	weekly schedule on garbage day	476-9288
\$ Envipco California	businesses	collection	cardboard	by arrangement	476-9288
\$ Envipco California	Nob Hill Food 809 Bay Avenue	automated redemption	qualified beverage containers	anytime	none
FELTON					
\$ Valley Women's Club w/ SLV Lions Club	SLV Redemption/ Recycling Center, Vista Foods 6123 Hwy 9	redemption	qualified beverage containers	11-5 every day	338-6578 338-9166
LIVE OAK AREA					
Recycle America & County of Santa Cruz	Urbanized residential area	curbside collection	cans, glass containers, plastic drink bottles, news, cardboard, oil	weekly schedule on garbage day	423-2022 425-2721
California Grey Bears	2710 Chanticleer Ave. (north of Hwy 1 near Skyview Drive-In)	drop-off	news, aluminum, glass, PET plastic, cardboard, brown paper bags, office & computer paper, glossy paper	8-4:30, Mon.-Fri. (bins in front available 8AM-10PM)	479-1055
Live Oak Community Recycling Center	980 17th Ave. (next to Fire Dept.)	drop-off	cardboard, glass, aluminum, & plastics	9-5 every day	475-6915
\$ 20/20 Recycle Centers	Deluxe Foods 2-1515 East Cliff Dr.	redemption	qualified beverage containers	11-5, Wed.-Sun. open 8:30 Sat. closed 1:30-2	415 487-2048
\$ Opal Cliffs Food	Opal Cliffs Food 4125 Portola Drive	in-store redemption	qualified beverage containers	9-2, every day	476-1651
SANTA CRUZ					
City of Santa Cruz Recycling Program	Municipal Landfill Recycling Center, on Dimeo Lane, 3 mi northwest on Hwy 1	drop-off	aluminum, glass, news, cardboard, oil, metals, PET, mattresses, auto batteries, magazines & coated paper, computer & office paper	7:30-3:30 every day	429-3657
City of Santa Cruz Recycling Program	all residences, single units through fourplexes	curbside collection	aluminum, glass, news, cardboard, oil, tin, PET plastic	weekly schedule on garbage day	429-3666 429-3490
Al Paris Recycling	1111 River St. Across from Tannery	collection	glass, cardboard	by arrangement	429-3490
Monterey Bay Recycling	210 Enchil St.	collection	office paper, glass, aluminum, & plastic beverage cont.	by arrangement 8-5 weekdays 8-12 Sat.	459-9619
Hedrick Distributors	210 Enchil St.	drop-off collection	office paper	by arrangement 8-5, Mon.-Fri. 8-12, Sat.	426-0112 427-3773
Cardboard Seekers Sam Paris	all residences, single units through fourplexes	collection	cardboard, glass, computer & office paper, aluminum	by arrangement	426-1748
\$ 20/20 Recycle Centers	Safeway 2111 Mission & 117 Morrissey Blvd	redemption	qualified beverage containers	11-5, Tues. - Fri. 8:30-5 Sat.	415 487-2048
SCOTT'S VALLEY					
Recycle America & City of Santa Cruz	residential area	curbside collection	cans, bottles, news, cardboard	weekly schedule on garbage day	423-2022 438-2324
