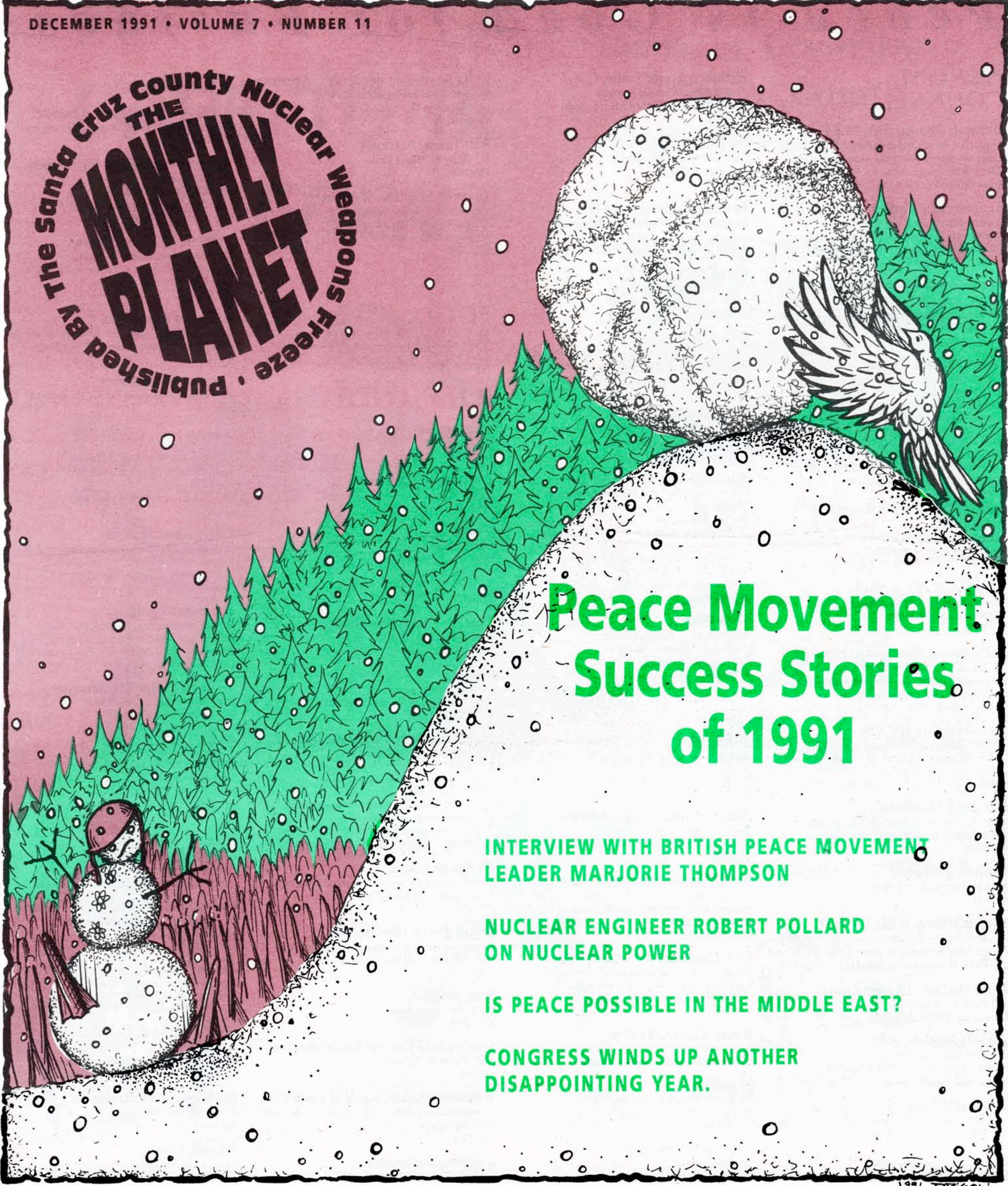


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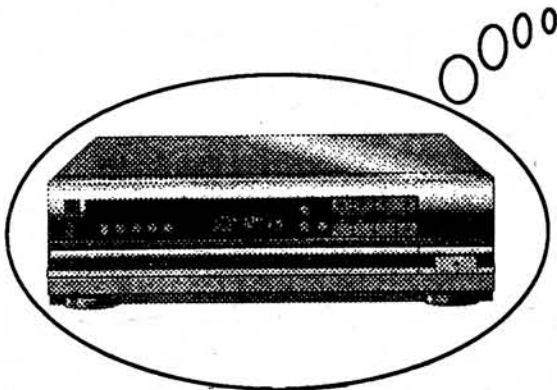
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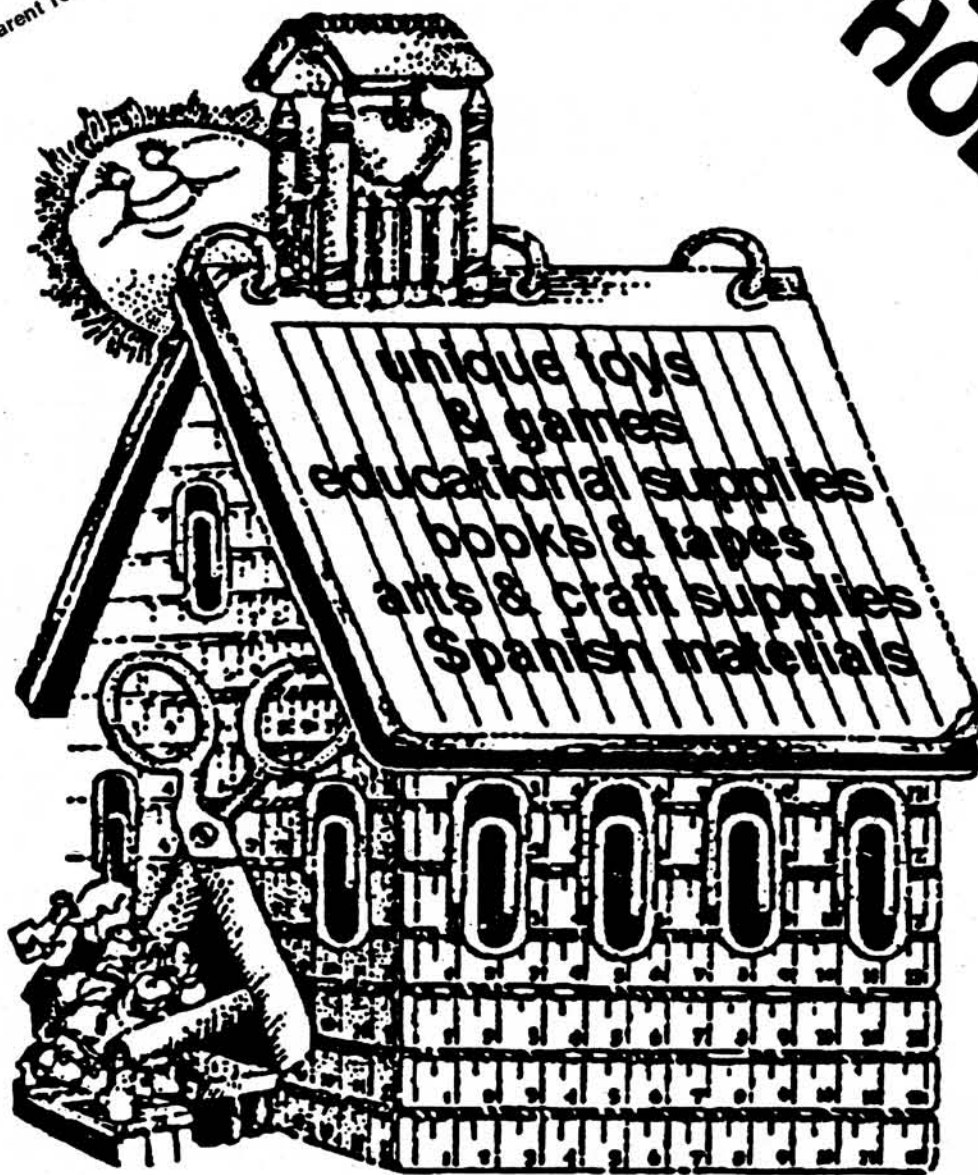
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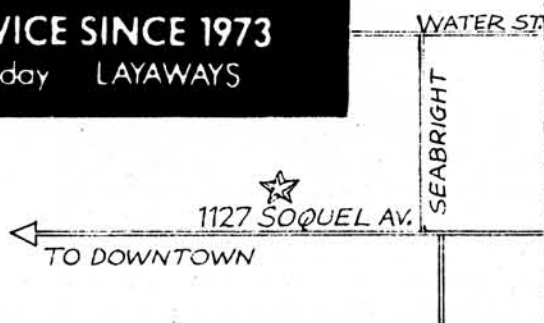
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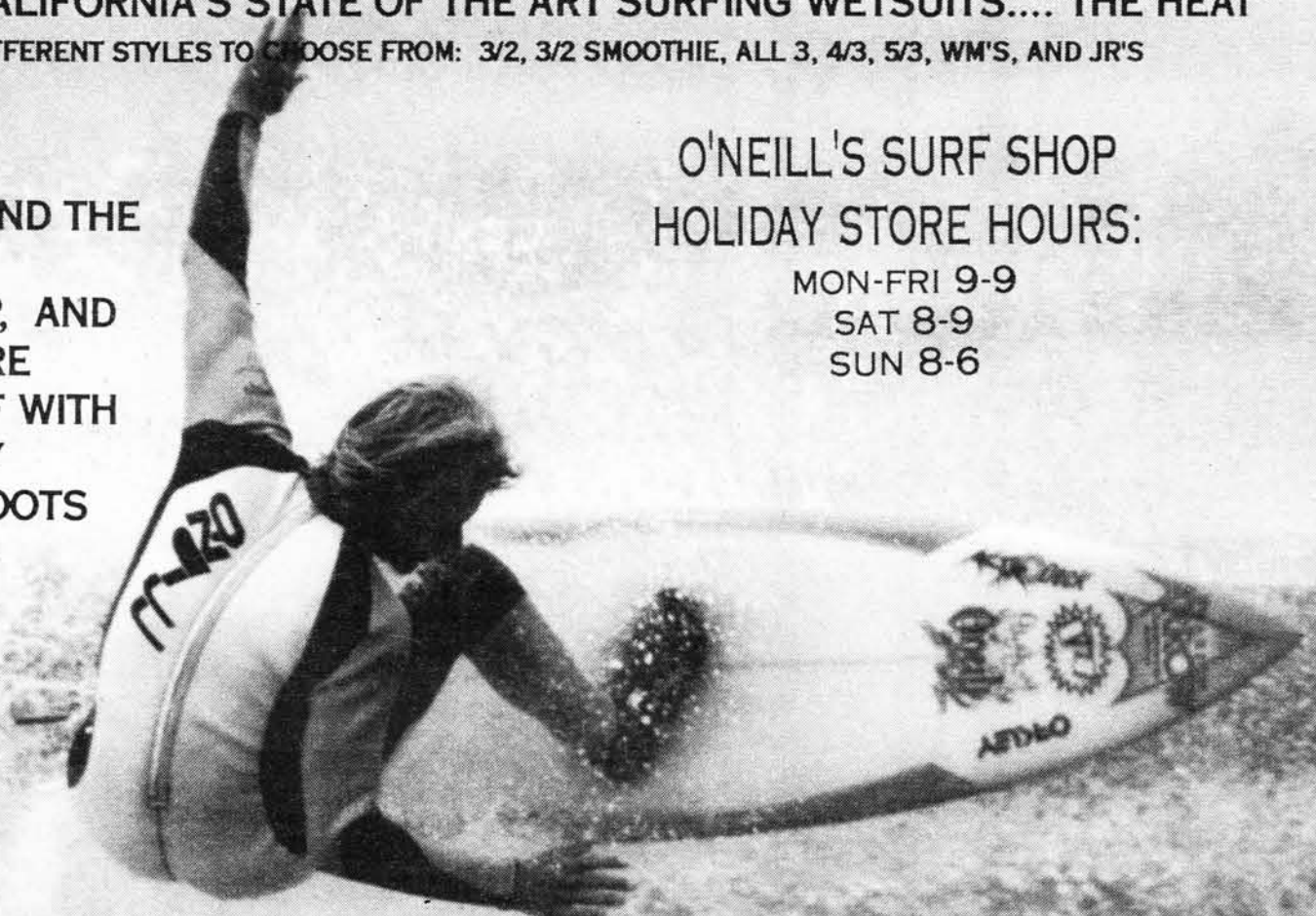
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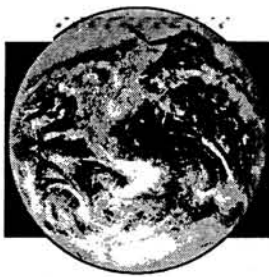
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I watched their faces on the screen. They could have been my own decent middle-class neighbors. They were the fervent followers of David Duke, narrowly defeated candidate for governor of Louisiana. As I watched, I was flooded with memories of a time, not long distant, when the good burghers of Germany also fervently rallied behind a charismatic speaker igniting the powerless chord of frustration.

There is a frightening message coming from Louisiana, a message not confined to its political boundaries. Good folks — disillusioned with an unresponsive, power-insulated government; economics that are baffling but clearly impacting the pocketbook; drugs and street crime chilling the very air we breathe — are inhaling a poisonous vapor which subtly carries divisive, sick messages. One of the messages, the scapegoat syndrome, is painfully reminiscent of horrors perpetrated during the heyday of Nazism and McCarthyism.

Decent people of America cast their angry vote for David Duke. The *frightened* and *frightening* voices are ominous revivals of our recent history, ugly scapegoatism. America take heed. Demand our government address the ills in society, acknowledging deep social fissures, listening to voices in the wilderness.

Ruth Hunter
Santa Cruz

Elfland Should Stay Sacred

I am writing about the proposed building of Colleges 9 and 10 at UCSC. I have a number of concerns about this. I am a student at UCSC and I feel it is already over-crowded. When I do get in a class, there are 300 or 400 students per class. What kind of quality education can be received from that? Also, I am walking to my classes, even in the rain, because the shuttles are always full. Perhaps we should work on these problems before we make more by adding to the student population.

Not only are these colleges being built, but they are being built on a part of the campus that is very sacred to many students and people of the community. This area is known as Elfland. It is quiet, peaceful, and as I stated earlier, sacred to many people. I know people who come from Los Angeles at least once a year to visit Elfland. My nephews and nieces come from San Jose just to visit

this special place. It is one place where there can be somewhere to go and let your imagination run wild. The kids really think Red Elf lives there. I have to admit that sometimes they even convince me. My everyday problems fade away when I'm there and I feel young again as I run and play there. Please help us save this wonderful place. What good are sanctuaries if we just tear them down to make more buildings?

If the regents feel they must add on, can't we find a new location and possibly only build one college? We need our sanctuaries to remain sacred. Please help us stop the building of College 9 and 10 on our special place — Elfland. Thank you!

Chelsea Lopes
Santa Cruz

Save Elfland

It's not just locals who are outraged at the proposed obliteration of Elf Land at UC Santa Cruz. The ill-conceived plan for construction of new colleges on this ecologically and spiritually sensitive site has sparked controversy throughout the state. The unique natural areas of the UCSC campus are beloved not only by students and local residents, but are also widely known and honored by people in all parts of California. While I can certainly recognize that the campus may have a need for growth, it is unfathomable why construction is planned for such sensitive sites as the Great Meadow and especially Elf Land, an area which has served as a vital refuge for students, faculty, and citizens of Santa Cruz and California for decades. The logging and destruction of this incredibly beautiful and revered spot is an affront to people everywhere who are concerned with the threat to our precious environment posed by uncaring and unbridled development.

I am stunned at the senseless and irresponsible decision of the UC Board of Regents to destroy the spiritual heart of the Santa Cruz campus. As a resident of Los Angeles (400 miles away), I feel virtually helpless to participate in any meaningful opposition to this abominable construction plan. I have written to various University of California and governmental agencies, but I fear that more concrete action must be taken by people actually in the Santa Cruz area if there is to be any hope of deterring the building of Colleges 9 and 10 at the proposed site. Please urge your readers to

By Igal Dahari

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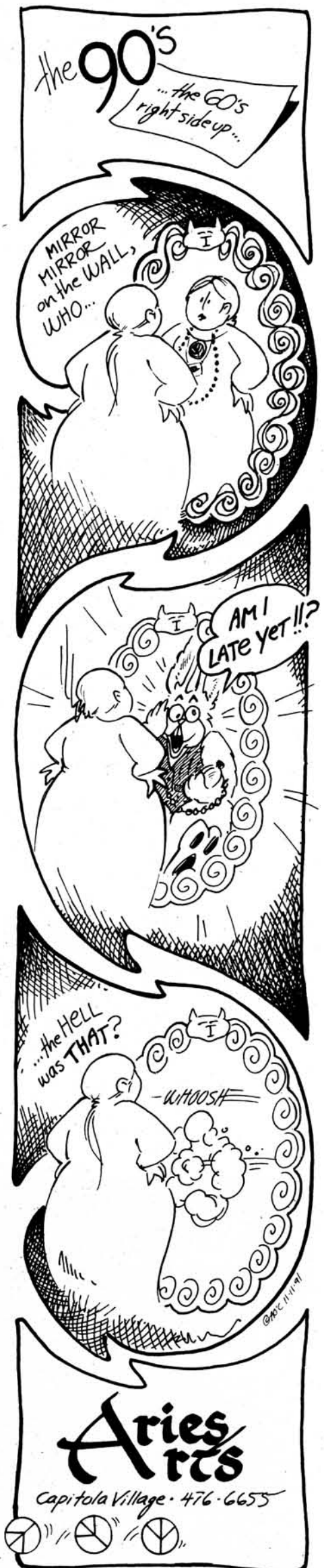
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I attended the World Women's Congress for a Healthy Planet in Miami from November 8-12 with over 1,500 women leaders, professionals and indigenous activists from over 100 countries. We heard testimony and met in workshops in order to prepare recommendations for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) that will be held next June in Brazil. I represented the Pajaro Valley WILPF and the Trabajadores Desplacados (Displaced workers of Green Giant). The testimony, workshops, discussions and final recommendations were broad in scope, but many aspects were to concern of WILPF and the Desplacados. The facts on the Boycott against Green Giant (GG), Pillsbury, Burger King and Haagen Daz Ice Cream and the "free trade" issues were raised in many workshops and on the last day I was allowed time at the mike to speak to the whole assembly on the boycott. There is a strong connection because Grand Met (owner of Green Giant) is devastating the environment in the Mexican city Irapuato, where they moved from Watsonville.

I made important contacts with a group from New Prague, Minn. (the valley of the Green Giant), and heard the story of the monstrous labor practices of the GG from Susan Giesen.

Last year, she found migrant workers living in wretched conditions around the park when she was there for her son's Little League. She discovered that GG advertised in Texas for families to come to Minnesota for the seasonal work and then offered them no housing for their families. In fact only men were allowed in the stripped-down trailers, with three tiers of bunk beds for which they are each charged \$3 a day. They deducted the rent plus charges for the blanket and pillow. The families were made to fend for themselves in pick-up trucks. She took five families into her home that summer and alerted the media. She was able to get a grant from Head Start for the children for this summer and the company cleaned up their act on the trailers but are still oppressive.



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They disregarded and falsified information on a case of rape on their property.

While Grand Met was not named in the final document (no specifics on any issue we mentioned), the information was posted at the top of the list of companies to boycott at the information center.

Prior to the Congress a five-day meeting of Global Assembly of Women presented awards to 250 success stories of women's environmental management in co-ops, so we were fortunate to have many African and Indian participants. The stories of some that I met are an inspiration to our plans for a women's self-help co-op here in Watsonville. Maybe someday we will be an inspiration to others.

Pat Arnold
Santa Cruz

The Letter Not Sent

In November of 1991 the Santa Cruz City Council once again dealt with the highly controversial issue of inviting a Navy ship to Santa Cruz on July 4th. This time the outcome was an unexpected one.

After several audience presentations on the topic, most opposing a renewed invitation, the city council got down to business. Louis Rittenhouse ignored the multiple problems associated with inviting a Navy ship, gave a brief presentation, and moved to extend a formal invitation to the United States Navy to send a Navy ship on July 4th. This motion died for a lack of a second. Opponents of the Navy ship thought that the council had thus voted to avoid sending such a divisive letter, perhaps motivated by an earlier controversial letter congratulating George Bush for a job well done in the Persian Gulf. Scott Kennedy subsequently read an alternative letter to the Navy, informing them that no invitation would be sent this year, because of earlier problems with Navy ships. This letter also died for a lack of a second.

