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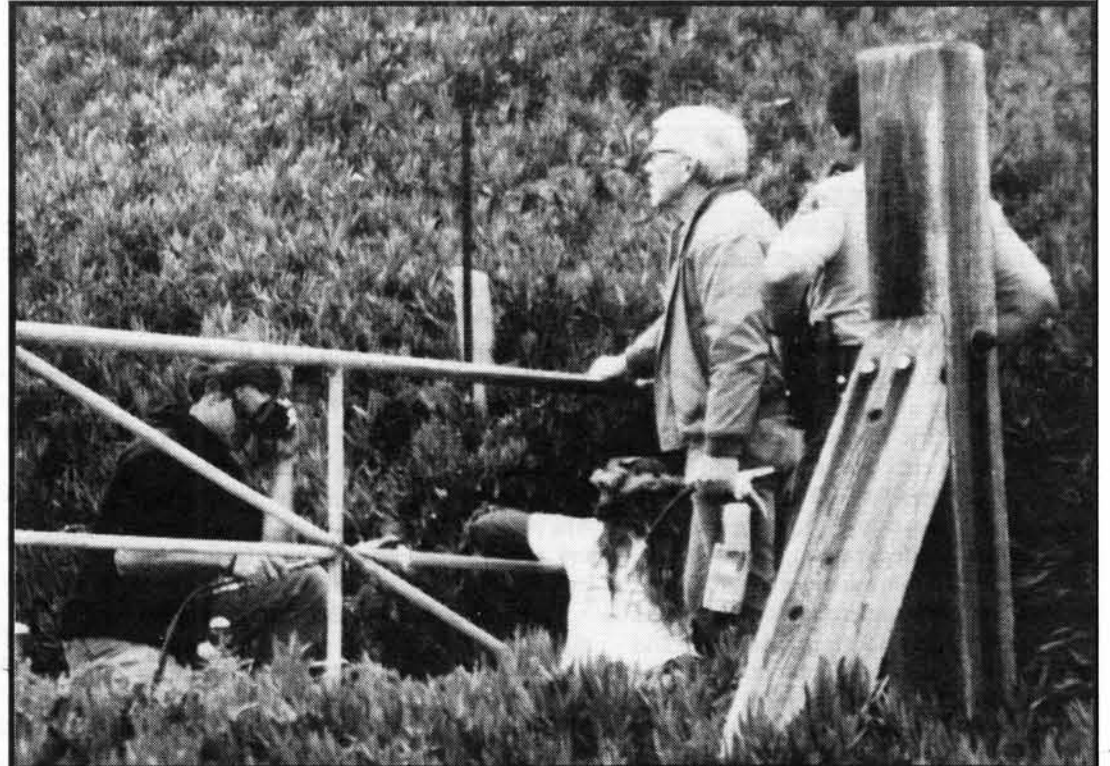
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On June 8th, Earth First! members blocked logging trucks and chained themselves to a gate at the Big Creek sawmill near the town of Davenport to protest logging of ancient redwoods. In late April, Big Creek Lumber Company began logging in the watershed of Butano Creek, an area which contains some of the last privately held ancient redwoods in the Bay Area. This photo shows a worker using a blowtorch to dislodge an activist chained to a gate.

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### RATE CANDIDATES ON GAY & LESBIAN ISSUES

While I very much appreciated your May article which clarified where political candidates stand on various issues, I thought that one important criterion was missing. How do they feel on issues which affect the gay and lesbian community, such as domestic partnership laws, anti-sodomy laws, etc.? For myself, and other gays and lesbians (as well as other broad-minded progressives), knowing this can have a serious effect on our voting habits. Unless politicians are asked these questions while they are running for office, unless they are forced to address these issues and take a stand, electing public officials who desire a meaningful change in the ways that gays and lesbians are treated in this society will remain a considerable challenge.

Daniel Yost  
Santa Cruz

### REFLECTIONS FROM RIO

The world felt that the Earth Summit was a success in spite of the highly publicized sabotage by the US delegation, and it is a triumph of the value of world cooperation. Why did President Bush risk the anger of the world community by pressuring for a weak CO<sub>2</sub> emissions treaty and refusing to sign the bio-diversity treaty? What were the "jobs" he was talking about saving? His spokespeople in Rio couldn't explain what jobs he meant to the press. These were more jobs lost when Reagan eliminated the solar tax credits and solar energy companies. Some solar businesses right here in Santa Cruz went down the tubes.

The answer is more sinister than "jobs," and it involves the evil transnational corporations (TNCs). One quarter of the world's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions come from the US. We have the most responsibility to cut them, but Bush is an oil man. What is less clear is his refusal to sign the bio-diversity treaty to protect the world's plants and animals.

It's not the new bio-tech companies that were hot on the stock market last year, for according to *Wall Street Week in Review*, these are generally small, one-product companies that don't seem to be going anywhere in the market. He is protecting the transnational corporations and the world seed industry. The bio-diversity treaty would give some protection to the countries of origin of the genetic material. But the World Bank and the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) has recommended that agricultural research centers join the race for privatization and enforce intellectual property rights on the resources they hold

in trust, according to Vandana Shiva, Indian expert on bio-technology and leader of WEDO, Women's Environment & Development Organization. The World Bank/CGIAR are attempting to patent the genetic material collected from the farmers and then turn it over to the TNCs who sell it back to the farmers. Patenting the seeds would make it a crime for farmers to hold back seed for replanting. This thievery can be halted by the bio-diversity treaty which will protect the raw materials of the farmers and the southern countries from exploitation.

One of the UNCED principles, Principle 13, is important because it would make possible some regulation of transnational practices. There was discussion at Rio among the WILPF (Women's International League for Peace & Freedom) delegates about grassroots activities in democratic countries to tax or fine the TNCs to make them clean up their environmental devastation with a percentage going to world budget of Agenda 21. In the US, it was felt, we could use the initiative process to fine "runaway" companies who leave the country for cheap labor, unregulated environmental laws, and a climate of repression of union activity. A good example is Grand Met/Green Giant, a multinational that left Watsonville and is devastating the environment in Irapuatu, Mexico.

