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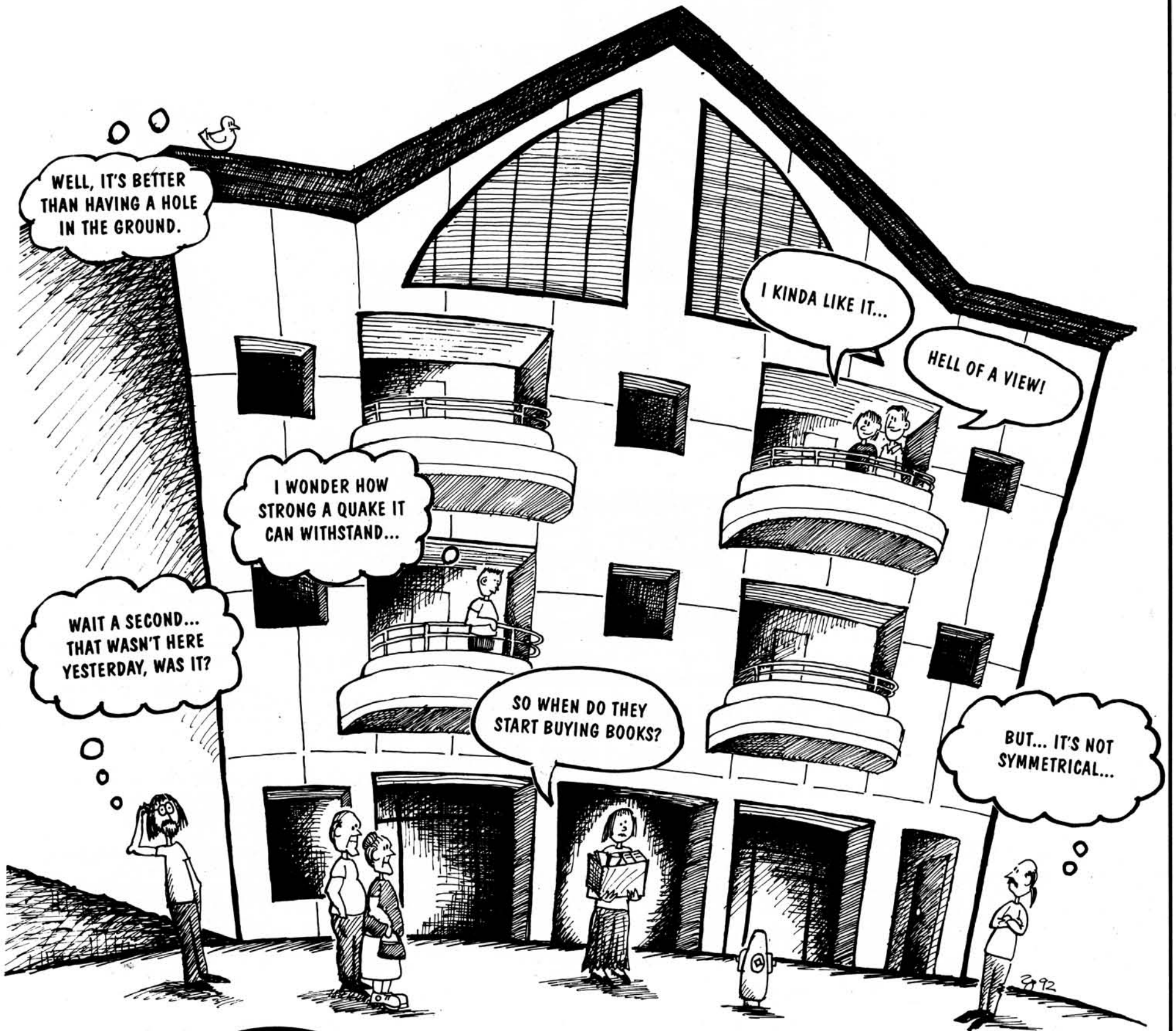
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Sunday's Panel

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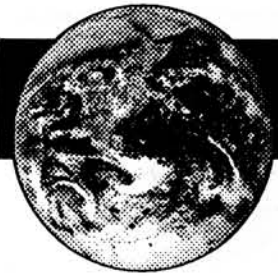
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DISAPPOINTED IN ARMS CONTROL COVERAGE

As a subscriber to *The Monthly Planet* for the past year, I have found your articles to be interesting and valuable, particularly your "Legislative Update" column. However, I have been somewhat disappointed by your lack of coverage of the dramatic developments in arms control over the last six months. Aside from the discussions in the "Legislative Update," I have found very little in the way of substantive commentary or analysis on recent events that have significantly altered the arms control environment.

With the signing of START, the opening of the fourth Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) in Helsinki, and the dramatic proposals offered by presidents George Bush and Boris Yeltsin, agreements to limit and slash nuclear arsenals have created unprecedented hope for complete nuclear disarmament. President Yeltsin's proposal to limit both US and Russian nuclear arsenals to 2,000-2,500 warheads each, along with his call for a comprehensive test ban, are encouraging signs which should not be taken lightly. President Bush's State of the Union speech, although somewhat guarded, indicated that the groundwork for START II, and even greater cuts, could be a reality with President Yeltsin's planned trip to Washington in June.

On the other hand, these proposals alone do not signify a real end to the arms race, nor seriously reduce the possibility of the use of nuclear weapons in future conflicts. Both the United States and Russia should be moving much faster to implement the cuts outlined in these proposals and to produce farther-reaching nuclear cuts to enhance stability. Moreover, lacking a Soviet or Russian adversary, the US has chosen to target other regions of "tension and instability" to justify its existing nuclear strategy and arsenal.

In such a time of transition and global flux, it is increasingly important that citizens understand what is at stake, and exactly what is being proposed and debated in the halls of the Capitol and the Pentagon. The cutbacks in nuclear weapons and their effect on the defense establishment have unleashed a political battle within the US government that will have severe impacts on the future of arms control proposals, as well as the entire scope of defense reductions currently under heated debate. The recently leaked Pentagon memorandum on the future role of the US military in the emerging world order, and congressional proposals on military spending, have drawn the lines for the current bureaucratic infighting.

I am by no means an expert on arms control, but I feel that the changing issues and challenges facing the nuclear freeze movement have not been ade-

quately covered by *The Monthly Planet*. As a graduate of UCSC, I think it is important that people in Santa Cruz be critically exposed to the amazing events of the past six months, and not rely solely on *The New York Times* or outdated stereotypes when forming their opinions. My only hope in writing this piece is to broaden the views of those in both the liberal and conservative camps of Santa Cruz, and to encourage debate on the radically changed realm of arms control.

In all fairness, I have not yet seen the March edition of *The Monthly Planet*, which could very well prove me wrong. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Ken Herbert

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DISRUPTIVE PHOTOGRAPHER

A photographer from your newspaper was taking pictures of Norman Solomon's talk at UCSC last month. I found the number of pictures he took (200 was his quote) very disruptive and distracting from the talk. That's an awful lot of flashing pictures, all taken within a few feet of the speaker and from all angles. This went on through the entire lecture; it was pretty much non-stop. I spoke to him right afterwards and he defended his actions, saying he needed that many photos to get the right shots. The friends that I was with also found him distracting. So did Bob Debolt, one

of the organizers of the event.

Could you please bring this to his attention so it doesn't happen again?

P.S.: I find your paper the only one in town worth reading. The only problem with it is that it only comes out once a month. I enjoy it (enjoy is the wrong word) and find it very informative and well worth reading. Thanks.

R. Murphy
Santa Cruz

FEBRUARY ISSUE WAS WORST YET

I've been a faithful reader & subscriber of your publication since i first came into contact with it in 1986. As such, i found the February '92 issue the worst i've yet read. It wasn't even the articles (many of which i enjoyed) so much as the titles, which took a decidedly simplistic, sensationalist tabloid style unlike previous issues. My impression after reading it was that of a more desperate, less professional *Planet* entrenched in unimaginative topics to try to fill space, now that "the Cold War is over" and publication has dropped. The *Planet* has always been colorfully sensationalist, often very effectively bringing to the forefront various matters that have gone unnoticed in the public eye, or at least cleverly reconstructing a well-known issue from a provocative viewpoint. This last issue made the paper appear very absolutist left-wing instead of being comfortably liberal.

The cover was exemplary of this tabloid bent, proclaiming the destruction of the Columbus myth. This topic was covered in the first days of the year, along with extensive coverage on Columbus Day last year, by most of the mainstream press, so that the "myth" was hardly something hidden from the public as Howard Zinn claims. I enjoyed many points of his article, which was well-focused, but i think he is way off in his rabid counter-conservative call for more revisionist history. While he & i are of admittedly different generations, & as such probably had different teachings of American history (i attended a liberal high school), i think he is unaware of how large an impact revisionist (multicultural, populist, feminist) movements have made in this country since the '60s.

After reading through other non-relevant, though often interesting articles with terrible headlines, of which only the Legislative Update had anything to do with the normal focus of the *Planet*, i noticed the articles were all very nationalistically oriented. I thought this was *The Monthly Planet*, not *The Monthly American*. I normally enjoy your combination of local & global articles, which cover world topics while maintaining a community vitality & urgency to them, but these articles were somewhere in the nebulous middle, not at all up to par with the normal *Planet* output. Comparing Feb '92 with the excellent Dec '91 summaries spanning the globe, i was seriously let down. The Columbus story could have been covered from the European standpoint as well, the badly titled article on violence toward women should have had more statistical comparison with other countries, as should the capital punishment article, which only vaguely referred

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to "Western nations," when it could have charted the history of countries in the East & West and North & South in regards to capital punishment.

In the tradition of internationalism, I'd like to read more about peace movements & government policy in other nations & developing nations that have nuclear capability. The breakdown of the East-West socioeconomic war does not mean you should pack up concerns in the nuclear arena. Tell more about the situations in the new ex-Soviet republics, or volatile nuclear nations such as South Africa, Israel, India, & even China & Western Europe. I had to resort to the mainstream likes of *Newsweek* to find out about the Freeze movement-Labour Party prospects in Great Britain, which could go against trends & move leftward for the first time in decades. All this has serious influence on nuclear politics, more than going over the JFK controversy one more time, after PBS did their own documentary, & everybody threw in their two cents worth. I look forward to Volume 8, Number 2 being put together in the usual creative ways, & hope this tabloid-trend does not become a trend.

Eric Haskell
Grand Canyon, AZ

NUCLEAR TESTS CAUSE EARTHQUAKES

I read with a great deal of interest your recent article "Nuclear Cover-up."

Unless I missed it, you did *not* mention that underground nuclear testing causes earthquakes in all areas of the

world. This fact was mentioned in an earthquake survival class we took some time ago which was given by the American Red Cross. And we are surprised this is not given more publicity — since these are not "long-range effects." Did you know that since underground testing, earthquakes worldwide (over 4.5 Richter) have increased 800 percent?

Anthony Zimmerman
Pacific Grove

TAX CUTS CAUSE DEBT

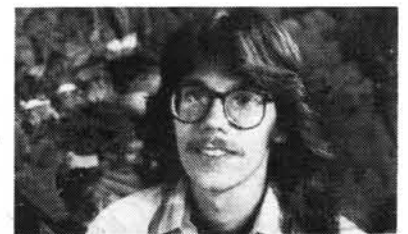
Your publication attacks militarism, which is commendable, but it also equates militarism with military spending, which is not so commendable. Furthermore, you take the position that military spending is the cause of many of the social ills of our society. Doug Henwood, who is no friend of the establishment, presents an excellent rebuttal of these ideas in the Spring 1992 issue of the *Peace Review*. I will make a few additional remarks here.

This year the US government will spend roughly \$300 billion on the military. According to education activist Jonathan Kozol, federal, state, and local governments will spend roughly \$300 billion on education this year. We have a first-rate military-industrial complex, but we do not have a first-rate educational system. According to Iowa Senator Tom Harkin, who represents the interests of the insurance industry, this year US residents will spend \$817 billion on health care. We spend more per capita on health care than any other nation-state, yet we do not have a first-rate health

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If, as Democratic Presidential candidate Larry Agran has suggested, we cut the defense budget in half and spend the money on health and education, then we would add \$150 billion to a national budget in excess of \$1.1 trillion. The increase would be easily absorbed by increasing administrative salaries and stock dividends. It would not improve our health care or educational systems, and we would lose a number of middle-class jobs in the defense sector.

Another interesting figure: this year the federal government will spend more on interest than on defense. But before you blame the federal debt on defense spending, consider that there would be no deficit if income taxes had remained at 1979 rates. In other words, tax cuts for the wealthy are responsible for interest payments to the wealthy to finance the resulting deficit. It is not defense spending that has bankrupted our nation, but the bankers. This has been a part of the banking industry since it was created, as John Kenneth Galbraith points out in his book, *Money: Where It Came From, Where It Went*.

In *Peace Review*, Doug Henwood does explain the two effects of military spending. The first is that it supports militarism, which allows the top 20 percent of our nation, which is 1 percent of the world's population, to control 25 percent of the world's wealth. The second is that it stimulates the economy enough to pacify the rest of us while preventing democratic changes in our institutions. These are valid criticisms of defense spending. Most defense workers would agree with them. But cutting defense a) won't happen, because of its effects, and b) would only make the 80 percent of us more miserable.

In conclusion, the reason we have a first-rate military-industrial complex, but

not a first-rate health care system or educational system, lies in how these different institutions serve the elite. They need militarism to maintain control of world resources — for example, the Gulf massacre increased US influence over Middle East oil — so they don't mess with the defense industry. As for health and education, after their needs are looked after, those industries become methods for fleecing the rest of the us. We do not need to spend more money on health care and education; we need to take control of those industries and reform them to serve our needs. We do not need to cut defense spending to balance the budget; we need to increase taxes on the wealthy. Taking money and influence away from the wealthy will curb their militarism. For example, mandating fuel efficiency standards for automobiles compensates for losing control of Middle East oil, and if foreign oil profits are heavily taxed, the oil companies will have less incentive to control them. *The Monthly Planet* would accomplish its goal of defeating militarism far better by focusing on the rip-offs perpetrated by the wealthy and advocating democracy at home, rather than continuing to point the finger at defense spending.

Chris Vail
San Jose

SICK OF BUSH

So George Bush finally came out with the statement that we over-bombed...what else is new? The word "over-bombed" doesn't fit and I don't have a word in my vocabulary that does. He doesn't state whether he means the cities, the civilians, or the Iraqi troops who were retreating from Kuwait. They were not resisting, they were doing just exactly what they were ordered to do —

leave Kuwait. But they got bombed and God knows how many were killed.

They were mostly draftees. They had no choice in the matter, not a bit more than the American soldier who was sent to Panama by King George to kill non-resisting citizens of Panama in a little country that we were not even at war with. For over a year now we have been listening to King George bragging about this great achievement, about how proud he is, and how proud we should be. Well, what's to be proud about? Maybe King George is proud — I'm sure not proud; and I'll lay odds that the great majority of men who were sent to the Gulf aren't either.

Before we bombed anyone other than Panama, I listened to this braggart saying, "I'll fix 'em, I ain't through with 'em yet; I'm gonna kick ass." It made me a little sick, and every time I hear one of his monologues about our great achievement and how proud we should be, I get a little bit sicker.

Well, King George didn't kick ass, despite all of his bragging. He sent someone else in and made one hell of a mess out of it. It was obvious from day one that thousands of citizens and soldiers were killed needlessly, and thousands die each month from diseases caused by the unnecessary destruction of their water supply and sewer system. This had nothing to do with winning a war; it was purely a sadistic act aimed at the children, the aged, and the defenseless. But then King George was going to kick ass, wasn't he? Sure, in war men get killed — that's what war is all about, and after a battle, you are glad the other guy is dead and you're not.

General Patton said, "Don't die for your country, make the other poor bastard die for his country." I could never visualize General Patton saying that we should be proud that we killed the poor bastard, which tells me something more about George Bush. When the war is over and you count the dead, the wounded, and the mutilated from all sides of the conflict; when you realize that the other guy may have been a draftee who had no choice, or that he thought his cause was just as justified as you thought yours was, you feel a little bit sad that so many fine young men had to die in a war that was not of their making.

Even today, when King George gives one of his speeches and brings up his favorite subject, I watch the audiences clapping their hands, stomping their feet, waving the flags, and screaming themselves hoarse, and I think they are equating this to a football game. Then I close my eyes and listen to the screaming, the stomping feet and the clapping hands and I think all that is missing is, "Sieg Heil, Sieg Heil, Mein Führer, Mein Führer!" I get a little bit sicker; and now if you will please excuse me, I have to vomit.