The surprise solution to the city council's annual headache was launched by councilmember Neil Coonerty. Coonerty suggested extending the formal invitation this year, but to also investigate extending invitations to all maritime vessels in the area to visit Santa Cruz. Also, he suggested leaving the decision who to invite and who not to invite to Parks and Recreation from now on (a course of action also chosen for the controversial measures taken at the town clock). To most council members this seemed like the ultimate solution. Even Don Lane decided to give up years of resistance to the Navy ship in order to support Coonerty's motion. As was the case with the letter congratulating the president for the Persian Gulf, Kennedy found himself again losing a 5-1 vote (Councilmember Mahaney was not present).

Reprinted below is the letter that Scott Kennedy was hoping to send.

J02 Jane Surmi
Commander Naval Base
Public Affairs Office
Naval Station Treasure Island
San Francisco, CA 95130

Dear J02 Jane Surmi,

On behalf of the City of Santa Cruz, I regret to inform you that the city will not be inviting a U.S. Navy ship to visit the port of Santa Cruz.

As you may know, past visits by Naval vessels have proven quite controversial in our City. The community is deeply divided over whether such an invitation is appropriate or not. An invitation sparks debate and controversy which detracts from the visit. At a time when all sectors of the city are making an extraordinary effort to put differences aside and concentrate on rebuilding after the earthquake, it would be a shame to involve our staff, commissions, beach area and the council itself in a divisive and unnecessary controversy.

In addition, the City is faced with

diminishing resources with which to address fundamental human needs, such as housing, healthcare, nutrition, transportation and childcare. A large number of people in Santa Cruz believe that it is inappropriate to expend tax dollars for such a purpose, whether for costs associated with the City hosting a visit or in the form of federal tax dollars spent on public relations by the military.

A possible visit by the Navy is further complicated by several policies enacted by the City Council which enjoy broad public support. These policies establish a nuclear free zone which includes the harbor and municipal wharf and do not allow discrimination based on sexual orientation. The stated policy of the Navy is to send whatever ship it wants, regardless of local preferences, and to neither confirm nor deny the presence of nuclear weapons on vessels. The stated policy of the Navy is to discriminate against gays and lesbians. We cannot in good faith offer an invitation to the Navy knowing that it would have to defy official policy and practice in order to accept the invitation.

Finally, during the past visits by Naval vessels, serious problems occurred, including at least one apparent fuel spill which polluted our bay. Unfortunately, at that time the Navy refused to accept any responsibility for clean-up or costs to local jurisdictions and environmental damage caused.

The City is often visited by military personnel, including soldiers from Fort Ord. These people have demonstrated a willingness to serve their country and make the ultimate sacrifice to defend values we all hold dear. We welcome them to Santa Cruz. Certainly any servicemen/women from Treasure Island or associated vessels are also welcome to visit Santa Cruz. Based on the above considerations, however, an invitation to a Naval vessel by the City of Santa Cruz does not seem appropriate.

Sincerely,
Scott Kennedy



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Pete Wilson & the Santa Cruz Sentinel: PROMOTING RACISM.

By Barry van Driel

In its November 25th editorial, the *Santa Cruz Sentinel* claimed that protesters were overstating their case when they accused Governor Pete Wilson of racism because he mentioned that "the tremendous influx of immigrants to California in recent years is part of the reason for the state's economic slide today." In this editorial the *Sentinel* also comes to the governor's rescue by arguing that his vision to cut welfare payments merely attempts to promote fairness in the system. The *Sentinel* notes that when California "pays nearly five times as much as Texas for AFDC [Aid for Families with Dependent Children] recipients, for instance, some balance is needed in the system." It is very unfortunate that our local newspaper and our elected governor are, perhaps unwillingly, helping to unleash the evil spirits of racism and ethnic hatred.

Racism does not necessarily have to be specifically stated in one's comments in order for these comments to be racist in their essence, or in their impact. David Duke's campaign promises come to mind. Duke carefully avoided any specific mention of race in his rhetoric. Nevertheless, it was clear to all that his



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proposed programs would have severe racist ramifications in Louisiana. A disproportionate number of blacks suffer from poverty and rely on welfare benefits for survival. It is frightening that somebody like Duke can espouse an extremely racist program, package it as being non-racist, and be quite successful. Images come to mind of the UCLA studies showing that a minority of men will admit that they would *rape a woman* if they thought they could get away with it, yet a majority of men would *force a woman to have sex against her will* if they could get away with it. Of course, one is the definition of the other. The bottom line is: people are willing to admit their biases and harmful intentions if they can avoid socially undesirable and negatively laden buzz words like rape, racism, fas-

cism, and sexism.

Unfortunately, David Duke won a moral battle by garnering a great deal of support for his concealed racist message. It must be comforting for him to know that he won a higher percentage of the vote in Louisiana in 1991 than Adolf Hitler did in 1933, when Hitler took office in Germany through electoral politics (37 percent for Hitler in 1933, 39 percent for Duke in 1991). This demonstrates just how serious a threat Duke's support might eventually be. Although Duke's 1992 presidential campaign will clearly fall short of the presidency for many reasons, his agenda will be discussed in newspapers, magazines, radio and television shows, and other public forums. Are the citizens of this country truly educated enough about the issues

to emerge from the Duke candidacy unscarred with racist theories and explanations? One of the major lessons from Louisiana should be that although the messenger might be rejected, the message could very well stick in many people's minds.

This brings us to our own governor, who claims to be a moderate Republican. Governor Wilson's earlier remarks about AFDC cuts and six-packs of beer should have warned us about the kinds of views he entertains about poverty. Gov. Wilson's finance department recently released a seven-page document called "California's Growing Taxpayer Squeeze." In this report, which Wilson has been defending in speeches, he outlines how (particularly young) immigrants devour state services. In contrast to David Duke, Wilson's recent statements actually do point the finger at ethnic minorities (although Wilson does not mention specific minorities). Not only does Wilson launch a frontal attack on those individuals on assistance programs, but he emphasizes the role of immigrants in causing the budget crisis. This is a serious matter.

In a climate where the economy is struggling, hate crimes are on the rise, racist interpretations are being heard more often, and people are looking for somebody to blame (read: scapegoats), one must be very careful to understand the context within which judgments are made. Gov. Wilson's statements are extremely disturbing because he chooses to focus the blame of economic woes on a group that is a convenient and relatively powerless target. The immigrants to this state (he does not mean European immigrants) that Wilson refers to are deeply affected by worsening economic conditions because they are too often easily replaceable. They are nothing more than expendable work machines to most employers. When times get rough, these employers get tough — by laying off the most disposable employees.

These employees are victims of a faltering economy, not the reason for it. In contrast to many whites in their situation, they have a difficult time accessing the social programs that are in place to help them, if they are eligible at all. This is because of racism, language difficulties, unfamiliarity with the system, etc. For instance, a San Francisco Bay Area

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study found that only six women out of 135 who had experienced some form of domestic violence had called the police. Undocumented immigrants do not qualify at all for most programs like AFDC, SSI (Supplemental Security Income), Food Stamps and Unemployment Assistance. Many are fearful of using any type of assistance for fear of deportation.

Furthermore, various studies show that immigrant residents are beneficial to our economy because of their economic productivity and the taxes that they pay. A study by the Center for Immigration Policy and Refugee Assistance in the mid-1980s revealed that approximately 70 percent of all undocumented immigrants pay income and social security taxes, yet are themselves ineligible to receive almost all forms of public assistance.

One can legitimately ask why Gov. Wilson blames people who need help. Why doesn't he mention the economic malaise caused by 12 years of Reagan-Bush policies, the expensive S&L bailout, Proposition 13, the \$290-billion military budget, the state's \$3-billion-a-year prison system, and the billions lost in revenues through tax evasion and white collar crime. These are just some of the main reasons for the poor state of the economy. Gov. Wilson should start looking for the blame where it is due, instead of targeting a group of people who are often exploited and who are easy victims of racism.

Racists of both the subtle and blatant variety can now count on a new ally — Pete Wilson. His statements only fuel the fire of those who blame blacks, Asians, Hispanics, and others for their woes. Wilson's statements provide racists with ammunition to convince wavering, uncertain, confused, and frustrated citizens that immigrants are to blame for our state's economic troubles. The consequences of such legitimization lie in the area of more hate crimes, more discrimination, less sympathy for the unfortu-

nate in society, and increasing racial tensions. We should not be surprised if in the next few years politicians of the Duke mold will embrace Wilson's statements to further their own platform.

Given the foregoing, it is all the more disturbing that the *Sentinel's* editorial on November 25th would deny the presence of any racism in Wilson's statements. When the *Sentinel* comments that California pays five times as much for AFDC recipients as Texas, then this sounds like a Wilson echo. The *Sentinel's* reference to Texas AFDC levels, which are a disgrace to any first-world society (about \$160 a month for a family of three), is unfortunate. At the present time, California AFDC benefits amount to \$650 for a typical family of three, or 80 percent of the official poverty line. It is hardly fair to plunge people even deeper into poverty and despair.

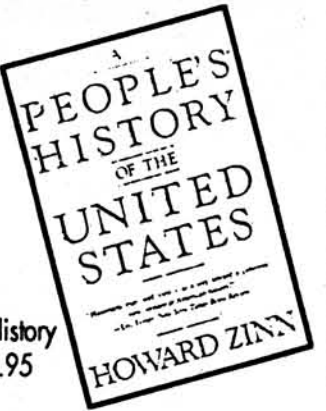
Again, the people most affected are disproportionately minorities. According to the Western Center on Law and Poverty, recipients of AFDC benefits in California are 23 percent black, 28 percent Hispanic, and 10 percent Asian. The 1990 US Census data shows that almost 50 percent of all black children in this country live in poverty, and for Hispanic children the situation is not much better. Obviously, cuts in AFDC benefits hit minorities, and especially minority children, hardest. In short, the *Sentinel*, by taking the Wilson line, becomes part of the problem. Our community and the state of California deserve elected officials and media representatives who are sensitive to issues of racism and diversity, not those who fuel the fires of racism.

Let's find solutions to our economic woes that are truly fair and just, without resorting to a type of scapegoating that can only lead to more despair and pain. ■

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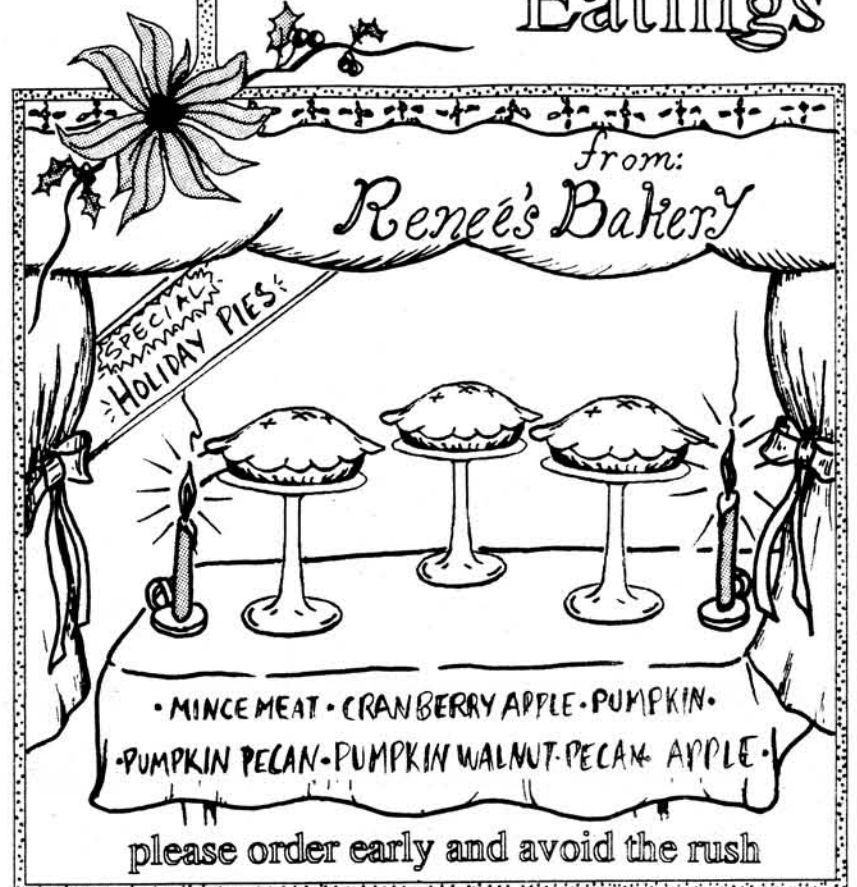
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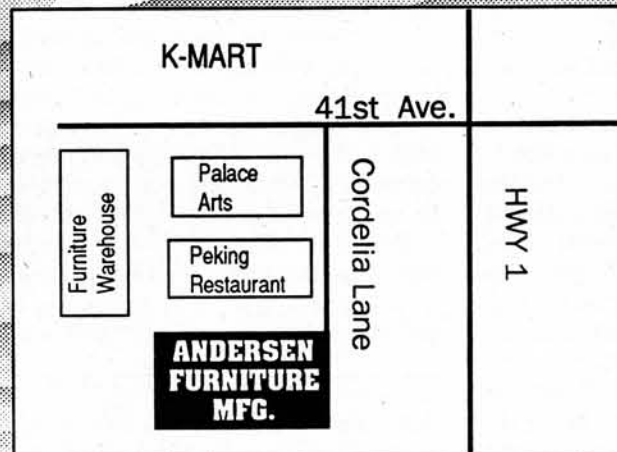
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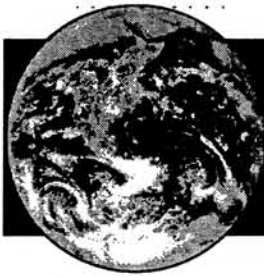
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CENSORSED

By Igal Dahari

BE THE MEDIA

An organization of Chilean women has decided that the way to ensure that feminists' voices are heard through the mass media is by owning and operating an outlet of that media themselves. On September 1, 1991, their idea took to the air in the form of Radio Tierra, according to a recent article by Mary Judith Ress of the alternative news service Latinamerica Press ("Chilean Feminist Radio: Voice for the Silenced," *The Guardian*, 11/6/91).

There are many reasons why two years ago the women behind Radio Tierra decided to initiate the project. Generally, they wanted the radio station to "change the passivity and the fear of public speaking that many women have...[and help the] women who participate in our radio programs to be the newsmakers and spokespersons for a vision of a different world," according to project coordinator Elaina Ortega, who was quoted by Ress.

The radio station, which receives some funding and technical assistance from a Danish organization named KULA, is operated entirely by women. But Radio Tierra is not just aimed at women, according to staff members. "Radio Tierra is operated by women but directed to the whole world. It is feminist not because of its audience, but rather because it presents women's viewpoints on all aspects of life," Ress quotes station director Ingrid Droguett as saying. What the station represents, according to Droguett, is "a space that proposes a cultural change for all of society."

THE LAW OF CENSORSHIP

The Gulf War, now quickly fading from the fickle American memory, was different things to different people. To Colonel Raymond Ruppert, General Norman Schwarzkopf's personal lawyer during the war, it was "the most legalistic war we've ever fought." To the American Bar Association's *ABA Journal*, which quoted Ruppert, the Gulf War was "a lawyer's war" ("Lawyers in the War Room," Steven Keeva, December 1991). The *ABA Journal* is sent to the Bar's entire membership.

The *ABA Journal* article, whose theme was the role lawyers play in time of war, was the December issue's cover story. The cover showed the silhouettes of several battle-ready soldiers and featured the quote from Ruppert and the dramatic title "Lawyers in the Storm." The cover clearly implies that lawyers were troops who fought on the legal front. According to the article, one of the problems the US had in Vietnam was that not enough lawyers participated in the prosecution of that war. This resulted in incidents which tarnished the image of the US fighting forces, such as the massacre of unarmed civilians at My Lai. In



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dry tones, the article goes on to discuss the indispensable role played by lawyers in keeping the fighting "legal."

But the *ABA Journal* article completely ignores the importance of public relations involved in using lawyers to legitimize wars, and contains no discussion on the lawyers' role in fighting on the propaganda front. This despite the fact that President Bush and his lieutenants in the Gulf War often let on that they felt the US had mishandled the propaganda side of the war in Vietnam, and that no such mistake would be made in the Persian Gulf. One Air Force lawyer is even quoted saying that "we [the US military] want to fight the legal war, but we also want to fight the good international press war." However, the significance of that statement seems lost on the *ABA Journal*.

In fact, nowhere does the *ABA Journal's* article confront the "legality" of the US military's wholesale slaughter of a retreating Iraqi army, or the fierce bombing of targets that could only be of significance to civilians, or the continued embargo against Iraq, which by all accounts is killing civilians as fast as the bombs that once fell on them. Also off limits to the *ABA Journal's* editors is the legality of the Pentagon's tight censorship of the press during the war. Instead, the *ABA Journal* gives its readers eight pages of insipidity and large color photos of smiling military lawyers.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

In Shakespeare's *Henry VI* (part 2), Cade, who wants to rule over a utopian society in England, where everyone lives comfortably and in harmony, describes his vision to Dick. Dick suggests that the first thing they must do is kill all the lawyers.

FREE PRESS IRKS OLD-LINE TEAMSTERS

At press time, the 1.6-million-member union known as the International Brotherhood of Teamsters is in the midst of its first-ever democratic elections. The union had for years been run by a corrupt cadre of bosses who were not elected by the rank and file, but as many suspect, by gangsters. After several of its officials were convicted on racketeering charges, and the union leadership's criminal activities became so bad that even the US government could no longer ignore it, the Teamsters were forced to abandon their undemocratic structure (see "Teamsters Reformers Hammer Out Future," Phill Kwik, *The Guardian*, 11/13/91).

But old habits are hard to break, and the campaign of one of the old order's candidates for the union presidency has found it outrageous that any publication would dare to find fault with its man. What may have outraged the R.V. Durham campaign even more was that the publication in mind is *Labor Notes*, an independent rank and file monthly that leans left and is usually no friend to establishment labor leaders (see "Teamsters: Down to the Wire," Phill Kwik, *Labor Notes*, November 1991).

Labor Notes has been closely following the campaigns in the Teamsters union, and giving plenty of coverage to the campaign of reformer Ron Carey. The Durham campaign has slammed both *Labor Notes* and the *Detroit Free Press* with unconvincing charges of favoritism to Carey. But government-appointed elections officer Michael Holland, who received the Durham campaign's complaints, dismissed the whole affair for lack of evidence (see "Teamster Con-

tender Takes Swipe at Labor Notes," Laura McClure, *The Guardian*, 11/13/91, and "Durham Campaign Charges *Labor Notes* Story Was Illegal 'Contribution' to Carey," *Labor Notes*, November 1991).

WHAT TEAMSTERS ELECTION?

For the establishment press, organized labor seems to be not so much an issue as a strange throwback to some bygone era that somehow still exists and is worthy of an article or two every year. As described by Peter Siskind in the November 1991 issue of *Lies Of Our Times* ("Rank and File Rebellion"), *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post* are barely noticing the current elections taking place in the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. And when they do take notice, it is with a distinct lack of interest to detail.

HAZARDOUS WORK

For journalists who report on a hot issue before knowing where their paper's owner stands, finding that out may mean being forced to find another job, as well. The fate of the Santa Fe *New Mexican's* David Mitchell, Thom Cole and Kelly Richmond is a case in point. Mitchell, managing editor at the *New Mexican*, was fired by publisher Robert McKinney after McKinney saw the damaging series of articles reporters Cole and Richmond wrote about the nearby Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), the US' first nuclear weapons lab ("Publisher Has Meltdown; Editor is Nuked," Karl Grossman, *EXTRA!*, November/December 1991).

What the three journalists didn't know or ignored was that McKinney is a long-time promoter of nuclear power. But McKinney didn't stop with the firing of Mitchell and the demotion of Thom (Richmond resigned), he also forbade all reporters on his paper from ever writing anything negative about nuclear issues, and provided generously for responses attacking the series. One preposterous response was by former LANL Director Dr. Harold Agnew. The indignant Dr. Agnew ranted about "nuclear bashing" in the press and compared nuclear wastes to those generated by "making a dinner salad, baking a pie, burning coal, [and] cleaning bed pans in a hospital." ■

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INTERVIEW WITH

by Terry Teitelbaum

Robert Pollard

Nuclear Engineer Discusses the Non-regulation of Nuclear Power

Robert D. Pollard, 51, is senior nuclear safety engineer for the Union of Concerned Scientists. He began his work there after his much-publicized resignation from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in 1976.

Pollard has an extensive background in the nuclear field which began in the nuclear Navy where he first served as an electronics technician in the U.S. Navy nuclear power program. He then became an instructor responsible for teaching naval personnel both the theoretical and practical aspects of operations, maintenance, and repair of nuclear propulsion plants. Then, from February 1964 until April 1965, he served as senior reactor operator, supervising the reactor control division of the USS Sargo, a nuclear-powered submarine. He received his honorable discharge from the Navy in 1965.

After graduating magna cum laude in electrical engineering in June 1969, Pollard was hired by the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) as a technical expert. While working at the AEC, he attended the Graduate School of the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque where he studied advanced electrical and nuclear engineering. As the AEC was succeeded by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Pollard remained on the staff and subsequently was promoted to the positions of reactor engineer and project manager.