In all historic and exciting discussions & treaties at the Earth Summit, the US was the odd man out, flagrantly disregarding

the environmental needs of the Earth. If the Democratic Party takes a strong environmental stand, we can make the sensible change in our government which would use our resources to correct environmental disasters, use the defense budget to make jobs in reconstructing the social needs in this country. With US know-how, we could make environmentally sound products, sell them to the poorer southern countries with soft loans and put all of America to work for a better world.

Pat Arnold  
Santa Cruz

### NUCLEAR FREE ZONES OR BRAINS FREE ZONES?

May's issue was very disturbing. What does it mean for Santa Cruz to be the 181st nuclear free zone when every apartment has a nuclear irradiating smoke alarm slowly killing its inhabitants? When Fort Ord, Livermore, Alameda Navy Base, Mare Island Navy Base, Concord Ammunition Depot, and UC Berkeley all have great quantities of nuclear items within an hour's drive and most sit upon major earthquake fault lines? Have we lost our collective minds, with PG&E still having "hot" nukes at Eureka and just outside Sacramento, and the UC Regents still having 40,000+ barrels of nuclear waste lying open on the ocean floor by the Farallones in our prime crab and fish resource area? Have we ignored Chernobyl's irradiation of the world six years ago, its estimated

800,000+ deaths over 50-70 years, the absolute food supply destruction of Denmark, Sweden, Lapland, Finland, and Norway, and their export of irradiated foods worldwide? (See *The Aftermath of Chernobyl*, C.C. Bailey, 1989.) Who noticed the *San Francisco Examiner's* 5/2/92 article entitled "Iran has Missing Warheads..." about the theft of several nuclear warheads from the Soviet nuclear test site at Kazakhstan?

I mean, we are a global village; we are under a president and Congress elected by about one half of one quarter of eligible voters; in a "village" where the top 1 percent owns as much as the bottom 90 percent; and have just witnessed in Los Angeles, San Francisco and elsewhere that there is no justice, that all pleas for human decency are met by President Bush's bombs, bullets, and bulldozers, and our current, cowardly war is against our own helpless welfare/disabled American citizens...? Nuclear free zones, indeed! More like brains free zones.

I love Shelly D'Amour's essays, but take issue with her failure to tell us in plain language what it means to have 12 Trident II subs out there with 2,304 warheads, 50 MX missiles in Wyoming, 12,000 or so more nukes here and there. Is it known to all and therefore need not be said that Trident sub crews can launch nukes without the O.K. of the president or Congress?

Isn't it common knowledge that conditions within military service are horrible, each member treated like garbage, and a lunatic could release Trident missiles?

It is time to destroy every nuclear facility, every nuclear weapon, in the world, before these small-minded "great leaders" or an enraged, insane serviceperson destroys the world. Every incumbent elected official must be voted out, women and minorities must be voted in, the justice system made fair, the Pentagon voted out, the military-industrial complex dismantled. Otherwise, we are doomed.

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# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By Shelly D'Amour

## Supreme Court Takes Pressure Off States to Open Nuclear Dumps

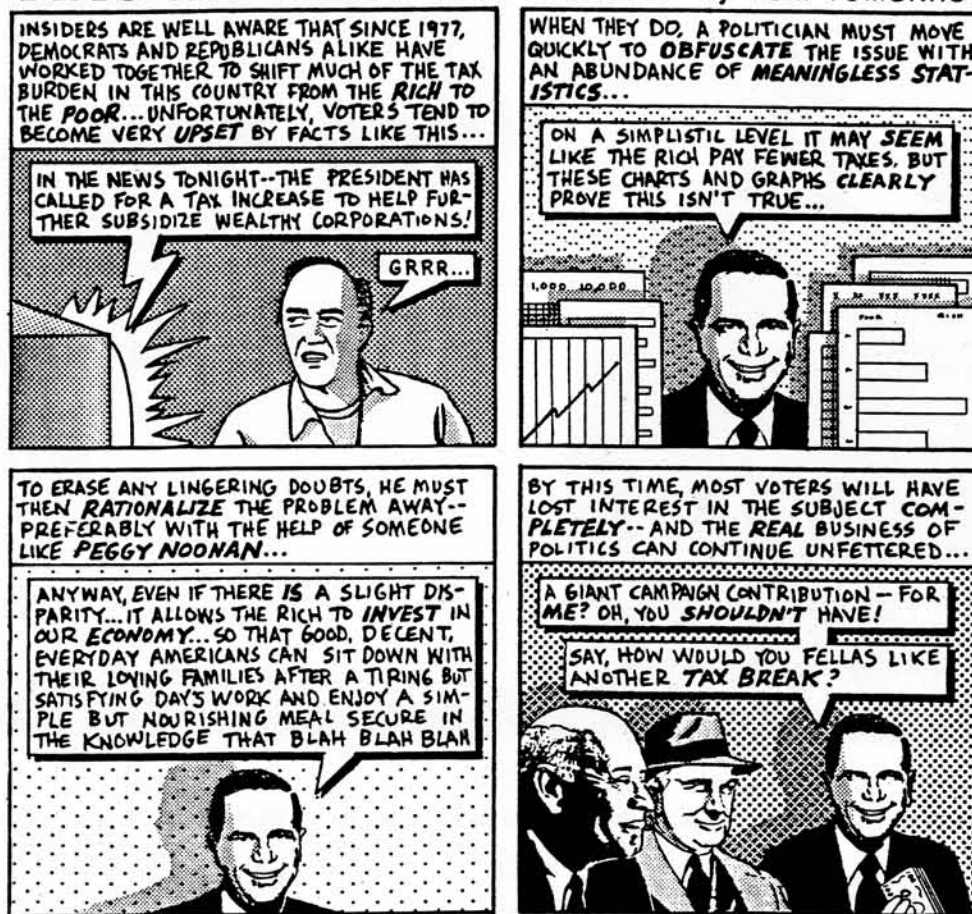
Last month, the Supreme Court struck down a congressional mandate that would have held states legally responsible for disposal of all low-level radioactive waste generated within their borders. The 6-3 ruling sets aside the key enforcement mechanism of the 1985 Low-Level Radioactive Waste Act, which required states to have disposal sites in place — either individually or through a regional pact — by January 1, 1996. To date, only three states have their own disposal sites, while 39 states, including California, are participating in compact agreements which would situate dump sites for regional use. Eight states have indicated they will build their own disposal facilities.