Thorald Castor
Los Gatos

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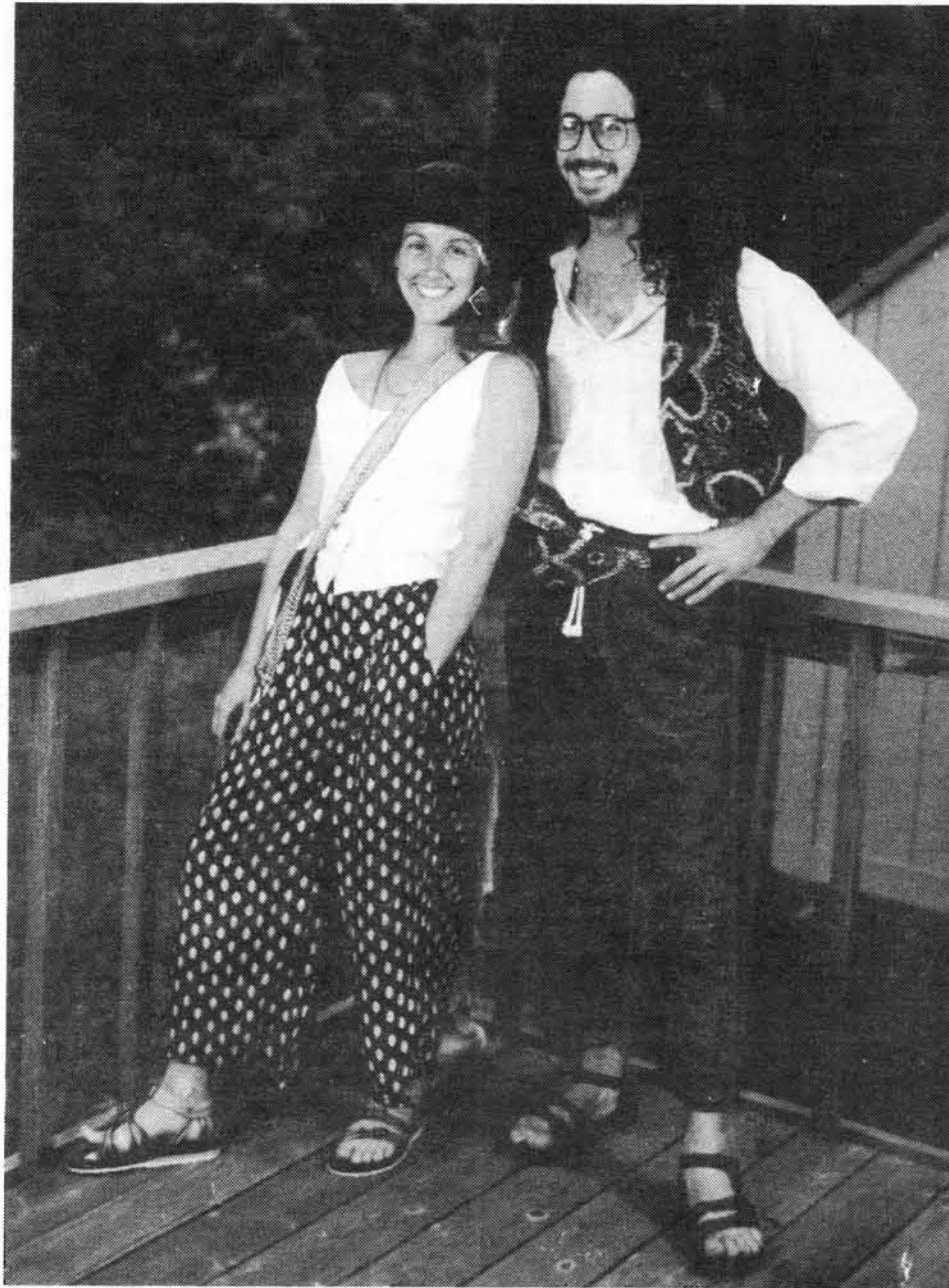
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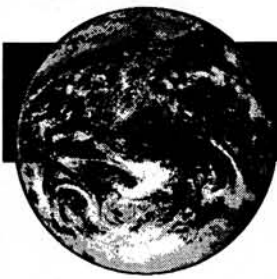
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By Barry van Driel

Riots Point to Need for Radical Changes

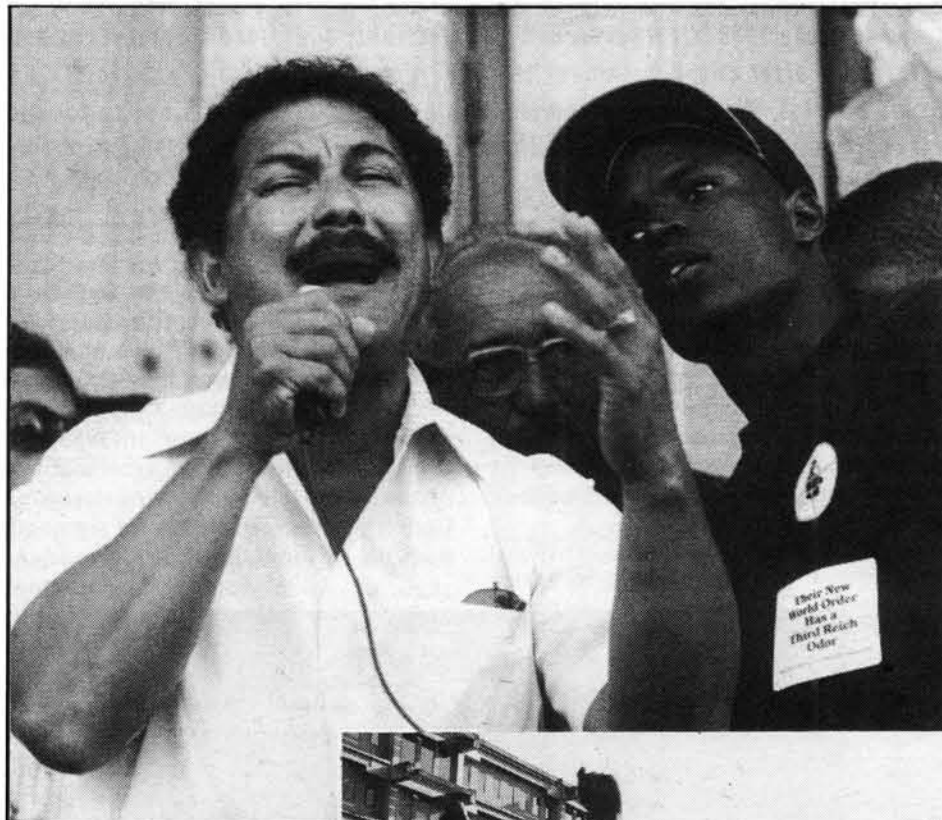
In the midst of the activism opposing the Persian Gulf War voices were raised, especially by people of color, to let the American public know that there was also a war at home that needed to be addressed. The violence in Los Angeles and in other urban areas has shown us that the war at home is a very real one indeed, and that we can't simply ignore it anymore. This war is endemic in all of our major urban areas. The despair and anger that led to the riots in Los Angeles and elsewhere has its direct roots in the deteriorating social conditions and resulting tensions in urban America. The last three decades have seen a distinct shift away from the war on poverty to a war on the impoverished.

While the US was building towards a \$300 billion military budget in the 1980s and a \$3 trillion deficit to finance this budget, funding for numerous social programs was either cut back or completely eliminated. During fiscal years 1981-1991, military spending increased 46%, while funding for elderly housing declined by 76%. Other programs cut were: education by 7%, health programs a total of 25%, migrant health 49%, mass transit 33%, training and employment 69% (figures from OMB Watch). These are just a few of the many social services that were decimated by the Reagan and Bush administrations.

The future looks even bleaker. The Center of Budget and Policy Priorities reported recently that millions of people are currently at risk of becoming homeless and going hungry. This situation will get worse before it gets better. Also, the organization Children Now found that of 1,560 babies born every day in California, 20 percent of them are born into poverty. In fact, nationwide 43.2 percent of all African American and 35.5 percent of all Hispanic children live in poverty (US Census figures). And despite the fact that the Cold War is over, congressional Democrats and Republicans alike recently voted not to allow the slim savings from the military budget to be used to alleviate domestic problems.

It is the secondary effects of this situation that we are seeing in urban riots. Such riots are not the only secondary effects, however. Our nation holds the dubious honor of having the highest murder and rape rates in the world. Furthermore, we have the largest prison population per capita in the world. Due to social-economic injustices, we have come to live in a very violent society. In fact, the total death toll in the Los Angeles riots is actually easily replicated in our nation every day of the year (more than 70 per day in 1991).

Some comparisons are being made



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Watsonville Mayor Oscar Rios addresses the crowd of 1,000 people gathered at the Santa Cruz County Courthouse on April 30th to protest the Rodney King beating verdict. According to Rios: "This country is sick."



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between the Los Angeles riots and the Watts riot of 1965 and other urban riots during the 1960s. There are some important differences. In contrast to the riots of the '60s, we now have a nation that is in major debt, and that is turning to the right at an accelerated pace. Also, instead of rising expectations among African Americans for equality, justice and a sense of future improvement (during the '60s), a generation later there is only a sense of impending gloom and disaster. There are few illusions left that the system can work for the poor or the otherwise economically disadvantaged. Instead, social programs are slashed, the poor get blamed for their misfortunes, and the criminal justice system continues to chip away at civil rights.

The issue of police brutality can be couched in a broader context of the

criminal injustice that is acutely felt by minority populations. As the US Supreme Court and other courts around the nation speed up their erosion of civil liberties, minority populations are disproportionately affected. In the last two years, the Supreme Court has granted the police more power and limited appeals processes. One decision is especially thought-provoking. A year ago, the Court handed down a decision that went largely unnoticed. However, it sheds light on the Justice Department's views on suspects and also on police conduct. In a controversial decision, the Court decided that evidence derived from coerced police confessions could be used against defendants. Chief Justice Rehnquist commented in defense

of the decision that "coerced confessions are not necessarily harmful." Last year it

was not necessarily harmful for the police to coerce a confession out of someone. This year it is obviously not seen as harmful by many if the police beat a suspect.

If the conduct of our political leaders indicates trends to come, we have a lot to worry about. It is extremely hypocritical, for instance, for George Bush and Governor Pete Wilson to give public speeches calling for racial harmony and an end to violence when they support efforts that will only exacerbate the situation and create more violence down the road. Wilson has gathered more than one million signatures to put an initiative on the ballot this November to reduce AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children) benefits by 25 percent. This will affect almost two million recipients in California. Bush has made it known that he supports this effort. It doesn't take a psychologist to figure that such cutbacks push even more people into poverty and increase feelings of despair, anger and frustration — feelings that gave rise to the explosion of violence in Los Angeles.

People talk about healing, and this is important, but we need to realize that healing cannot occur unless social conditions change. As long as the top 1 percent of American households are worth more than the bottom 90 percent of American households, inequality will breed unrest. We can legitimately ask why we as a nation will spend more than one billion dollars apiece for the Stealth B-2 bomber, which has lost its purpose with the collapse of the Soviet Union. With the money from just one of these bombers we could award college grants of \$2,000 to 500,000 low income students, or support 8,000 rape crisis and battered women shelters, or double our total national spending on child care (figures from Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and SANE/FREEZE).

During a rally on the Santa Cruz County Courthouse steps on April 30th, Watsonville Mayor Oscar Rios summed up the problem when he stated that "This country is sick." This seems to be all too evident in the aftermath of the Rodney King verdict. Unfortunately, our political leaders are offering solutions that will be as effective as prescribing two packs of cigarettes a day to lung cancer patient. If we continue on this path, we will not only have a long, hot summer ahead of us, but a long, hot decade. ■

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STABILITY & RECOVERY OR A SOCIAL EXPLOSION?

By Bert Muhly

Dr. Paul Oquist, who shortly after the polls closed on February 25, 1990 broke the news to President Daniel Ortega that the Sandinistas had lost the 1990 Nicaraguan General Elections, addressed a Santa Cruz audience March 30th on the realities facing Nicaragua after two years under the government of Violeta Chamorro. This article, the first of a two-part report on his address, discusses the dominant role of post-election US policy for Nicaragua in shaping the volatile conditions which still confront the Nicaraguan Republic, and the Central American region.

The economic and social crisis facing the people of Nicaragua today is of such severity, particularly in the urban areas, that unless they see some hopeful signs soon that there is movement by the Chamorro government to ease their desperate condition, there is great danger of the occurrence of a social explosion many times worse than those bloody episodes that took place in Caracas, Venezuela, and Argentina during the past two years." With these remarks, Dr. Paul Oquist began his sobering account of conditions facing the beleaguered people of Nicaragua after two years of living under the government of President Violeta Chamorro.

He pulled no punches in blaming the policy of the United States toward Nicaragua since the elections for keeping the "political pot" boiling in Managua. He cited a rapidly deteriorating political situation in which an already weak Chamorro government has been rendered even less effective in its ability to maintain social stability within the country and to negotiate a national agreement on a plan for economic recovery.

"It is now very clear," he said "that the underlying determinant of that deterioration has been the United States policy toward Nicaragua." That policy, according to Oquist, has established as its highest priority the liquidation of the Sandinistas as a political force in Nicaragua, once and for all. The US policy has not given priority to the consolidation of democracy in Nicaragua and to helping the Chamorro government bring about economic recovery, as the Bush administration and the mainstream news media would have the US electorate believe.

Evidence exists, Oquist claims, that right-wing elements in the Bush administration won a policy debate in Washington with Bush moderates about what to do with Nicaragua shortly after the Nicaraguan election in 1990. The moderates proposed that Bush file Nicaragua away so as not to have to bring it up again in the US Congress, to remove it from the center of debate in US politics as it was in the 1980s, and to support the Chamorro government the same as it does the governments of Costa Rica and other Central American states. Oquist believes that the moderates' position prevailed in the beginning and was the basis for the nomination of a moderate woman candidate for ambassador to Nicaragua.

The abrupt withdrawal of the candidate's name and the subsequent appointment of Harry Shlaudeman (the veteran roving Central American ambassador from the Reagan administration) to this post signaled a policy victory for the hardliners of the right within the State Department, the CIA and the Pentagon. Their position was that the United States had dealt a telling blow to the Sandinistas in its low intensity war against the FSLN (the Sandinista party) and with the Chamorro/UNO electoral victory, this was the time to go for the FSLN's jugular.

"This was the time," said Oquist, "to extinguish the FSLN as a viable political party in Nicaragua and thus erase it also from the Latin American scene where, since the late 1970s, the FSLN has been a prestigious and important reference point within Latin American politics."

Oquist described Shlaudeman as the ideal operative to execute the hardliners' policy from the US Embassy in Managua. His political track record in regard to Nicaragua included key roles performed for the Reagan and Bush State Departments in sabotag-

ing every peace effort to end the Contra war. From the bilateral Manzanillo, Mexico, talks in 1984 between the US and Nicaragua (where he served as the US State Department's chief diplomat) to throwing stumbling blocks in the way of the Arias Plan for ending the war, his agenda has been quite clear.

According to Oquist, Shlaudeman was in on the US State Department's reaction to the Sapoa "peace scare" in 1988, two years before the Nicaraguan elections, when the Contras had signed agreements to demobilize. He was involved with Elliot Abrams, US undersecretary of state for Latin American affairs, in the purging of those Contra leaders responsible for signing the Sapoa accords, exiling them to Miami and putting Colonel Enrique Bermudez (formerly a colonel in Dictator Anastasio Somoza's infamous National Guard) in charge of all Contra forces. Shlaudeman was in on the appointment of Alfredo César, from the Contra Directorate, as Bermudez's civilian advisor.

When, a short time later, Contra leaders "Franklin" and "Rubin" pulled a coup against Bermudez, it was Shlaudeman who had to get the Bush administration through this "peace threat" and to keep the war going.

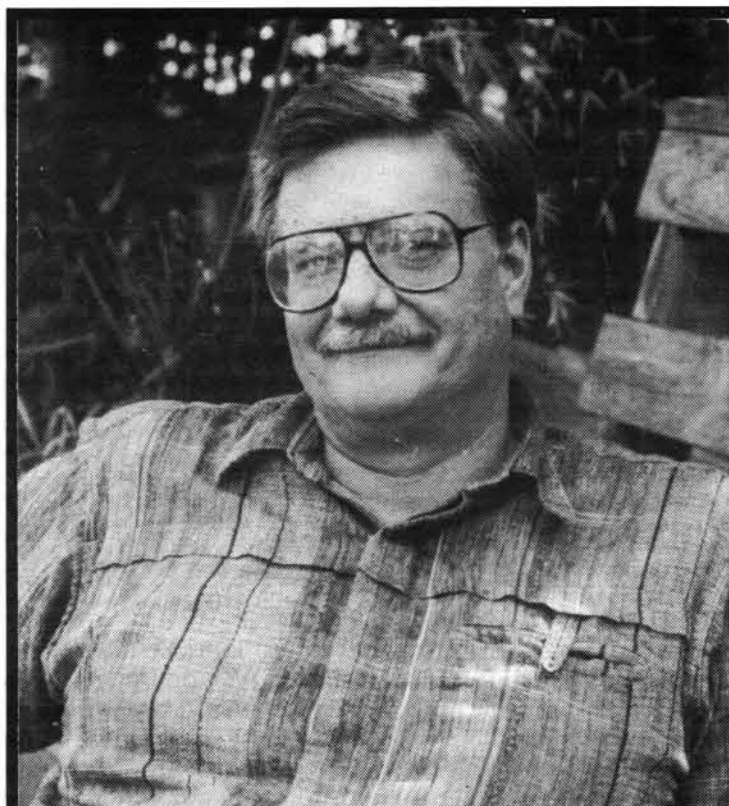
A close look at Shlaudeman's activities while ambassador to Nicaragua during the tenure of the Chamorro government reveals why this veteran of diplomatic sabotage was coaxed out of retirement to take on the task of the hardliners in Washington to liquidate the Sandinistas:

He opposed the transitional accords between the outgoing Sandinista government and the incoming Chamorro government that were designed to assure social stability throughout the country while efforts were being made to reach a national agreement on a plan for economic recovery.