As a reactor engineer, Pollard was primarily responsible for analyzing and evaluating the designs of reactor protection systems, control systems, and emergency electrical power systems. After his promotion to project manager in September 1974, he became responsible for planning and coordinating the design and safety reviews of applications for licenses to construct and operate seven commercial nuclear power plants.

In 1976, Robert Pollard resigned from the NRC "as a matter of conscience" when he realized "the agency was more interested in protecting the nuclear industry than protecting the public." Since then he has worked with the Union of Concerned Scientists where he continues to use his expertise in nuclear safety analysis. He

played an instrumental role in forcing the Yankee Rowe nuclear power plant to shut down due to its potentially unsafe reactor vessel. (See "Peace Movement Success Stories of 1991" in this issue for more information on the Yankee Rowe shutdown.) He shared this and other experiences with *The Monthly Planet* on December 3, 1991.

MONTHLY PLANET: Can you tell me about your experience at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and why you left?

ROBERT POLLARD: Basically, to oversimplify, the sole function of the experts on the NRC staff is supposed to be to review plant designs to determine if the safety requirements are met. The way the process works is if you meet the safety requirements, you get a license, and theoretically, if you don't, you don't get a license. But what I had seen occurring was that when I would conclude that some aspect of the design met the regulations, no one questioned my technical judgment or competence. However, every time I found that a plant didn't comply with the regulations, and they could not find any technical reason to convince me that I was incorrect in my judgment, they simply ignored my judgment and issued the license anyway.

MP: Can you give me any specific examples of when this happened?

RP: I was assigned to do the review of the reactor protection systems on Millstone Unit Three, a plant in Connecticut that Northeast Utilities was applying for a construction permit for. I concluded there was insufficient information about the design of the plant to be able to reach a conclusion as to whether the regulations would be met or not. When I relayed this conclusion to my supervisors, they simply said that Millstone Unit Three was just like previous plants that had been issued construction permits. My response was that I didn't know that, and I shouldn't, therefore, be asked to write the safety evaluation. They then ordered me to simply approve

the construction permit on the basis of Northeast Utility's claims that the plant was just like earlier licensed plants. This of course avoided the whole question of whether the previously licensed plants should have been licensed anyway. So I simply did what I was told and wrote a report for inside the agency saying the plant was approved because the utility claimed the plant was like previously licensed plants. But of course, the NRC could not use that report because it was clear on its face that no evaluation had been done and so other people in the NRC simply copied, almost verbatim, the description of the plant from the license application and then added a sentence concluding that the design was acceptable.

MP: That's criminal.

RP: I wish it were true. That's one of the problems I see — that no one on the NRC staff gets prosecuted for criminal behavior, so of course there's no incentive to put up a fight when this kind of thing happens.

MP: What was your job at the NRC?

RP: When I first came there in 1969 I was hired into what they called an intern program which really wasn't designed for me. It was designed for someone who had just come from high school or college and then to the agency. I had already been in the nuclear Navy for six years. After I was hired, they sent me to a year of graduate school in nuclear engineering while they paid my full salary and expenses. When I returned in 1971, my job title was reactor engineer, and I was assigned to review the electrical portion of plant designs — not only the electrical power systems, but also all the instrumentation systems which are used to monitor the plant, detect if an

unsafe condition is occurring and signal the emergency systems to start.

Then in the fall of 1974 I was promoted to a position called licensing project manager. Rather than doing the safety reviews myself, I was in charge of supervising all of the various engineers assigned to the plant I was project manager of. I was responsible for coordinating their input into the public version of the safety evaluation report. I would then be the principal witness for the agency at any public hearing at which I would have to, of course, claim that the plant met the safety regulations because, legally, you cannot get a license unless you do. Of course, the way the NRC review process works is they really only do an audit of the design; they don't really review the whole plant. So it's very easy to write a safety evaluation report addressing only those aspects of the plant design which meet the regulations and not discuss the portions of the plant you

either didn't review at all or the portions of the plant where you have reviewed it and concluded it didn't meet the regulations. You could just omit those from the safety evaluation reports and at least you wouldn't be guilty of committing a lie. You'd only be lying by omission. That's what led me to resign. Before, when I could write safety evaluation reports honestly, at least I wasn't placed in the position of having to take the witness stand. Whoever did was simply ignoring the reports I had written. But as project manager I would have to take the witness stand, which I was scheduled to do in the case of Indian Point Unit Three, a plant on the Hudson River about 25 miles from Times Square. I had concluded that the plant didn't meet safety requirements and so I resigned from the agency in February 1976.

Basically, I had come to a conclusion

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over a period of six and a half years that when there was a conflict between protecting the public and protecting the financial interests of the nuclear industry, unfortunately too often the agency opts to protect the nuclear industry at the expense of public safety. More as a matter of conscience than anything else, I didn't want to be part of that. So I resigned and came to the Union of Concerned Scientists in February of 1976. I expected to stay here about a year and then go off and start some other career in a more useful field than nuclear power. But I'm still here after 15 years. I'm still trying to basically do the job I thought the NRC hired me to do — to force the NRC to obey its own safety requirements.

MP: What's keeping you at the Union of Concerned Scientists for so long?

RP: I enjoy it. One of the main reasons I wanted to work for the federal government is that I like the idea of being able to work directly for the public. So, while I can't do it at the NRC, I can still do it here.

MP: A writer for *The New York Times* called you the industry's most technically adept opponent and said that your work has caused toil and tribulation for reactor owners. What do you think of that?

RP: There's no question about it. We've cost probably every plant in the country millions of dollars by causing them to address safety issues they otherwise wouldn't have had to address.

MP: Is there anyone else doing what you're doing?

RP: No, not in quite the same way. Of course it's understandable that there aren't too many people who after studying in a field — I've been in this field since 1957 — who, after going through all that training and schooling, would throw away a retirement plan and hope of surviving economically. So there are other people who try to work on nuclear safety questions but I guess there are not

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that many with my background.

But I feel like I get a lot of help. That's also encouraging. I get a lot of help from people in the nuclear industry. It's slowed down recently because there are too many people in the industry who, when they try and point out safety issues, wind up losing their jobs. But for many years a lot of the work I started on came to my attention in a plain brown envelope arriving in the mail. People in the industry knew that I would understand the documents. So they just mailed them to me anonymously. One set of these documents — after about five years of litigation — forced the NRC to adopt new fire protection requirements for all the plants. A fire in a nuclear plant can cause a meltdown because it destroys the electrical cables for the protection systems.

MP: So, you think there are people with consciences within the nuclear industry?

RP: Yes, but not too many of them act on it. I don't see any difference between them and the engineers at NASA who were trying to point out the problems with the O-rings whose supervisors ignored them, so they gave up. There's no real benefit, that I can think of, of doing what I've done. From a personal, economic view, there's no benefit. I gave up 12 years toward a government pension, took a one-third salary cut for the option of hoping we could get enough public contributions to keep the organization going. It's not something my wife particularly thought was a wise decision. At that time our children were six and 12 years old.

MP: How does your wife feel about it now?

RP: Well, I guess you can get used to most anything. I've stopped traveling as much as I used to. It's always a point of sadness that I've missed so many family affairs and birthdays and graduations. I was always off somewhere, sometimes in Europe.

MP: What are some of the worst things you've seen take place in the nuclear industry?

RP: Some of the worst things I've seen is how the NRC just basically flat out lies to the public and the Congress. One good example is something that I did accomplish with my resignation by informing the country and the Congress that the NRC had kept a secret list of over 200 safety issues that they didn't have any answers for. While Congress required them to report annually on their progress in resolving these, some of them remained on the books for more than a decade.

A particular example comes to mind. One of the problems we have is that if

we lose all electrical power at a nuclear plant, we've got no way to prevent the meltdown of the core. So the NRC, about two years ago, adopted a new requirement that plants will, someday, have to modify their design so they can withstand a total loss of electrical power for some period of time. And then the NRC went out to actually inspect the plants, after the utilities had told the NRC what they were going to do about this problem.

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The NRC audited six or eight plants. They found that the utilities had claimed they had done things they hadn't actually done. Some utilities had done such bizarre things that the NRC couldn't even believe it. For example, utilities were planning to totally abandon the main control room and try to control the plant from outside the control room if the plant lost power. This was so bizarre the NRC hadn't even thought of prohibiting it. So anyway, the NRC planned to issue what was called the "generic letter." This time they were going to ask the utilities to once again tell the NRC what they were going to do about this problem of station black-out or loss of all AC power. This time they were going to have to submit their filings under oath. Well, the nuclear industry's trade group picked up the cause and talked the NRC out of even sending that letter. It was a quite clear case that some of the utilities had lied. And the NRC did nothing about it.

MP: Which plants operating today alarm you the most?

RP: I wish I could answer that question. If you had asked me that question in 1978 there's no way I would have picked Three Mile Island because it was a brand new plant. It sounds facetious, but the most dangerous plant is the one that's going to have the next accident. And I don't know which one it is.

MP: And you think that's likely to happen, soon?

RP: Oh, clearly likely. Even the NRC agrees with that. In their August 1985 testimony to Congress, in response to a direct question, the NRC said, yes, there's about a 45 percent chance of some severe core melt accident at some US plant in the next 20 years.

MP: How accurate do you think that prediction is?

RP: First of all, it's a startling admission. But when you look at the actual math behind that estimate, and you attach what we call the uncertainty limits, the actual probability could be anywhere between 6 percent and 99 percent, which is the equivalent of saying we

don't have any idea. It either will happen or it won't happen. We don't know. That's the amazing part about it.

The fundamental thing that people have a hard time believing, but it's true, is that the NRC is not there to assure the plants are safe. At best, the NRC will assure the plants meet the safety requirements. But the safety requirements do not require an adequate emergency evacuation plan. The regulations do not require protection against a reactor vessel rupturing, which is the issue we raised at Yankee Rowe. The only reason we got Yankee Rowe shut down is that we were able to prove the chance of that happening was higher than the NRC deems acceptable. The point is, even if you meet every single NRC requirement, you can still have an accident which results in the release of quantities of radiation comparable to Chernobyl.

MP: Do you think the NRC is reformable?

RP: Is the United States Congress reformable? That's where the fundamental problem lies. If it weren't for the president just making political appointments to the NRC, and I don't just mean the current president. And the Congress sits there like a bump on a log doing nothing. Of course it's not possible to reform the NRC. A majority of the Congress doesn't care. The majority of Congress thinks the NRC is doing exactly what they wanted done, which is to protect the nuclear industry.

MP: What successes have you had since working at the Union of Concerned Scientists in getting the NRC to do its job?

RP: We've gotten new fire protection requirements. We've gotten new requirements on what's called environmental qualification of electrical equipment, which is a nukespeak way of saying to make sure that the safety equipment will actually work in a plant during an accident. Of course, it's going to be subjected to rather harsh operating conditions of temperature, pressure, spray, and radiation.

MP: Do you think there's a way to make nuclear power safe?

RP: No. Because there are too many corrupt people in the business. After all, utilities are not there for the purpose of providing electricity. They're there for the purpose of making money for their stockholders. They do that by selling electricity. Safety costs money and it doesn't improve the profit picture.

MP: Is it technologically possible to make nuclear power safe?

RP: That's such a hypothetical question it's irrelevant.

MP: What motivates you to care about nuclear power safety when it seems so many others in the industry and the NRC don't?

RP: I don't know. I really don't. I maybe had it drummed into me as a child that you tell the truth. What I can't stand is when people won't pay attention to the engineering facts. I never thought that I was some wizard, or that I couldn't make mistakes. I'd be willing to change my safety evaluation report if someone would show me on technical basis why I was wrong. I wouldn't consider that embarrassing. The problem is they don't want to face facts. It has always amazed me because it seems to me sometimes we spend as much time and money trying to deny that a problem exists than it would cost to fix it in the first place.

I don't know why so many other people did such a metamorphosis after they left the [Admiral] Rickover Navy program. It was drilled into us in the Navy that you do things right or you don't do them at all. But of course, you didn't have to make a profit in the Navy.

MP: Can you give me any other specific examples of forcing the NRC to enforce regulations at particular plants through your work at the Union of Concerned Scientists?

RP: I don't know that I did any at UCS. Most of the examples were from when I was still at the agency. We don't get involved in many specific plants. It was sort of unusual for us to get involved in Yankee Rowe since we generally work on issues that affect all the plants. We've had some failures too. After Three Mile Island we filed a legal action similar to Yankee Rowe over the Indian Point plants in New York, basically arguing they were in such a densely populated metropolitan region they couldn't possibly evacuate the region. We also pointed out that the agency had required safety improvements in Indian Point Unit Three before they would issue a license but they had never made the same safety improvements at Indian Point Unit Two. So we succeeded in the atmosphere after Three Mile Island to get the NRC to hold a hearing. The NRC commissioners meddled in the hearing so much that their own hearing board chairman actually resigned during the hearing. That went on for

years and the NRC hearing board eventually recommended some safety improvements. When that went to the commission for a vote, they voted three to two not to do anything. So, that was a big waste of time for several years.

MP: When we talked earlier, you mentioned your concerns about the San Onofre nuclear plant here in California.

RP: Unit One is one of these real old

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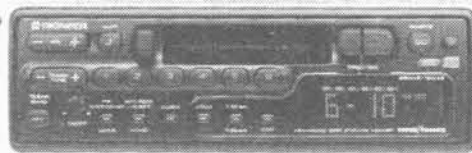
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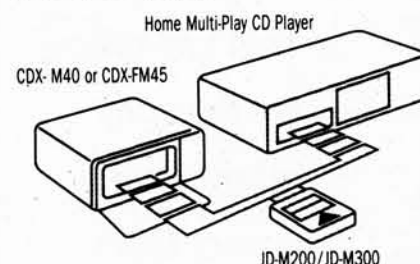
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plants. In the days when San Onofre Unit One was first licensed by the Atomic Energy Commission, they had a provision in the regulations where we could issue what was called a provisional license which was supposed to be a temporary thing that lasts maybe a year or 18 months until we saw how well that plant ran. Then we would issue the full term 40-year license. But it was just recently that the NRC got around to doing that for San Onofre Unit One. That's because up until now the plant couldn't meet the regulations to get a full term license. Now that it's been issued, one of the conditions of the license is that they have to install some of the safety improvements the NRC ordered after the Three Mile Island accident, but San Onofre never did them.

The problem now is that apparently both the utility and the public advocate's office of whatever you call your state agency in California that regulates utilities both concluded it's not economical to put these safety improvements in; it's not worth the money. I guess the final decision on that is scheduled to be made next January or February.

MP: When the utility says it's not economical to put in safety improvements, what are they saying? That it would be cheaper to deal with an accident than to make safety improvements?

RP: No, no. They're saying to spend the money to put in the safety improvements would make the cost of electricity from the plant so expensive you'd be better off not making the safety improvements and just closing the plant. Nobody ever looks at the cost of an accident. They're covered by insurance. It's only the public that suffers during an accident. So, that's not of any concern to a nuclear utility other than the bad press they might get if they killed the residents they're supposed to serve.

MP: Aren't there fines imposed by the NRC on utilities that don't meet safety requirements?

RP: Yes, now and then.

MP: Are they enforced very often?

RP: The fines are if they levy them.

MP: But they don't levy them very often?

RP: Well, they do. There's at least a fine a week. The trouble is, when you're talking about fines on the order of \$25,000, \$50,000 or \$100,000, that's insignificant. The cost of shutting down a nuclear plant for one day is about \$300,000. So it's in the utility's economic interest to overlook violations. The chance of getting caught is pretty low. The NRC

doesn't even inspect everything.

MP: What gives you the hope that keeps you working on this issue?

RP: I don't know if I have hope or if I don't have hope. I just keep trying to do the best I can. I can't give up. I don't expect I'm going to reform the NRC. I'm not even sure I'm going to prevent a major accident somewhere. At least I'll try anyway.

MP: Do you have any thoughts on what citizens can do?

RP: Yes, vote all the incumbents out of office. Start with somebody new. That's one of the problems. There was one good county in Maryland where I thought the county commissioners made a very effective presentation to the

NRC. It all hinged on this whole idea that NRC calls a nuclear power plant safe as long as the chance of rendering that community uninhabitable is low. But they clearly accept the possibility that it could render some portion of the United States uninhabitable. So what the county commissioners did was they made a sort of table of how many people lived in the area, how many schools there were, what was their income from the tourist industry, what their income from agriculture, fishing, and so on. Then they told the NRC, "We don't want to lose it." So, I see people arguing over their local garbage dump or the adequacy of their schools when they're living in a community where if the nuclear power plant goes pop, it won't matter how good the school system is because you aren't coming back. I guess to me it becomes a matter of priorities. I know there are other problems, but when you look at the potential for nuclear plant accidents, it's hard to imagine any other problem more serious to a community than that.

MP: So communities with nuclear power plants need to become more aware?

RP: Well, it's understandably frustrating. The way the NRC has got itself set up is that it's writing the laws, enforcing the laws and acting as a court. It's very, very difficult to get the NRC to put the public's interest first. That's no different than any other federal agency that's supposed to be looking out for general public. They're always, of course, trying their best to look out for the activity they're supposed to be regulating. The Federal Aviation Administration really gets on the ball after some tops of aircraft fly off. But of course they didn't do a good enough job to prevent it. It's the same thing going on at the NRC. Look at Three Mile Island. That accident was caused by the

plant falsifying some leak rate calculations. And if they hadn't falsified those calculations, the plant wouldn't have even been in operation. And because of the leaks they were having before the accident, the operators became accustomed to seeing high temperatures in a certain pipe. The NRC knew, months before the accident, that they were falsifying the leak rates. The NRC didn't do anything; they just told them to stop. But they didn't.

Look at the Peach Bottom plant. The NRC was inspecting that plant, writing reports on how bad things were. They don't do anything until somebody tells them that the operators are literally sleeping in the control room during their shifts.

MP: What happened?

RP: They closed them down. For several years.

MP: But it's running now.

RP: Oh yes. That's one area where the NRC's record is always clear. They've never denied an application for a license for a nuclear plant and they've never permanently ordered a plant closed. About the best thing they've ever done was one of the things I accomplished when I was there, similar to what happened on San Onofre Unit One. I managed to get the agency to have enough backbone to actually tell Con Edison that they had to install some emergency cooling systems at Indian Point Unit One. That plant ran for 12 years. It wasn't a question of whether the emergency cooling system would work — they didn't have any! The agency let that plant run for 12 years until they made the mistake of assigning me to the case. And when we finally ordered the utility to install emergency cooling systems, they decided it wasn't worth the money and closed the plant. We didn't tell them to close it. We would have been happy if it kept running, decrepit and leaking as that thing was. The funny part about it is, that plant was operating when the Union of Concerned Scientists — before I joined it — was in a hearing with the Atomic Energy Commission arguing over whether the emergency cooling systems in plants that had them would even do the job. I always found it ironic during my lunch hours to go watch this hearing where these people were arguing whether the computer calculations were right or wrong when we had plants running that didn't even have any pumps! It wasn't a question of computer calculations. It was a question of whether or not a pipe broke, that's all.

MP: Was there anyone else at the NRC like you?

RP: Yes. A lot of people left, too. They resigned and went off to do something else.

MP: They didn't pursue the type of work

you're now doing?

RP: No. There's a speech one of the former commissioners gave — I think it was Peter Branford who's now chair of the New York State Public Service Commission — on the licensing process of the NRC in which he pointed out that the way the NRC handles the public is to treat them with exquisite procedural courtesy and never in fact allow them to get their hands on anything vital. This can be expected to frustrate the people to the point that they become shrill and demagogic, in which case it's easy to dismiss them.

I'm often wondering if I haven't now reached the point where I really should let someone else do this. After 15 years of batting my head against the wall here, maybe it's time to let somebody else try. I don't want to discourage other folks from trying because it's the only opportunity we have available. I'm quite convinced there's no way we're ever going to get the NRC to put the public as its first priority.

MP: Who is there to do it? You said you didn't know of anyone with your background doing this work?

RP: Well, there are lots of people at the NRC. Maybe they want to try it for a while.

MP: Do you ever feel the weight of the world on your shoulders as one of the only people doing what you're doing?

RP: No, not really. I just do the best I can, pick the worst thing and try to correct that one. I can't worry about all the other problems. The idea is to figure out which of all the problems in the world you can make a difference on and which ones you can't and to not let it bother you about the ones you can't do anything about.

Look at Rancho Seco that's down out there. That was an effort of a large number of citizens groups. I helped a little bit. Campaign California worked on it with other groups out there.

Eventually, the public and common sense prevailed. I was very basically money that swayed the issue, not the safety of the plant. Obviously it had never had a major accident, just lots of little accidents and close calls. But basically, it just wasn't running well.

MP: What connections do you see between the issues of nuclear power and nuclear weapons?