The suit, brought by New York and 15 other states, charged Congress with violating constitutional provisions guarding states' rights. The 10th Amendment provides that powers not expressly given to the federal government are reserved for the states. In writing for the majority, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor stated that Congress had "crossed the line by infringing upon the core of state sovereignty reserved by the 10th Amendment." At issue was whether the Congress could compel states to "take title" of the waste by January 1, 1996 if disposal sites are not in place, making the states legally liable for damage incurred after that date.

The ruling comes at a time when the states are struggling over when, where, how, and under what conditions low-level nuclear wastes will be disposed of. About a million cubic feet of low-level waste is produced in the United States each year, 70 percent of which is generated by the nuclear industries and 30 percent of which is produced by medical and manufacturing sources. Contaminated items include clothing, plastics, pipes, and equipment. Federal law mandates that such materials be securely contained for 500 years.

In challenging the 1985 law, New York argued in essence that since most of the radioactive waste in question is produced by the nuclear power industry, Congress was unfairly assigning legal responsibility for it to the states. In response to the Supreme Court ruling, New York Governor Mario Cuomo stated that the burden of responsibility had now been appropriately shifted

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back to the nuclear utilities to come up with additional or expanded waste facilities, and indicated that states might be willing to enter into partnership with the utilities to provide additional storage for medical and manufacturing waste. The governor is only partially correct.

While removing the assignment of legal responsibility from the states (that is, states can't be sued for damages), the Court did leave intact the major portion and intent of the law, which stipulates that states must either join in regional affiliation to provide for low-level waste disposal, or come up with individual disposal sites. The Court also affirmed the right of states which have their own dump sites, and which are not part of a regional affiliation pact, to deny access to out-of-state waste.

While viewed by New York and others as a victory for states rights, the ruling does not excuse states of the ultimate responsibility to come up with plans to effectively deal with nuclear

waste disposal. What the ruling did do was remove the enforcement mechanism, rendering the congressionally imposed deadline of January 1, 1996 meaningless. Without the congressional mandate as incentive, states may be inclined to put off locating disposal sites as long as possible, knowing that any site chosen will be an unwelcome one to area residents.

### STAR WARS

In a series of votes, the House rejected amendments aimed at cutting a House Armed Services Committee recommendation of \$4.3 billion for Star Wars (SDI) for fiscal year 1993. The Bush administration was seeking \$5.4 billion. The current year's budget is \$4.15 billion.

An amendment sponsored by California Democrats Ron Dellums and Barbara Boxer, seeking to reduce funding to \$1.2 billion for research purposes only, went down to defeat 117-248. An

amendment offered by Illinois Democrat Richard Durbin to reduce funding to \$3.3 billion was also defeated 162-212.

The funding comes at a time when the Pentagon is seeking to redefine the Star Wars program, shifting the emphasis away from Ronald Reagan's concept of a protective shield toward more modest, if equally deadly, aims that include deployment of a ground-based system by 1996. Last August, the Senate approved funding toward the deployment of up to 100 ground-based interceptors at a site outside of Grand Forks, North Dakota. Pentagon officials have stated publicly that the deployment would not violate the terms of the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty, which does allow for up to 100 ground-based missiles to be located on a single site. However, a recent internal Pentagon study indicates that the deployment poses a serious threat to the 1972 treaty.

Conclusions expressed in the April 30 document would seem to confirm the fears of many that the Grand Forks deployment is the foot in the door toward expanding the SDI program to embrace a network of ground-based deployments. While the initial deployment of 100 interceptors may be technically in line with the terms of the ABM Treaty, subsequent deployments would require renegotiation or outright abrogation of the 1972 accord. The report notes: "A defense of the continental US would seem to go beyond the regional defense of the ICBM field at Grand Forks allowed by the treaty." Clearly, it is not in the Pentagon's interests or plans to preserve the ABM Treaty by limiting Star Wars deployment.

The Senate is on record in support of the ABM Treaty and, up until now, has focused on the proposed single-site deployment as though it existed in a vacuum apart from Pentagon plans for the SDI program as a whole. This latest report, leaked by an SDI critic within the Pentagon, may force the Senate to examine the larger framework of the program as consideration of the 1993 defense bill moves forward.

### FOREIGN AID

Events in recent weeks have provided several interesting examples of how



foreign aid is used to further US political objectives, particularly in Latin America. The House Foreign Operations subcommittee is currently marking up foreign aid proposals for fiscal year 1993 which begins October 1. On the table is a request from President Bush for \$27 million in military aid to the government of El Salvador. At press time, there are no amendments pending to restrict or cut off the aid. This year, Congress approved appropriation of \$21 million in so-called "non-lethal military aid" for El Salvador that was sitting in the pipeline, but which had not yet been expended. The majority of this funding was transferred to assist with demobilization efforts, once the peace accord was reached, bringing an end to 12 years of civil war.

The same committee is also considering suspension of aid to Nicaragua due to dissatisfaction with the progress of the Chamorro government in ousting the Sandinistas from positions of influence within the government. House Foreign Operations Subcommittee chair David Obey (D-WI) and Senate Foreign Relations Committee member Jesse Helms (R-NC) have issued statements indicating that, in their opinion, Chamorro is making insufficient strides toward stamping out Sandinista participation in government and in the armed forces.