He opposed maintaining institutional continuity in the Nicaraguan armed forces even in face of the peaceful reduction of that force from 90,000 (including 5,000 officers) to 25,000. "This feat," said Oquist, "would have been impossible in other Latin American countries such as Venezuela and Peru." The presence of Umberto Ortega as minister of the army made this reduction possible, yet Shlaudeman sided with the right-wing faction within UNO demanding the resignation of Ortega as minister of the army. Shlaudeman also demanded political purges within the Nicaraguan police force and opposed a number of other accords between the old government and the new government.

He pressured the Chamorro government, recently, to accede to the demands of more than 100 long-time loyalists of Somoza for the return of properties confiscated during the Sandinista administration. These Somocistas have since been given US citizenship. This is a demand that strikes at the issue of land reform, the heart of the Nicaraguan Revolution, and is clearly designed to embarrass the Chamorro presidency and to generate further civil strife.

Between January and May of 1991, Shlaudeman apparently delivered a significant blow to the Chamorro government by luring Alfredo César, his former appointee as Contra advisor to Contra Commander Enrique Bermudez, away from the Chamorro government to become the leader of the far right opposition to the Chamorro presidency. During this period César was seen in frequent contact with Shlaudeman while championing laws in the National Assembly that would nullify the land reform accomplishments of the revolution. Through such bold political actions, according to Oquist, César has ingratiated himself with the hardliners in the Pentagon, the US



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State Department, and the CIA, thus becoming their favored candidate for the Nicaraguan presidential election of 1996.

The move to the right by César further weakened the Chamorro government by dividing the UNO constituency into three distinct voting blocks — two competing right-wing groups in opposition to the Chamorro presidency respectively headed by César and Vice President Virgilio Godoy, and one in support of the Chamorro presidency.

In January of 1991 César had been voted in as president of the National Assembly with the help of the FSLN which viewed his candidacy for that position as less of a threat to the gains of the revolution than that posed by his opposition, Miriam Arguello, an associate of Vice President Virgilio Godoy.

Before César made his move to the right, he was the principal parliamentary ally and point man in the National Assembly for Antonio Lacayo, the minister of the presidency. He is now aligned with that coalition within UNO which is conformed by the Consejo Superior de Empresas Privadas, COSEP (the High Council of Private Enterprise), the top clergy of the hierarchy of the Catholic Church, including Cardinal Obando y Bravo and Bishop Vega, and one faction within the old Contra Nicaraguan Resistance organization.

This Coalition's main point of reference and main support is in the US Embassy, headed by US Ambassador Harry Shlaudeman.

One may accurately conclude that César is now the principal ally and point man in the Nicaraguan National Assembly for the US ambassador in Managua rather than for the Chamorro presidency.

With obvious approval, if not direction from the US ambassador, César has pledged a continued legislative assault on Sandinismo and all vestiges of its accomplishments, particularly in the area of land reform, where 700,000 Nicaraguans now benefit from titles awarded through the revolutionary process of the past 12 years.

To avoid the civil strife and bloodshed that most certainly would result from César's anti-Sandinismo legislative blitzkrieg, President Chamorro recently vetoed César's latest effort to roll back the gains of land reform, achieved under the Sandinista government. For that, he virtually declared political war on the Chamorro presidency, removing hopes for reaching a national agreement on a plan for economic recovery. Oquist stated that César was already hashing out a new property law which would dispossess some 200,000 Nicaraguans of the homes and lots for which they received title under the Sandinista government, and render them homeless.

"One may fairly assume," said Oquist, "that César, as point man for the US ambassador within the Nicaraguan government, speaks for the US State Department. Also, one may conclude that the Bush administration not only is still at war with the Sandinistas, but is also at war with the Chamorro presidency that it spent millions to place in power in February of 1990, principally because of Chamorro's efforts to maintain social stability in the country."

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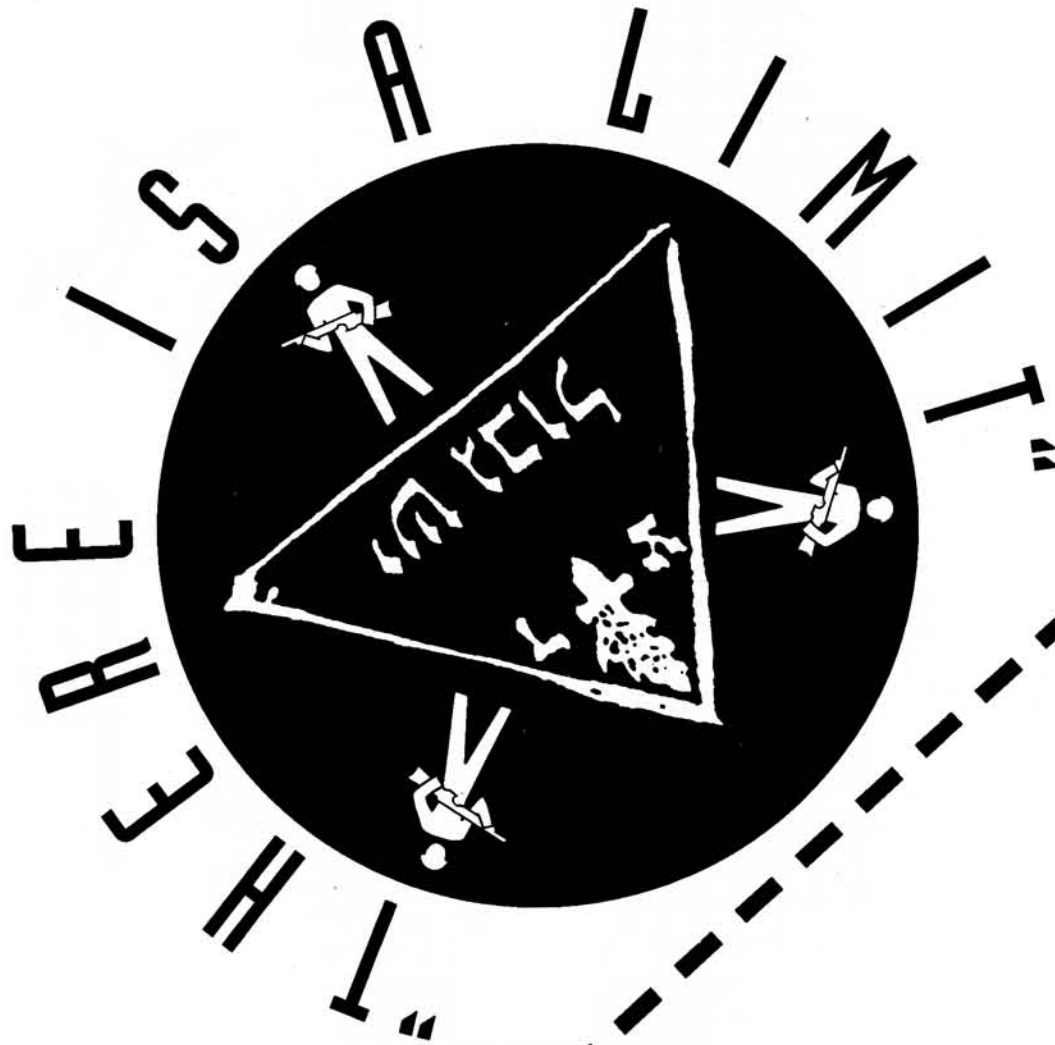
majority of the people of Nicaragua, including ex-Contras and Sandinistas alike, continue to suffer a life of hopelessness and despair, forming a volcano of human misery that is about to erupt.

"Some say," said Oquist, "that the unprecedented crime rate in our cities and renewed armed attacks by re-Contras in the countryside over the rights to land indicate that the eruption has already begun." ■

Part 2 of the report on Dr. Oquist's address will appear in the next issue of The Monthly Planet, and will describe the scope of the Nicaraguan depression and its harsh social and economic consequences upon Sandinistas and ex-Contras alike. Included will be some startling predictions by Oquist relative to political alignments that may emerge as the political phase of the Nicaraguan Revolution advances into the 1990s.

It will also tell why the combination of the national peace agreement reached in El Salvador, the depressed economic conditions in the United States and George Bush's lowered popularity in the election polls may provide a window of opportunity for changing US-Nicaragua relations for the better.

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**Yesh Gvul
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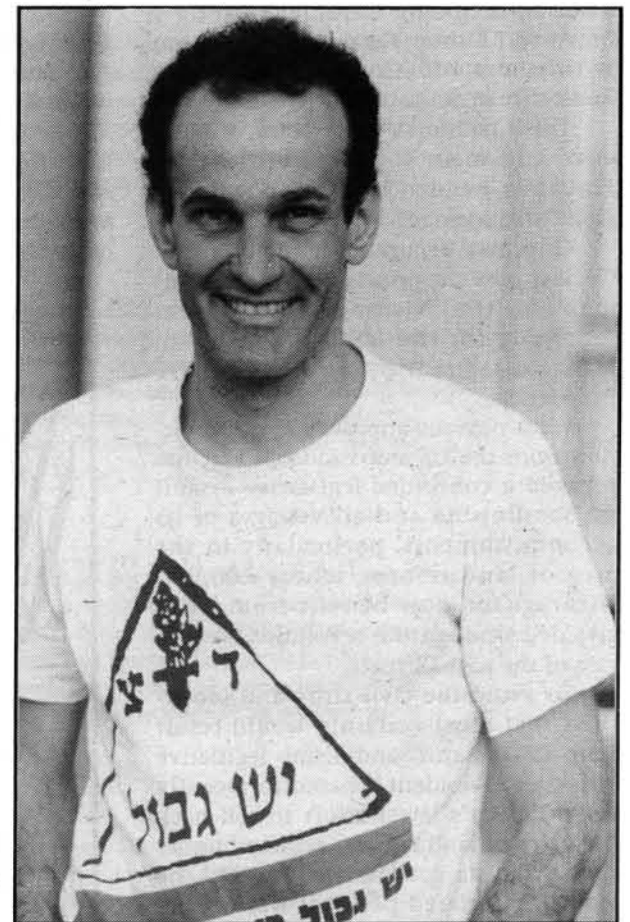
In a nation where everyone is a soldier, to refuse to obey orders that you consider unjust is to perform an act of remarkable bravery. It is to break a taboo, and to risk being placed outside the society you are pledged to defend.

Israel is such a society — every man does three years of military service, and another 30 in the reserves; every woman does two years — and the members of Yesh Gvul are people willing to violate that taboo. They do so publicly, in the finest traditions of civil disobedience, and are fully willing to bear the consequences of their actions, including jail, loss of their civilian jobs, and, worst of all, loss of some of their friends and even family.

The organization's name tells the whole tale. It is a play on words, with a double meaning — "There is a border," it says in one sense, referring to the pre-1967 borders of Israel, to which members believe their nation should withdraw, and, in a more colloquial sense, "There is a limit!" There are orders that are not legitimate.

One of the founders of Yesh Gvul is Igal Ezraty, who was in Santa Cruz on April 2nd, which Mayor Don Lane proclaimed as "Yesh Gvul (there is a limit) to Military Occupation Day." He spoke at a buffet lunch sponsored by the Resource Center for Nonviolence and the UCSC Progressive Jewish Student Union.

These excerpts from his remarks explain, from an appropriately personal point of view, how he and his friends came to feel that they had no choice but to take a stand. This text was transcribed by Pete Shanks.



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In '82, when the Lebanese war started, suddenly I was called up to this war, and I went to this war, because in Israel there is a security cult mentality — when you are called up to the army or the war, you go automatically. So suddenly I find myself in a tank in the middle of Lebanon, fighting against Shiites and Sunnis and Christians and Palestinians and Syrians, and they are fighting among themselves, in a political war, because there wasn't any danger to the defense of Israel. I don't know if you know, but there was an agreement between Israel and the PLO, as a result of which, during the 11 months before this war, there weren't any Israeli soldiers or civilians killed in Israel.

Israel started a war. It was a political war, a war that Minister of Defense Ariel Sharon decided to start in order to show the Palestinians in the occupied territories that their dream of having a Palestinian state was a delusion. That's why he wanted to fight Palestinians in Lebanon. This war was declared by the International Court as a crime against peace, a crime against humanity, and I find myself called up to kill or be killed for something which is unjustified.

For the first time I felt that they are telling me lies. They told me it is only for the defense of the Galilee, and suddenly we find ourselves next to Beirut, which is very far from Israel. They say it's going to be only 40 kilometers, and it was Beirut. They

say that we are going to stop fighting the moment that there will be a cease-fire; and they declare a cease-fire, and my commander said to us, "OK, let's go another ten kilometers, it's good for us."

So I felt for the first time in my life that I had to start asking questions. "What am I doing here?" I asked my commanders, and they didn't know the answer, because their answer of defending Israel, if you are 100 miles from Israel, is not so relevant.

So, when we returned from the first three weeks, some of my friends and I wrote a petition and we asked the Ministry of Defense to allow us not to serve in Lebanon. We said we are part of the Israeli army, we are ready to defend our country, *but* we are not ready to go out of Israel to Lebanon. And 2,000 Israeli soldiers signed this petition, and out of these, 200 were jailed for this stand. If you take the numbers and compare them to the American army, it would mean that 100,000 American soldiers would sign the petition, and 10,000 soldiers would be jailed.

Again, it is important to say that we call what we do selective refusal or selective disobedience. It should be distinguished from pacifism. We are saying we are ready to defend our country, we are part of the Israeli defense forces, if needed we are ready to use weapons for our own security, but some things we are not ready to do: we are not ready to kill other people, we are not ready to do something which is not defense.

In '87 began what you know as the *intifada*, the Palestinian uprising, and again we were called up to be part of the oppression and the occupation. Let me recall some of the things that happened in the territories since the beginning of the *intifada*, probably some of the things you saw on television — 802 Palestinians were killed; 65,000 were injured; 423 houses were completely destroyed; some of the refugee camps experienced more than 400 days of curfew, in the last three years; 90,000 Palestinians were arrested; all the universities were closed; the Palestinians in the occupied territories, a population of almost 2 million, have no civil rights. We were called up to be their oppressors.

I feel that, the moment that I cross the border, and some Palestinian boy is throwing stones at me, since for him it is a war for his freedom, I, in order to protect myself, have to chase him and I have to kill him and sometimes I can even be a murderer. That is, the moment I cross the border, and by the border I mean the borders of '67, I become a killer and a murderer. So the only way not to become a killer or murderer is not to take part in it, which means not to cross the border.

First, as I said, it's a personal statement, which means that for my moral reasons, and of course my political view, I am not ready to take part in it. As a group, we are supporting the ones who refused. About the territories, we wrote a few petitions to say that we are declaring that we are refusing to take part in the oppression of the civil rights of the population in the occupied territories. And again 2,000 Israeli soldiers signed this petition, and almost 200 were jailed. I myself was twice sent to jail, the first time for two weeks, the second time for

one month; but some of my friends, every time they would leave jail, would get another call-up, and that went on five or six times. So, 200 of us were jailed since the beginning of the *intifada*.

As a group, we support the ones who refuse to serve in the territories. We do not call on people to refuse, because that is against the law, but we support everyone who is individually refusing. And we as a group support them spiritually, I mean emotionally, and financially, because if you are serving in your regular service, then you get money from the Social Security. But, if you are going to jail, you don't get any money, so if you are going to jail for one month or two months, then you don't have anything for your family.

It's not easy to refuse, because the Israeli army is really different from the American army. You go to the army, because everybody goes to the army, with your friends, from age 18 until 55,

so the army in a way becomes like a family. The moment you say you are not going to go, your friends come to you and say you are a traitor, you betray us, you send us to do such a dirty job alone, without you. I know of two people that were fired from their jobs — one was a teacher, and now he can't be a teacher anymore because he is breaking the law. So you have to face this in your work, in your family, with your friends, so it's really very hard, it's a difficult step in a society that is so much based on what we call the security mentality, or the holocaust mentality, with all the things that accompany it.

Yesh Gvul is one group among 35 groups that are in the peace movement in Israel and all these groups are in a way working together. We are in a way the most extreme one. We say, we are acting; the others say, "We feel what you feel about the occupation, but we can't do these steps, but we support these steps." ■

For more information about Yesh Gvul, write to Friends of Yesh Gvul, 1678 Shattuck Ave, Box #6, Berkeley, CA 94709; (510) 848-9391. They publish a quarterly newsletter and act as a clearinghouse for information and contributions.

An excellent introduction to the broad spectrum of views in the Israeli peace movement can be found in *Walking the Red Line: Israelis in Search of Justice for Palestine*, edited by Deena Hurwitz and published by New Society Publishers, Philadelphia, in cooperation with the Resource Center for Nonviolence. The book includes essays by 20 different activists, including Ishai Menuchin, a co-founder of Yesh Gvul.

Pete Shanks is a Santa Cruz-based activist who remembers that the Occupation is as old as Sgt. Pepper and believes that 25 years is enough.