RP: That's where the insanity of all this started from. The whole nuclear program was started to salve our national conscience over weapons. They even took the very reactors that Rickover was using for machines of war. Nobody ever gave a second thought that the type of reactor being used by the Navy would be the best type of reactor to use for the commercial generation of electricity. A line I used in speeches at colleges, after I resigned, is that it's the Navy's job to kill people — you'd hope that the local utility had a different objective.

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MP: So, commercial reactors are based on the design used in the nuclear submarines?

RP: Not all of them. General Electric took a turn for the worse and starting building boiling water reactors. I've often found it ironic that there are no such things in California which is where GE's headquarters are. All the boiling water reactors were built elsewhere.

MP: What other connections do you see between nuclear power and the military?

RP: That's how so much of the secrecy got started in the nuclear industry. The propaganda that was coming out to the public in the '60s and '70s all stemmed from this ability to keep everything secret. Until the NRC came into existence, the AEC ran the reactor program like it was a weapons program. Eisenhower's Atoms for Peace program in 1954 was run by the Atomic Energy Commission, which of course was responsible for the whole nuclear weapons program. So, you had this whole climate of secrecy. They just never told the public anything except propaganda. The original slogan of "electricity too cheap to meter" which was from the chairman of the AEC in '54, was a bunch of malarkey. We knew there was no possibility of that ever coming true. Why I think I get frustrated now is I see, almost like an instant TV replay, the propaganda now coming out about this next generation of reactors being inherently safe. What an absurd notion that a device which produces thousands of times more nuclear waste than a bomb does is somehow going to be inherently safe. It's absurd. It's a public relations effort to try to convince the public of this. Of course there is a problem; they have to say the existing reactors are safe, but the next ones are going to be safer.

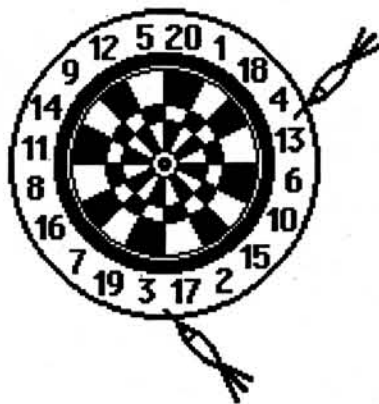
Another problem is that you've got a whole industry built up around water-cooled reactors — both boiling and pressurized water — by General Electric and Westinghouse. So there's this built-in bias against trying anything that might be better, like gas-cooled reactors, which I think have the most promise of offering a substantial improvement in safety. I don't believe for a moment that General Atomics is right when they say it's impossible to have a major accident — I just don't believe that. But at least, in theory, they're a lot safer than the existing reactors ever could be.

When we had meetings inside the AEC, they were always closed to the public. There were no transcripts of meetings. Now they have to have the meetings in public, but of course, nothing substantive is ever discussed anymore. The NRC invents all kinds of ways to get around the Sunshine Act. If three commissioners have a meeting, it has to be public. So they meet two by two. It takes longer, but they can still have their meetings in secret. Then, they get together for a formal session and announce their pre-determined decision. It's a great system. ■

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Amendment 2

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

Amendment 3

No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

Amendment 4

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Amendment 5

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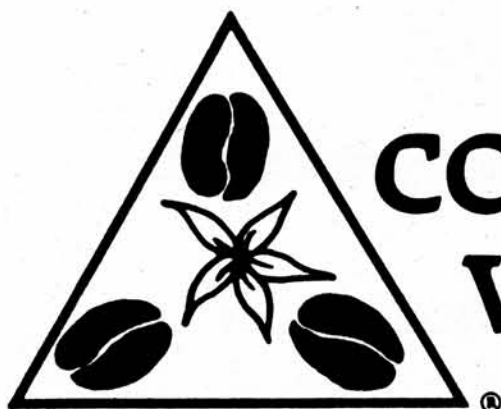
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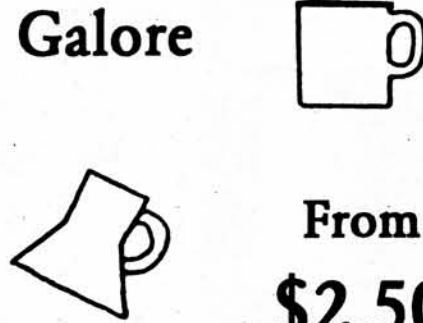
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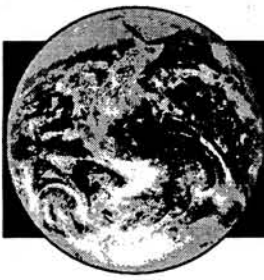
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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By Shelly D'Amour

The Year in Review: Another Disappointing Congressional Performance

Congress has adjourned for the holidays, having just completed its legacy to the new world order — another year of massive military spending ahead coupled with a funding commitment toward nuclear systems designed to fight an enemy that no longer exists.

It was an extraordinary and challenging year for the Congress. The dissolution of the Soviet Union, the erosion of stability in the Eastern bloc, and growing tensions in the Middle East provided unprecedented opportunities for the United States to assume a role of international mediator. The results were mixed at best. For the most part, the president and US lawmakers chose to stick with the old world order mentality, which relies upon threats and weapons of destruction to put its point across.

The performance of congressional Democrats was particularly disappointing this year. The majority party deferred to the Republican White House on almost every major military item.

In actuality, with respect to military issues Democrats have historically not behaved much better than Republicans, and often times worse. It was a Democrat who got us into World War I, a Democrat who got us into World War II, a Democrat who dropped the first atomic bomb, a Democrat who almost got us into a nuclear war over missiles in Cuba, and a Democrat who escalated the Vietnam War to its most brutal and intense period. And it was a Democratically-controlled Congress that gave the go-ahead to President Bush to initiate the first US-fought war in 20 years.

A Year Begun In War

If 1990 saw the end of the Cold War, 1991 witnessed the resurgence of the shooting war. The new year was not two weeks old when Congress debated a resolution authorizing the president to use deadly force to achieve US aims in the Persian Gulf.

Throughout the previous fall, Congress had engaged in a war of words with the White House over whose jurisdiction it was to authorize the use of force. The president insisted that the Congress had no rights to infringe on his role as commander-in-chief. Congress demanded that the president respect its role as outlined in the Constitution. Article 1 Section 8 of the Constitution states simply, "Congress shall have the power to declare war." But in fact, only five wars in US history have been officially "declared." The others were titled such things as "police actions" (Korea)

and "conflicts" (Vietnam), principally as a way for the White House to conduct foreign military adventures free of the control of the Congress.

Upon reviewing the events that immediately surround the January 10-12 debate, a cynic might suggest that the White House and congressional leaders struck a deal that went something like this: since the majority of Congress is going to support the use of force any-

peace lay in convincing Saddam Hussein that the US was resolved to go to war. It was a lie. The Bush administration had no intentions of resolving the situation peacefully and in fact expressed concerns over 11th-hour initiatives aimed at getting an agreement from Hussein to leave Kuwait.

Perhaps the most telling, if enraging, action of Congress took place immediately after the vote on the resolution.

tative and House Budget Chair Leon Panetta (D) voted against the use of force, but then became very quiet on the issue for the duration of the war. He was not alone, however. Democrats willing to assume an ongoing public posture against the war, once the war began, were as scarce as hen's teeth. The relative silence on Mr. Panetta's part was particularly frustrating to those constituents who had looked to him to provide ongoing vocal and aggressive leadership in opposition to the war.

The US decision to employ war as a tool of diplomacy "accomplished" many things in the Persian Gulf. In less than two months, virtually the entire infrastructure of Iraq was destroyed. Over 100,000 Iraqis were killed outright. Other chain reactions followed. Israel was attacked by Iraqi Scud missiles. The Kuwaiti oil fields were set ablaze, creating an ecological disaster rivaling a scene out of Dante's *Inferno*.

Famine and disease continue to stalk Iraq. A recent Harvard Study Team report indicates that "at least 170,000 Iraqi children under five years of age will die in the next year if conditions do not change." Citing that study, Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA) and 16 other senators sent a letter to President Bush expressing their concern over the plight of Iraqi citizens. However, in the same letter, the senators urged the president to "take whatever action is necessary" to ensure Iraqi compliance with United Nations efforts.

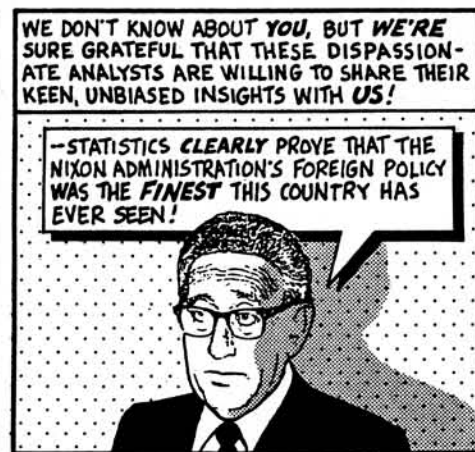
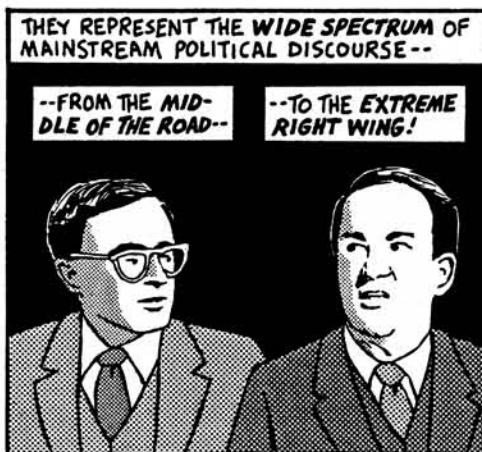
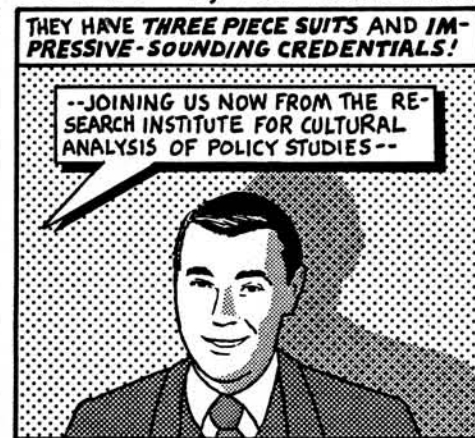
A resolution is (very) slowly wending its way through Congress which calls on the UN to release some of Iraq's frozen assets to UNICEF and similar organizations for the purpose of providing for emergency medical and basic needs. Begun last summer, the House resolution currently only has 89 cosponsors and the Senate version has seven.

The overwhelming "success" of the Patriot missile during the course of the Gulf War set the stage in Congress for discussing the fiscal 1992 military budget.

The Budget

This year's \$291 billion military budget figure reflects a Congress and a president which are untouched by the movement of world events. When Ronald Reagan dramatically increased the military budget in the 1980s, he offered the rationale that the United States had fallen behind where it needed to be in order to counter the threat of Soviet expansionism. Now that the Soviet Union is essentially out of business, the Pentagon

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way, why not get it officially on record, and allow congressmembers a little posturing time at the microphone for the benefit of the folks back home?

The president had set a January 15th deadline for the Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait, and showed no signs of backing away from it. Congress picked the last conceivable opportunity to say something or risk being swept out of the picture entirely. It was not until after the war began that most members of Congress turned to their districts for input.

Many congressional supporters of the war resolution went to great pains to construct a case that the best hope for

Many of those who had opposed the use of force closed ranks behind those who had supported it, and together resolved to "commend the president and support the troops." Majority Leader Richard Gephardt (D-MO) set the tone for these by declaring that "the debate is behind us, the battle is upon us and the victory is before us." Up until moments before, Gephardt had led the charge in Congress to continue sanctions against Iraq in lieu of initiating war.

California's 12th district Representative Tom Campbell (R) voted in favor of the use of force, stating that for him it was a choice between "war now or war later." Sixteenth district represen-

has been pressed to come up with a new enemy in order to justify its bloated budget.

The Iraqi invasion of Kuwait provided an excellent opportunity for US military planners to cash in on the years of anti-Arab sentiment that the US government had nurtured among its citizens. The average American's lack of understanding and mistrust of the Arab world has been encouraged by the government, which generally projects an image of Arab leaders (with the exception of Egyptian presidents) as brutal, conniving and untrustworthy.

The demonization of Hussein is an example of the kind of rhetoric to be expected from Pentagon and White House sources in the years to come, as they attempt to generate public support for expensive weapons programs. Two of the major battles this year were over the fate of the B-2 bomber and Star Wars.

Stealth (B-2) Bomber

Congress couldn't justify the \$800-million-a-copy price tag, despite the insistence of the Pentagon and the Senate Armed Services Committee Chair that the country "really needed" the B-2. Aside from that there have been consistent technical problems with the plane that have arisen during flight testing that are, to date, unresolved.

Unfortunately for the B-2, the Pentagon spent the last three years selling the bomber system as the ultimate in defensive technologies against the Soviet Union. Designed to counter Soviet ICBMs, the B-2 is suddenly a bomber with no place to go. Pentagon strategists have spent the better part of this year trying to convince Congress that the system still has an important mission in the post-Soviet world. For now, Congress isn't buying it.

Congress has decided to cap the B-2 program at the 15 currently slated for production. However, some funds were put in escrow toward a 16th bomber if certain conditions are met, which is extremely unlikely. At this juncture, it appears that the B-2 program has been laid to rest. But look for Northrop Corporation (the principle contractor) to come up with a scheme to resurrect congressional interest.

Star Wars

Unlike the B-2, congressional support

for Star Wars strengthened this year, bolstered by a Pentagon plan to restructure the system's purpose toward more limited aims, including an initial ground-based deployment, scheduled for 1996.

The Star Wars concept has undergone numerous revisions since it was first proposed by President Ronald Reagan as a kind of dome that would protect the US population from incoming Soviet missiles. The most recent plan calls for a ground-based deployment of 100 missiles near Grand Forks, North Dakota by 1996, and to begin negotiations with the Soviets to amend the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty to allow for the construction of additional sites.

The ABM Treaty specifically bans the testing and deployment of anti-missile systems in space. To date, the ABM Treaty has been an effective tool in keeping the arms race out of space. The treaty does permit a ground-based system to be located at a single site with up to 100 missiles. That limit will be reached once the Grand Forks deployment is in place. Pentagon strategists claim that ideally, six such sites would be needed to render the ground-based component of Star Wars truly "effective."

Some funding was also allocated for the space-based component system "Brilliant Pebbles." In its version of the defense bill, the House completely stripped its Star Wars authorization of any funding for Brilliant Pebbles, but the Senate version included it. President Bush indicated he would veto any authorization that did not include Brilliant Pebbles funding, and a compromise was struck. In all, Congress approved \$4.15 billion in Star Wars funding, a substantial increase over last year's \$3.5 billion.

The move toward deployment of Star Wars and renegotiation of the ABM Treaty is unfortunate and alarming. At a time when the Cold War is supposed to be over, and substantive disarmament moves are being made on the part of both superpowers, extending the arms race into space sets a dangerous new course.

Nuclear Test Ban

Efforts at securing a nuclear test ban received renewed attention from Congress this year. Two pieces of legislation have been introduced which, if enacted, would achieve two of the goals

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of the nuclear weapons freeze movement.

Representatives Mike Synar (D-OK) and Les AuCoin (D-OR) have introduced legislation to ban the further production of tritium, plutonium, and enriched uranium for use in nuclear weapons. If enacted, the bill would put the Department of Energy (DOE) out of the bomb-building business.

House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt (D-MO) introduced a bill in November calling for a one-year moratorium on US underground nuclear weapons testing, so long as the Soviet Union or its successor states do the same. Currently, there is a moratorium in effect in the Soviet Union. The bill currently has 143 cosponsors, including Rep. Panetta.

The DOE recently announced that it will put off for two years a decision over where to locate a new tritium facility. DOE director James Watkins stated that recent arms reductions will allow the US to utilize tritium from decommissioned weapons, thus avoiding what he considered to be a "rushed" decision over where to locate the plant. This provides an excellent opportunity to put production and testing moratoriums in place, and to work toward international controls that will eventually lead to a permanent freeze on the testing and production of nuclear weapons.

Arms Control

1991 witnessed two major arms control initiatives. In July, President Bush and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev concluded the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty. START calls for a 35-percent reduction in US ballistic missile warheads and a 50-percent reduction in Soviet ballistic missile warheads over the next seven years, bringing the superpowers into parity with approximately 6,000 ballistic warheads on each side. The treaty is scheduled to take effect for 15 years, with a series of optional five-year extensions.

On the down side, like its predecessors this treaty does not address the qualitative aspects of the arms race. Modernization of strategic systems is not impacted in the slightest by START. As such, START is the latest in a long line of treaties which view the concept of arms control as, essentially, arms race management. Still, START is an important and useful contribution to paring down the number of ballistic missiles in existence.

In a surprise move this year, President Bush announced a decision to remove all short-range nuclear weapons from Europe and South Korea. The announcement was quickly followed by a similar promise from President Gorbachev to match the US initiative.

The primary motivating factor appears to be President Bush's fear that newly independent Soviet states will hold on to the nuclear weapons that are

based in their territories. In acting now, Bush is hoping to capitalize on what power and persuasion Mr. Gorbachev has left. Otherwise, the United States can look forward to separate sets of negotiations with the new republics.

Central America

This has been both the best and the most frustrating year for Central America legislation, especially with respect to El Salvador. In the early part of this year, the House passed strongly worded legislation designed to withhold over \$40 million in military aid until a set of specifically called-for changes occurred in El Salvador.

Efforts spearheaded by Reps. Joe Moakley (D-MA) and John Murtha (D-PA) in the House and Senators Christopher Dodd (D-CT) and Patrick Leahy (D-VT) sought to reduce the level of US financing of the war in El Salvador, and to pressure that nation to bring to justice those responsible for the

1989 assassination of six Jesuit university priests, their housekeeper and her daughter.

A bill went through both houses which called for withholding 50 percent of President Bush's \$85 million military aid request plus 50 percent of all aid from previous years that is still not spent (currently estimated to be at \$80 million). The House approved the legislation but the Senate was unable to consider the bill, due to a well-orchestrated filibuster led by Senators John McCain (R-AZ) and Jesse Helms (R-SC).

The El Salvador language was part of the fiscal year 1992 Foreign Aid Appropriations bill. In October, President Bush

asked Congress to put off considering the entire foreign aid bill for five months, pending the outcome of the Middle East peace talks. The appropriations bill contains a funding request for loan guarantees to Israel that the president would like to delay pending outcome of the talks. Congress complied and began drafting what is known as a "continuing resolution" (CR). The purpose of the CR is to keep the line item in question funded at the current year's rate while the new budget is being worked out. Supporters of aid restrictions to El Salvador tried to have language to that effect drafted into the text of the CR, without success. The White House threatened a veto of any CR with aid restrictions intact.


Constituent reaction from around the country was reported to be immediate and overwhelming, according to the Central America Working Group, a Washington DC organization. Congressional supporters of aid restrictions responded on several fronts:

- On October 31st, Senators Dodd and Leahy, together with Representatives Moakley and David Obey (D-WI), sent a letter to Secretary of State James Baker, calling on the president to produce a


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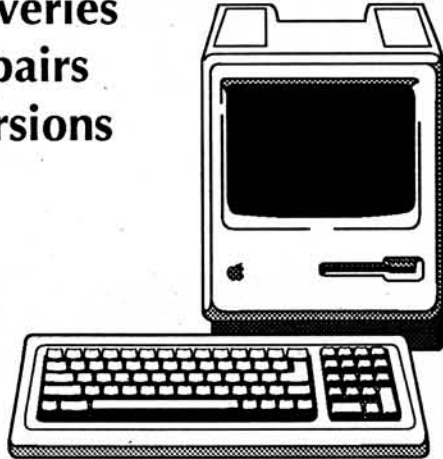
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report by January 1, 1992 evaluating El Salvador's progress on prosecuting the Jesuit murders. The letter noted that under the terms of the 1990 foreign aid bill, all military aid would be terminated if the president determined that the Salvadoran government had failed to conduct a thorough investigation into the murders.

- On the same day, Rep. Cox (D-IL) circulated a Dear Colleague letter, calling on the House leadership to move quickly toward achieving aid cuts. Fifty-six signatures were gathered.

- Senator Edward Kennedy gathered 28 signatures on a letter to Salvadoran president Cristiani, asking him not to grant amnesty to those convicted in the Jesuit case. California Senator Alan Cranston (D) is a co-signer of that letter.

- Senator Chaffee (R-RI) issued a Republican letter similar to the one drafted by Senator Kennedy, with the additional phrase asking that amnesty not be granted to FMLN soldiers responsible for the January 1991 execution of two US servicemen. There were seven co-signers.

- Eighty House members of both parties signed on to a letter to the FMLN, requesting that the FMLN turn over the soldiers responsible for the murders of the servicemen, either to US or Salvadoran judicial authorities.