One Third World leader who has been making enormous strides in stamping out popular participation is getting the nod from the Bush administration. The administration recently confirmed that it has resumed the flow of food and drug-war related assistance to the government of Peru. This past spring, Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori shut down the assembly and supreme court and suspended the country's constitution in an effort to address what he termed the pervasive system of corruption within the country. Since then, thousands have been jailed, and many others tortured, executed, or "disappeared," according to international human rights organizations. Fujimori recently announced that he would hold elections for the constituent assembly in October. The aid disbursement did not require the consent of Congress. ■

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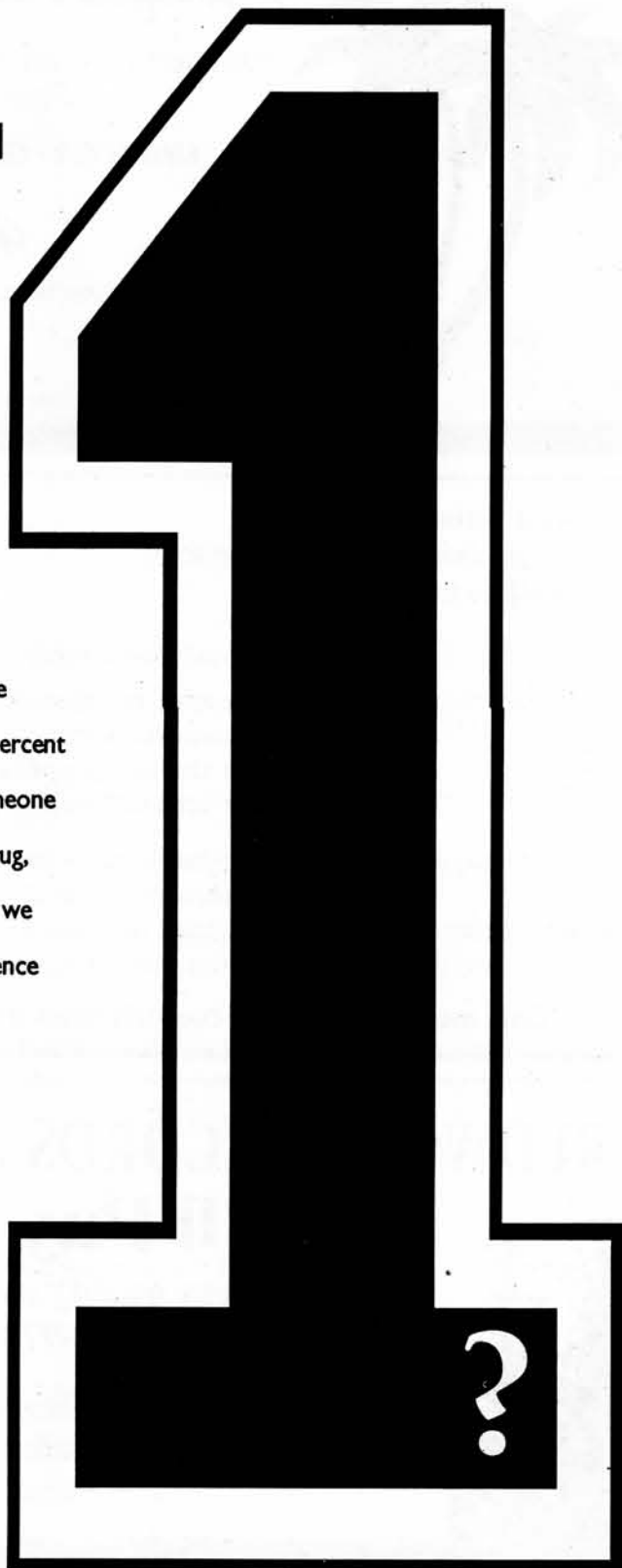
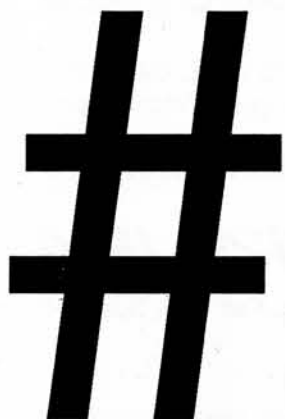
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# Who's



We throw away the bottom 10 or 20 percent of our people. Someone has to lose, we shrug, as a nation, and so we justify the convenience of the majority.

by Pete Shanks

Since we live in the world's largest, richest and oldest democracy, we have the most immigrants, who take advantage of our high taxes to get access to the world's best medical treatment and education.

*Not quite true.*

The first sentence contains at least six errors.

•India is the world's largest democracy, by population; Canada is by area, unless you count Russia.

•Swiss GDP (gross domestic product) per capita is about 40 percent higher than ours, although their prices are high. The Germans may overall be in the best shape economically.

•In the last 15 years, more people have immigrated to Germany than to the US. The world's mobile poor are voting with their feet.

•We pay the lowest total taxes of any major industrial nation. Our rich in particular get off very lightly, with a maximum rate of 34 percent compared to a European norm of between 50 and 70 percent.

•We spend the most money on health care but we die young. Our overall infant mortality rate is twice Japan's, and for African-Americans it's much worse — black males in Harlem have a lower life expectancy than those in Sudan. Universal access to health care is an assumption in every other industrialized country. Even Maggie Thatcher, the prophet of privatization, didn't dare abolish the British National Health Service.

•We do spend a bigger percentage of GDP on education than Japan or Germany (although we pay teachers less) but their students beat ours in tests. Worse, far more of our kids leave school illiterate.

There are other questionable assumptions in that first sentence — we're only the oldest democracy if you count the days when the law said women weren't voters and blacks weren't people — but the conclusion is clear: our national myth is one of denial.

"We're Number One" plays very well in the marketplace, as we are about to see in the relentless pursuit of advertising at the Barcelona Olympics later this summer. But even there, the claim is largely bogus. At last year's track and field world championships, we won ten gold medals; Kenya, however, won four, with a population of about 23 million to our 243 million. Per capita, the Kenyans did four times as well as we did. Who's Number One?

This is one of the ways facts are blurred to increase our comfort. The USA is a very large country, so we are often at the head of the quantitative lists. Factor in population and you often get startlingly different comparisons.

Foreign aid, for example, is under attack because we give away nine billion dollars a year (plus military "aid"). That's more than any other country except Japan. It is also less per capita than at least 15 other countries. We give \$36 each; the Germans give \$78, the French \$127 and the Swedes \$196.

We also spend about \$1,061 each on "defense," where they spend \$552, \$395 and \$364, respectively.

The Germans, French, and Swedes are not fools, they just have a somewhat broader and more inclusive sense of responsibility to their fellows. In the last 30 years, the world's rich (the top 20 percent) have seen their income rise from 30 times to 60 times as much as that of the poorest 20 percent. One fifth of the planet's population ekes out a living on less than \$250 a year.