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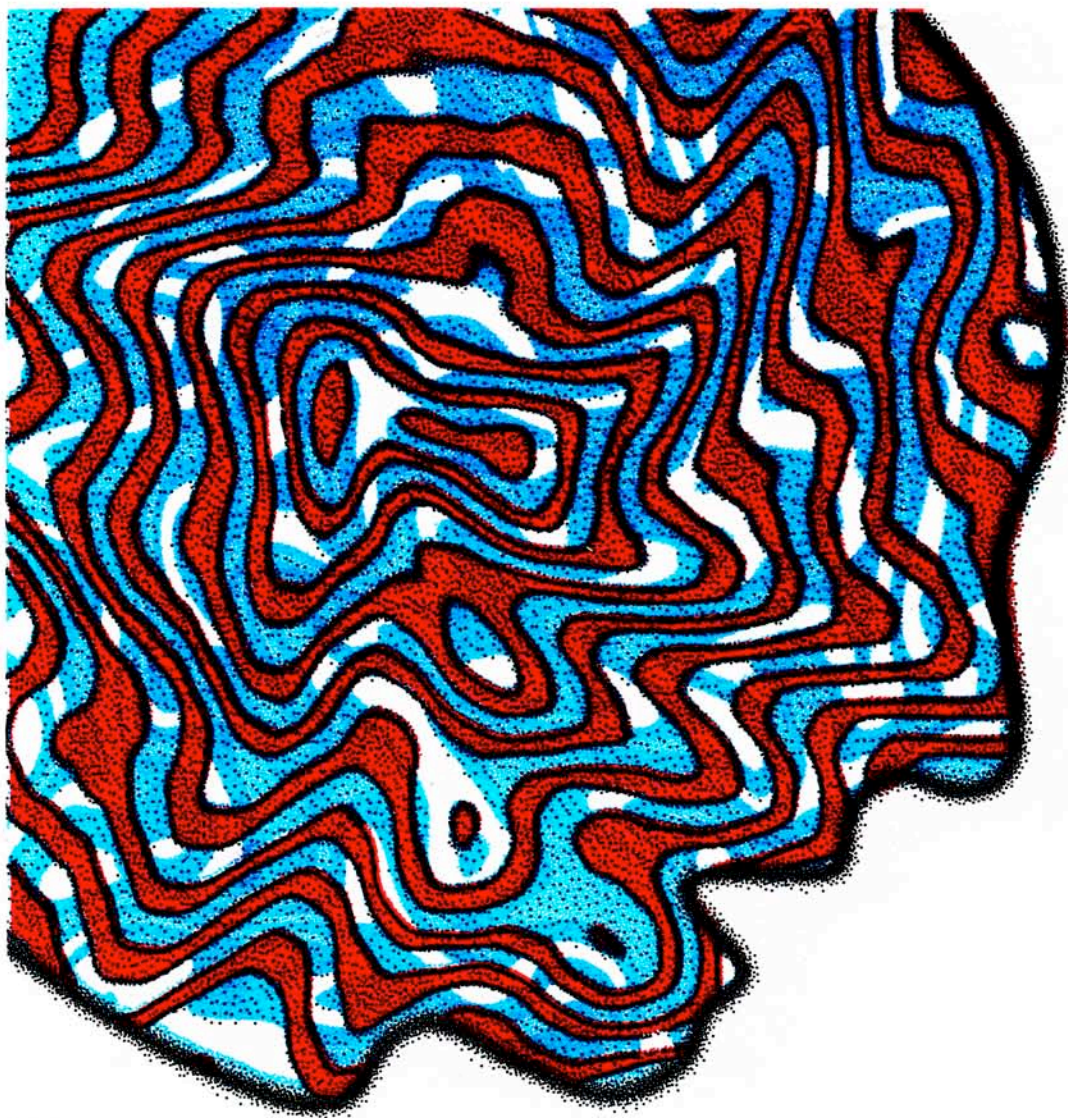
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If there is a theme to voter preferences in this year's Democratic primaries, it might be encapsulated as “none of the above,” or, to paraphrase Henry Youngman, “take my candidates — please.”

Exit polls taken since the New Hampshire primary have produced the composite picture of an electorate that is hungry for change but dissatisfied with the choices offered; with the vast majority opting to sit this one out altogether. Consider this: More than half the Democrats polled upon leaving the voting booths during the Pennsylvania primary stated they wished they had had different choices to pick from. And 75 percent of New York state's registered Democrats didn't vote at all. Of those that did cast a ballot, two out of three expressed disappointment with the field of contenders.

Exit polls also confirmed a similar sentiment among Republican voters. Until recently, Patrick Buchanan was chipping away at George Bush's support by a steady 30 percent margin. Many of those who voted for the president stated that they did so with a sense of resignation over the lack of viable options.

Voter turnout has been taking a nose dive in this country since 1980, when Ronald Reagan won the presidency with about a quarter of eligible voters reporting to the polls. And if the record-low showings in this year's primaries are any indication, turnout this November will be abysmal.

The most visible expression of voter frustration can be found in the voting trends of the electorate, which is spreading itself thinly across whatever field of candidates are on the ballot — often regardless of whether the candidate is still active or not. Paul Tsongas, for example, has been doing quite well ever since he officially dropped out of the running. And if “uncommitted” were a person, s/he'd be a serious contender on both parties' tickets.

Technically, primary voters choose not the presidential candidate, but the delegates which are committed to that candidate. In many primaries and caucuses, a choice for uncommitted delegates was also an option. To date, the number of Tsongas delegates and uncommitted delegates each total more than the number of Brown delegates. Together, they almost equal the number of Clinton delegates.

So what do voters want? Principally, someone who they feel can successfully address the current economic malaise, providing not only vision, but also the competent leadership required to pull the United States out of its recessionary tailspin. Although Clinton and Bush are now clearly in the lead and will almost certainly obtain their parties' respective nominations, it is equally clear that neither candidate has yet been able to convince the voters that he has the winning agenda.

The lack of consensus behind either Bill Clinton or George Bush has resulted in an extended political life span for other challengers such as Patrick Buchanan, Jerry Brown and Paul Tsongas. And some Democratic leaders still hold out the possibility of a “brokered” convention, in which a new Democratic candidate (Mario Cuomo?) will emerge as the party's choice. Fully two-thirds of the so-called “superdelegates” (key House and Senate members and Democratic Party leaders) have yet to endorse Bill Clinton, hinting that they may remain uncommitted up until July's Democratic convention. Among those in this camp is House Budget Chair Leon Panetta, who is said to be resisting the party's urgings to “close ranks” around heir apparent Clinton. He's not alone. In California, only two of the 34 superdelegates have endorsed Clinton so far. In Pennsylvania, only three out of 19 have done so. On the eve of the Pennsylvania primary, Democratic governor Robert P. Casey refused to endorse any candidate. And in comments given to *The New York Times*, various congressmembers expressed fears over Clinton's penchant for self-destructive revelations, stating they preferred to hold on to their cards until the convention.

1992 will be remembered in electoral politics as the year of the “outsider.” Suddenly, everyone is running under the banner of the independent, the political outsider. Even veteran officeholders are trying to recraft their image as individuals somehow standing apart from the institutions and systems which voters have identi-

fied as corrupt and inept. In recent campaign appearances, for example, President Bush appealed to voters to re-elect him as a symbol of their demand for “change and reform” in Washington.

It would seem that this is the perfect year for a strong, viable, third-party effort. However, while there are a number of interesting alternative candidates in the race, the current political culture makes it impossible for anyone not in the mainstream of the two principal political parties to elevate their voice effectively on a national scale. Ballot laws, campaign finance laws, the rules governing who gets to participate in presidential debates, and the way media coverage is apportioned all mitigate strongly against successful independent forays into the national scene.

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Agran would redistribute savings from defense cuts to support domestic programs, including economic conversion activities, at 67 percent; while spending 33 percent to reduce the deficit. He does not support a tax cut. Agran would also halt production of fissionable materials at the nation's weapons labs, and utilize savings to clean up hazardous wastes, and boost funding for alternative energy-conscious programs.

Throughout his campaign, Agran has been challenging the national news media and the Democratic Party for refusing to treat him as a serious candidate. Prior to the beginning of a Clinton/Brown debate, Agran stood up in the audience and respectfully requested to be included. He was arrested and dragged from the room as both Brown and Clinton looked on silently.

Democrats who support Agran in the primary will be sending a message demanding drastically reduced military spending and a re-ordering of national priorities. This is a particularly important message to get across to the platform committee, which is likely to adopt a very centrist position with respect to defense matters in general.

Jerry Brown

Perhaps the quintessential insider in Democratic Party politics, Jerry Brown is presenting himself as an alternative to what he terms the corruption and "business-as-usual" approach of the "one party system...the incumbent party."

Brown offers a strong progressive platform which looks to redistribute national spending priorities toward a more domestic agenda. Brown's position on national defense calls for a 50-percent cut in military spending.

He opposed the Persian Gulf War. However, Brown supports the appropriation of loan guarantees to Israel "without conditions" that Israel cease building settlements in the Occupied Territories. The former governor also opposes capital punishment and would direct funding toward programs which aim to keep young people away from a life of crime and out of prison.

Unfortunately for Brown, he has been unable to shake his old "Governor Moonbeam" label among (apparently) even progressive voters. Brown's advocacy of the flat tax also did not win him much support among Democrats in general, much less among progressives.

Brown's strong suits are labor and the environment. As governor, he supported prevailing wage rates for non-union workers and signed into law the historic Agricultural Labor Relations Act, to date the only labor law in the country which gives farm workers the right to organize, hold union elections and bargain collectively. During his tenure, Brown appointed representatives of labor, minority and women's groups to key governmental posts.

Brown's environmental record has led many California Green Party members to re-register as Democrats in order to vote for Brown in the primary. According to an article in *Green Consensus*, at a recent statewide Green convention, Friends of the Earth

founder David Brower urged California Greens to re-register and vote for Brown, causing some to joke that this was probably the first time a political organization asked its members to abandon their own party.

Despite his record, Brown draws divided reviews among progressives, some of whom see him as an opportunist, harvesting votes from a ground he did nothing to nurture during all the long, dry years of the Reagan-Bush administrations. Brown himself seems to accept the criticism, stating that the 1980s would have been better spent for him if he had immersed himself in grassroots organizing instead of traveling around the

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The central focus of Brown's "We the People" campaign is that ordinary citizens need to get involved in the political process, and "take back control" of the country. The specifics of Brown's social agenda revolve around his "Family Bill of Rights" which states that Americans have a birthright to health care, a living wage, food, shelter, an education, and security in their senior years.

Brown's showing in primaries and caucuses around the country has been generally poor. Nevertheless, he has managed to rack up a couple hundred delegates which he will take with him to the Democratic National Convention. Brown supporters hope for a California victory, which is unlikely; but if it occurred, it could deny frontrunner Bill Clinton the number of delegates he needs to claim the nomination outright. Minimally, any support Brown receives in the June 2nd primary will serve to undergird his demands for changes in the electoral system, as well as provide a more progressive voice in shaping the party's platform.

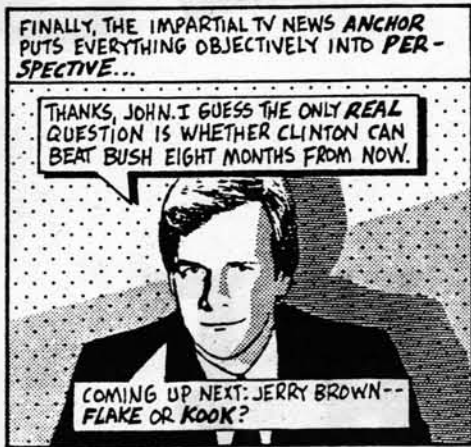
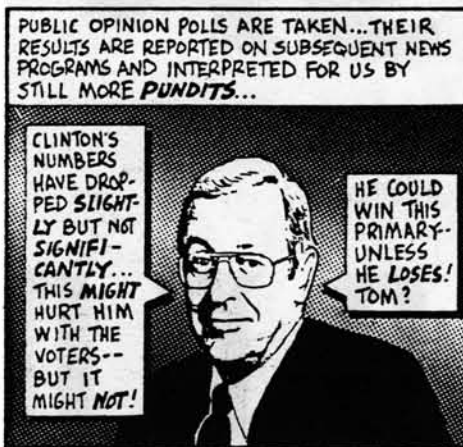
Bill Clinton

It appears relatively certain that on June 2nd, if not before, Governor Clinton will eke past the magic 2145 delegates he needs to ensure his party's nomination. It has not been an easy slide to victory for the five-term governor. The so-called "character" issue has dogged him throughout the campaign, as allegations about past personal behavior have been chewed over *ad nauseam* by the media. In fact, the public has been given little else to judge him by.

On the whole, Clinton balances out as a centrist. He has some progressive environmental and labor stances listed in his position papers; but his record in Arkansas is mixed on both subjects. For example, Clinton has a strong record in support of land conservation efforts and has come out in favor of protecting ancient forests from logging, but Arkansas environmentalists are critical of his past performance on clear-cutting and other timber issues. A key to understanding Clinton's approach to environmental issues is to understand that he is generally supportive of environmental efforts but is also very pro-business, as evidenced in one of his position papers on agriculture and the environment: "Bill Clinton will support policies which protect the environment while recognizing the fundamental importance of private property rights." His record in Arkansas suggests an attempt to make environmental gains while keeping the business community happy. Critics charge that his appointments to various state environmental commissions have been weighted in favor of industry.

As governor, Clinton presides over a "right-to-work" state. He is on record in support of collective bargaining rights and supports legislation which would prohibit companies from permanently replacing striking workers; however in 1990 Clinton supported Morrilton Plastics Products, Inc. in its bid to secure a state industrial development loan that helped it resist a UAW strike which was in progress at the time. As president, Clinton would create a national health

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care system, work toward a national "family and medical leave" bill, and require employers to support job training for their workers.

Many labor organizations, including the national AFL-CIO, have endorsed Clinton. However, Arkansas organized labor is generally critical of Clinton. Arkansas AFL-CIO president Bill Becker rated Clinton's record on labor issues at "about 30 percent."

The core of Bill Clinton's social agenda is aimed at the embattled middle-class, whose support he must win if he is to carry his campaign to victory in November. He supports a 10 percent tax cut for middle-income families, which would be offset by an increase in taxes for those earning above the \$200,000 range. Clinton's approach to homelessness is geared toward providing low-income housing which tenants can eventually own through long-term housing buy-out programs.

Clinton comes across as sympathetic to social problems, but maintains a tough law-and-order stance. He supports the death penalty, and has presided over two executions in his home state since January.

The product of an alcoholic and sometimes violent home, Clinton often refers to his own difficult early experiences in an attempt to make connections with youth growing up in poverty and discordant family circumstances. He supports school-based drug education and the ability of citizens to obtain drug treatment "on demand," but still essentially treats addiction as a criminal problem. In Arkansas, Clinton established "boot camps" for youthful first-time criminal and drug offenders, designed to "instill discipline, boost self-esteem, and teach respect for the law." Clinton also supports the creation of a federal "Police Corps," in which college students can take out loans and pay them back by spending a couple of years as police officers in their local communities.

Perhaps the most disappointing aspect of Bill Clinton's candidacy is his positions on military issues. Clinton supports a 33-percent cut in military spending by 1997 — certainly better than what George Bush proposes, but hardly a pace-setting figure. Clinton supported the war against Iraq and recently stated he would be willing to support another military engagement "if it were necessary to stop the development of (Iraq's) nuclear capability." He supports a nuclear test ban treaty as well as termination of the B-2 bomber and further reductions in our nuclear arsenals, but insists that the US "must maintain a survivable nuclear force to deter any threat." As governor, Clinton was resistant to efforts by the peace movement to move MX plants out of Arkansas.

In the 1980s Clinton came out against aid to the Nicaraguan Contras but later backed away from that position in the face of pressure from conservatives in his home state. The February 12, 1992 issue of *In These Times* suggested that Clinton "looked the other way" as Arkansas' Mena Airport was used as a transit point for smuggling operations on behalf of the Contras. He is on record as opposing military aid to El Salvador.

Clinton is a staunch supporter of aid to Israel and has criticized the Bush administration on its recent decision to deny \$10 billion in loan guarantees to Israel until it agrees to cease building Israeli settlements in the Occupied Territories. Clinton believes the root cause of the Arab/Israeli crisis is "the refusal of the Arab nations to recognize Israel's right to exist." Clinton's four-point plan for regional peace basically involves a list of Arab concessions. Nowhere in his official position paper on the Middle East does Clinton mention the words "Palestine," "Palestinian," or "Occupied Territories."

The core of Clinton's foreign policy is founded on what he calls an "engagement for democracy." To his credit, the

governor has called for an end to US support for foreign dictators, even those who are friendly to US interests.

Clinton's maxim that "we can no longer afford to have separate foreign and domestic policies" seeks to broaden the definition of national security by embracing a healthy economy and a strong society. Clinton uses a wide range of advisers — over 100 at last count — to assist him in shaping his foreign and military policies. It is to be hoped in the months ahead that the information and advice he is receiving will aid him in shifting toward more progressive positions on these issues.

However they may feel about it, many Democrats see Bill Clinton as the inevitable presidential nominee for their party, and are now beginning to back him in greater numbers, as recent primaries have shown. Democrats who cast their vote for Bill Clinton in the June 2nd primary will be sending the message that it's time to put internal party squabbling aside and unite to defeat George Bush in November.

Ron Daniels

Peace and Freedom Party candidate Ron Daniels is a strong pro-peace, pro-worker candidate whose positions are virtually identical to Democratic candidate Larry Agran. Daniels was the executive director of the National Rainbow Coalition in 1987, and served as the president of the National Black Political Assembly from 1974 to 1980. A resident of Ohio, Daniels is on the ballot under different party banners in various states.

California state P&F chair Maureen Smith says Daniels' candidacy is more about building a "long-term grassroots progressive movement," within the United States. He is being challenged by two other contenders on the P&F ticket, most notably Lenora Fulani.