- On November 6, Representative Torricelli (D-NJ), chair of the Western Hemisphere Subcommittee, held hearings on legislative options for US policy toward El Salvador.

- On November 14, a bipartisan group of 18 House members introduced HR 3782. The bill would permit no additional military aid other than the \$21 million currently contained in the Continuing Resolution, and provides for a congressional review of how any future funds might be used once a permanent cease-fire is achieved.

November 16th marked the second anniversary of the Jesuit murders. On that day, FMLN leadership declared a unilateral cease-fire. President Cristiani publicly welcomed the move, but did not match it. Salvadoran armed forces continue to move forward into FMLN held territory, even though the UN has stated that territory gains or losses will not be reflected in the peace agreement.

With respect to Guatemala, President Bush recently announced a decision to release \$50 million in economic support funds (ESFs) which had previously

been escrowed by the Congress until certain human rights changes occurred.

Language on last year's Guatemalan aid package was even stronger than that

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on El Salvador's. Congress stipulated that *no* military funds should be expended, and ESF monies should be utilized only to meet basic human needs. There are apparently no restrictions set forth by the president on the use of the ESF funds. In past years, ESF funds have been used to supplement or take the place of military aid, at times when military aid was banned outright by Congress. Senate Foreign Operations Subcommittee Chair Patrick Leahy wrote to Secretary of State James Baker expressing his concerns over the signal the US government was sending to Guatemala through the disbursement of ESF funds. He urged the secretary to incorporate human rights criteria into the disbursement of ESF monies.

Meanwhile, 115 House members signed on to a letter to Guatemalan President Jorge Serrano, expressing their concern over the pattern of escalating violence against Guatemalan citizenry. Local Rep. Leon Panetta is a co-signer of that letter.

The most hopeful element of Central America legislation this year is the fact that Congress is assuming for itself an oversight role into presidential decisions over whether to release escrowed funds. Traditionally when Congress escrows

military or ESF aid, it stipulates that such aid will be available dependent upon improvements in human rights situations, and leaves the final determination up to the president. The president is generally required to issue the determination in writing, called a "finding," that outlines how the conditions for release of the aid have been met. Such determinations by the president are generally made quickly thereafter, and the aid is always disbursed.

In the case of El Salvador, this year Congress decided to require that presidential determinations leading to the release of aid be reviewed by four separate committees. Objections made by any one committee would block the release of aid. The same procedure needs to be applied across the board to any foreign aid disbursement.

Congressional Recess

Congress is in recess until January 3rd. Put it in your New Year's resolution this year to contact your representatives and let them know what you think they should be doing. ■

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This has been both the best and the most frustrating year for Central America legislation, especially with respect to El Salvador.

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PEACE MOVEMENT

Success Stories of 1991

By
Terry
Teitelbaum

I know it's important to keep a long-range perspective while working for peace and justice. Change does take a long time. But once in a while I get tired of telling myself that the work I and my fellow activists are doing now will make the world a better place for our grandchildren. As a product of the television generation, every now and then I need some instant gratification. If you do too, then sit back and enjoy some success stories about the peace movement in 1991.

Tri-Valley CAREs (Citizens Against a Radioactive Environment) is a community-based group in Livermore whose mission is to connect peace, justice, and environmental issues. Their efforts to expose the environmental hazards of the nuclear weapons work at the Department of Energy's Lawrence Livermore Laboratories has embraced this three-pronged approach to social change.

Marylia Kelley is a co-founder of this volunteer organization. She feels that not only does the lab pose an environmental threat, but that the way decisions get made at the lab regarding toxic cleanup — in secrecy — is unjust (and results in bad decisions). She feels that the people affected by the lab's wastes have a right to be part of the decision-making process concerning its clean-up plans. Her group has attempted to create a place where the Livermore community can be involved in this process. Fortunately, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has provided significant funding to support CAREs' role in involving and motivating the community.

According to the EPA, the Lawrence Livermore Labs is one of the country's worst contamination sites and in 1987 it was named to the Superfund list, thus requiring the Lab and the DOE to develop a clean-up plan. Since the Lab is a DOE weapons facility, the DOE rather than the EPA gets to be the lead agency in its own clean-up. While this might look like a classic case of the fox guarding the chicken coop, there are provisions — albeit not very well publicized — for concerned citizens to influence the DOE's clean-up plan.

When Congress re-authorized the Superfund in 1984, it added language requiring that communities surrounding Superfund sites be allowed to have input on a facility's clean-up plan. It also made funds available for technical assistance grants to community groups which have had a history of working on toxics issues related to the targeted facility.

By pure chance, a member of Tri-Valley CAREs saw a small notice in a newsletter published by a toxic watchdog group about the availability of these EPA funds. CAREs contacted the EPA and subsequently began an onerous process of applying for the technical assistance grant. After exercising heroic tenacity — the rules kept changing throughout the

Grassroots Group Gets \$50,000 from EPA To Analyze Livermore Labs Clean-up Plan



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application process, according to Kelley — Tri-Valley CAREs became the first group in EPA region 9 (the Western United States and Hawaii) to be awarded the \$50,000 technical assistance grant.

With these funds CAREs hired a ground water hydrologist and a specialist in clean-up technology to analyze, on their behalf, the clean-up plan proposed by the Lab. These experts found the plan woefully inadequate on six separate points.

These points included disputes with the length of the proposed clean-up plan (53 years), a lack of written commitment for DOE funding of the cleanup, and an omission of any connections between ongoing (toxics-producing) programs and the clean-up process. On this last point, Kelley noted, "It is simply illogical to simultaneously pollute while cleaning up."

Kelley reported that CAREs is taking advantage of a provision of the Superfund law that requires "community acceptance" of the clean-up plan by organizing around criticism of the Lab's proposal in a variety of ways. A public comment phase is currently in effect until December 18, 1991. Members of the community have until then to officially register their criticisms of and suggestions for the plan. To make sure the DOE hears a lot of public comment, CAREs has been pulling out all the stops to educate and motivate people to get involved.

In July the group held a well-attended "Town Meeting" to educate the Livermore community about the Superfund process and the toxic situation at the Lab. CAREs did lots of other educational work on this issue, distributing fliers, sending out mailings, and informing the media. According to Kelley: "We wanted to give the community this information in ways it can use it. We want to demystify this process and empower people to influence it."

By the time the Lab and the DOE held their own public meeting on the plan, CAREs had some solid organizing in place. Although their attempts to have input into the format of this November meeting were ignored, the organization turned people out for it and made sure their experts were sitting in the front row. The deck was stacked in the Lab's favor — presentations were limited to two from the DOE and two from the lab, public comment was not scheduled until 9 p.m. (this was on a week night) and the question-and-answer period was to be restricted to a narrow range of criteria — but CAREs found a way to be heard. During the question-and-answer period community members made queries directly to the CAREs technical experts in the front row addressing the six points of criticism. Attempts by the moderator to rule these questions out of order succeeded only in making her look heavy handed. The criticisms were addressed before most of the crowd went home for the evening.

Kelley said that CAREs will keep organizing until the December 18th deadline for public comment. According to the law, the DOE must issue a response to all the comment received during this period. Based on that response, her group will plan its next moves. Regardless of the response, however, CARE's goal is to see the Lab's clean-up plan amended to incorporate its six points. Kelley claims, "We're not going to settle for less than a good clean-up plan." > > >



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Robert Pollard is a nuclear safety engineer at the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS). He joined the staff of the UCS, a nonprofit organization of scientists and other citizens concerned about the impact of advanced technology on society, after resigning from his position at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) in 1976 because he had gradually become convinced that the agency was "more interested in protecting the [nuclear] industry than protecting the public."

Through his work at the UCS he has taken on the daunting task of "trying to get the NRC to enforce its own regulations." (Please see the interview with Robert Pollard in this issue.) He's had some successes and some failures. One recent success involves his role in getting the Yankee Rowe nuclear plant in Rowe, Massachusetts shut down for safety reasons.

Through his relentless scrutiny of relevant documents — licensing event reports, NRC weekly information reports, trade press, and anything else he can get "to keep track of all the plants" — Pollard says: "I'm always finding areas where the NRC is not enforcing regulations. I often discover plants that haven't been meeting NRC regulations since beginning operation. I can't keep up with all of them." When he discovered serious safety problems at Yankee Rowe he discussed his findings with the UCS staff. His executive director then called upon him to describe what he knew to the UCS board of directors. The board then concluded that it had to take this plant on — that to do otherwise would be irresponsible.

What Pollard had found was that there were no back-up safety systems in the event of the reactor vessel cracking. Furthermore, there was insufficient data about the reactor vessel condition to make any valid conclusions about the probability of damage to it occurring. According to Pollard, because of neutron radiation, the steel of the reactor vessel can be damaged by becoming brittle. That increases the likelihood of its cracking. This is especially true in the case of an accident necessitating a rapid cooling of the system, thereby causing thermal shock to the reactor vessel. The combination of high pressure and thermal shock could result in the reactor splitting open, a meltdown, and almost certain damage to the containment building. Furthermore, Pollard said, small quantities of copper and nickel present in the

Union of Concerned Scientists Shuts Down Unsafe Nuclear Power Plant

vessel welds could act as catalysts to make the vessel brittle as well.

Pollard has examined the issue of reactor vessel safety at many other plants, but claims that "Yankee Rowe is the worst of all." In 30 years of operation, the reactor vessel has never been inspected. NRC regulations require that it be inspected every ten years. Hanging next to the vessel should also be several samples of the steel used in the manufacture of the vessel. These samples are to be destructively tested through the life of the reactor to measure how well the vessel is holding up. While there had been such samples there early in the life of the plant, they have since been removed. Also, there exist no records of the composition of nickel and copper in the vessel welds.

To bring these problems to the NRC's attention, the UCS petitioned the agency in June of 1991 for an immediate shutdown of the plant. This petition specifically asked that the commissioners assume jurisdiction because, according to Pollard, "The staff obviously knew about these safety violations and wasn't doing anything about it. Petitioning the staff wasn't going to do any good."

The commissioners referred the petition to the staff anyway which, as expected, rejected the emergency shutdown request. However, on July 1st, The NRC got a new chair, Ivan Selin, who took personal interest in the Yankee Rowe plant. Following a private meeting with Yankee Atomic (which Pollard was permitted to observe after overcoming objections from the NRC), Selin allowed a public meeting to be held on the plant's safety (at which the UCS again argued for the immediate shutdown of the plant) and agreed that the Commission would take jurisdiction from the NRC staff. Another public meeting was held on July 26th at which the staff again claimed that the plant could continue to run safely until the following April. Pollard asserts that there was no technical basis for this claim and the Commission actually agreed that the utility's lack of data about the reactor vessel safety was indeed unacceptable, yet voted to deny the

UCS' shutdown petition.

The Commission did, however, force the staff to go back and re-examine its assumptions beneath the claim that the plant was safe enough to run. It found some of these assumptions to be false and concluded that the probability of the reactor vessel cracking was actually 100 times greater than they originally believed. As a result, in a calculated move, the utility voluntarily shut down. Had it waited for the NRC to shut it down, it would have been hard to restart without public hearings.

In getting Yankee Rowe to shut down, Pollard is quick to share credit with the local community and grassroots organizations which participated in the campaign. "It wasn't just the UCS; the community was very involved. Local citizens groups held forums. A local newspaper held a debate in which the NRC refused to participate." He added that community members wrote letters to the NRC and Congress as well. By making the technical information about the plant available so the average person could understand it, the UCS took a leading role in motivating and mobilizing the community. "It wasn't just our petition that made a difference."

Pollard sees the voluntary shutdown as a partial victory, a "temporary reprieve." He said, "Next April they are supposed to inspect the reactor vessel for cracks; also they'll physically cut out pieces of the reactor wall to do lab analysis for copper and nickel in welds. Depending on the results of these tests, they may be allowed to restart without doing anything else."

This possibility is an example of what Pollard views as a fundamental problem with the NRC. He asserts that its job is not to make nuclear power safe, but to enforce its own safety regulations. Thus, Yankee Rowe could meet the letter of the regulations in this case, but not necessarily be any safer. He does feel it is important to keep working on getting the NRC to at least enforce its own regulations, however, although he often feels he is "getting down on bended knee entreating the agency to do what it should have been doing all along." He added, "Every time we win, I get discouraged because it shouldn't have been necessary to do in the first place. It shouldn't be the public looking over the shoulder of the NRC. It should be the NRC looking over the shoulder of the industry."

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In a campaign reminiscent of the early days of the nuclear weapons freeze movement, Chicago voters were given the opportunity to make their views known on a city referendum focused on military policy. This time around, the question targeted our nation's spending priorities by asking, "Should the federal government reduce the military budget by ten percent each year for the next five years and use the savings to provide better housing, health care, job training, environmental protection, education, mass transit, and drug abuse prevention and treatment?" A massive 74.5 percent of voting Chicagoans answered with a resounding yes.

A large, broad-based Coalition for New Priorities organized the referendum campaign to increase the public debate around federal priorities, involve more of the grassroots in the issue, build its own organization with increased visibility, and create momentum for the 1992 elections. The coalition achieved these goals as well as winning at the ballot box.

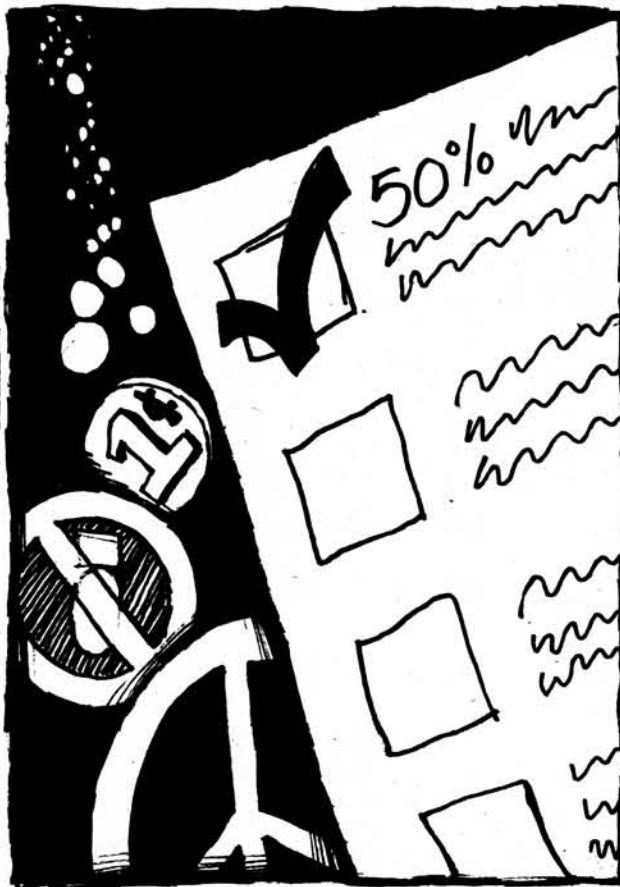
According to Kevin Martin, executive director of Illinois SANE/FREEZE, this coalition formed in the summer of 1989. While SANE/FREEZE played a leading role in organizing it originally, it now stands alone as a true coalition of more than 60 groups. The referendum is just one of the many projects the coalition has worked on.

The decision was made in the fall of 1990 to put the referendum on the April 1991 ballot since it corresponded with important city council elections. "It worked out to be the right time and the right campaign for us just after the war. It was terrific to have something constructive and positive for people to work on."

It was put on the ballot by unanimous vote of the city council, thus eliminating the need for an energy-intensive and costly petition drive. The city council was so supportive, because as former 49th Ward Alderman David Orr said: "Chicago has experienced severe cutbacks in federal aid over the last decade. The results of those cuts have been devastating in many Chicago communities. The federal government must respond to the needs of our cities."

While the coalition did a lot of solid organizing, Martin believes the success of the referendum lies mainly in the question asked of the voters. "It speaks for itself. People went to the ballot booth, read the question and said 'of course this makes sense; of

Chicago Voters Call for New Priorities



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course we need to cut the military budget and put money into the real needs of our community." He added that predominantly black areas of the city where, like many peace groups, the coalition has had difficulty organizing, were where the referendum carried most overwhelmingly. He said, "The referendum carried 74 percent city-wide, but in almost all of the predominantly black wards, it carried by at least 80 percent, sometimes 90 percent. That's an example of how the question really spoke to people who might not have heard much about it before voting."

Martin feels that the campaign gave the coalition a lot of credibility by winning at the ballot box with such a large margin. In addition to the bringing in of new people and organizations and laying the groundwork for the coalition's ongoing strategy work on new priorities, there resulted another byproduct of the successful ballot drive: the Chicago coalition has inspired similar campaigns in communities around the country.

San Francisco citizens recently voted on a referendum with calling for a 50-percent reduction in military spending over the next five years with the money to be used for human and environmental needs. It passed with 62 percent of the vote. And Santa Cruz County residents will get their chance next November when they vote on a demand that our representatives take leadership in cutting military spending by 50 percent by 1995 and re-allocate funds to programs meeting human needs.

To put the icing on the cake, in response to numerous requests for information from groups around the country, the Chicago Coalition for New Priorities published a handy manual which details, step by step, how it organized the ballot drive.

According to the introduction of this manual, these Chicago activists see their victory as just one more step in the process of creating new priorities and they stress the importance of other, similar campaigns around the country. It says: "Our task as activists, then, is to develop the political capital, demonstrate the overwhelming grassroots support for such changes, and repeat the demand over and over, across the country. To that end, each similar referendum in communities across the country strengthens the impact of those before, empowers the electorate to demand and achieve significant change, and forces candidates in the 1992 elections to make this issue a top priority if they wish to be elected."

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Celebration of Light

As the time of the darkest day approaches, peoples throughout the world celebrate the time of the return to longer days with a display of light. Those who follow the teachings of Christ think about the star that guided the wise men to the stable in Bethlehem. Those of the Hebrew faith light the candles of the menorah to celebrate Hanukkah, commemorating the miraculous event when one day's lamp oil lasted eight. In Peru celebrants stand at the temple of the sun in Machu Picchu and wait for a ray from the sun to pass through a specially placed window and shine upon the alter within. The promise of the return of the light is an important event in our psyches. This promise helps us to get through the dark days of Winter and the dark days of our lives. Rituals surrounding this important event are important for the health

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by Pete Shanks

Marjorie Thompson

CND Head Marjorie Thompson Discusses the State of the British Peace Movement

The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND) was founded in London on January 16, 1958, in response to growing concern over the testing of Britain's first H-Bomb. For its first major action, a march from London to the Atomic Weapons Establishment at Aldermaston, Gerald Holton designed the now-ubiquitous peace symbol. The annual Aldermaston marches became a major focus of energy in Britain before America's involvement in Vietnam.

CND is now an established part of the political landscape in Britain, with about 30 paid staff and 500 local affiliates. Since the Labour Party has resumed its traditional pro-nuclear stance (Neil Kinnock, Labour's leader, was a member of CND for many years but recently failed to renew), CND has been treated almost as the official opposition on defense issues, to the occasional chagrin of its anarchist allies.

Marjorie Thompson, who has been CND chair since late 1990, is an American, born in St. Louis in 1957 and raised in Long Beach. She studied at the London School of Economics, worked in Washington, DC, and moved to Britain in 1982. She rose to national prominence as the chief spokesperson for the Committee to Stop the War in the Gulf (now the Committee for a Just Peace in the Middle East). She earns her living as an adviser to the Royal College of Nursing, where *The Monthly Planet* interviewed her in mid-November.

MONTHLY PLANET: What have been the high and low points in the history of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND)?

MARJORIE THOMPSON: Well, obviously the initial period of the Aldermaston marches, when prominent public figures



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like Canon Collins and J.B. Priestley and James Cameron and Bertrand Russell were involved, along with Peggy Duff and some of the other quite dynamic scientists. But then things faded after the partial test ban treaty in the early '60s. I suppose for most people the high point was the hot autumn of 1983, when the cruise and Pershing missiles were deployed and there were demonstrations all over Europe. We regularly

got a quarter of a million people out on the street.

In some ways, though, that legacy has been crippling our own adaptation to the new environment, because people have had to change their thinking and their approach, in terms of how to measure success as a peace movement, and whether a peace movement is merely about being anti-nuclear. Our constitution talks about campaigning against all

weapons of mass destruction and obviously we turned a corner when the Gulf War took place.

MP: Have you ever thought about taking "Nuclear" out of the name?

MT: The name has brand recognition in England, like Pear's Soap or, I suppose in the United States, Kellogg's Corn Flakes, so it's a bit difficult. What I'd like to see is a sort of strap line underneath, saying "for peace and justice" or something like that. I think that the incorporation of peace and justice into the title would actually allow people to make the connections more easily.

MP: Is the anti-nuclear movement winning?