Scots Valley Host Lions Club	Kings Village Road near Skating Center	drop-off	news	anytime	427-1934
\$ Envipco California	Nob Hill Food 222 Mt. Hermon Rd.	automated redemption	qualified beverage containers	anytime	none
Zanotto's Deluxe Market	14 Victor Square	redemption	qualified beverage containers	8am-9pm everyday	438-4324
SOQUEL					
Recycle America & County of Santa Cruz	Urbanized residential area	curbside collection	cans, glass containers, plastic drink bottles, news, cardboard, oil	weekly schedule on garbage day	423-2022 425-2721
\$ 20/20 Recycle Centers	Safeway 2650 41st Ave.	redemption	qualified beverage containers	11-5, Tues. - Fri. 8:30-5 Sat.	115 487-2048
SUMMIT AREA					
C.T. English Home & School Club	23800 Summit Rd. 2.5 mi. east of Hwy 17	drop-off	qualified beverage containers	anytime	353-1123
WATSONVILLE AREA					
County of Santa Cruz & Waste Management of Santa Cruz	County Landfill Recycling Center, 2 1/2 mi. northwest on Buena Vista Drive	drop-off	aluminum, glass, news, cardboard, batteries, metals, mattresses, oil, PET plastic	7:30-3:30 every day	688-7250
\$ Watsonville Metals Co.	businesses	collection	beverage containers, cardboard, metal, wo	by arrangement	728-6073
Reynolds Aluminum Recycling	Crestview Shopping Center, 3424 Freedom Blvd.	buyback redemption	scrap aluminum, all qualified beverage containers	10-5, Tues.-Sat. closed 1-1:30	800 228-2525
D&D Recycling	Trailer at Fairway Foods parking lot, 906 Eastlake Ave. 715 B Walker St.	Buyback redemption	scrap aluminum, all qualified beverage containers	10-5, Tues.-Sat. closed 1-1:30	722-3597
Watsonville Metals Co.	213 Dias Lane near Cassery & Webb	buyback collection	aluminum, glass, PET plastic, non-ferrous metals, most metals	8-5, Mon.-Fri. 8-4, Sat.	728-1551
Bulaich Machinery & Salvage	39 Walker St.	buyback	aluminum, non-ferrous metals	9-5:15, Mon.-Fri. 9-4, Sat.	722-1096
State Steel Company	56 Porter Drive in Pajaro	buyback	most metals	8-5, Mon.-Fri. 800-447-7117	724-7111
Envipco California	Nob Hill Food 1912 North Main St.	automated redemption	qualified beverage containers	anytime	none
\$ 20/20 Recycle Centers	Albertsons, 1986 Freedom Blvd.	redemption	qualified beverage containers	11-5, Tues. - Fri. 8:30-5 Sat.	415 487-2048
Rick's News Industrial Stak-Rite	South County only	collection	news, office paper	by arrangement	728-5915
C&M Salvage	357 Locust St.	collection	cardboard, office paper	by arrangement	724-3905
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LMC Recycling	1800 Monterey Hwy.	buyback	Metal cans, glass, cardboard, news, all non-foam plastics	8-4:15 Mon.-Fri. 8-1:30 Sat.	294-8443