Dr. Lenora Fulani

Lenora Fulani's controversial candidacy has stirred up some national press attention, most notably a May 4th cover story in *The Nation*, detailing the history and some behind-the-scenes perspectives on her New Alliance Party.

Like Daniels, Fulani is from out of state (New York), and is running under the banner of various parties, including Peace & Freedom in California. She presents a strong progressive agenda based on labor rights, adequate funding of social services, and a more open political process.

The NAP has been quite successful in its fundraising efforts by conducting aggressive tabling and door-to-door canvass operations in various states, the net effect of which qualified Fulani to receive matching campaign funds from the federal government — no minor accomplishment for a small, left-of-center party.

Like Daniels, Fulani's candidacy is focused on long-term change to "build a viable, relevant left to attack the rise of the right," according to regional contact person Darryl Heller.

The NAP is controversial in part because of its "social therapy" program which members engage in, and which critics and former NAP members have termed as essentially brainwashing. NAP

founder Fred Newman had early ties with Lyndon LaRouche, and is now closely associated with New York activist Rev. Al Sharpton and Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan.

Voters supporting third-party or independent candidates are sending a message that the "business as usual" approach of the two main parties is no longer acceptable. They remind the well-meaning majority of progressives, which by-and-large continues to vote Democratic, that long-term change will probably not come out of the current two-party system.

Even if you're not very excited by the presidential candidates, both Senate seats are up for grabs and many other issues will be on the ballot. Whatever your thoughts and preferences are on the upcoming California primary, however you may feel about the choices and the issues, *don't* sit out this June 2nd. ■

Shelly D'Amour is the legislative editor of The Monthly Planet.

LOCAL CAMPAIGNS

Santa Cruz area residents have lots of opportunities to involve themselves directly in the June 2nd primary. Here are some of them:

LARRY AGRAN

Tabling and other volunteer opportunities available. Agran will be in Santa Cruz (along with Ron Daniels) on May 21st. Interested persons should call Patrick Driscoll at 423-8658.

JERRY BROWN

The banner at the local Brown headquarters urges supporters to "Get Down With Brown." Weekly volunteer orientation meetings are held every Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Maxter's dance studio, located at the intersection of Ocean Street and Graham Hill Road, near Denny's. Opportunities are available for participating in scheduled activities or for starting your own support efforts. Brown is expected to be in Santa Cruz sometime near the end of May. Call 426-8595 for more information.

BILL CLINTON

An official Clinton headquarters hasn't been established yet, but the hub of activities is currently being organized out of the Darling House Bed & Breakfast on West Cliff Drive. For information on how to get involved, call Darrell Darling at 458-1958.

RON DANIELS

Mailings and phone trees are two of the activities currently going on. Daniels and Democratic candidate Larry Agran will be in Santa Cruz on May 21st. Interested persons should call Maureen Smith at 688-8692.

LENORA FULANI

Tabling and other outreach activities are currently going on. Fulani will be in Santa Cruz sometime in late May. For information, call Darryl Heller at 479-4089.

SANTA CRUZ GREEN PARTY

The Greens will focus their efforts on local elections and targeted ballot initiatives throughout the Bay Area this primary. For information on activities call the Green Hotline at 425-3193.

SANTA CRUZ ACTION NETWORK

SCAN will be focusing on Get-Out-The-Vote efforts for national, state and local county elections. SCAN works to promote progressive issues through electoral politics. For info and volunteer opportunities call 458-9425.

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1992 PROGRESSIVE CANDIDATE EVALUATIONS

This year the Pentagon will spend \$291 billion dollars on our nation's "defense." This is inexcusable when funding for health care, child care, affordable housing, education, and the environment will continue to dwindle. With the end of the Cold War we have the opportunity to fundamentally reorder our federal spending priorities. For this reason, six of the largest progressive organizations in California have come together to create a comprehensive candidate evaluation. We are brought together by the enormous historical and political opportunities which 1992 brings to California.

First and foremost, we believe that the public has a right to straightforward, factual information regarding the opinions and positions of the candidates. This year the voters will be bombarded with dishonest television commercials, slick mailings, and sound bites. As organizations which work year round in each of these different areas, predominantly with volunteers, we are confident that you will put your faith in our information about the candidates. This evaluation is a reflection of our true commitment to resolving the challenges

that face our country and not based on a desire to get elected. Furthermore, in order to bring this information to the widest possible audience we have pooled our resources, creating a factually comprehensive evaluation of the Senate and Presidential candidates from the perspectives of six different groups.

After 45 years of an arms race and superpower competition we feel that it is time to take our taxes back and redirect them to cleaning up the environment, providing sufficient housing, meeting the needs of women, rebuilding our educational system, providing affordable health care for the entire public, and reducing the federal deficit.

On this page you will find a description of the six progressive organizations and what they feel are the three defining issues for the 1992 Elections. On the following pages each organization will report how the candidates stand on these issues. The positions represented in each area are solely those of the organization in reference and do not reflect the views of the other participating organizations.

California SANE/FREEZE...

PEACE & JUSTICE

...the statewide affiliate of the nation's oldest and largest peace and justice lobby. Working at both the national and grassroots level, SANE/FREEZE has been addressing issues of disarmament, non-intervention, and social justice for the past 35 years. The following three issues were chosen to evaluate the Senate and Presidential candidates: (1) support for a 50% cut in military spending over 5 years in order to reprioritize our tax dollars to human and environmental needs; (2) the candidate's position on military aid to the government of El Salvador and their position on the use of force in the Gulf War—as an indication of the candidate's position on current foreign policy; and (3) support for a verifiable, comprehensive ban on all nuclear weapons tests—the U.S. continues nuclear testing at the cost of \$75 million dollars per test.

California Homeless & Housing...

HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

...was created in the fall of 1990 when two groups—the California Right to Housing Campaign and the California Homeless Coalition—became one. CHHC used the following criteria to evaluate the candidates for the Senate and Presidential race: (1) their position on the Wilson Welfare Initiative as an indication of the candidate's compassion and social responsibility to the poor (candidates in favor of CHHC's position oppose Wilson's Welfare Initiative); (2) whether or not they will support and/or strengthen the National Affordable Housing Act—the first comprehensive attempt by the federal government to provide help in homeownership; and (3) whether or not the candidate supports full funding for the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act—an attempt at sheltering the homeless, creating transition avenues into jobs and housing and providing social services for the homeless.

California League of Conservation Voters...

ENVIRONMENT

...is a statewide political action committee founded in 1972 to elect environmentalists to public office. For this election year the League has chosen the following criteria to evaluate the candidates: (1) The California Desert Protection Act, authored by Alan Cranston, calling for the protection of one of California's last great ecosystems by creating three new national parks; (2) increasing automobile fuel efficiency (AFE) standards to 45 mpg by the year 2000. This mpg goal is expected to save the nation 2.5 million barrels of oil per day, more than the U.S. imports from the entire Persian Gulf; and (3) requiring manufacturers to incorporate significant percentages of recycled materials in their products and packaging, essentially creating a market for recycled products and relieving debt-ridden cities of some waste disposal costs.

National Education Association...

EDUCATION

...the nation's largest education organization is participating in the Campaign for New Priorities—a coalition effort working to reduce excessive military spending in order to reprioritize tax dollars for social needs, such as education. They have been consulted to determine the three defining issues for education in the 1992 elections. The following criteria were used to evaluate the candidates: (1) support for full funding of federal programs at the elementary, secondary and post-secondary levels; (2) the candidate's position on the use of "vouchers" for school choice—the NEA opposes tuition tax credits, vouchers or other direct or indirect mechanisms to channel public funds to private schools; and (3) support for the continued existence of the Department of Education and the Secretary of Education at a cabinet level office.

Health Access...

HEALTH CARE

...unites over 180 organizations in California dedicated to achieving comprehensive, affordable health care for everyone. Labor groups, seniors, religious organizations, AIDS activists, communities of color, consumer advocates and other activists agree that achievement of health care for all depends upon the following: (1) structural reforms that dramatically reduce administrative waste and eliminate unnecessary and inappropriate health care practices by placing a lid on health care spending; (2) quality health care through consumer choice of health plans and providers; and (3) health care security that covers everyone with benefits including long term care and affordable limits on out of pocket expenses. Health Access evaluated the positions of the Senate and Presidential candidates based on these three criteria.

National Organization for Women...

WOMEN'S ISSUES

...has been at the forefront of the women's rights movement, working for women's equality and dignity, for 25 years. California NOW has used the following three issues as criteria for evaluating the Senate and Presidential candidates: (1) support of an Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution; (2) support of the Freedom of Choice Act to keep abortion safe, legal and accessible for all women following the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* by the Supreme Court, this year or next (NOW supports the Freedom of Choice Act "without amendment"); and (3) support of the Violence Against Women Act currently pending in Congress.

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PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES

Democrats

Republicans

	Larry AGRAN Former Mayor, Irvine	Jerry BROWN Former Governor, California	Bill CLINTON Governor, Arkansas	Pat BUCHANAN Political Commentator	George BUSH President
PEACE & JUSTICE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • supports 50% cut • opposes mil. aid to El Sal; opposed use of force vs. Iraq • supports nuclear test ban treaty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • supports 50% cut • opposes mil. aid to El Sal; opposed use of force vs. Iraq • supports nuclear test ban treaty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • supports a 33% cut over five years • opposes mil. aid to El Salvador; supported use of force vs. Iraq • supports nuclear test ban treaty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • opposes 50% cut, but calls for "scaling back" • supported mil. aid to El Sal; opposed Gulf War • opposes nuclear test ban treaty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • opposes a 50% cut; calls for a 3% cut over 5 years • supported mil. aid to El Sal; waged Gulf War • opposes nuclear test ban treaty
HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • opposes Wilson's Welfare Initiative • supports full funding for Nat'l Affordable Housing Act • supports full funding for McKinney Act 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • opposes Wilson's Welfare Initiative • supports funding for Nat'l Affordable Housing Act • supports funding for McKinney Act 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no position • no position • (refused to respond) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • unfamiliar w/ Wilson Initiative, but would abolish AFDC • opposes funding for Nat'l Affordable Housing Act • opposes funding for McKinney Act 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • supports Wilson's Welfare Initiative • signed Nat'l Affordable Housing Act but only limited funding • opposes funding for McKinney Act
ENVIRONMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • supports increase in AFE standards to 45 mpg • supports requiring manufacturers and government to use recycled materials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • supports increasing AFE standards to 45 mpg by 2000 • supports requiring manufacturers to use recycled materials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • supports increase in AFE standard to 45 mpg • supports "federally-mandated percentages of recycled materials for specific products" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • opposed to increasing AFE standards • opposed to requiring manufacturers to use recycled materials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • opposes increasing AFE standards to 45 mpg • opposes requiring manufacturers to use recycled materials
EDUCATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • supports increased funding at all levels • opposes use of vouchers • supports continuation of the Dept. of Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • supports increased fed. funding at all levels • opposes use of vouchers • opposes continuation of the Dept. of Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • supports increase in fed. funding • opposes use of vouchers • no position 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • opposes increased fed. funding • supports use of vouchers • opposes continuation of the Dept. of Ed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • supports funding for Head Start, but opposes increased funding altogether • supports use of vouchers • supports continuation of the Dept. of Ed.
HEALTH CARE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • structural reforms capable of putting a lid on spending • not clear • covers everyone, including long term care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • structural reforms put a lid on spending • choice assured; unclear if private plans or networks are choices • covers everyone, presumably long term care; consumer share of cost implicitly low 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some structural reform; no lid on spending • choice of health networks; employers participate or offer own • covers everyone; long term care phased in through medicare; consumer share of cost unclear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no structural reform; no lid on spending • no choice assured; tax laws encourage payment for care • no benefits assured; tax shelters; 75% of Medicaid nursing home expenses convertible to in-home care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no structural reform; no lid on spending • no choice assured; some discriminatory marketplace rules would be changed • no benefits or long term care assured
WOMEN'S ISSUES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • supports an Equal Rights Amendment • supports the Freedom of Choice Act without amendment • supports the Violence Against Women Act 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • supports an Equal Rights Amendment • supports the Freedom of Choice Act • supports the Violence Against Women Act 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • supports an Equal Rights Amendment • supports the Freedom of Choice Act • supports the Violence Against Women Act 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • opposes the ERA • strongly anti-choice, would veto the Freedom of Choice Act • taken no position, but would probably oppose the Violence Against Women Act 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • opposes an Equal Rights Amendment • strongly anti-choice, would veto Freedom of Choice Act • no position

Information on selected issues was obtained from candidates' written and verbal answers to questions given to their campaigns as of March 30, 1992. In all cases we attempted to verify with campaign staffs the accuracy of responses used. We regret, because of limited space, we are unable to list candidates from all parties.

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U.S. SENATE PRIMARIES:

SHORT SEAT

The so-called "Short Seat," is the Senate seat which was vacated when Pete Wilson was elected Governor. He appointed John Seymour to complete his term. Under California law, while Seymour immediately assumes Senate responsibilities, he is required to stand in the next available general election. Whomever is elected to complete Wilson's original term will be required to run for re-election. Therefore, this is a two year position.

Democrats

Republicans

Gray DAVIS
State Controller

Dianne FEINSTEIN
Former Mayor,
San Francisco

Bill ALLEN
Civil Rights
Commission

Bill DANNEMEYER
U.S. Representative

John SEYMOUR
U.S. Senator

PEACE & JUSTICE

- supports 50% cut w/ provisions to impacted communities
- opposes military aid to El Salvador; opposed use of force vs. Iraq
- supports nuclear test ban treaty

- supports 50% cut over next five years
- no position on military aid to El Salvador; supported use of force vs. Iraq
- (refused to respond)

- opposes 50% cut over next five years
- supports military aid to El Salvador; supported use of force vs. Iraq
- opposes nuclear test ban treaty

- opposes 50% cut over next five years
- supports military aid to El Salvador; supported use of force vs. Iraq
- opposes nuclear test ban treaty

- opposes 50% cut over next five years
- supports military aid to El Salvador; supported use of force vs. Iraq
- opposes nuclear test ban treaty

HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

- opposes Wilson's Welfare Initiative
- supports full funding for Nat'l Affordable Housing Act
- supports full funding for McKinney Act

- opposes Wilson's Welfare Initiative
- (refused to respond)
- (refused to respond)

- claims to have authored Wilson Welfare Initiative
- opposes Nat'l Affordable Housing Act
- opposes McKinney Act

- supports Wilson's Welfare Initiative
- opposes Nat'l Affordable Housing Act
- opposes McKinney Act

- supports Wilson's Welfare Initiative
- supports some funding for Nat'l Affordable Housing Act
- supports some funding for McKinney Act

ENVIRONMENT

- supports California Desert Protection Act
- supports increasing CAFE standards to 45 mpg.
- supports requiring manufacturers to use recycled materials

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- supports requiring manufacturers to use recycled materials

- opposes California Desert Protection Act
- opposes increasing CAFE standards
- opposes requiring manufacturers to use recycled materials

- opposes the California Desert Protection Act
- (refused to respond)
- (refused to respond)
- In general, one of the worst environmental voters in Congress.

- opposes California Desert Protection Act
- opposes increasing CAFE standards to 45 mpg.
- (refused to respond)

EDUCATION

- supports increased funding for all levels
- opposes use of vouchers
- supports continuation of the Dept. of Education

- supports increased funding for Head Start
- opposes use of vouchers
- supports continuation of the Dept. of Education

- opposes increased federal funding
- supports use of vouchers
- opposes continuation of the Dept. of Education

- opposes ANY federal funding
- supports use of vouchers
- opposed inception and continuation of the Dept. of Education

- supports increased federal funding
- supports use of vouchers
- supports continuation of the Dept. of Education

HEALTH CARE

- no structural reforms proposed; no lid on spending
- choice of plans through employer and/or state agencies
- everyone covered; no mention of long term care or out of pocket expenses

- no structural reforms proposed; no lid on spending
- unclear if choice assured
- everyone covered for basic, individuals could purchase more; no mention of long term care, or out of pocket expenses

- modest reforms by eliminating private insurance for basic costs; no lid on spending
- consumers can buy coverage
- voluntary, limited public coverage; no mention of long term care, tax benefits for out of pocket expenses

- modest reforms by eliminating private insurance for basic costs; no lid on spending
- no assured choice
- no guaranteed coverage or mention of long term care; tax benefits for out of pocket expenses

- no proposal, but is "committed to finding a solution...and working to help improve access and availability"
- no proposal
- no proposal

WOMEN'S ISSUES

- supports the ERA
- supports the Freedom of Choice Act without amendment
- supports the Violence Against Women Act

- supports the ERA
- supports the Freedom of Choice Act without amendment
- supports the Violence Against Women Act

- opposes the ERA
- opposes the Freedom of Choice Act
- supports the Violence Against Women Act

- opposes the ERA
- opposes the Freedom of Choice Act
- not a co-sponsor of the Violence Against Women Act

- not a co-sponsor of the ERA
- supports the Freedom of Choice Act but voted to restrict young women's access to abortion
- co-sponsor of Violence Against Women Act

LONG SEAT

The "Long-Seat," is essentially a normal, six-year Senate term. This is the seat which has been vacated by the retirement of Senator Alan Cranston. Whomever wins this race will serve until 1998.