MT: Oh, absolutely! One of the big debates in this country around General Election time has always been about unilateral disarmament, which the Conservatives characterized as one-sided disarmament. When Bush made his unilateral gestures earlier this year, which were reciprocated by Gorbachev, I said on the radio that we'd been vindicated. Britain wasted eight years insisting that *all* aspects of disarmament must be negotiated; the government said that unilateral moves have no role. Bush and Gorbachev's actions were very refreshing and a great relief.

However, the recent NATO summit indicates that for the foreseeable future NATO will rely on a "mix" of conventional and nuclear weapons. We still feel that that poses a danger, because of the nuclear weapons at sea and the deployment of the Trident submarine, for example. We can't tell countries in the developing world that they can't have nuclear weapons because that's horizontal proliferation if we're vertically proliferating.

MP: Is it true that CND is having trouble with funding and mass support?

MT: Our membership has been consistently around 70-75,000 in England, Scotland and Wales, which is no mean feat in a country of 60 million people (well, in three countries); we remain the largest unified peace movement in Western Europe.

That's a different story from being able to mobilize people on the streets. I think that as a result of the role we played in the anti-Gulf War coalition earlier this year, we managed to get anywhere from 120-150,000 out, which shows that we're still there for — forgive the pun on NATO — a "rapid response."

I think we've become more sophisticated; we're using our kind of Parliamentary lobby information, and networking with other peace groups and with researchers and defense experts more effectively than we were in the early '80s. We used to be able to mobilize massively around slogans such as "No Cruise" because people were motivated by the fear that they would be a target for a nuclear war. We have had to make a somewhat painful transition into actually spelling out what we are for rather than just what we're against. We've also had to try to build on the awareness of those people who, for example, are concerned about future North-South conflict, along with those people who used to be concerned about East-West conflict, rather than those who in the early '80s were motivated by a feeling of impending doom and the somewhat irresponsible comments of Ronald Reagan and others which indicated we could have a nuclear war the following week.

The financial question relates to the fact that, while a lot of commercial companies were hit by the recession 18 months ago, we continued with the same staffing level that we had in the early '80s. Nobody quite came to grips

with the fact that our monthly outgoings exceeded our monthly incomings by £4000 [\$7000] a month. When you combine that with a recession, you have a few problems. We've sorted that out with an emergency funding appeal.

I'll be very honest with you — a lot of people in the British peace movement were somewhat ambivalent about the Gulf War. They didn't see how it directly related to CND. They were somewhat sluggish, I think, but that's all right because the majority of people really were concerned and did things in their towns and universities and so on. But there is a significant minority who will be in the run-up to the annual conference stirring things up and saying, for example, that I'm trying to dilute the cause by suggesting that we anchor our positions on the weaponry in a context of a genuine European foreign policy framework, and in making these connections as we begin to act more transnationally with our European counterparts.

MP: What are the implications of a European foreign policy for the peace movement?

MT: We have to begin to act transnationally much more seriously. We can't just say, right, you have a demonstration on October 22nd and we'll do one in six cities.

MP: That did happen in the Gulf War, didn't it?

MT: Yes, it did, and it happened in the early '80s. But now, for example, most of us from the NATO countries were in Rome at the NATO summit last week-

end. We put out an alternative communique, outlining a series of actions, which would include a presence at Maastricht, when the final differences will be ironed out between the EC partners; a presence in Prague, where we hope to convene a meeting of our colleagues from the East European peace movements to talk about building up

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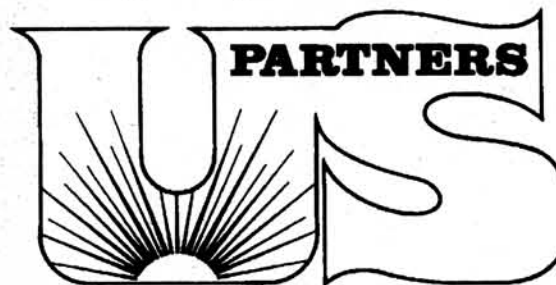
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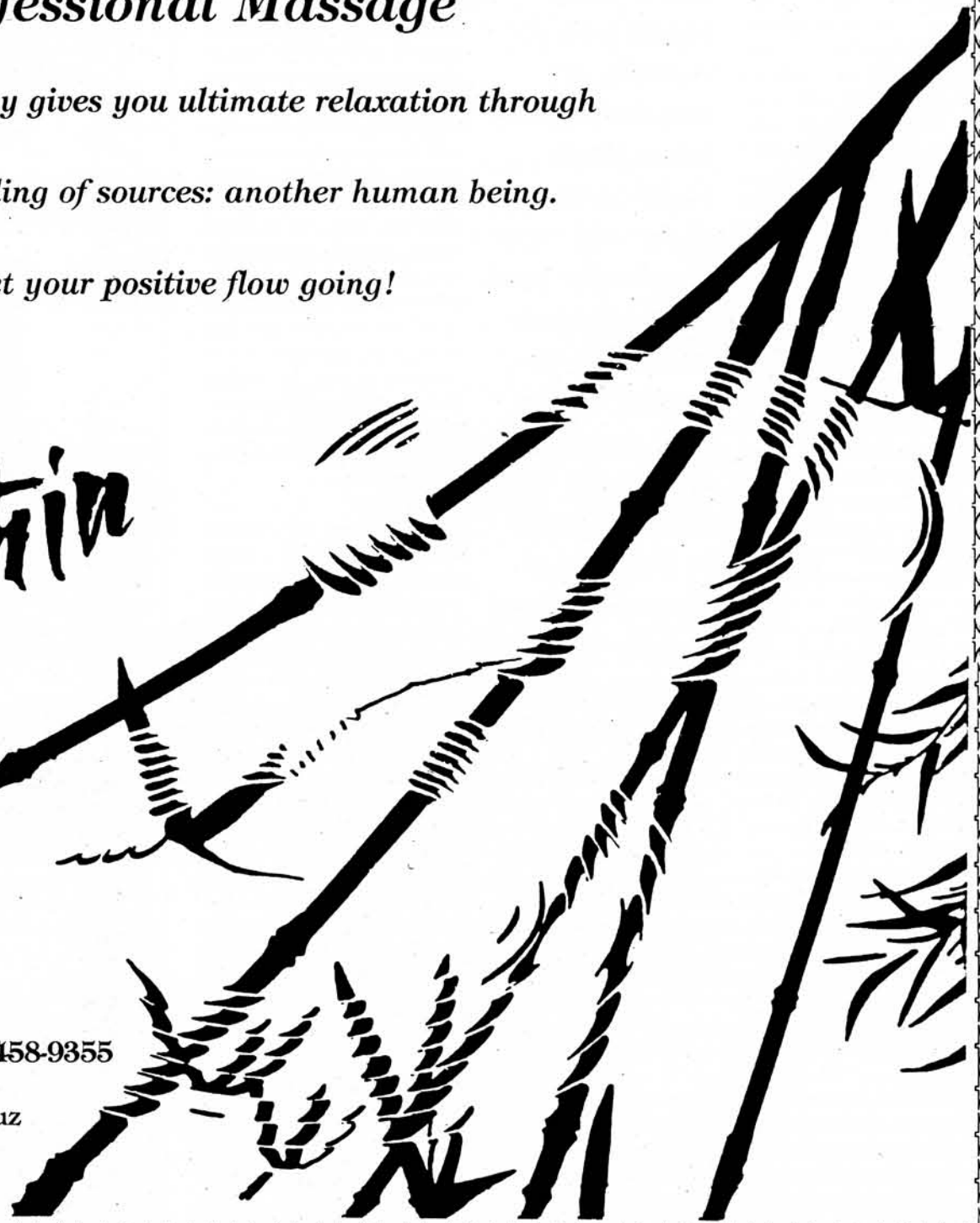
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democratic structures; and some sort of NATO-related large action at the European Nuclear Disarmament convention in Brussels next year. I was particularly anxious to get them all to agree to deliver protest letters to the British Embassy in their respective countries the week of next January 31st, when Trident is deployed.

We've almost got to behave as if, say, France is Colorado and Italy is Florida. We've got to start relating to each other across state boundaries and maybe the focus will shift a bit more to Washington/Brussels.

MP: Would a European foreign policy be a check on British defense policy?

MT: Certainly a European foreign policy would have precluded the enthusiastic support for the Gulf adventure. However, in terms of nuclear weapons, there are already plans for a joint British-French air-to-surface missile, and there is a danger of a kind of Euro-Bomb; plus there's a danger of the German constitution being altered to allow Germans to participate in out-of-area activities, so there's a whole bunch of things on the agenda.

MP: How much of the Gulf War buildup do you think had a racist element to it?

MT: Well, I can't speak for other countries, but I think there was racism in British society at large, in the political parties, in the media, and, sadly, even in the peace movement. We had somebody resign who had been in CND for about 30 years. She said that we ought to be backing the UN and that we were an anti-American movement, led by an anti-American American, which really cut me to the quick, because I grew up in the United States.

What initially motivated me against the war was the fear of another Vietnam, a massive slaughter. It was only later that I developed a sensitivity to the regional situation. In the aftermath of the war, rather than looking at the potential for future Northern intervention in the South, people organized meetings such as, "How do you curb a vicious dictator?" which to me was almost like saying, "How do you deal with a Rottweiler dog?" and I thought that was a manifestation of racism.

I thought that it was very interesting that many more black and Arab people came to our demonstrations here during the Gulf War than in the early '80s — it spoke to them. I went to NATO with a group of Asian and Afro-Caribbean businessmen from Leicester (I had been unable to go to NATO in January, because the war had broken out). These businessmen had not really addressed the question of nuclear weapons, but they were very conscious of the North-South divide. Although NATO wasn't technically involved in the war, they kept asking "What's going to happen? Are you guys going to do this again?"

That was very interesting to me.

So that opened up a channel to that community for us, which I thought was extremely important. But the tabloid newspapers had drawings of Arabs with caricatured fangs and mustaches and there was a depiction of all Palestinians being dirty and all kinds of very racist characterizations.

MP: Is being chair of CND an honorary position?

MT: Yes. Well, they pay your expenses. For about six months I've been reimbursed for loss of income, because I've only been working here [at the Royal College of Nursing] three days a week, but that won't continue after next year, so I'm going to have to cut down on my activities, because I'll have to work more days here to pay the bills.

I was a staff person here for four years and then a vice-chair for three years, and then I've just done this for 369 days.

There is a move by people who think I should be reined in, but I'm going to do this for at least another year.

This was kind of a bizarre year, with the mobilization to the Gulf War, the resignation of the leader of the Labour Party from CND, the financial crisis, and the Moscow coup — a very eventful year. I'm not complaining. It's been really exciting and (without sounding corny) a privilege to speak in opposition to the war on a lot of people's behalf. I've felt a bit inadequate at times; for example, as the token person on the token television program back in January, I thought "How could I possibly speak on behalf of Iraqi democrats in exile, Palestinians and all these other

people?"

Do you know how I psyched myself up for *Question Time* [a live TV show in which prominent politicians answer questions from a studio audience; Ms. Thompson was the token peacenik woman on a January broadcast] with [Foreign Secretary] Douglas Hurd and [SDP co-founder] Roy Jenkins and [Labour spokesperson] Gerald Kaufman?

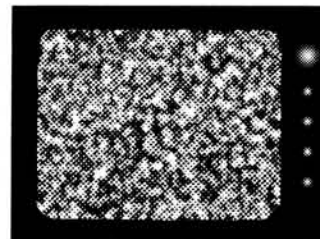
I didn't eat for two days before; I didn't sleep for two nights; I was just ill. My partner gave me a tape of songs from the summer of '67 — "Don't you know there's a war on?" and "Are you going to San Francisco?" — and it was really good to listen to it. I was lying on the bed crying an hour before the BBC car came to get me. Two friends came with me to support me, and I asked the driver to play the tape. We listened to all these anti-war songs and peace songs from the '60s. This may sound totally arrogant, but listening to the music made me think, "Don't be intimidated by the British foreign secretary, don't be intimidated. You have a greater perspective; you come from America and you know what the responsibilities of America are in this war, and it must be stopped." And that gave me the confidence.

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MP: How much do you keep in touch with American politics now?

MT: I go back about three times a year. During the actual war, I phoned a couple of friends who teach at colleges every other day to find out what was happening, because of course we weren't getting the reports here.

So we then had daily press conferences at the House of Commons — like Marlin Fitzwater at the White House — Tony Benn, Ken Livingstone, [the leaders of the small anti-war faction in the Labour Party], and a few other people from the Greens and the churches, about an hour after Tom King [the British defense secretary] and company did their daily press conference. We did 24 week-day press conferences (out of the possible 30 days) and we got coverage from every single one except for the day the IRA bomb went off at Victoria.

So every day I would say things like, "And yesterday there were demonstrations in Austin, Texas, which I can tell you is full of BMW-driving, tennis-playing yuppies, and that's very significant, and there were demonstrations in Nebraska and Minnesota and this and that." We would network that information.

MP: We were not getting very much news in the US about what was going on here, or in Germany —

MT: There were massive demonstrations in Italy — 300,000 out on the streets. There was even a dial-the-Pope telephone line here, so you could find out what the Pope was saying about the war.

MP: Who arranged for that?

MT: The Vatican! There was a spiritual message, praying for peace every day. The Pope was very outspoken.

MP: Did you get a feeling of solidarity among those here who were actively against the war?

MT: We did. About 15 of the key people came over on Monday and we were all holding hands — spiritually and emotionally we'd gone through so much, we'd had flour thrown on us, we'd been depicted as x, y and z in the newspaper, we'd made so many friends in the Black and Arab communities. There's a play about Vietnam called "The War at Home" and I think we fought the war at home.

And now, with more information coming out of Iraq, we've been proven right and a lot of the people, particularly in the Labour Party, are a bit uncomfortable and shamefaced about where they stood and what they did. Our message is not to take revenge on them but to say, "OK, let's stop the next one from happening, all right?"...rather than rub people's noses in it and say, "We told you so." But all the critics have become silent.

One thing they will say is, "Well, we should have gone further and wiped out Saddam, then we could have saved the Kurds," but we've pointed out that their intention was never to restore democracy, it was just to protect the oil, so these debates have been ongoing.

We had a significant impact on the British government's memorial service, which was held in Glasgow Cathedral. Scotland was much more strongly against the war than England. The Scottish Catholic Archbishop, for example, was more against it than the English one, who actually put his loyalty to the English state ahead of his loyalty to the Pope. The Church of England behaved in an appalling way, but the Church of Scotland was anti-war right down the line, and so were all the Scottish trade unions, although we only had about six of the big trade unions down here.

They had a service and we actually made it a multi-cultural, nondenominational service. Rather than calling it a celebration or a victory service, we suggested that it should be a welcome home to those troops who did survive, but not gloating or triumphant, and the Prime Minister used virtually those very words.

MP: Do you want to give any final message to our readers?

MT: To the people in the American peace movement, I think we in Britain need your help in altering and rectifying the balance of the special relationship between Britain and America, and we can't do it without you. We know that, in one way, as during the Gulf War, a lot of our actions are merely supplementary to yours, but we need a lot more communication...and keep up the struggle! ■

Pete Shanks is a Santa Cruz-based writer and dissident who still holds a British passport.

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The grassroots effort to achieve ballot status for the Green Party in California is on the verge of success. By the first weekend in December, over 63,000 Californians had registered Green. Just 17,000 more Green voters are needed by the end of the year in order to obtain official recognition in time for the 1992 primaries.

Green parties, now established in dozens of countries around the globe, have a track record of effective work for peace, ecology, social justice, and grassroots democracy. This is done by bringing the movements for disarmament, environmental protection, and civil rights together into a powerful force for social and political change.

In 1990 the Green Party of Alaska was the first to achieve ballot status in the US, and in nearly 20 other states Green activists are currently conducting registration drives. There are already 23 Greens holding elected office in municipalities around the country. In next year's elections, Greens will continue to concentrate on municipal elections in order to build strong local organizations across the state and nation before launching statewide and national candidacies in the future.

To register Green, pick up a voter registration form at your local library or city hall. Fill it out, and in the political party box, check "other" and write "Green." Over 4,000 Santa Cruz County residents — more than 3 percent of the county's voters — have registered Green. If you want to help the local registration effort, dial the Green Party Hotline at 425-3193 for updated information on the registration drive and meeting times.

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Activists Occupy House Seized for War Tax Resistance

By Barry van Driel

On December 3rd, after 13 years of war tax resistance, Randy Kehler, the first national director of the Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign, and his partner Betsy Corner, were evicted and then arrested by federal marshalls. The arrests took place in Colrain, Massachusetts after the couple's refusal to leave their

home, which was seized in 1989 by the Internal Revenue Service and subsequently sold to the United States government.

Betsy Corner was released from custody after agreeing not to re-enter her home. Randy Kehler, however, was found to be in civil contempt of the US government and subsequently jailed

when he refused to agree to such terms. As a consequence, Kehler was sentenced to up to six months in federal prison.

In response to the eviction and arrests of Randy Kehler and Betsy Corner, 150 people gathered outside their home on the next day to protest. Fourteen people removed the locks installed by federal marshalls and re-entered the home, vow-

Fourteen people removed the locks installed by federal marshalls and re-entered the home, vowing to occupy the house for a week.

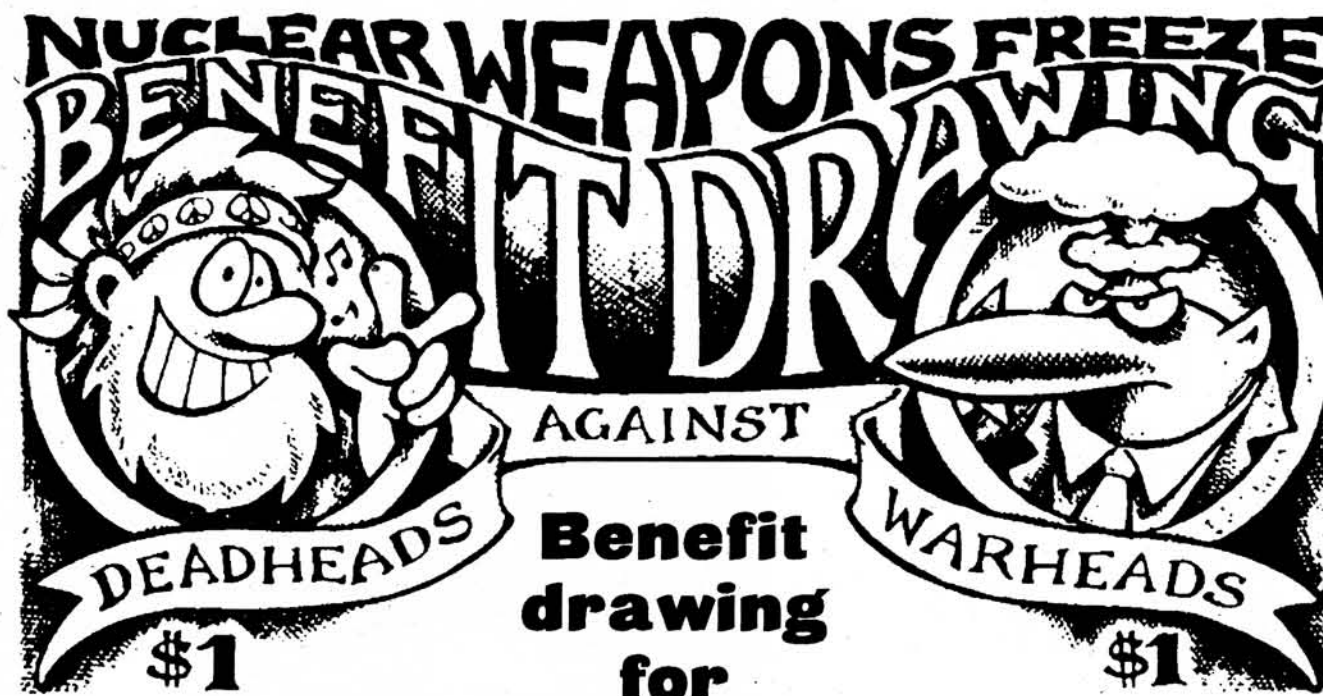
ing to occupy the house for a week. The initial 14 occupiers will be replaced after a week by one of 14 affinity groups that have pledged to occupy the home for a week at a time. The district attorney stated that individuals entering the home were also risking arrest. They could be charged with civil contempt for disobeying a court order, and with federal criminal charges for breaking and entering government property.

The events unfolding in Massachusetts are only the most recent chapter in a national campaign to protest the utilization of federal tax money to fund military spending. Corner and Kehler's refusal to pay dates back to 1977. Since then, they have paid all their state and local taxes, but they calculate their federal tax bills every year and donate that amount to local nonprofits serving the hungry and homeless, and to international relief organizations. The couple considers its tax resistance an act of conscientious objection to federal spending used to sponsor US military interventions and nuclear weapons productions. They regard such acts as criminal under international law.