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PEACE & JUSTICE CALENDAR

Calendar items must be typed or legibly written and sent (along with any photos) to *The Monthly Planet*, 320-G Cedar St., Santa Cruz, CA 95060, or faxed to 429-8889. We do not take calendar items over the phone. We must receive your listing no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday, December 3rd for inclusion in the December issue (publication date: Thursday, December 12th).

Friday, November 8

Passage to Africa Concert. Music by Kosono and the Rhythmonauts, African-inspired dance by Joanne Bailey and friends, ethnic arts sales. A benefit for The Learning Community's trip to Africa. Loudon Nelson Community Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz, 7 p.m. \$8 at the door, \$7 for Santa Cruz Ethic Arts Network members. Sponsors: The Learning Community and SCEAN. Info: 427-9665.

Saturday, November 9

Rhythm and Blues and All That Jazz. A benefit concert and party with Faye Carol, Del Rey, CJ McDuffee, and Tom Noddy, MC, celebrating 20 years of Planned Parenthood in Santa Cruz County. Kuumbwa Jazz Center, 320 Center St., Santa Cruz. \$20, party and concert, 6:30 p.m.; \$10, concert only, 8:00 p.m. Benefit for Planned Parenthood. Info: 425-1551, 724-7525, or 425-8711.

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.

Sunday, November 10

"All Life is Equal, All Life is Sacred." A show of paintings by eco-feminist artist Michelle Waters in support of the continuation of life on earth. UCSC Women's Center, opening reception 4-6 p.m. Showing through November 21. Info: 459-2072.

Monday, November 11

Veterans Panel to critically reflect upon the military as an institution and the experience of war. Panelists include Earl Ramey, John Hausier, and other veterans. Part of the UCSC Monday Evening Lecture Series sponsored by Santa Cruz Students for Social Responsibility. Cowell Dining Hall, UCSC, 8 p.m. Tickets at the door: \$4-10, general; \$3, students and senior citizens. (A reception will be held at 1101 Bay St., Santa Cruz. \$10-30.) Info: 458-2719.

Tuesday, November 12

"Give Peace a Chance!" Booktalk and Booksigning with Roger C. Peace, III, author of "A Just and Lasting Peace: The Peace Movement from the Cold War to Desert Storm." New Society Bookstore at the Resource Center for Nonviolence, 515 Broadway, Santa Cruz, 7 p.m. Info: 423-1626.

Thursday, November 14

Sexual Harassment and Sexual Assault Information Panel. Classroom Unit II, UCSC, 7 p.m. Sponsored by the UCSC Women's Center, Kresge College, and the Committee on the Status of Women. Info: 458-2719.

Friday, November 15

"Honoring the Land," Slides of the North Coast by Frans Lanting, and presentations by others. Part of a series of events focussing on past and current struggles to protect the North Coast. Loudon Nelson Auditorium, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz, 7:30 p.m. \$3 donation at the door. Sponsors: Friends of the North Coast, Save the Gray Whale Parklands. Info: 423-4465 or 429-6166.



Holly Sklar, writer for Z Magazine and The Nation, will speak in Santa Cruz on November 18th, 8 p.m., at the Cowell Dining Hall, UCSC.

Friday, November 15- Sunday, November 17

Community Display of Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt. Over 500 of the Quilt's now estimated over 20,000 panels, including panels made locally, will be on display as a powerful, personal reminder of the epidemic we continue to face. West Field House, UCSC. Friday 3-11 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Sponsors: UCSC, UCSC AIDS Prevention Network, local individuals and businesses. Info: 459-4679.

Saturday, November 16- Sunday, November 17

10th Annual New Age Renaissance Fair. Lectures, music, exhibits, food, arts and crafts, psychics and astrologers. San Jose Convention Center, Market St. at Park Ave, Downtown San Jose, \$4 in advance, \$5 at the door. Children under 12 free. info: (408) 448-6726.

Monday, November 18

Lecture by Holly Sklar. Part of the UCSC Monday Evening Lecture Series sponsored by Santa Cruz Students for Social Responsibility. Cowell Dining Hall, UCSC, 8 p.m. Tickets at the door: students and senior citizens \$3; general \$4. (A reception will be held at 1101 Bay St., Santa Cruz. \$10-\$30.) Info: 458-2719.

Tuesday, November 19

"Corporate Ethics vs. Environmental Health," documentary films, testimony, and discussion on issues of pesticide use, nuclear waste, and their effects on health and the environment. Loudon Nelson Auditorium, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz, 7 p.m. \$3-5, sliding scale. Sponsor: Santa Cruz Christic Action Team. Info: 426-3254, 426-2292.

Forum and Workshop on the California Green Party Platform. Ecology and earth stewardship, review of draft platform, presentations, work towards a Santa Cruz County platform. First in a four-part series. 515 Broadway, Santa Cruz. 7-9:30 p.m. Info: 425-3193.

Thursday, November 21

"Looking Toward the 1992 Elections: Women Running for Office." Discussion with Jane Yokoyama, the mayor of Santa Cruz, and Sayo Fujiyoka, her campaign manager. Women's Center, UCSC. 7:30 p.m. Sponsors: UCSC Women's Center, Kresge College, the Santa Cruz YWCA, the Women in Politics Network. Info: 459-2072.