Democrats

Republicans

Barbara BOXER
U.S. Representative

Mel LEVINE
U.S. Representative

Leo McCARTHY
Lt. Governor

Sonny BONO
Mayor,
Palm Springs

Tom CAMPBELL
U.S. Representative

Bruce HERSHENSOHN
T.V. Commentator

- supports 50% cut over next five years
- opposes military aid to El Salvador; opposed use of force vs. Iraq
- supports nuclear test ban treaty

- supports a 30% cut over next five years
- opposes military aid to El Salvador; voted for use of force vs. Iraq
- supports nuclear test ban treaty

- supports "deepest cuts that Congress and the President can agree on"
- mil. aid to El Sal "no longer relevant"; supported use of force vs. Iraq
- supports nuclear test ban treaty

- supports a 30% cut over next five years
- no position on military aid to El Salvador; supported use of force vs. Iraq
- supports nuclear test ban treaty

- opposes 50% cut over next five years
- (refused to respond); voted for use of force vs. Iraq
- opposes nuclear test ban treaty

- opposes ANY cut in military spending
- supports mil. aid to El Salvador; supported use of force vs. Iraq
- opposes a nuclear test ban treaty

- opposes Wilson's Welfare Initiative
- voted for Nat'l Affordable Housing Act
- voted for full funding for McKinney Act

- no clear position
- supports full funding for Nat'l Affordable Housing Act
- supports some funding for McKinney Act

- opposes Wilson's Welfare Initiative
- supports full funding for Nat'l Affordable Housing Act
- supports full funding for McKinney Act

- supports Wilson's Welfare Initiative
- supports some funding for the Nat'l Affordable Housing Act
- supports some funding for the McKinney Act

- supports Wilson's Welfare Initiative
- supports full funding for the Nat'l Affordable Housing Act
- supports full funding for McKinney Act

- supports Wilson's Welfare Initiative
- opposes funding for Nat'l Affordable Housing Act
- opposes McKinney Act

- co-sponsor Ca. Desert Protection Act
- longtime advocate of fuel efficiency standards, supports increase in CAFE standards to 45 mpg.
- co-sponsor of leg. requiring manufacturers to use recycled materials

- introduced Ca. Desert Protection Act
- co-sponsor of leg. to increase CAFE standards to 45 mpg.
- co-sponsor of leg. requiring manufacturers to use recycled materials

- supports Ca. Desert Protection Act; only state official to testify on its behalf
- supports increasing CAFE standards (did not specify what level)
- supports requiring manufacturers to use recycled materials

- opposes Ca. Desert Protection Act
- opposes increase in CAFE standards to 45 mpg.
- equivocal: supports "the merits" of recycling but disagrees with the need to require manufacturers to use recycled materials

- co-sponsor Ca. Desert Protection Act
- supports increasing CAFE standards, but prefers incentives to mandates
- opposes "requiring" manufacturers—prefers price-incentives rather than mandates

- opposes Ca. Desert Protection Act
- opposes increase in CAFE standards to 45 mpg.
- opposes requiring manufacturers to use recycled materials as "a waste and misuse" of taxpayer dollars

- supports increased funding at all levels
- opposes use of vouchers
- supports continuation of the Dept. of Education

- supports increased federal funding
- opposes use of vouchers
- supports continuation of the Dept. of Education

- supports increased funding for all levels
- opposes use of vouchers
- supports continuation of the Dept. of Education

- (refused to respond)
- supports use of vouchers
- supports continuation of the Dept. of Education

- supports increased fed. funding at all levels
- no position
- supports continuation of Dept. of Education

- supports Head Start, but opposes increased funding altogether
- supports use of vouchers
- opposes continuation of the Dept. of Education

- proposes two variations; each contains structural reforms to put a lid on spending
- choice of providers and/or plans guaranteed
- covers everyone; one includes long term care, one has virtually no out of pocket, the other has some

- no proposal; wants to "reduce administrative costs, end wasteful and unnecessary care;" no proposed lid
- unclear if choice assured—"everyone should be covered by health insurance"
- covers everyone; no mention of long term care, or out of pocket expenses

- no proposal; wants to "minimize admin. expenses" and "provide for reasonable allocation of...high cost... procedures;" no proposed lid
- choice should be assured
- covers everyone including long term care; financed broadly, equitably, affordably

- no proposal; should "cut bureaucratic waste" and "weed...out unnecessary and possibly dangerous medical services"; no proposed lid
- no proposal
- no guaranteed coverage; no mention of long term care, or out of pocket expenses

- minor structural reform through voluntary competitive pools; no proposed lid
- consumer choice implicit
- everyone can buy coverage, including long term care, subsidy for those who cannot pay; no mention of out of pocket expenses

- minor structural reform through voluntary pools; no proposed lid
- no guaranteed choice
- no guaranteed coverage; no long term care or out of pocket limits detailed

- co-sponsor of the ERA
- co-sponsor of the Freedom of Choice Act without amendment
- Author of the Violence Against Women Act

- co-sponsor of ERA
- co-sponsor of the Freedom of Choice Act
- co-sponsor of the Violence Against Women Act

- supports the ERA
- supports the Freedom of Choice Act without amendment
- supports the Violence Against Women Act

- opposes the ERA
- supports the Freedom of Choice Act but wants to restrict young women's access
- (refused to respond)

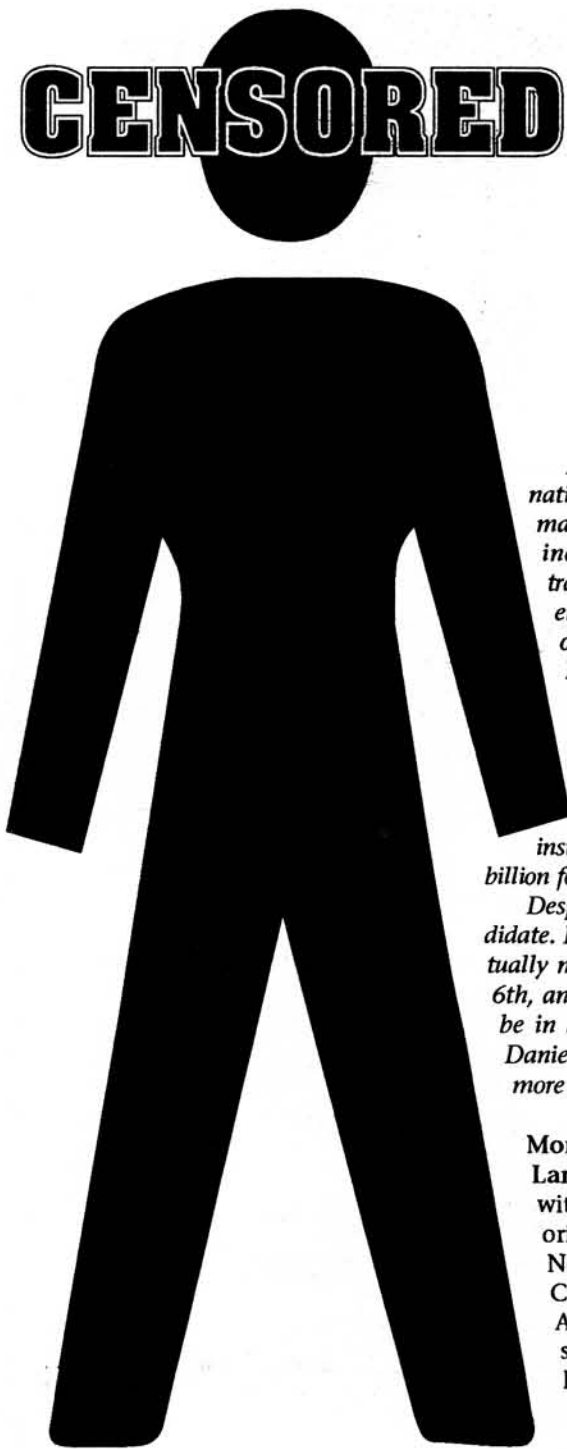
- co-sponsor of the ERA
- co-sponsor of the Freedom of Choice Act, but supported three anti-choice Supreme Court nominees
- not a sponsor of the Violence Against Women Act

- opposes the ERA
- favors a Constitutional amendment to ban abortion
- opposes the Violence Against Women Act

CENSORED

Presidential Candidate SPEAKS OUT

Interview by Barry van Driel



Larry Agran is a Democrat running for the presidential nomination for his party. He was the mayor of Irvine for six years. As mayor, he became known for his progressive politics, which included far-reaching domestic partnership policies, special transportation services for the elderly and disabled, and a strong environmental stance. Due to his efforts, Irvine became the only American city in 1990 to receive the prestigious United Nations award for environmental achievement.

Larry's program focuses on reprioritizing federal spending. He proposes an immediate \$150 billion peace dividend. Twenty-five billion dollars would be earmarked for direct aid to cities and towns, \$15 billion to local school districts, \$40 billion for improved health care (including a national health insurance plan), \$20 billion for environmental reclamation, \$50 billion for deficit reduction and economic conversion.

Despite his accomplishments, Larry Agran has been a hidden candidate. Both the Democratic Party and the media have given him virtually no attention. This interview was conducted by phone on May 6th, and serves as an introduction to Larry's ideas. Larry Agran will be in Santa Cruz, along with another presidential hopeful, Ron Daniels, on May 21st and May 22nd. See the calendar section for more information.

Monthly Planet: Why did you decide to run for president?

Larry Agran: Because I believed that there was no voice within the Democratic Party for dramatically different priorities that begin by cutting the military budget in half. Not in five or ten years, but immediately, now that the Cold War is over. I felt that I could be a voice for America's cities and towns. I said in my announcement speech that now is the time to be attentive to neighborhoods, cities, and towns. This is where the country needs to be rebuilt.

MP: Some House Democrats, including Leon Panetta and Les Aspin, are saying that we can't cut as drastically as you're saying because it would be too disruptive of the economy. What is your response to that?

LA: I think they're nuts. As intelligent as these individuals are, and I know Leon Panetta to be a fine public servant, I think they don't even begin to understand the depth of despair in our country. Maybe the events in Los Angeles will wake them up. How can they possibly say that cutting the military budget in half poses some danger here at home? We need those dollars that are now being spent on the defense of Western Europe and Japan against a non-existent enemy. We need those dollars here at home to put millions of people to work rebuilding our cities and towns; the infrastructure, the businesses, our transportation system, our education system.

MP: I think their response to that would be — and also one of the reasons that the Conyers bill (to allow money from military spending cuts to go to domestic needs) did not pass — is that by cutting the military budget by that amount you're basically depriving people of their jobs.

LA: Well that's just not true. It's only true if your vision of an economic conversion policy is to give these people a pink slip and tell them "so long." On the other hand you could take those contracts for a B-2 bomber or a Seawolf submarine or a Star Wars system and convert them. You go to those corporations that have those contracts and you say, we want you to stop what you're doing. We're not going to build that B-2 bomber. We want to use your scientific and technical skills to build a light-rail system that can really work and can be marketed elsewhere. Of course people aren't going to know how to do that immediately, but they should be kept on the payroll to learn. In Groton,

Connecticut they're laying off people who were building the obviously unneeded Seawolf submarine. Why not keep those people employed and have that contract converted to a contract to build second hulls on oil tankers?

MP: Why do you think your campaign has not received much media attention?

LA: First of all I've been given some attention. I've managed to sort of claw my way into a few statewide debates as opposed to nationally televised debates. I've managed to get on some television, a lot of radio, and I've had some considerable print media coverage, but it's always been at the margins. This has been very very disappointing. I think it's attributable to the fact that Democratic Party under Ron Brown's leadership is now a very closed, very narrow, corporate-dominated party. And I'm speaking to you as a lifelong Democrat. The party has basically abandoned its historic commitment to inclusion, to building an ever broader base. From the beginning Ron Brown sought to keep



Democratic presidential candidate Larry Agran

this Democratic field very narrow and very conservative. He repeatedly said he wanted the race to be over by Super Tuesday, and he just about got his wish. What we have now is a nominee apparent who is perhaps one of the weakest offerings that the party has made in modern times.

MP: So do you think that there's a third party route, or are you thinking of trying to change the party from within?

LA: Well I haven't given up entirely on the Democratic Party. I don't believe that this party belongs to Ron Brown and his corporate buddies anymore than it belongs to me. It should be my party, and it should be the party of people who historically have felt dispossessed. It should be the party of the people who benefited from the great initiatives undertaken by the Democratic Party in areas of health, civil rights and education. What we have now is a leadership at the top. I hold Ron Brown accountable. He believes that the party is somehow stronger if it is built on a very, very narrow base that excludes people like me. What I've said in public debates over and over again is that if my voice can't be heard, what makes you as a citizen think that your voice

"The [Democratic] party has basically abandoned its historic commitment to inclusion, to building an ever broader base."

can be heard? If the Democratic Party won't include me, then what makes you think that the Democratic Party will include you in the governance of the nation if we manage to elect a Democratic president? I think he's put together a prescription for disaster in November. That's one reason Ross Perot is as popular as he is. Not only are people disgusted with Bush, but they're absolutely fed up with the Democratic Party leadership as well.

MP: On June 2nd a lot of progressive voters in the California Democratic Party are going to pose the question: Why should I vote for Larry Agran when we have Jerry Brown on the ballot?

LA: I would say people ought to vote for me as a matter of principle. If they're concerned about wasting their vote, then I regard a vote for Jerry Brown as a waste at this point. Certainly a vote for Bill Clinton is a waste as well. I know Jerry Brown pretty well. I worked with him. He appointed me to the state Child Health Board. But on the fundamental question of national priorities Jerry Brown never spoke up against military spending throughout the 1970s and 1980s when the budgets were escalating beyond belief. He never spoke up against these weapons systems that were totally unjustified. He was a strong proponent of the B-1 bomber — a bomber system that cost us \$50 billion in today's dollars. I find great fault with him on other matters, too. Although he is now saying that he is the great campaign finance reformer, during the 1970s when we

were trying to bring public financing to California he wouldn't lift a finger to help. On matters of welfare policy during the 1970s Jerry Brown was calling for massive cuts in welfare grants. And today he tries to portray himself as someone who is a spokesperson for the dispossessed. And when it came to the question of inclusion in debates, I spoke to Jerry Brown personally on two occasions and he absolutely refused to help me in any way to be included in those debates and forums that were nationally televised. I regard that as the conduct of a hypocrite.

MP: I understand that he witnessed one of your attempts in New York to be included, and did nothing while you were arrested.

LA: That's right, he was witness to my being dragged out of the Lehman College auditorium after I simply rose to my feet and respectfully requested of the chairman that I be included in the debate as a bona fide candidate on the New York State presidential ballot. And at that point I was arrested and dragged out. Jerry Brown sat in complete silence, as did Bill Clinton. I regarded that as a demonstration of cowardice and a demonstration of an inability to lead when leadership was really required. I'm saying that not just for myself, but of course for the millions of people who feel their voices aren't heard. ■

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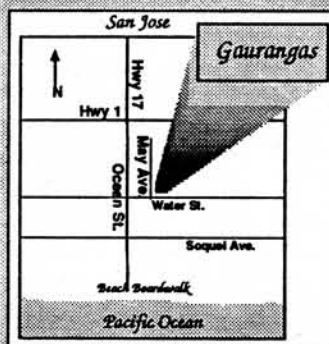
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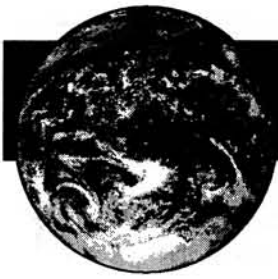
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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By Shelly D'Amour

US Continues Nuclear Development In a One-Sided Arms Race

I was working on this current issue of the *Planet* when I received the call that a former housemate, Peter Lumsdaine, and another Santa Cruz resident, Keith Kjoller, had been arrested inside a Rockwell International plant in Seal Beach for taking an ax to a NavSTAR satellite. The NavSTAR GPS (Navigational System Time and Ranging, Global Positioning System) is a sophisticated satellite system which, when eventually deployed in its entirety, will be able to search out targets anywhere on Earth with pinpoint accuracy, communicating their locations to various missile and military installations around the globe. As such, NavSTAR is the communications centerpiece of the US first-strike arsenal.

In this age of the dissolution of the Soviet empire, accompanied by (seemingly) endless arms control initiatives, the general public has been lulled into thinking that the arms race is essentially over. They are half right. The competition is over, but the US continues to research and build advanced nuclear technologies. Within this context, Peter and Keith's action reminds us that the nuclear juggernaut rolls on, unimpressed and now unimpeded by the changing course of world events.

In my previous column, I reported on a recently released study commissioned by the Strategic Air Command (SAC). "The Role of Nuclear Weapons and the New World Order" lays out in chilling terms how SAC views the current international situation and the potential role of the United States in the future of world events.

The report indicates that the US nuclear arsenal now has an expanded role to play: that of "detering aggression especially but not solely by other nuclear states." In a classified briefing leaked to the *Washington Post*, the report's author, former Air Force Secretary Thomas Reed, indicated a continued need for nuclear weapons to "protect the [US] fundamental interests...[including] a healthy and growing US economy."

This seems an appropriate occasion to review the current status of the US strategic triad (of air-, sea-, and land-based missiles), and what action we can expect Congress to take this year.

Star Wars

The end of the Cold War should have signaled an end for the Star Wars



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(SDI) program. Instead, Congress continues to fund SDI at record levels, and the system is currently being expanded to include ground-based components.