According to the IRS, the couple's total unpaid federal taxes amount to approximately \$32,000. Upon being confronted with non-payment, Betsy Corner commented that: "I believe in taxation. But I'd like to see my tax money go to positive things. Fifty percent of our tax dollars now go to the military. We're not taking care of those we should be, such as Vietnam veterans and people who are homeless." Until this point, however, such moral arguments have not been accepted as legally valid in courts of law. ■

Those who are interested in supporting Randy Kehler and Betsy Corner can call (413) 774-2710. For more information on war-tax resistance in Santa Cruz call the Resource Center for Nonviolence at 423-1626.

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Coffee Talk

Espresso Concoctions

By Juanita Valdez

MEDELLIN, COLOMBIA. Rumors persist that the cost of a cup of coffee will soar if Brazil succeeds in forming a South American coffee cartel. As the world's leading coffee exporter, the Brazilians continue to apply pressure upon Colombia and other neighbors to pool their resources to stabilize fluctuating world coffee prices.

In the United States overall coffee consumption has declined slightly. But the number of premium, gourmet coffee drinkers is on the rise as more educated consumers demand higher quality and a wider variety of coffee beans.

Another phenomenon in the world of coffee is the proliferation of confection drinks. Along with the decrease in alcohol consumption, cappuccinos, lattes and machiatos have become part and parcel of California pop culture. As more people frequent cafes than do bars, private party-goers are more likely to be served a

mocha than a margarita; that is, if their hosts know "the process" for preparing these concoctions, something which the espresso establishment jealously keeps under wraps.

Just in time for the holidays, I obtained the consent of Capitola's leading coffee store and espresso bar, Capi's Coffee Express, for release of the recipe for their popular malted mocha. Bear in mind, however, that the finished product can never be better than the quality of your ingredients. So, avoid using canned coffee or common chocolate. ¡Salud!



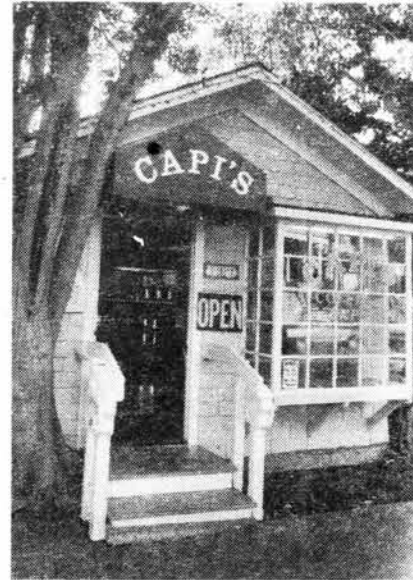
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IS PEACE POSSIBLE IN THE

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By Scott Kennedy



ince the 1967 Middle East War, the hallmark of US diplomacy in the Middle East has been the preoccupation with peace *process*, at the expense of substance.

The exception to this observation was the President Carter-brokered Camp David Peace Treaty between Israel and Egypt, prompted by President Anwar Sadat's bold initiative to seek a separate peace with Israel.

Other than Camp David, the past two and a half decades have been marked by fitful starts, stops and non-starts in various peace initiatives which have consumed many headlines but produced little progress towards resolution of the Israeli-Arab conflict. The Reagan and Bush administrations have apparently considered the appearance of some "peace process" essential for the sake of domestic consumption. But a cursory examination of US peace initiatives reveals that US diplomacy was in fact leading nowhere. UN Resolution 181 in 1947 partitioned British Mandatory Palestine into a Palestinian Arab state alongside an Israeli Jewish state. Resolution 242 called for an exchange of "land for peace" — with territories occupied by Israel at the end of the 1967 war returned

to Arab sovereignty in return for a peace settlement. Official US policy played lip service to these resolutions while ignoring them in policy decisions.

In contrast to US action against Iraq's occupation of Kuwait, dozens of UN resolutions on Palestine went unenforced for decades. US aid flowed generously to Israel, reinforcing its regional military dominance and its ongoing occupation and virtual annexation of the occupied territories.

This approach perfectly suited Israeli policy goals. Israel used the time "to create facts" on the ground. Jerusalem, and then the Golan Heights, were formally annexed to the Jewish state. Civilian settlements proliferated in the West Bank, Gaza and the Golan. These settlements, though declared "illegal" and "obstacles to peace" by successive US administrations, were only possible because of heavy US subsidy. More than half of the occupied land and even more of its precious water resources were reserved for exclusively Jewish use. In defiance of

multiple United Nations resolutions and the oft-stated policy of the United States, Israel in effect annexed the

West Bank and Gaza Strip without enfranchising its Arab populations. This development was at the expense of the democratic nature of the Israeli state as well as Palestinian human rights and national self-determination.

The Arab states and the Palestine Liberation Organization were at the same time reluctant to join any peace process that failed to promise realization of their minimal goals. They indulged instead in twin illusions that Soviet support of the Palestinian cause would eventually counterbalance US patronage of Israel or that a revived, unified "Arab Nation" would come to the Palestinians' rescue.

Time, they argued, was on their side.

US-sponsored peace processes went nowhere. UN initiatives were ignored altogether. And so it went, until the end of the Cold War and the political realignment effected by the Gulf War.

The oil barons of the Bush administration may finally have given in to the longstanding argument that the US alliance with Israel pales in comparison to US interests in the petroleum-rich Gulf area.



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It is, indeed, a new day in Middle East peace politics. The ground rules seem to have changed, and the major players are still settling into their new-found roles.

We are confronted with the reality of a new world order with the US as the sole surviving superpower. Every state in the region has been forced to readjust.

The oil barons of the Bush administration may finally have given in to the longstanding argument that the US alliance with Israel pales in comparison to US interests in the petroleum-rich Gulf area. Priorities of the new world order value US-enforced "stability" over the human rights of individuals and national rights of people. The free flow of oil is more important than demilitarization or democratization.

The Palestinian question has proven volatile and destabilizing. It not only threatens Israel but destabilizes the various Arab regimes with which the US has made partnership. The US finally appears ready to deal with the substance of the Israeli-Arab conflict in order to defuse its destabilizing impact in the region.

Who knows what promises were made to Arab states as Bush patched together the Allied Gulf War coalition? Massive rearmament and regaining access to the Holy City of Jerusalem have brought Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, underwriters of the Desert Storm, to the table. Its massive debt gratuitously forgiven by the US, Egypt dutifully shuffled once more to the table. Syria's President Hafez el Assad just last year rested atop the US' list of international terrorist countries. In the rush to war in the Gulf, Assad was rehabilitated overnight and brought into the fold. Previous assertions of Syrian complicity in the Pan Am 103 bombing were conveniently forgotten and the US fingered still unrepentant Libya as the sole responsible party. Syria joined the Madrid peace talks with the promise that Israel would be forced to cough up even the Golan Heights. With the bulk of its territory still occupied by Syrian troops, Lebanon had no choice but to follow suit. King Hussein of Jordan, castigated for refusing to bless US troops and war in the Gulf, has been welcomed back into the familiar embrace of Uncle Sam. After the US released hundreds of millions of dollars in assets

frozen during the Iran hostage crisis, the Tehran regime used its influence to help free the remaining Western hostages in Lebanon.

The Soviet Union is no longer a major factor in Middle East politics. Iraq's once mighty military power has been drastically reduced. It threatens nobody but its own population. The US has gained forward positioning of troops and war materiel in the Gulf. As a consequence, it seems the US has decided that the Israeli-Palestinian question is indeed small potatoes compared to its stakes in the Gulf.

Just as suddenly, Israel's status has plummeted. In the Gulf War, the US' most heavily armed "strategically" was consigned to the sidelines. In an unprecedented setback for Israel's powerful lobby in the US, President Bush cajoled Congress into a 120-day delay in guaranteeing \$10 billion in loans to help Israel settle more than a million Soviet immigrants. In Tel Aviv last month, the Jewish editor of an Israeli peace magazine ranked the players in Madrid in order of their influence. He placed Israel last, behind the US, the Soviet Union, Europe, the Arab states and even the Palestinians.

The US has cajoled or strong-armed the major players to the table. The Arab states are lining up to cash in their Gulf War IOUs. The US is consolidating its role as the sole surviving superpower. The US would rather sell arms to the Arabs than give them to the Israelis. Bush and Baker seem to have agreed that something must in fact, belatedly, be done. Time may no longer be playing to Israel's advantage.

No Middle East peace process has any validity without Palestinian participation. Finessing the PLO's role and bringing both Palestinians and Israelis to the table was the foremost obstacle to actual movement towards a diplomatic resolution to the conflict.

For their part, the Palestinians had to make some very difficult choices to come to the table. The Palestinians came with no assurance that anything resembling what they consider their historic and legal rights would be realized. For decades Palestinians have believed that the people of the US and the world would realize the justice of their cause if they were ever

given a fair forum in which to present their case. The Palestinians gambled that the Madrid Peace Talks afforded them just such an opportunity. The gamble seems to have paid off.

The Palestinian decision to go to Madrid demonstrated the impact of the Palestinian uprising, or *intifada*, on the Palestinian national movement. The decision to go to Madrid demonstrates that a greater priority within the Palestinian movement is now given to leadership within the Occupied Territories insofar as they reflect different concerns and instincts than the PLO leadership in exile and in Tunis. Those "inside" have demanded that the PLO address the reality of occupation and the progressive deterioration of the Palestinians' situation "on the ground." They demanded concrete diplomatic initiatives instead of useless political rhetoric and futile armed struggle.

Palestinians saw that the Gulf War threatened to nullify the initial gains from the PLO's 1988 peace offensive. The Palestinians had made major unilateral concessions with their declaration of independence, including extending unilateral recognition to Israel and accepting a two-state solution and coexistence with Israel. The post-Gulf War era forced them to come to terms with the unchallenged US role in the region. Secretary of State Baker's push towards negotiations was seen as a take it or leave it, last chance opportunity to salvage some Palestinian territory. The Madrid Peace Conference was an opportunity which the Palestinians literally could not refuse.

The *intifada* had begun to dissipate. A Palestinian peace activist used to brag that during its first years, the *intifada* swallowed up all other contradictions in Palestinian society. Issues of disparate economic classes, conflicts between urban and rural populations, tensions between Christian and Muslim Arabs, traditional

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gender roles, and a rigid stratification of generations were subsumed by the unified national struggle to end the occupation. In November this same man observed that since the Gulf War, these contradictions have been swallowing up the intifada. The Palestinian economy, already stretched to the limit by three years of the uprising, was devastated by the Gulf War. They lost voluntary remittances paid by Palestinian workers in Iraq, Kuwait and Jordan. They lost a PLO tax collected from Palestinian workers by the government in Kuwait. They suffered punitive Israeli sanctions against the Palestinian population, such as curfews and new procedures denying laborers work within Israel. The earlier Palestinian unity which characterized the intifada was degenerating into intercommunal strife. Killings of Palestinians by Palestinians persisted despite PLO appeals to curtail them. Due to the perception that they had sided with Iraq in the war, Palestinians were cut off from the Arab world, the Soviet Union and the United Nations, now directed by the US. The Palestinians had few options.

The opening comments in Madrid by the head of the Palestinian delegation, Dr. Haider Abdul Shafi of the Gaza Strip, accomplished what months of political argument and bickering had failed to do. His well-reasoned argument was compelling. It restored dignity to the Palestinian cause and reformed Palestinian unity. His presentations were seconded by the passionate and articulate Professor Hanan Ahsrawi. Her appearance at

television briefings and press conferences did more to dispel the stereotype of the Palestinian as terrorist than any other single event. Finally, a Palestinian peace effort seems to be bearing fruit. The pragmatic and reasonable exposition of the Palestinian position by its spokesperson in Madrid restored legitimacy to the Palestinian cause and shifted the burden of the argument to the Israelis.

The ideologically rigid nature of the current Israeli government, on the other hand, became transparent. It was obvious to the Israeli public as Shamir refused to name any Labor or moderate Likud representatives to the Israeli delegation to Madrid. Shamir equivocated and stalled, seizing on any pretext to avoid or delay participation in the conference. It was obvious to most people in the US that the Israeli government was rejecting out of hand an international consensus which understands that an exchange of "land for peace" alone will bring an end to the decades-old conflict.

To the surprise of many people, we learned that Israelis are overwhelmingly prepared to accept major concessions if an agreement addresses their security concerns. Polls revealed that three-fourths of the Israeli population favored participation in the talks, recognized the necessity of land for peace, and accepted even the creation of a Palestinian state. Progress in the peace talks may well require new elections in Israel, and perhaps an overhaul of its political system, to remove Shamir and reduce

the veto power of tiny, ideologically extreme right-wing parties that will accept no peace settlement.

For the first time in four decades there is the real possibility of a comprehensive Middle East settlement. It will require a shift from the facile assumption, prevalent both in Israel and in the US, that no settlement is possible. A fundamental shift is taking place and the question is being reformulated. People are facing the real question of how Israel's security needs can be met. The recognition is growing that a negotiated settlement might well increase Israel's security. Security measures and demilitarized zones may be extended well beyond the current borders. Binding peace treaties, with international guarantees and multinational peace-keeping forces, will enhance Israel's security and enable it to turn its attention and scant resources to the awesome task of incorporating hundreds of thousands of new immigrants. Israel will have to shift from being a surrogate for US power in the region to being an active partner in Middle East development.

For many of us, Bush's new world order is far too much like business as usual. We know that Pax Americana will not necessarily enhance human rights, democratization, demilitarization or self-determination in the Middle East or elsewhere. Those working for peace and justice face a daunting challenge. We must overcome our government's predilection for unilateral action. We must make the United Nations a genuine forum for building multilateral

consensus and enforcing international law, rather than having the US call the shots. We must overcome the United States' predisposition to militarize conflicts through arms sales and intervention and overcome its preference for military solutions over diplomatic resolution to regional conflicts. We must overturn our government's practice of shoring up unjust and despotic regimes. The enormous resources squandered on military hardware must be reinvested in the crumbling infrastructure and tattered "safety net" of our own society.

The Middle East is not immune to the sweeping changes we have seen in other parts of the world in the past several years. Neither is our own country. There must be a fundamental reorientation of the United States' domestic priorities and global posture.

The anniversary of the Gulf War coincides with the Martin Luther King, Jr. national holiday celebration. This juxtaposition of images — the contrast between George Bush's "new world order" and the "beloved community" envisioned by King — highlight the current struggle over the soul of our own country. The Middle East peace talks reinforce the sobering realization that the real struggle is in our own country. ■

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ACTIVISTS NOTEBOOK

By Jennifer Wintrade

Seaside Company Boycott Begins Its Second Year



In the Fall of 1989, when the Santa Cruz Seaside Company bought the Holiday Inn on Ocean Street, I was a junior at UCSC still finding my legs after the earthquake and trying to finish my pre-requisites. Except for a brief, highly unsatisfying stint working for minimum wage as a ride operator at the Beach Boardwalk, I barely knew what the Seaside Company was. I also had yet to meet the 90 workers at the Holiday Inn who would teach me so much about fair working conditions and having dignity on the job.

I began an internship in January of 1990 with the Hotel & Restaurant Employees Union, Local 483 working specifically on the Holiday Inn workers campaign. The Holiday Inn workers had the protection of a union contract for 20 years before the Seaside Company pur-

chased their hotel. Of the 80-100 workers, most are long-term residents who live and raise their families in Santa Cruz County. Approximately 60 percent of the employees are women (many single mothers) and 50 percent are people of color, the majority being Latinos/Latinas.

Prior to purchasing the Holiday Inn the Seaside Company had established a history of disrespect towards its workers and the labor community. In 1984, upon purchase of the Casa Del Rey, it fired a majority of the former employees and succeeded in decertifying their union. Again in 1985, when the Coconut Grove workers won bargaining rights, it stalled negotiations for 20 months until the workers walked away from the table.

When I began working with the Holiday Inn workers' campaign in January of 1990, our first victory had already been won when, immediately after the hotel purchase, politicians and community groups persuaded the company to rehire all those who worked under the previous owner. Now, after two years of slow negotiations with the company, the Holiday Inn workers continue to prove that history will not repeat itself as they remain strong and determined in their fight for a decent contract.

Our main area of disagreement with the company at the bargaining table is centered on issues involving workers' rights and job security. The Holiday Inn workers are struggling to secure:

The Holiday Inn workers are asking consumers to boycott the following Seaside Company-owned businesses:
Holiday Inn;
Coconut Grove;
Carousel Motel;
Sea & Sand Motel;
The Beach Boardwalk;
Jeep-Eagle, Porsche, and Santa Cruz Imports (in the Capitola Auto Plaza).

- **Fair access to health insurance for all workers and their families** — Currently the Seaside Company withholds medical benefits to workers based on arbitrary classifications such as a "casual," "part-time," and "full-time" which have no basis in actual hours worked. Only the few workers classified "full-time" receive full medical benefits for themselves and their dependents.

- **Protection from unjust firing and discipline** — The company refuses to honor the worker's grievance procedure and insists on discipline and firing based on what they call "business reasons."

- **An employee pension plan** — The company has proposed eliminating the workers pension plan.

After months of stalled negotiations, the Holiday Inn workers voted by a 10-1 margin to impose economic sanctions on their employer. One year ago, in January of 1990, the boycott started. The Holiday Inn workers are asking consumers to boycott the following Seaside Company-owned businesses: Holiday Inn; Coconut Grove; Carousel

Motel; Sea & Sand Motel; The Beach Boardwalk; Jeep-Eagle, Porsche, and Santa Cruz Imports (in the Capitola Auto Plaza).

Most of the work I do with the Holiday Inn workers campaign focuses on consumer education and community coalition-building. Our campaign has been endorsed by 30 local progressive organizations and over 500 community members have participated in actions in support of the workers. We know our boycott has been effective because of this solidarity. Every day the workers tell me of another group which has pulled a banquet from the hotel or I receive a letter from someone who has decided to stop going to brunch at the Coconut Grove. A myth about boycotts is that you have to pull 50 or 80 percent of business away to make an impact. Actually 4-10 percent of business pulled out takes a major chunk out of a company's profit margin.

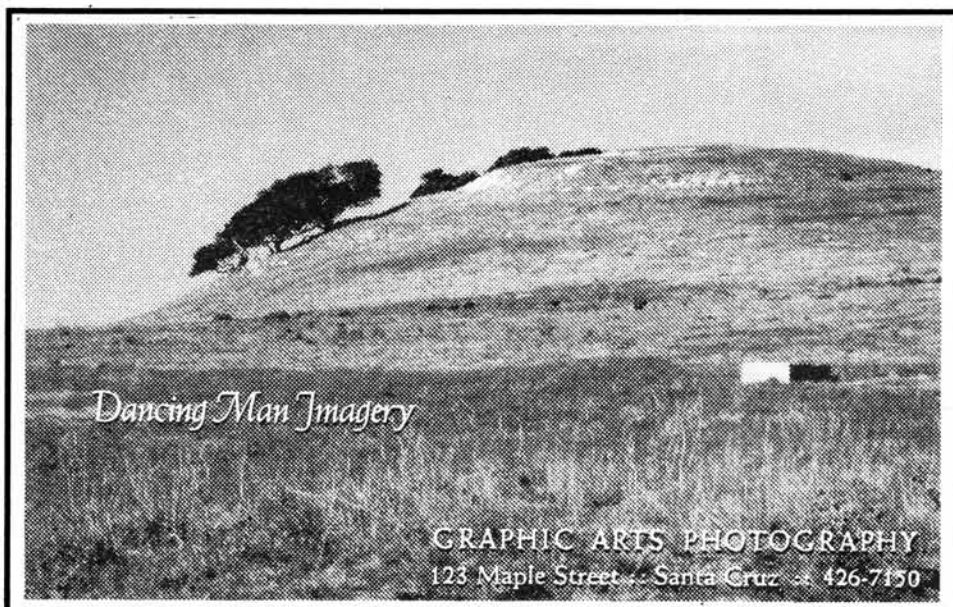
Santa Cruz' commitment to our campaign is more than a commitment to justice for the Holiday Inn workers — it is a commitment to preserving the integrity of our community. The Seaside Company which now owns 70 percent of the tourist trade in Santa Cruz, is pushing the city to spend millions of dollars redeveloping the beach area so the boardwalk can be expanded. What is missing from the company's vision is a true commitment to the future of its employees. Without decent wages, benefits and job protections, our neighbors and friends working in the service industry will no longer be able to afford to continue living and raising their families in Santa Cruz.

My experiences working with the Holiday Inn workers have shown me that it is in the workplace that we must begin to organize for justice and peace. Everyone must work and make a living — the great promise of the labor movement is its potential to build bridges between all people in our country based on this commonality. In our world, greed and war is perpetrated by unmet needs and unequal distribution of wealth. To achieve a peace economy we must recognize class divisions and support people who are willing to stand up for equity and fairness in the workplace. ■

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MUSIC REVIEW

By Mike Mermin

Music for Social Change

Put away the guns, put away the tanks

*Put away the nuclear missiles, we don't need 'em thanks
Put away the mentalities that let us fight our wars
Put away the government so they don't kill no more.*

Thus proceeds the opening track of a new cassette entitled "Sev Williams," from Santa Cruz-based singer/songwriter of the same name. The song, entitled "Beautiful People," sets the tone for the rest of the tape — a concise musical statement which eloquently balances the dissatisfaction and hope shared by people everywhere who believe in the dream of peace. The five-song collection offers newcomers a glimpse of this young artist's growing talent, while Sev's current fans will surely be hungry for more.