Friday, November 22

"A Sense of Place." A series of presentations related to the North Coast of Santa Cruz County. Part of a series of events focusing on the unique qualities of the North Coast and past and current struggles to protect it. Loudon Nelson Auditorium, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz. Reception and art exhibit: 5-7 p.m.; Program:



Myesha Jenkins, director of the Cuba-South Africa Partnership Program, has just returned from Cuba. She takes part in a panel discussion on Cuba on November 25th, 8 p.m., at the Cowell Dining Hall, UCSC.

7:30 p.m. \$3 donation at the door. Sponsors: Friends of the North Coast, Save the Gray Whale Parklands. Info: 423-4465, 429-6166.

Saturday, November 23

Christmas-by-the-Bay Bazaar at the American Tin Cannery, Ocean View at Eardley, near the Aquarium, Pacific Grove, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Many non-profit organizations will benefit from this bazaar. The Monterey Branch of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom will participate as a part of the Peace Coalition of Monterey County. Info: 372-6001.

Sunday, November 24

Commemorative Service of the Santa Cruz AIDS Project's Interfaith Network. Music, singing, non-denominational liturgy. An ASL signer will be available. Garfield Park Christian Church, 111 Errett Circle, Santa Cruz, 7:30 p.m. Donations will be accepted for the Santa Cruz AIDS Project following the service. Info: 427-3900

Women's Musical Afternoon Fundraiser. Featuring Voices: the Bay Area Lesbian Choral Ensemble, along with local artists Mary Blaettler and Ardena Shenkar, combining poetry, drumming, and song. Room 105, Oakes College, UCSC, 4 p.m. Sponsors: UCSC Women's Center, Oakes College. Info: 459-2072 before 5 p.m. on Friday, November 22.

Monday, November 25

Cuba Panel focussing on present day life in Cuba and US-Cuba relations. Part of the Monday Evening Lecture Series presented by Santa Cruz Students for Social Responsibility.

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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.** Last 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:

- 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.
- Green Party Meeting.** 3rd Thursday of the month. Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz, 6-8 p.m. Info: 425-3193.
- 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 Cowell Conference Room, Cowell College, UCSC, 7 p.m. Info: 458-2719.
- Green Party Meeting.** 1st Sunday of the month. Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz, 4-6 p.m. Info: 425-3193.
- 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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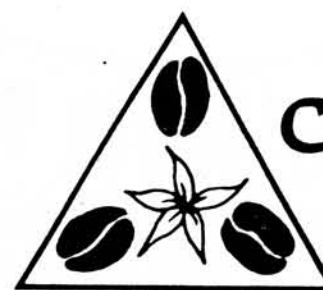
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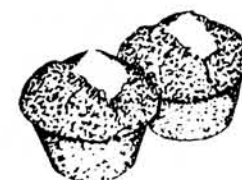
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Cowell Dining Hall, UCSC, 8 p.m. Tickets at the door: students and seniors \$3; general \$4. (A reception will be held at 4:30 p.m. at 1101 Bay St., Santa Cruz. \$10-30.) Info: 458-2719.

Tuesday, November 26

"Social Justice and Livable Communities" forum and workshop. Second in a four-part Green Party Platform series. 515 Broadway, Santa Cruz. 7-9:30 p.m. Info: 425-3193.

Thursday, November 28

George Winston solo piano concert. Fundraiser for Salud Para Los Dientes, a new, non-profit community dental clinic. Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium, 307 Church St., Santa Cruz, 7:30 p.m. Info: (415) 879-0743.

Monday, December 2

Discussion with Dennis Bernstein, reporter for KPFA Radio, about the situation in Iraq and US media censorship. 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 and seniors \$3; general \$4-10. (A reception will be held at 4:30 p.m. at 1101 Bay St., Santa Cruz. \$10-30.) Info: 458-2719.