Last August, the Senate approved \$4.6 billion toward the deployment, by 1996, of up to 100 ground-based missiles at a site near Grand Forks, North Dakota. Star Wars supporters found a loophole in the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty which would permit deployment of the missiles as long as they were all at a single site. Bush administration officials, with the support of some influential members of Congress, are interested in seeing the ABM Treaty renegotiated to allow for up to seven deployment sites.

The president has requested \$5.4 billion for the Star Wars program for fiscal year 1992-'93, representing a 31 percent increase over the current year's figure. House Armed Services Committee chair Les Aspin (D-WI) is reported to support about \$4 billion. The Senate will probably favor more. Reps. Dellums (D-CA), Boxer (D-CA), and Andrews (D-ME) are expected to offer an amendment which would shut down the Strategic Defense

Initiative Organization, and reduce the funding level to \$1.2 billion in research funds. The amendment has little chance of success.

Trident II (D-5)

The Trident II, D-5 nuclear missile program is largely complete. Twelve submarines containing 2,304 warheads are now deployed and another six are planned for completion by the year 2000. Although the program has been scaled back somewhat at the West Coast facility, no significant reductions are in the works. The existing eight subs deployed out of the Bangor, Washington missile base will continue to carry the older, Trident I (C-4) missiles, rather than be retrofitted with the more accurate D-5, as originally planned. However, former Lockheed engineer Robert Aldridge states that NavSTAR navigational satellites will be able to give older missiles first-strike accuracy.

Efforts to eliminate or scale back the Trident II program have been undertaken annually in the House, principally through legislation proposed by New

York Democrat Ted Weiss. However, support is minimal, usually garnering 60-80 votes. There is no similar effort underway in the Senate.

MX

Short for "Missile Experimental," the MX is a long-range, land-based ballistic system capable of carrying up to 10 warheads per missile. Since the early '80s it has been the source of much controversy, principally concerning its basing mode.

MX missiles are currently based in underground silos at Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming. In 1985 Congress instituted a "flexible cap" of 50 missiles until a less vulnerable basing mode could be found. For five years the Congress debated — and funded while it debated — a proposal to move the missiles onto railroad cars which could be moved out among the general populace during times of international crisis, making them less vulnerable to targeting and attack (sound like a fun idea?). The "rail-garrison" program was virtually complete when Congress canned it in 1990. There is now little chance it will be revived. However, the existing 50 missiles, with their accurate, independently-targetable warheads, are a major component of the strategic systems that comprise US first-strike capability. ■

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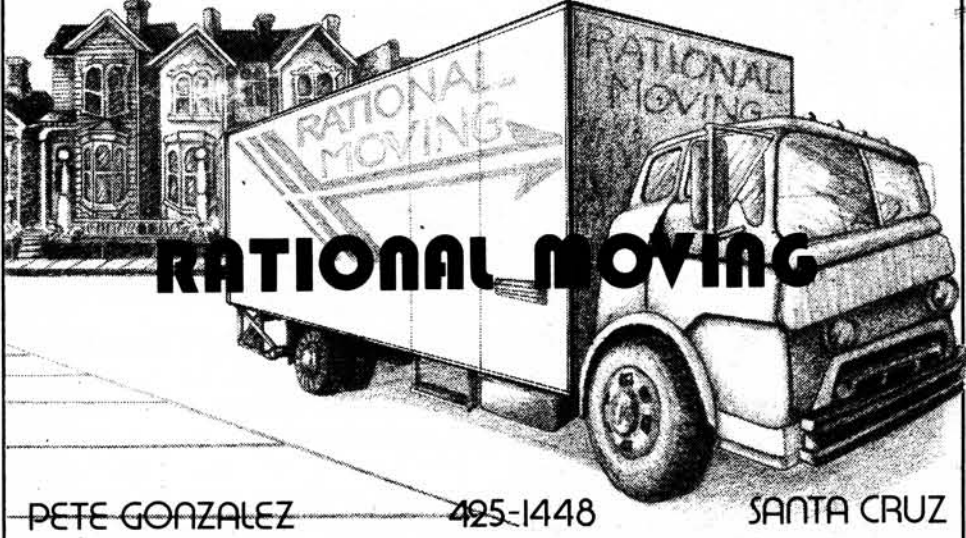
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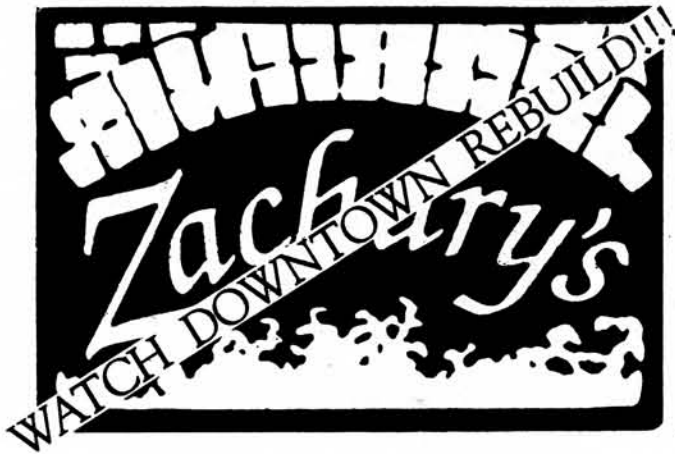
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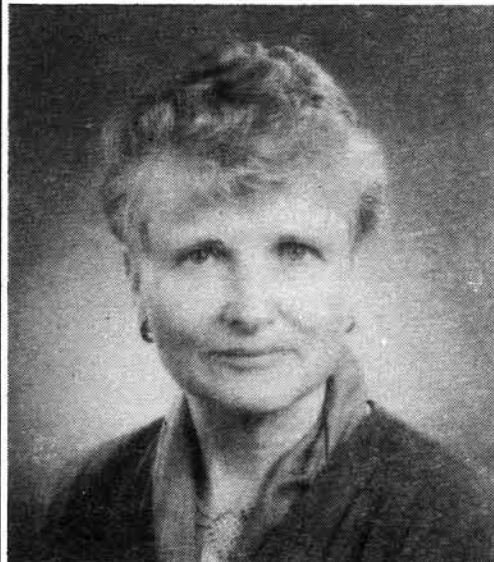
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CENSORED

By Igal Dahari

FCC: FEDERAL CENSORSHIP COMMISSION?

Or maybe just "For Corporate Communications." Since the early 1980s, the Federal Communications Commission has done a lot of questionable things, but the way it has allowed the big broadcasters to further monopolize an already overly monopolized industry must be one of its most questionable.

The latest gift the FCC proposes to give corporate broadcasters is centered on high definition television (HDTV). For well over a decade this technology has promised a much higher picture quality, using an expensive television set incompatible with today's broadcasting standards. To begin preparing the way for HDTV, the FCC is proposing the creation of 1,700 new television channels that it hopes will be used for HDTV broadcasting.

Now, everyone knows that a license to broadcast is a precious commodity, all talk about public ownership of the airwaves notwithstanding. So when the FCC decided it would only allow current station owners to acquire these new channels — without having to do anything to qualify for them other than already being a broadcaster — a few eyebrows were raised. This unprecedented giveaway is even more incredible, considering that the FCC is asking nothing in return from the recipients in compensation or usage requirements. In fact, station owners are even free to sell the license. The FCC is only imposing one vague condition: Each television station that took a "second" channel will eventually have to give one back — sometime in the next century.

The initial worth of the 1,700 new licenses? A Commerce Department telecommunications specialist gave the *Wall Street Journal* an extremely conservative estimate of \$1 billion ("Back Channel: FCC to Grant Owner of Every TV Station Another License Free," Bob Davis, 3/18/92). Should HDTV succeed, those licenses will be worth many times that amount.

RADIO HOMOGENEITY

Lest you think the FCC has forgotten radio, the agency has just approved new rules relaxing station ownership laws. Up until 1985, a corporation could own up to a maximum of seven AM and seven FM stations, as long as they were in different markets. That year, the limit was raised to 12 and 12. Now it may go up to 30 and 30, and under certain conditions the ownership of multiple stations in the same market will be allowed as well.

The new rules must be approved by Congress, which is currently considering them. Readers worried about the danger that some day every single radio station



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they tune into will have the same exact format should contact their congressmembers with those concerns.

BOOKS UNBANNED

• Not many people may realize it, but the stalwart guardians that work at the FBI are a fairly literary bunch. In her recently released book, *Alien Ink: The FBI's War on Freedom of Expression*, Natalie Robins chronicles over 70 years of FBI surveillance of writers and their work (the Bureau must have quite a library). From Jack London to Henry Miller and Jessica Mitford, and finally to the many progressive writers who began their careers in the movements of the 1960s, no one who strayed from the FBI's definition of "American" was safe from spying, serious harassment, or even having their work banned.

• *The New York Times* has long been known as one of the media world's most sexist employers. Nan Robertson, a former *Times* reporter, has seen it fit to print her experiences at the "paper of record," in her book *The Girls in the Balcony: Women, Men and the New York Times*. Robertson was hired in 1955 and forced into writing for the "women's page," like the few other women who wrote for the *Times*. Eventually she managed to make it out, working for a while in the Washington bureau, then under the guidance of press-darling James

Reston. Reston seemed completely astounded that women reporters found it objectionable when the National Press Club forced them, when attending its famed luncheons, to sit upstairs in a cramped little balcony (hence the book's title). Sequestered up in the stuffy balcony, where there was no service and the guest speakers could hardly be heard, the women reporters must have wondered at how well journalism reflected the prevailing mores of society as a whole.

• Cairo-based journalist Stephen Hubbell wrote an interesting review of two recent books by professional colleagues who witnessed the Gulf War from very different points of view ("Iraq Around the Clock," *The Nation*, March 23, 1992). One is *Forty Days*, by veteran CBS reporter Bob Simon, who was captured by the Iraqis on January 20, 1991. During his captivity, Simon reflected on his normally privileged position as a credit card- and credentials-carrying member of the press, and what it all came to when that status was suddenly taken away. Perhaps most telling is when Simon realizes that the Iraqis "won't let [him] be a voyeur any more." The other book, *Live From Baghdad: Gathering News at Ground Zero*, was also written by an American who was in Iraq during the war. But author Robert Wiener, at the time a producer with the CNN team in Baghdad, seems more like a frat boy at a

party. When the bombing of Baghdad commences, Wiener calls it "one of the best nights I have ever spent anywhere, a unique occasion to be savored forever." Hubbell sums it up well enough when he says that Wiener "unintentionally confirms readers' most unflattering stereotypes of foreign correspondents: that they don't speak the local language, are ignorant and boorish, drink too much and are obsessed with surface detail."

MUMBO JUMBO ECONOMICS

Unsure about the 'consumer confidence index'? Feeling dizzy because of all the talk on fluctuating 'trade balances'? Bearish on 'supply-side'? When the chips are down, these and other economic terms seem to proliferate in the media faster than you can say "Workers of the world, unite!"

There's help. Political economist and former New Zealand parliamentarian Marilyn Waring sheds light on some of the most often used (and abused) economic terms in the latest issue of *Ms.* ("Decoding Economic Terms For Real People," March/April 1992). Waring promises to raise readers' ire with these "politically empowering demystifications."

NAUGHTY BITS

Like throwing gasoline on fire, the US sells more weapons to countries in the Middle East (and the world, for that matter) than any other country. But this sort of fact will rarely make the front page, if it makes the paper at all. The *San Francisco Examiner* recently ran the short "U.S. Called No. 1 Weapons Dealer to Middle East" in the lower right hand corner of page A19 (Associated Press, 3/13/92) . . . Greenpeace reports that TIME Inc. has recently succumbed to pressure and promised that its numerous magazines will be printed on chlorine-free paper ("TIME Agrees to Greenpeace Demands; Paper Industry Recalcitrant," *Greenpeace Newsletter* April/May/June 1992) . . . Special prosecutor Peter Fleming issued subpoenas for the phone call records of *Newsday's* Timothy Phelps and National Public Radio's Nina Totenberg, as the chilling Senate investigation of just who brought this troublesome sexual harassment thing into the light continues. Phelps and Totenberg were the first to report that the Senate Judiciary Committee secretly knew that Anita Hill had accused Clarence Thomas of sexual harassment. The two reporters have so far refused to disclose their sources . . . Why was labor reporter Bill Knight silenced by public radio station WCBU while the Caterpillar strike was happening right there in East Peoria? Knight is a volunteer programmer with the station who each week gave a labor perspective on what was going on. Caterpillar is a major contributor to the station and the largest employer in the area, and it didn't like what it was hearing on Knight's show. All the clues are there. ■

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WEAVING

To speak of the situation of women in Guatemala — whether they be in squatters' settlements, on large plantations, or in the highlands — is to speak of hunger, misery, illiteracy and constant violations of fundamental rights. Women have been the principal victims of the military and civilian regimes that forcibly govern the people of Guatemala, using torture, kidnappings and assassinations to maintain control. Indigenous women bear the brunt of the suffering which stems from the systematic violence. In the cities they must accept the lowest kinds of work in exchange for a little bit of food, denying them access to education, health care, housing and dignity. In the highlands 60 percent of indigenous women are widows due to military violence or the starvation of their husbands while working on the plantations. Yet, despite the obvious danger, women have been courageously present in the struggle against oppression which characterizes the last 500 years of Guatemala's history.

This summer we of the Women's Campaign for Guatemala, a small group of women from Santa Cruz, Monterey and Chico, will travel to Central America for the purpose of delivering aid to projects organized and run by Guatemalan women.

One of these courageous women, a union organizer named Marisa, works with women's committees within the unions. She has helped start an education center for women and children in Mesquital, a squatters' settlement of 11,000 people outside of Guatemala City. The education center in Mesquital includes a child care collective, primary school, clinic, and classes for women in literacy, health, nutrition, tailoring, stress reduction, women's constitutional rights, and support for dealing with domestic violence. When we asked Marisa what they most needed for the clinic, she told us, "We have already the walls, shelves and a table, so whatever you bring will be in addition to that."

Next, in the Mayan Indian highlands around beautiful Lake Atitlan, we will be meeting a group of about 30 Tzutujiles widows who are forming an artisan and weaving cooperative. They have the skills to make stoles, belts, "huipils," blouses, pants and skirts in typical Guatemalan designs. We will be bringing them money for thread and materials, as well as helping them develop an international market, through solidarity groups, for their art and weavings.

The Women's Campaign for Guatemala is also raising funds to help the Communities of the Population in Resistance (CPRs) provide the services they need and, with whatever small contribution we can make, to support their survival. Approximately 29,000 people live in the CPRs. These are communities of civilians who fled to the mountains and jungles in the early 1980s when their villages were destroyed by the Guatemalan military. For the last ten years they have lived as nomads resisting the army and refusing to abandon the sacred land of their Mayan ancestors. Working cooperatively they produce corn, rice, beans and soy, often only growing one crop before moving to avoid detection by the army. Most CPRs lack basic health services. Many of the children are underweight due to the lack of protein. The women suffer anemia and malnutrition resulting from frequent pregnancies and prolonged breastfeeding. They need money for food, medicine and basic living supplies.

In the early 1980s the Guatemalan military launched a devastating 18-month "scorched earth" campaign so violent that 440 villages were completely destroyed. More than one million Guatemalans (one out of nine) were internally displaced. Many fled to the cities, others to the mountains and jungles, and an estimated 200,000 refugees escaped to Mexico. When they arrived in Mexico most were in pitiful condition. Many were in shock from the horror they had experienced. Thousands settled in the Tapachula area of southern Mexico, working as laborers on the large plantations. Others gathered in refugee camps in the southern states of Chiapas, Campeche and Quintana Roo.

Within the refugee camps and settlements, a women's organization began to form around their concerns over improving family nutrition, defending their culture, learning their rights and protecting the welfare of their children, and by 1990 took the name "Mama Maquin." They spread their ideas from camp to camp, encouraging women to participate in agricultural production, weaving workshops, communal stores, and programs for training midwives, health promoters and educational

workers. Our group will be taking school supplies and medicines to the women of "Mama Maquin" as well as money to help support their projects.

Meanwhile, thousands of Guatemalan women carry on heroic struggles at different levels, in the workplace, in schools, in the highlands and the cities, in the Communities of the Population in Resistance, in the refugee camps, and in international work. We can bring them basic materials and supplies they need to make their lives and work easier. We can listen to their stories of tragedy and struggle and triumphs, and offer them our solidarity, and let them know the outside world hears them. But nothing significant will change in their lives until our government's relationship with the

Guatemalan government changes. With the most unequal land distribution in Latin America, 60 percent of Guatemala's arable land is owned by 4 percent of the landholders. US corporate support of export crops denies the people enough land for their traditional planting and only increases their hunger. US military aid heavily underwrites the Guatemalan army's brutal methods of war used against its own people.

If we listen closely to the stories of the Guatemalan people, we learn how interwoven our histories are. To weave a new and different history, we must struggle for change in our own government's policies towards Guatemala. No doubt the Mayans will continue their struggle. For 500 years they have resisted annihilation. According to an old Mayan saying: "They tore down our fruits. They cut off our branches. They burned our trunk, but they were not able to kill our roots." ■

A NEW FUTURE WITH

GUATEMALAN

WOMEN

BY VALORI GEORGE

Aid donations for refugee organizations can be dropped off at the Cabrillo College Women's Center or the UCSC Student Center. For more information, call 464-2315 or 423-8670. See this issue's calendar section for Women's Campaign for Guatemala events on May 23rd and 29th.