No one can say with authority how much generosity is appropriate, or how much help anyone else deserves. We can say, however, that Americans are stingier than Europeans.

Both internationally and domestically, one conclusion leaps out from the statistics: We don't care about the poor. We throw away the bottom 10 or 20 percent of our people. Someone has to lose, we shrug, as a nation, and so we justify the convenience of the majority.

But who is the majority? Another pernicious lie is that the average American is middle class and makes \$50-60,000 a year. Actually, half of all American families make \$35,000 a year or less.

Now, that doesn't sound too bad. But most of them are two-income households (58 percent of all American families, presumably a much higher proportion of the one-third making \$15-35,000); so we are talking about \$17,500 each. That's \$9.25 an hour, given the average work-year, which sure beats minimum wage but looks pretty derisive to a skilled, union worker.

The current front-runner for president of the United States, a software salesperson called Ross Perot, made \$69,312.17 *an hour* last year, assuming he also worked the normal 1,890 hours.

America has the least egalitarian society in the developed world. We have by far the largest proportion of people making less than half the median income (17.6 percent compared to Germany's 5.6), the smallest proportion in the middle third (barely half of Americans are middle class by that definition), and by far the highest-paid corporate executives. Our rich are getting richer by the minute — the collective wealth of the 400 richest families in the country tripled in the 1980s, according to *Forbes* magazine, while average Americans lost money.

It used to be claimed that life here was better than it had ever been anywhere in history. Perhaps it was. For the very rich, perhaps it still is, if they can succeed in ignoring their consciences. For the rest of us, median household income peaked in 1973, bottomed out in '82 and then rose very slowly until the current recession. It's still stagnant.

Of all the statistics in the fascinating book *Where We Stand* (by Michael Wolff et al., published by Bantam at \$24), which includes many of the facts cited above, the most remarkable is this: 67 percent of American employees are satisfied with their benefits. Yet Americans have the worst benefits in the industrialized world. We average 12 days vacation a year, while in Europe the legal *minimum* varies from 18 to 30. We have the least parental leave (typically zero), the shortest notice if we get fired (ditto), the smallest amount spent on labor training programs.

Evidently we can't imagine that things could be better.

The lesson from looking at international comparisons is extremely simple: We can do better. And the first step is admitting we have a problem. ■

*Pete Shanks spent three years studying economics and emerged none the wiser.*

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# PETER LUMSDAINE TOOK AN AX TO A NAVSTAR SATELLITE, AN ACTION THAT COULD EARN HIM 10 YEARS IN PRISON.



Peter Lumsdaine and his daughter Lucy.

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## WHY DID HE DO IT?

Interview by John Govsky

On May 10, 1992, Santa Cruz residents Peter Lumsdaine and Keith Kjoller entered the Rockwell International facility at Seal Beach and began dismantling military guidance satellites. They were quickly apprehended, and now face the federal charge of damage to property being manufactured for the US government — a charge which could result in up to ten years in prison. Currently out on bail, both will enter a guilty plea on July 13, be taken into custody, and will be sentenced in August or September.

Peter Lumsdaine has worked for over 15 years doing research, writing, public speaking, and nonviolent resistance organizing in the areas of peace, ecological protection, and global justice. He is a child of social science researchers for the Pentagon and the Air Force who also were involved in peace and justice work. Lumsdaine, 37 years old, is a UC Davis alumnus and a former US Department of Energy research consultant.

Lumsdaine initiated and took part in a series of back-country security zone occupations from 1982-'87 which disrupted missile and warhead tests at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Cape Canaveral, and the Nevada Test Site. In 1985 he started the First Strike Prevention Project, which focused on the dangers of first-strike nuclear weapons. Lumsdaine has also

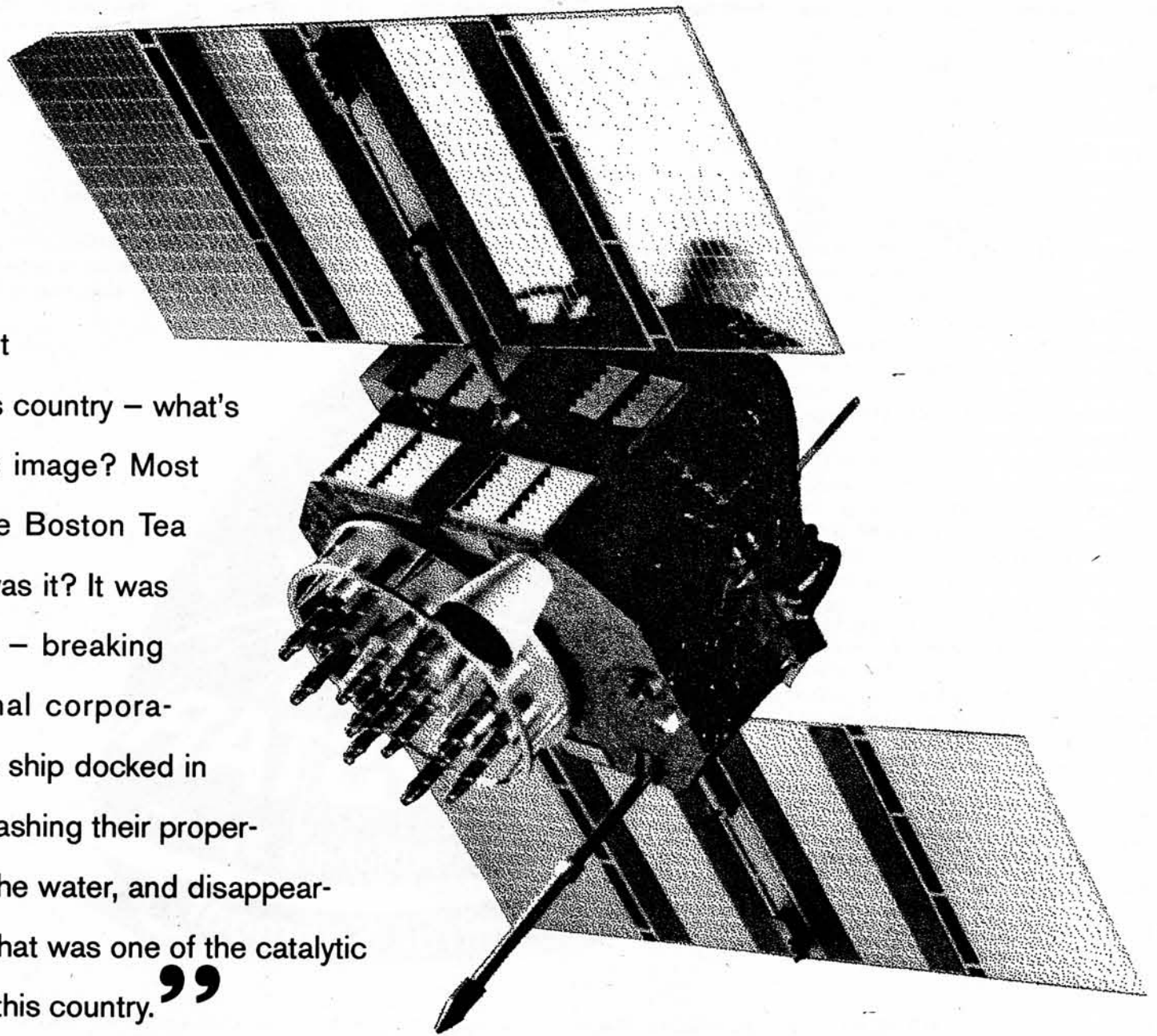
worked against nuclear power as a staffmember of the Abalone Alliance Diablo Project Office, an organization fighting PG&E's Diablo Canyon plant. From 1986-'91 he served on the National Coordinating Committee of Mobilization for Survival. In 1987 Lumsdaine co-founded, with Kjoller and others, the Lockheed Action Collective, whose four-year education and resistance campaign at the Trident II facility near Santa Cruz led to over 400 arrests.