Tuesday, December 3

Forum and Workshop on Peace and Non-violence. Third in a four-part Green Party Platform series. 515 Broadway, Santa Cruz, 7-9:30 p.m. Info: 425-3193.

Friday, December 6

Eco-feminist Alice Di Miele in concert with local folk-musician Sev Williams opening. Environmental folk music. Pacific Cultural Center, 1307 Seabright Ave., Santa Cruz. 7:30 p.m. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Sponsor: Music for Social Change. Info: 688-7014.

Sunday, December 8

"Ten Years of the Peace Movement," a celebration and retrospective. Video clips, behind the scenes stories, people from our community who make a difference, followed by dessert reception. First Congregational Church, 900 High St., Santa Cruz, 7 p.m. \$10 donation requested. Info and reservations: 1-800-4-PLANET.

Monday, December 9

American Politics in the 1990s and the State of the Nation. A talk by Maxine Waters or Ron Dellums, both members of the US Congress and the Black Caucus who opposed the Persian Gulf War. 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/seniors \$3; general \$4-10. (A reception will be held at 4:30 p.m. at 1101 Bay St., Santa Cruz. \$10-30.) Info: 458-2719.

Tuesday, December 10

"Grassroots Democracy," last of a four-part Green Party Platform series. 515 Broadway, Santa Cruz, 7-9:30 p.m. Info: 425-3193.

Sunday, December 15

Celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the signing of the Bill of Rights. Art show, reception panel discussion, performance pieces, music, and a video phone connection to the Electronic Cafe. Room 3, Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz, 12-7 p.m. Info: 423-9215, 462-0360, 476-3536.



Ten Years of the Peace Movement: 1981-1991

You may remember that early in 1981 President Ronald Reagan and Secretary of State Alexander Haig stated they were considering the use of nuclear weapons in Europe: The shock created by these irresponsible statements galvanized peace forces in America, and the movement for a Nuclear Freeze was started.

The previous November Physicians for Social Responsibility, headed by Dr. Helen Caldicott, held a major symposium in Santa Francisco to discuss the effects of a nuclear blast in the Bay Area. This symposium was videotaped by Eric Thiermann, a local videographer here in Santa Cruz, and I accepted the challenge of editing the material. After about three months *The Last Epidemic* was born.

The first public showing of the video was at the Loudon Nelson Center and the audience was left in shock. Hearing Dr. Jack Geiger describe the power of a hydrogen blast on San Francisco — with its victims being hurtled through the air at 500 miles per hour until they hit the first hard object — was difficult enough to bear, but when it was combined with visuals of freight trains being blown over and houses exploding by the force of one small atomic bomb, one could easily visualize one's own death.

Immediately after the showing we asked people to write to Congressman Leon Panetta. I personally delivered 156 hand-written letters to him which asked him to do something to stop the madness of the nuclear arms race.

Obviously others felt that way too. It

was shown throughout the United States by movement groups; it was also shown on TV, and even shown on the House and Senate television network.

On Sunday, December 8th at 7 p.m. there will be a ten-year retrospective of those videos which have helped the peace, anti-intervention, and environmental movements to galvanize and raise the consciousness of the general public to the misrepresentations and lies of the past two presidential administrations.

My colleague Vivienne Verdon-Roe, winner of the Oscar for the Best Short Documentary, *Women: For America, for the World*, will also share her nationwide experiences in using video to support the anti-nuclear movement. This will be a fundraiser for The Video Project, a non-profit foundation which now distributes over 160 low-cost videos for a safe and sustainable world. We will be featuring video clips, behind the scenes stories, and people from our community who make a difference.

This event will be held at the First Congregational Church of Santa Cruz at 900 High St. The tax-deductible admission is \$10. The evening will be concluded with excerpts from the great videos available to raise the public's understanding of current national and international issues and a recommitment to the unfinished business of the next ten years. After the program, please join us for coffee, tea, dessert and a chance to meet with your many friends who have been so active during these years. See you there!

— Ian Thiermann

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