Valori George lives and works in Pacific Grove. She encourages women to share their stories and support each other's efforts towards change — from neighborhood to neighborhood and culture to culture.

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, May 26th for inclusion in the June issue (publication date: Thursday, June 4th).

THURSDAY, MAY 14

Pajaro Valley Unified School District will hold its second meeting to receive input from the community regarding school district budget reductions. The 25-member committee, consisting of both faculty and parents, is seeking suggestions for possible ways to cut \$2.7 million from the budget. Speakers will be limited to three minutes in order to ensure equal access. H.A. Hyde Elementary School Multi-purpose Room, 125 Alta Vista Ave., Watsonville, 7-9 p.m. Info: Peterson, 728-6240, or Janis Duran, 728-6283.

Janus Foundation Benefit Concert featuring recording artist Gary Lamb. All proceeds will benefit Janus Alcoholism Services. Kuumbwa Jazz Center, 320 Cedar St. #2, Santa Cruz, 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25, available at Janus of Santa Cruz or Cymbaline Records. Info: M'liss Keesling, 464-1602.

FRIDAY, MAY 15

Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District is holding a public hearing to consider final recommendations for the Fiscal Year 1992-93 Budget for the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit (Metro). Interested parties may submit recommendations orally or in writing. City Council Chambers, 809 Center St., 9 a.m. Info: Annabelle Cambier, 423-3855.

SATURDAY, MAY 16

Don't Panic, It's Organic: Composting is the natural way to recycle. Cut down on garbage, learn how to turn your food and yard waste into a valuable soil conditioner by attending a free workshop at the San Lorenzo Lumber and Garden Center, 235 River St., Santa Cruz. 10 a.m.-12 Noon. Sponsor: Ecology Action of Santa Cruz. Info: Piet Canin or Bonnie Wilson, 426-5925.

SUNDAY, MAY 17

Peace Day: The Art of Understanding Through Harmony, a Community Sing. Listen to and sing along with some of the finest performers and choirs in Santa Cruz County, including the UCSC African Gospel Ensemble, Gold Standard, Vicki Neville, Cabrillo Chorale, the Youth Honors Choir, and more. At the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium, 307 Church St., Santa Cruz. 2-4 p.m. Admission is free, donations are welcome. Childcare is available. Info: Zee Zaballos, 457-0909, or Winona Hubbard, 426-9113.

Resource Center for Nonviolence Annual Dinner & Program welcomes former editor of *Mother Jones* magazine and Bay Area journalist Deirdre English, speaking on "The Future of Feminism — After the Backlash" at the First Congregational Church, 900 High St., Santa Cruz. Dinner at 5:30 p.m., program at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for Dinner and Program are \$20-40 (sliding scale) for adults; \$5-10 for 12 years and

under; under 3 free. Tickets for program only are \$3-5. Tickets are available at the Resource Center for Nonviolence, 515 Broadway, or call 423-1626 for reservations and more information.

MONDAY, MAY 18

"The Collapse of Communism: Is China Next?" Stevenson Program on Global Security Spring '92 Colloquia presents Susan Shirk, UC San Diego professor of International Relations, Pacific Studies, Department of Political Science. Shirk's current research examines the politics of economic reform in the People's Republic of China. Silverman Conference Room, Stevenson College, UCSC, 4 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. Sponsor: Adlai Stevenson Program on Global Security. Info: 459-2833.

TUESDAY, MAY 19

Brown Campaign Fundraiser: Tuesday Night at Maxter's featuring Harmony Grits, and recording star Randy Battle, fundraising event for the Brown for President/Santa Cruz Volunteers. Maxter's Dance Club, 1602 Ocean St. \$5-10 sliding scale donation requested. Info: 426-8595.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

Christic Action Team of Santa Cruz presents Sara Diamond and Norman Solomon. Diamond, author of *Spiritual Warfare: The Politics of the Christian Right*, speaking about "Right Wing Opposition to Bush: The Real Agenda Behind the Buchanan Campaign." Plus, Norman Solomon, co-author of *Unreliable Sources: A Guide to Detecting Bias in News Media*, speaking about "Political Correctness: Myth and Reality." Trinity Presbyterial Church, 420 Melrose Ave., Melrose and Poplar, Santa Cruz, 7:30 p.m. Sliding scale donation: \$5-8, general; \$3-5, students, seniors, or low income. Info: 426-3254 or 426-2292.

THURSDAY, MAY 21

Who for President? Silenced Candidates Speak Out. Presidential candidates Larry Agran and Ron Daniels speak about the state of democracy in the United States today. Oakes College, Room 105, UCSC, 7:30 p.m. Donations requested. Sponsors: Nuclear Weapons Freeze, Resource Center for Nonviolence, Santa Cruz Students for Social Responsibility, Agran '92, and Daniels '92. Info: 458-9975 or 423-8658. A reception will be held for the invited speakers at 660 Escalona Dr., 4:30 p.m., \$10 donation requested.

SATURDAY, MAY 23

Women's Campaign for Guatemala Rummage Sale. All proceeds from the sale go to benefit Guatemalan refugee organizations. If you have saleable items to donate, please drop them off at the Cabrillo College Women's Center or at the UCSC Student Center by May 22. Sale will be held in the Calvary Church parking lot, 532 Center St., Santa Cruz, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Info: 464-2315.

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom Strawberry Festival featuring children's recording star Linda Arnold and other entertainment, craft booths, volleyball games and great strawberry

concoctions to buy and eat. This festival will help support the work of the Pajaro Valley branch of WILPF, the first bilingual branch in the US. 5451 Branciforte Dr., in the Santa Cruz Mountains, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Donations: \$1-5 (sliding scale). For carpool information call 728-8824 or 724-2778.

SATURDAY, MAY 23-MONDAY, MAY 25

Strategies for Solidarity, Western Regional Southern Africa Organizing Conference. The Bay Area Anti-Apartheid Network invites activists to a working conference designed to initiate new solidarity efforts and build a more effective regional anti-apartheid network. Conference presenters will include a delegation from South Africa with representatives from the African National Congress, CODESA (Convention for a Democratic South Africa), the trade union movement, and community organizations in urban and rural areas. Laney College, Oakland. Info: (415) 255-7296, (510) 549-0400, or (510) 444-5009.

7th Annual Red Road Celebration 1992 Pow Wow. A three-day Celebration of Sobriety, featuring drums, dancing, contests, and other events. Hosted by Casa de Fruta, 10031 Pacheco Pass Hwy., Hollister. Saturday, noon-midnight; Sunday, 1 p.m.-midnight; and Monday, 1 p.m.-midnight. Open to the public. Sponsor: Santa Cruz Indian Council. Info: Tina, 426-8211.

THURSDAY, MAY 28

Forum: Welfare, Women, and Politics to present diverse perspectives on California's welfare system, Governor Wilson's proposed cuts, and the impact on women, children, and students. Women's Center/Cardiff House, UCSC, 7:30 p.m. Sponsor: UCSC Women's Center, UCSC Politics Board, Re-entry Services, and Community Action Board. Info: 459-2072.

FRIDAY, MAY 29

La Mujer Indigena: The Indigenous Woman. An evening of dance, poetry, music, and art by women of color in commemoration of the 500 years of indigenous resistance. Featuring Dorinda Moreno, Chicana poet, activist, and Bay Area media artist. Calvary Church, 532 Center St., Santa Cruz, 7 p.m., \$5-10 sliding scale donation to benefit the Women's Campaign for Guatemala. Info: 464-2315 or 423-8670.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

Peace Through Music Concert featuring Nicaragua's Guarda/Barranco. Latin America's premiere new song duo, Guarda/Barranco are Redwood Music artists, and their music is produced by Jackson Browne. See them with new acoustic folk trio, City Folk, at the Kuumbwa Jazz Center, 320 Cedar St. #2, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance (Cymbaline Records), \$12 at the door. Sponsors: Resource Center for Nonviolence, Santa Cruz Sister Cities Committee, Coalition for Nicaragua, and others. Info: 426-2798 or 425-5686.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

Vigil to End 25 Years of Occupation. A vigil to mark the 25th anniversary of the Six Day War and to call for an end to the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. At the Santa Cruz Clock Tower, Water and Front St., 4:30-6 p.m. Sponsor: Middle East Working Group. Info: 423-1626.

African Dance Celebration featuring the Rhythmnomads (playing for the benefit of the Santa Cruz Ethnic Arts Network), and the Dandaro Marimba Band. With special guests, Joanne Bailey & Friends Dancers, and Ghost Productions II with Simbo. Louden Nelson Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz, 7-11 p.m. Sliding scale donations \$6-10 (\$10 includes SCEAN membership).

FRIDAY, JUNE 26-SUNDAY, JUNE 28

SANE/FREEZE Campaign for Global Security, Fifth National Congress. Three-day conference discussing topics such as military spending, nuclear disarmament, and global arms trade. Keynote speaker, Thomas Grey Wicker, *New York Times* editorial columnist. The Congress will be held at the Clubhouse Inn and Conference Center in Nashville, Tennessee. Info: Santa Cruz County Nuclear Weapons Freeze, or call Congress Coordinator Ray Sells at (615) 356-1139.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

6th Annual Japanese Cultural Fair featuring 30 booths of traditional and contemporary crafts, culture and cuisine, as well as business and community groups. Main stage entertainment by the famed Taiko Dojo of San Francisco, the East/West Players of Los Angeles, comedienne Amy Hill, and others. Mission Plaza, near Holy Cross Church, Santa Cruz, noon-6 p.m. Free and open to the public. Sponsors: the City of Santa Cruz and the Santa Cruz Sister Cities Committee. Info: 475-2115.

SANTA CRUZ LESBIAN, GAY, & BISEXUAL PRIDE WEEK EVENTS

Thursday, May 28: Two Nice Girls, Kuumbwa Jazz Center (Lea Lawson Productions).

Friday, May 29: *Waiting for Godette*, Kresge Town Hall (Bulkhead).

Saturday, May 30: PRIDE PROM, Cowell Dining Hall, UCSC (Pride '92).

Sunday, May 31: Picnic, Frederick St. Park (LGCC/Radical Faeries).

Monday, June 1: Closet Free Radio, KZSC (CFR Collective).

Thursday, June 4: *Together Alone & Voices from the Front*, Sash Mill Cinema.

Friday, June 5: Joey Arias performing Billie Holiday, Kresge Town Hall, UCSC (Bulkhead). *Together Alone & Voices from the Front*, Sash Mill Cinema.

Saturday, June 6: CONFERENCE, Louden Nelson Center (Pride '92). Lesbian & Gay film shorts, Sash Mill Cinema. *No Skin Off My Ass*, Sash Mill Cinema.

Sunday, June 7: PARADE, Cedar St. (Pride '92). CELEBRATION, San Lorenzo Park (Pride '92). *extramuros*, Sash Mill Cinema. *No Skin Off My Ass*, Sash Mill Cinema.

Monday, June 8: *extramuros*, Sash Mill Cinema.

Saturday, June 11: *Edward III*, Sash Mill Cinema.

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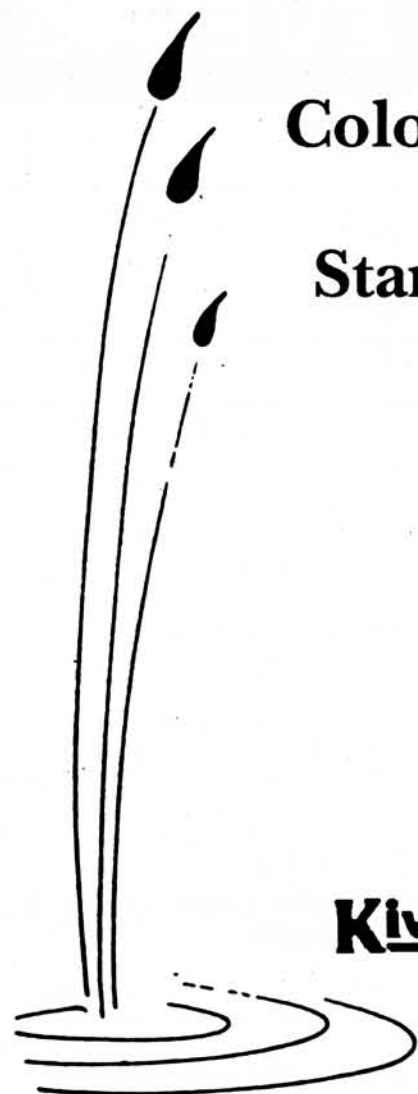


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ONGOING EVENTS

MONDAYS:

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.

TUESDAYS:

Santa Cruz Action for Big Mountain meeting and video. Last Tuesday of the month. Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz, 7:30 p.m. Info: 464-8633.

"The Open Door," a drop-in support group for battered women. 7-8:30 p.m., Free. YWCA, 303 Walnut St., Santa Cruz. Sponsor: Women's Crisis Support. 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, 911-A Center St., Santa Cruz. All HIV+ individuals are welcome. No fee. Facilitators: Terry Cavanagh and Alan Lamb. Info: 427-3900.

Support Group for Women with HIV/AIDS. Meets one Tuesday evening each month from 6-7:30 p.m. No fee. Sponsor: Santa Cruz AIDS Project. Info: 427-3900.

Support Group for Family and Friends of People with HIV/AIDS. Alternate Tuesdays 5:30-7 p.m. No fee. Sponsor: Santa Cruz AIDS Project. Call for info and registration: 427-3900. Must call first to register.

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. 7:30 p.m., 509 Broadway, Santa Cruz. Info: 426-3254 or 426-2292.

People for Animal Liberation meeting. 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Rec Room, Hidden Valley Apts., 200 Button St., Santa Cruz, 7:30 p.m. Info: 429-5698.

City of Santa Cruz Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women. 1st Wednesday of the month. City Council Chambers, 809 Center St. Info: 429-3546.

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, 6-9 p.m. Info: 425-3193.

Cabrillo Students for Social Responsibility Meeting. Cabrillo Fireside Lounge, Cabrillo College, 7 p.m. Info: 458-2719.

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. Must call first to register.

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, 911-A Center St., 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 457-0931 or 427-9510 for location.

"The Open Door," a drop-in support group for battered women. 7-9 p.m., Free. YWCA, 303 Walnut St., Santa Cruz. Sponsor: Battered Women's Task Force. Call 335-3371 for information or to request childcare.

Support Group for Children and siblings of people with HIV/AIDS. Alternate Thursdays, 5:30-7 p.m. No fee. Call Santa Cruz AIDS Project to register: 427-3900.

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:

Green Party Meeting. 1st Sunday of the month. Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz, 4-7 p.m. Info: 425-3193.

Vigil for Lasting Peace. First Sunday of each month, 12-2 p.m., Window-on-the-Bay Park, Camino El Estero and Del Monte Ave., Monterey. Sponsors: Women's International League for Peace & Freedom, Monterey Branch; and the Peace Coalition of Monterey County. Info: 372-6001.

Women's International League for Peace & Freedom, Monterey Branch, membership meeting. 1st Sunday of each month, 2:30-4:30 p.m., (following vigil). Call 372-6001 for location.



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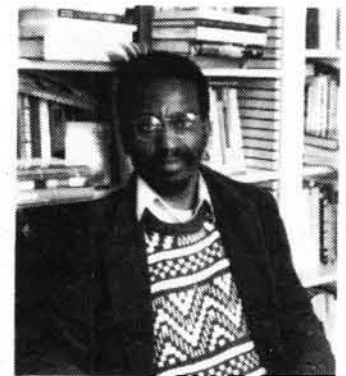
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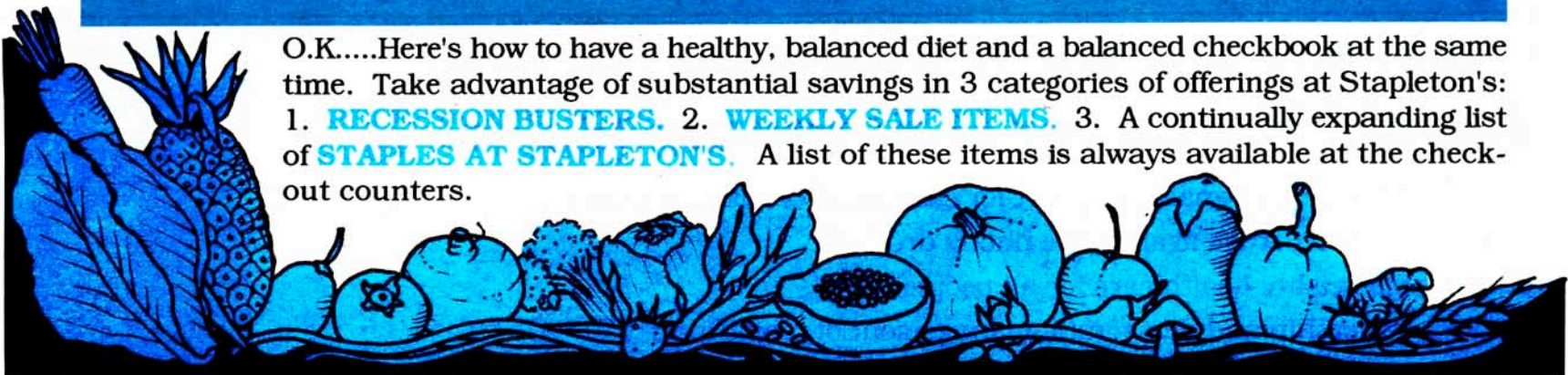
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