Lumsdaine's activism stems, at least in part, from his religious convictions. He worked as coordinator of Silicon Valley's Interfaith Peace Coalition in 1990 and '91, and is currently a member of San Jose Pax Christi.

Peter Lumsdaine has lived in Santa Cruz since 1986. He has taken care of his four-year-old daughter, Lucy, half of the time since she was born. He is currently working on his first book, *Dawn Over Zero: Nonviolent Guerrillas in the Heart of the War Machine*.

This interview took place on June 6, while Lumsdaine was in Santa Cruz. (Because Keith Kjoller had to stay with relatives near Santa Barbara as a condition of his bail, he was not available to be interviewed in person. Kjoller has indicated that, in the future, he may be writing to The Monthly Planet from jail.) > > > > > > >

“Think about the founding of this country — what's the most dramatic image? Most people think of the Boston Tea Party. Well, what was it? It was people — radicals — breaking into a transnational corporation's premises — a ship docked in Boston Harbor — trashing their property, throwing it into the water, and disappearing into the night. That was one of the catalytic founding events of this country.”



**The Monthly Planet:** Peter, could you describe the events leading up to your and Keith's arrest and tell me how you even managed to get into such a facility as this Rockwell plant?

**Peter Lumsdaine:** There was definitely some preparation for this. For one thing, we were wearing facsimiles of security badges which were not identical to the real ones, but from a distance looked similar. There was a considerable amount of research and preparation. I don't necessarily want to go into all the details, but basically we ascertained that this facility was where the NAVSTAR GPS [Global Positioning System] satellites were built and this building was where they were stored. The Seal Beach compound there, which is the Rockwell International world headquarters, is fairly heavily guarded and patrolled. The main thing I would say about it is, it's neither as easy nor as difficult as people might imagine to get into places like this. It required research and work and practice and care and, I would say, a certain amount of good fortune — or divine providence. At the same time, I think if people are really interested in getting into such facilities, and really work at preparing for it, it is definitely possible to do.

**MP:** So once you got in — I guess dressed as Rockwell employees — you made your way into a room containing the satellites?

**PL:** Inside of Building 86 there were two "clean rooms" used for the assembly and testing of the satellites. These are dust-free environments where the air is highly filtered because even tiny particles of dust can disrupt the inner workings of these satellites. These two clean rooms were next to each other and Keith began breaking into one of them with one of the tools we had — primarily a couple of ordinary wood splitting axes, hardware-store type. He took out three large glass panels with metal grating inside of them, which broke the dust-free seal on the room and scattered tiny particles of glass and metal into the clean room. While he was doing that, I was breaking into the smaller clean room, and actually got to one of the two completed satellites which was wrapped in plastic and ready for shipment to Cape Canaveral, where they're launched. I simply used the ax to get the wrapping off and start dismantling as much of the satellite as I could. There were about 60 ax punctures in the satellite, I was told later. This satellite had to be completely disassembled by Rockwell, to assess and repair the damage, which Rockwell is now estimating is at least \$2.5 million, although there is no independent verification on those figures.

**MP:** In light of the recent, some would say dramatic, progress in arms control, why do you feel that the NAVSTAR system is so significant?

**PL:** Well I'd say there are at least two or three parts to that answer. NAVSTAR has been in the works for many years. High-level military officials have testified in front of congressional committees that this is one of the most ambitious and far-reaching programs ever undertaken by the Pentagon. It is considered a "force multiplier program," which means that it enhances military capabilities at many different levels. So even if one sets aside the strategic nuclear confrontation and the strategic nuclear weapons situation — which I want to come back to — even if one sets that aside in the current era, NAVSTAR is very crucial to US military intervention all over the world. It is particularly valuable for the precision targeting of weapons — for example, those used in the Gulf War, and also in Third World counterinsurgency campaigns.

In the Gulf War it's significant, I think, what NAVSTAR did not do. It didn't get rid of Saddam Hussein. It didn't protect the Kurdish or Shiite rebels from being massacred with Saddam's US/NATO/ Russian weaponry. What it *did* do was to guide cruise missiles into very precise targeting areas and knock out the civilian infrastructure of Iraq, particularly the electric power grid. So in the Gulf War it played a precision targeting role to take out first the air defense system, and then enabled them to take out the electric power and other parts of the infrastructure of Iraq, which we

know has had disastrous consequences for the civilian population.