The tape is Williams' first release, and sets a high standard of quality both in production and musicianship. His strong vocals and guitar work are backed by some of the Santa Cruz area's finest studio talent — incorporating mandolin, cello, flute, oboe, and percussion. An especially magical touch is added on harmony vocals by none other than renowned Oregon folksinger (and Santa Cruz favorite) Alice Di Micele. The overall result is most enjoyable, as the ingredients come together to form a rich and coherent whole.

Of the five songs included on the tape, my personal favorite is entitled

"We Are On Our Way." The most optimistic of all the songs, it also features some of the most beautiful harmonies I've heard. Williams and Di Micele weave their voices into a fabric as smooth and lovely as silk. Add the upbeat and fun "Rainy City Blues" and you've got quite a recording on your hands. The music is accessible and intimate, and will have you singing along in no time.

The recurring theme of environmental consciousness reaches a peak with the rousing anthem "Heal Her." While Williams' repertoire addresses issues of vital importance to the very survival of life on earth, the listener is not subjected to a "doom and gloom" sermon. On the contrary, the songs are uplifting, and reflect a vision of the world as a unified whole.

Williams is no stranger to political activism. As a teenager growing up near Washington DC, he became interested in the plight of the homeless there, and his first songs grew out of that interest. When he subsequently moved to Santa Cruz he found work as an activist. I recently spoke with Sev at his home in Aptos, and he shared some thoughts about his goals and beliefs: "We're at a really critical point in our evolution right now — we need to work to create a sustainable future for ourselves and our children. My goal as an individual is to have as much of an influence on that as possible — through my music and also through political organizing and speaking...to educate people and get them involved."

Though the road of the independent

musician is notoriously rocky, Sev plans to stick it out. Would he accept a recording contract if it happened his way? "Well, if the terms of the contract didn't conflict with my goals as an individual and as a musician...no, I wouldn't refuse it!" he says. If this first recorded effort is any indication, there is much to look forward to. ■

Copies of the tape and further information about Sev Williams can be obtained through Music for Social Change at 3671 Redwood Drive, Aptos, CA 95003.

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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.

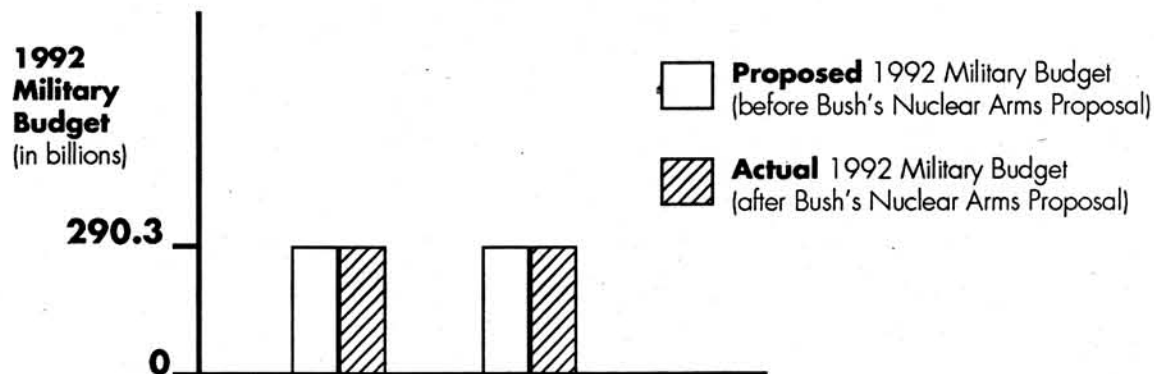
SPONSOR	LOCATION	MODE	MATERIALS	HOURS	PHONE
SANTA CRUZ (cont'd)					
\$ 20/20 Recycle Centers	Safeway 2111 Mission & 117 Morrissey Blvd	redemption	qualified beverage containers	11-5, Tues - Fri 8:30-5 Sat closed 1:30-2	1-415- 487-2048 Hayward
SCOTT'S VALLEY					
Recycle America & City of Scotts Valley	residential area	curbside collection	cans, glass containers, plastic drink bottles, news	weekly schedule on garbage day	423-2022 438-2324
Scotts 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 in front of store	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 closed 1:30-2	1-415- 487-2048 Hayward
SUMMIT AREA					
CT English Elementary 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 Recy- cling Center, 2 1/2 mi northwest on Buena Vista Drive	drop-off	aluminum, glass, news, cardboard, batteries, metals, mattresses, oil, plastic drink bottles	7:30-3:30 every day	688-7250 476-1201
Household hazardous materials collected by appointment at this location — see box below					
City of Watsonville	All City single family residences	curbside collection	directions for these materials at gatehouse	weekly schedule on garbage day	728-6094
businesses	businesses	collection	cans, glass containers, news, cardboard, paper bags, #1 & 2 plastics, metals, oil, oil filters, transmission fluid, antifreeze	by arrangement	728-6073
Recycling	Crestview Shopping Center, 1424 Freedom Blvd	buyback redemption	aluminum, all qualified beverage containers	10-5, Tues-Sat closed 1-1:30	1-800- 228-2525
\$	Trailer at Fairway Foods parking lot, 906 Eastlake Ave	buyback redemption	aluminum, all qualified beverage containers	10-5 Tues-Sat closed 1-1:30	
\$ D&D Recycling	710 B Walker St	redemption buyback drop-off	aluminum, glass containers, non-ferrous metals, cardboard news, plastic drink bottles	9-5, Mon-Sat	722-3597
\$ Watsonville Metals Co	213 Dias Lane near Cassery & Webb	buyback collection	most metals, baled cardboard	8-5, Mon-Fri 8-4, Sat	728-1551
\$ Bulaich Machinery & Salvage	39 Walker St	buyback	aluminum, non- ferrous metals	9-5:15, Mon-Fri 9-4, Sat	722-1096
\$ State Steel Company	56 Porter Drive in Pajaro	buyback	most metals	8-5, Mon-Fri 1-800-447-7117	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 closed 1:30-2	1-415- 487-2048
Rick's News	South County only	collection	news, office paper	by arrangement	728-5915
Industrial Stak-Rite	collection	collection	cardboard, office paper	by arrangement	724-3905
C&M Salvage	collection	collection	aluminum cans, glass containers, metals, auto batteries, cardboard, office paper	by arrangement	761-2390
Security Shred & Bale	357 Locust St	Collection for fee drop-off	confidential papers & files, office paper	by arrangement	722-4101
SERVICES AVAILABLE COUNTY-WIDE					
Various Sponsors	Lucky, Safeway, Thrifty, Albertson's Stores	drop-off	plastic produce & grocery bags	Variable	
\$ LMC Recycling	1800 Monterey Hwy San Jose	buyback	cans, glass containers, cardboard, news, all non-foam plastics	8-4:15 Mon-Fri 8-1:30 Sat	294-8443

SPONSOR	LOCATION	MODE	MATERIALS	HOURS	PHONE
APTOS					
Recycle America & County of Santa Cruz	Urbanized residential area	curbside collection	cans, glass containers, plastic drink bottles, news, cardboard, oil	weekly schedule on garbage day	423-2022 425-2721
Cabrillo Host Lions Club & Waste Management of Santa Cruz	Trout Gulch Road & Aptos St	drop-off	news	anytime	476-1201
\$ 20/20 Recycle Centers	Deluxe Foods, 783 Rio Del Mar Blvd Safeway, 16 Rancho Del Mar	redemption	qualified beverage containers	11-5, Tues - Fri 8:30-5 Sat closed 1:30-2	1-415- 487-2048 Hayward
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, metals, auto batteries, mattresses	7:30-3:30 every day	338-3950 335-9166
Household hazardous materials collected by appointment at this location — see box below					
Valley Women's Club & SLV Girl Scouts	County Transfer Station Below Hill	redemption	qualified beverage containers	9:30-3:30 every day	338-6578
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
\$ Erics Recycling	13155 Railroad Ave	buyback	metals	11-5 Mon-Sat	338-4890
CAPITOLA					
Capitola Disposal Co	residential area	curbside collection	glass containers, cans, news, #1 & 2 plastics	weekly schedule on garbage day	476-9288
\$ Envipco California	businesses	collection	glass containers, carbd, qualified beverage containers	by arrangement	476-9288
Nob Hill Food 809 Bay Avenue	Nob Hill Food 809 Bay Avenue	automated redemption	tin cans, glass containers, news	anytime	none
FELTON					
Valley Women's Club w/SLV Lions Club	SLV Redemption/ Recycling Center Vista Foods 6123 Hwy 9	redemption	qualified beverage containers	11-5 every day	338-6578 335-9166
LIVE OAK AREA					
Recycle America & County of Santa Cruz	Urbanized residential area	curbside collection	cans, glass containers, plastic drink bottles, news, cardboard, oil	weekly schedule on garbage day	423-2022 425-2721
California Grey Bears	2710 Chanticleer Ave (north of Hwy 1 near Skyview Drive-in)	drop-off	news, aluminum cans, glass, PET plastic, cardboard, brown paper bags, office paper, glossy paper	Office Hours: 8-4, Mon-Fri Drop-off 6AM-10PM, Daily	479-1055
Live Oak Community Recycling Center	980 17th Ave (next to Fire Dept)	drop-off	glass containers, aluminum cans, cardboard, #1 & 2 plastics	9-5 every day	475-6915
\$ 20/20 Recycle Centers	Deluxe Foods 2-1515 East Cliff Dr	redemption	qualified beverage containers	11-5, Tues-Fri 8:30-5 Sat closed 1:30-2	1-415- 487-2048 Hayward
\$ Opal Cliffs Food	Opal Cliffs Food 4125 Pontola Drive	in-store redemption	qualified beverage containers	9-2, every day	476-1651
\$ Armstrong Enterprises	collection	collection	qualified beverage containers	by arrangement	479-8956
SANTA CRUZ					
City of Santa Cruz Recycling Program	Municipal Landfill Recycling Center, on Dimeco Lane, 3 mi northwest on Hwy 1	drop-off	cans, glass containers, news, cardboard, oil, metals, PET plastic, mattresses, auto batteries, magazines & coated glossy paper, office paper	7:30-3:30 every day	429-3657
City of Santa Cruz Recycling Program	all residences, single units through fourplexes	curbside collection	cans, glass containers, news, cardboard, oil, PET plastic	weekly schedule on garbage day	429-3666 429-3490
Al Paris Recycling	1111 River St Across from Tannery	collection & drop-off	glass containers, carbd by arrangement	429-3490	
Monterey Bay Recycling	collection	collection	office paper	by arrangement	426-0112
Hedrick Distributors Bay Side Oil	210 Encinal St	collection & drop-off	waste fuel, oil, auto batteries, antifreeze by arrangement	8-5, Mon-Fri 8-12, Sat	427-3773
Cardboard Seekers Sam Paris	collection	collection	glass containers, aluminum cans, cardboard, office paper	by arrangement	426-1748

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For more information about the campaign to cut the military budget and create new priorities, or how to get involved in community groups working for a peace economy, contact the Nuclear Weapons Freeze.

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, January 21st for inclusion in the Jan./Feb. issue (publication date: Thursday, January 30th). Because *The Monthly Planet* does not publish a January issue, this will be a combined January/February issue.

Through December 25

Ongoing Holiday Food Drive. Bring canned goods to the bin at the Resource Center for Nonviolence, 515 Broadway, Santa Cruz. Info: 423-1626.

Through December 31

"A Collective Wisdom." Exhibition of photographs honoring Gulf War protests by Kate Stafford. Resource Center for Nonviolence, 515 Broadway, Santa Cruz. M-F 10-6 PM, Saturdays 12-4 PM. Info: 423-1626.

Through Early January

Artwork requested for the Santa Cruz Christic Action Team's display of anti-war artwork/imagery during the anniversary of the Gulf War. Send photos, drawings, poetry, music, videos. Display starts January 15. Santa Cruz Christic Action Team, 509 Broadway, Santa Cruz. Info: 426-3254, 426-2292.

Thursday, December 12

Holiday Fiesta and December meeting of WILPF (Women's International League for Peace and Freedom). Pot luck dinner and performance. Last names beginning with A-N bring a main dish, M-R salads, S-Z desserts. Bring a wrapped present for a child with age and sex indicated. Senior Center, 127 E. Beach St., Watsonville. 5:30-8:30 PM. \$1 donation at door with pot luck participation. Info: 728-8824, 724-2778.

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 PM. Info: 423-9215, 462-0360, 476-3536.

Holiday Party sponsored by Citizens Committee for the Homeless. Music, food, and information about programs serving the homeless population of Santa Cruz, including the Homeless Garden Project, the Interfaith Satellite Shelter Program, and the Community House. The Darling House, 314 West Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz. 3-5 PM. Contributions welcome. Info: 426-8810.

Monday, December 16

Presentation by Raji Sourani, Palestinian lawyer from the Gaza Strip and co-recipient of the 1991 Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights



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Raji Sourani, a Palestinian lawyer from the Gaza Strip, will speak in Santa Cruz on Monday, December 16th at the Calvary Episcopal Church at 7:30 p.m.

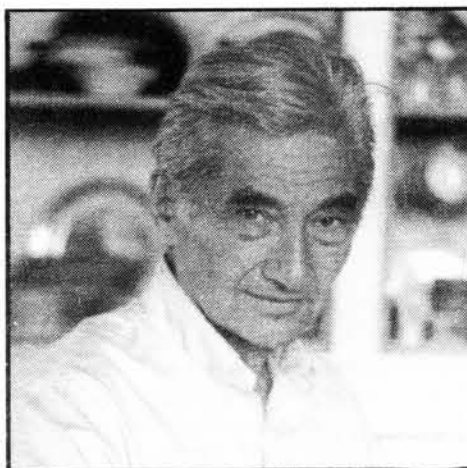
Award. Calvary Episcopal Church, Cedar and Lincoln Streets, Santa Cruz. 7:30 PM. \$3-10, sliding scale. Sponsors: Resource Center for Nonviolence, Santa Cruz Students for Social Responsibility, Nuclear Weapons Freeze. Info: 423-1626.

Saturday, December 21

Winter Solstice.

Monday, January 13

Presentation by Winona LaDuke, native American activist. Focus on environmental and women's issues from a native perspective. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5888, 846



Howard Zinn, author of *A People's History of the United States*, will speak on the legacy of Christopher Columbus on Tuesday, January 28th at Kresge Town Hall, UCSC, 7:30 p.m.

Front Street, Santa Cruz. 7:30 PM. Students \$5; general public \$7-10, sliding scale. Sponsors: Santa Cruz County Nuclear Weapons Freeze, Santa Cruz Students for Social Responsibility, Bill Motto Post. Info: 458-9975.

Thursday, January 16

Special Bias Awareness Workshop, part of a week-long series of events celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. Resource Center for Nonviolence, 515 Broadway, Santa Cruz. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM. Info and registration: 426-3381.

Saturday, January 18

Voices for Choice: Celebrate the 19th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade with Susan Ruttan. Speakers, music. Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium, Santa Cruz. 8 PM. \$10 general admission, \$5 18 and under, \$25 general admission with dessert reception. Info: 438-1940, x1111.

Saturday, January 25-Sunday, January 26

Children's Creative Response to Conflict. Intensive conflict resolution workshop for adults who work with children as teachers, counselors, care-givers, etc. Presented by Patty Shastany and Patty Mills, both experienced CCRC trainers. Loudon Nelson Community Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM both days. \$100 for both days. Info: 426-2798.

Tuesday, January 28

Lecture by Howard Zinn. Author of *A*

People's History of the United States, to speak on the legacy of Christopher Columbus and the use and abuse of history. Kresge Town Hall, UCSC Santa Cruz. 7:30 PM. Students \$5; General public \$7-10, sliding scale. Sponsors: Santa Cruz County Nuclear Weapons Freeze, Santa Cruz Students for Social Responsibility, Kresge Activities Office. Info: 458-9975.

Thursday, February 6-Sunday, February 9

The Second Global Structures Convocation. A working conference on international laws and institutions for sustainable development and a viable global community. Presentations, workshops, films. The J.W. Marriot Hotel, Washington, DC. Info: (202) 833-9585. Fax: (202) 785-3942.

Saturday, February 8

How to Analyze and Wage Social Change Movements. Strategy and empowerment workshop led by Bill Moyer, director and founder of the Social Movement Empowerment Project in San Francisco. First Christian Church of San Jose, 80 South 5th St., between Santa Clara and Fernando Streets, downtown San Jose. Registration 8:30 AM, workshop 9 AM-9 PM. Bring your lunch, vegetarian lasagne dinner is included in workshop fee. \$15-50, sliding scale. Info: 971-4277.

Monday, February 10

Starhawk, peace activist, Witch and author of *The Spiral Dance, Truth or Dare*, and *Dreaming in the Dark* will speak at Kresge Town Hall, UCSC, Santa Cruz. 7:30 PM. Students \$5, general admission \$7-10. Sponsors: Santa Cruz County Nuclear Weapons Freeze, Santa Cruz Students for Social Responsibility. Info: John Taber at 458-2719.

Thursday, February 20-Sunday, February 23

Indigenous California Women: Visioning the Next 500 Years. Conference planned by and for land-based and urban California-indigenous Indian women to celebrate 500 years of survival, discuss common concerns, and plan for the future. (Papers and presentation proposals due by 5 PM, Friday, January 10.) Several sessions will also be open to the general public. University of California, Santa Cruz. Sponsor: The Women's Center, UCSC. Info: 459-2072.

Monday, February 24

Live debate on Capital Punishment. In 1992, for the first time in over two decades, a person will die in the California gas chamber. There are over 300 people currently on California's Death Row. Debate mediated by KUSP's radio host Eric Schoeck. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5888, 846 Front Street, Santa Cruz. 7:30 PM. Students \$5, general public, \$7-10, sliding scale. Sponsors: Santa Cruz County Nuclear Weapons Freeze, Santa Cruz Students for Social Responsibility, Bill Motto Post. Info: 458-9975.

Wednesday, March 4-Sunday, April 19

Lenten Desert Experience XI. Gathering of those wishing to seek healing and express prayerful protest at the Nevada (Nuclear) Test Site. Various events. Info: Nevada Desert Experience, Box 4487, Las Vegas, NV 89127. Phone: (702) 646-4814.

RE-EVALUATING SOCIAL DYNAMICS FOR THE 90'S

1992 Winter/Spring Program

The Santa Cruz County Nuclear Weapons Freeze and Santa Cruz Students for Social Responsibility present as part of their joint lecture debate series:



Winona LaDuke
Monday,
Jan. 13,
7:30pm,
Veterans
Hall
on Front St.

Winona LaDuke is a leading activist on Native American issues. For the past 13 years she has focused on environmental and women's concerns from a Native perspective. President of the indigenous Women's Network, an international network of Pacific and Native American women, she testified at the United Nations and received the Reebok Human Rights Award.

Howard Zinn
Tuesday, Jan. 28, 7:30pm,
Kresge
Town Hall

Howard Zinn is a historian and a playwright. After getting his PhD from Columbia in history, he taught at Spelman College in Atlanta, became active in the civil rights movement, and began writing for *The Nation*, *The New Republic*, and *Harper's Magazine*. Then, teaching at Boston University, he became active in the movement against the Vietnam War. Howard Zinn is the author of ten books, most notably *A People's History of the United States*. He will be speaking on the legacy of Christopher Columbus and the use and abuse of history.

Tickets will be sold at the door. Single ticket prices will be \$5.00 for students and \$7.00 - \$10.00 (sliding scale) for the general public. Call the Freeze at 458-9975 for information about season tickets (January through June) or the rest of the series.

ONGOING EVENTS

MONDAYS:

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.

The Community Group meeting. 3rd Monday of the month. A support network for the Resource Center for Nonviolence, an information exchange, for fun and fellowship. RCNV, 515 Broadway, Santa Cruz. 8-9:30 p.m. Info: 423-1626.

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 Kruzick, 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: 475-7451.

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.

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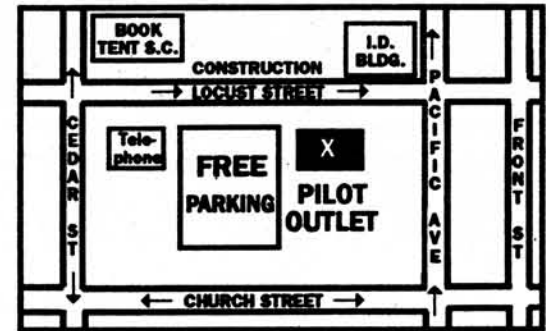
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