**MP:** Then you're saying that the NAVSTAR system is already in place?

**PL:** It's partially in place — about half deployed. There are 12 or 13 operational "Block 2" production satellites that are now in orbit out of 24 the Air Force plans to use. When the system is completed they will be able to get very precise latitude, longitude, altitude, velocity and time, 24 hours a day on every square inch of the Earth's surface. So there will be a radical increase of capabilities as the second half is deployed, if people allow that to happen. Right now they can only use it for certain hours and for some areas of the planet.

**MP:** Rockwell emphasizes the civilian aspects of NAVSTAR — so you're saying that NAVSTAR is primarily military?

**PL:** Yes, it's definitely a US Air Force system. It was conceived of, designed by, funded by, and remains controlled by the military. There are certain civilian spin-offs they like to talk about, such as earthquake predictions through surveying, or finding lost fishing boats. But NAVSTAR precision capabilities are really not necessary for most of that. In any case, it's sort of like I.G. Farbin saying in the 1940s that Zyclon B gas was very useful for public sanitation

through rodent control in cities. Well, okay, it was used for that. It was also used to gas people in the extermination ovens at Auschwitz.

It's very important for people to realize that NAVSTAR is ideal for certain kinds of crucial counterinsurgency operations. The traditional advantage of lightly armed peasant guerrillas or civilian refugees, like the communities hiding in the northern mountains of Guatemala or the Philippines, is that they know the local terrain. They know every valley, every riverbed, every twist and turn. Whereas the forces tracking them, for example the Guatemalan and Philippine armies with their US advisors, are not so familiar with these remote areas. But NAVSTAR gives you your precise position. It will tell a search-and-destroy patrol, helicopter gunship, or bomber aircraft its precise location so it can be guided exactly to its target. I'm sure the Blackhawk helicopters which the US military just sent to the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, and Jamaica, supposedly to fight the drug wars by finding clearings in the jungle, are going to be fitted with NAVSTAR receivers. Anyone who knows anything about the Guatemalan military realizes those are going to be used against its own Indian population. The Pentagon's Special Operations Command was so impressed by NAVSTAR's performance in the Gulf War that they said in *Aviation Week* magazine that they're going to put NAVSTAR receivers on all Special Operations Command aircraft everywhere in the world.

**MP:** *It sounds like you're more concerned with NAVSTAR's conventional uses than the nuclear aspect of NAVSTAR.*

**PL:** I think the use of NAVSTAR for counterinsurgency and regional wars in the Third World, and the kind of violence that's going to bring to civilian populations is very, very critical. I also think there is an enormous illusion going on in terms of our strategic nuclear situation. These agreements that have just been signed by Yeltsin and Bush are a case in point. First of all, the most dangerous aspect of the nuclear arsenal is the capability to launch a preemptive first-strike attack. Contrary to the headlines in the *L.A. Times*, it is arithmetically provable that this situation is remaining at least as bad, or probably getting worse, because of these agreements. As land-based missile silos are reduced in number and warheads, it means US Trident nuclear missiles — with enhanced accuracy provided by NAVSTAR — have fewer targets. The US will have the kind of first-strike accuracy necessary for a preemptive attack.

Second, even if all of these agreements are completed there will remain thousands of strategic hydrogen bombs, with firepower significantly in excess of what was calculated in those famous nuclear winter studies.

Third, these agreements are only on paper. At this moment, while we're talking, while people are reading this paper, we are at the highest level of strategic nuclear warheads in history. All of this other stuff — START, Post-START, Yeltsin/Bush — is all on paper. But even if it is implemented we'll retain an incredible level of apocalyptic firepower — and an increasing temptation to use it in a crisis if there's a new government that comes into power in Russia that's much more hostile to the US. If we have learned anything

from the last five years it's that the geopolitical alliances and balances can change very fast. The threat to life on the planet is still very much there and technology is pushing in directions where the temptation to use it will be much greater if a new crisis arises than it was during the last Cold War standoff five or ten years ago.

**MP:** *You've explained why the focus on NAVSTAR. Why do you feel that this type of a direct disarmament action is necessary? Why did you feel that you needed to do what you did?*

**PL:** Well, understanding what changes societies in history is very difficult for anybody, no matter what your position is. But over many years it has become increasingly clear to me that civil resistance — including direct disarmament or sabotage of the ruling elite's technology and property — has historically been a very key part of grassroots movements' power to pressure governments into different policies. It's a very American tradition. Look back over the years at the major changes in this country: independence from Britain, abolition of slavery, the right of women to vote, the right of labor unions to organize, the desegregation of the South, the end of the Vietnam War, and even the nuclear power cutbacks and the environmental movement of the last couple of decades. All have occurred only at the point when people were willing to take significant risks to directly resist and interfere with the power structure. I think there has always been a critical catalytic element of direct resistance in successful movements, and I think it is very true now. To a large extent this country is really asleep and we need to wake up both in terms of our interventionary wars in the Third World, and also in terms of the continuing critical nuclear danger of these continuously upgraded, modernized weapons.

Think about the founding of this country — what's the most dramatic image? Most people think of the Boston Tea Party. Well, what was it? It was people — radicals — breaking into a transnational corporation's premises — a ship docked in Boston Harbor — trashing their property, throwing it into the water, and disappearing into the night. That was one of the cat-

alytic founding events of this country. The Underground Railroad also. Breaking the chains and stealing the property of the slave masters to liberate the sisters and brothers in the South who were kept on the slave plantations. This runs all throughout American history, up to a middle-aged, middle-class gentleman in the Midwest who became known as the Fox for carrying out "ecotage" actions in the '70s, and Earth First!'s ecotage actions of the '80s and '90s. The burning of the draft files during the Vietnam War — there were half



a million files that were destroyed by saboteurs during the Vietnam War and it caused a major problem for the government. This includes the Plowshares Actions, of which ours is the most recent. I also think that if enough people are willing to do this, and to really try to take out as much carefully chosen strategic technology as possible, it will create problems and limitations for how the military-corporate empire can operate.

**MP:** *You and Keith referred to yourselves as the "Harriet Tubman-Sarah Conner Brigade," in your press releases. I see Sarah Conner, the fictional character from Terminator II, as a violent revolutionary. Why did you choose such symbolism while maintaining an attitude of nonviolence?*

**PL:** Well, I think there were a couple of reasons, and I think it's actually very important. Both names, in some sense, were an attempt to sort of connect with the psyche and culture of this country. Harriet Tubman, of course, is someone who many people have heard about as a conductor of the Underground Railroad, and in fact she is a personal heroine of mine. She always amazed me because she was willing to go back, again and again and again, and take these enormous risks upon herself to break the slave masters' chains and steal their property, to liberate her sisters and brothers from the slave plantations of the South. In fact she went back many times and brought hundreds of slaves to the North and acted as a catalyst for the whole crisis over slavery that occurred in this country, which led to its abolition.

Sarah Conner likewise, though in a different way. *Terminator II* is a movie which millions of people have seen, with famous actors and actresses. I never had intended to see it until it was recommended to me by Keith. I found it quite extraordinary. It is true that Conner does have a stockpile of weapons and sets out to kill the engineer who is designing the trigger for World War III. But I think there are a couple of important things to see about this. One is that we live in a desperately violent world and most of that violence is institutionalized, technological, bureaucratic violence. I personally believe nonviolence is the way, and it's the way we need to find as we move into the future. But I can't condemn, and in fact I greatly respect, the women and men of El Salvador, Nicaragua, Guatemala, who have chosen to resist the death squads in their country, even though they find it necessary to take up arms. Similarly, Sarah Conner found herself in a desperate position where she saw a global holocaust coming. She's portrayed as a very unusual, but very dedicated individual. It is interesting, however, that through the process of the movie, her son convinces her that killing people is not the way to go about stopping even this overwhelming holocaust, and he commands the robot they've allied with to not kill anybody. But they do thoroughly demolish the demonic technology of Cyberdyne Corporation.

It is a mythic story of the kind Joseph Campbell talks about — a modern, mass media myth which, within a science fiction framework, contains some very critical truths people need to see. I think it was a very powerful and important film, a kind of cultural time bomb in the subconscious of this country. And I think it will have positive consequences in terms of people's awareness about what is happening and needs to happen on this planet.

**MP:** *You and Keith surely must have known that you would face severe consequences for this action. When you planned and carried this out, were you expecting that you would get caught and go to jail?*

**PL:** We certainly had prepared for the option to leave undetected. But we also knew at the point we got into the factory and saw the situation there that our chances of being apprehended were very high, and we were prepared for that. For people to carry out actions such as these, disappear into the night, and then issue anonymous statements about it is, I think, effective and totally legitimate.

**MP:** *The prosecutor has indicated that she might try to portray you as a violent activist. What's your response to this?*

**PL:** I'm sure that part of it is that the government and Rockwell are very unhappy about what we did. There was a lot of damage to the satellite and they're very worried other people will hear about this and be inspired to do similar things. In terms of what the prosecutor said about us becoming desperate and frustrated — it's really not true. For many years I've supported and publicly advocated Plowshares Actions and nonviolent ecotage actions, and I've always thought it was an important aspect of the resistance movement. As for our "violence," if you think about walking by somebody's house and you see an adult

beating a child, or one adult beating another adult with a stick or a pipe or something, it is clearly violence. And there's a moral responsibility, I think, to intervene in that kind of situation. But if you go by somebody's house and you see them remodeling their garage, taking out a wall or something, it doesn't even go through anybody's mind for a second — the most placid person in the world would never think, "Gosh, they're doing something violent." When you see on TV the Russians blowing up a missile under the INF agreement, everybody says, "Oh great! disarmament!"

So the issue is not really property damage, it's property ownership. And property ownership really cuts to the very root of the false values our society is largely built on. I think that is why there is such a strong, conscious reaction from the establishment, and even a unconscious reaction from many people in the movement who still somehow have this conditioning that property is sacrosanct. Property is somehow not to be touched, not to be tampered with. Even though that property, if it's not dismantled, will be used to terrorize, torture and kill innocent people and children. And so to me it is very clear, in relation to the prophecy of Isaiah, that for swords to turn to plowshares, the hammer, in fact, does have to fall. I think that true disarmament — truly stepping away from the threat of military terror to enforce our national and corporate plans — is not going to happen from the top. Not unless people at the bottom are willing to resist, to begin carrying out this process of disarmament as thoroughly as they possibly can. We have to begin taking those risks for peace and resistance and disarmament which are routinely taken by soldiers in war all over the world.

**MP:** You will probably spend at least the next several years in jail. What can people on the outside do to support you and Keith?

**PL:** Well, you know Keith and I have talked about this and Keith can speak for himself but I think we're in pretty close agreement. I have two primary concerns. One is that people help out with time and donation's in support of my daughter, Lucy, and her mom during the time I'm locked up. I believe the next point also relates to Lucy as well as many other children, parents and other human beings around the world. This is for people who want to support us, and sympathize with us, to organize and resist military-corporate violence. We are starting to see it spill more and more into the United States, with the upheaval in Los Angeles and with the increasing militarization of the US/Mexican border. I'm sure that the INS helicopters and jeeps are going to be fitted with NAVSTAR receivers, again to track people down through the deserts and arroyos of the Southwest, to keep out the refugees fleeing from the poverty and violence our system inflicts in Latin America. And again, all the way up to increasingly plausible regional and global wars with these high-tech weapons being developed.

So, I think it's essential for people to take action. Organize and directly resist the war machine. For me, that is very important in considering what sort of society and what sort of planet my daughter is going to have to grow up on. So that's what I would say is the most important

thing for people: organize and resist the high-tech military violence being increasingly prepared and increasingly used on this planet. And also, the personal support for Lucy is important, very much so.

**MP:** Many people have wondered how you could take such an action and be prepared to go to prison for an extended period of time when you have a four-year-old daughter.

**PL:** That is a very difficult and important question, and I would like to address that. I love Lucy very much, and I take my responsibility as a parent very very seriously. But part of that responsibility is to defend Lucy and other children from the incredible violence being carried out, and increasingly prepared for the future of this planet and its children. Many years ago Elizabeth McAlister and Phillip Berrigan, in an article about their early Plowshares Actions titled, "In Defense of the World's Children," talked about this very question. They also had young children when they did these early actions.

Certainly there is a great double standard being used in American society. When parents, either mothers or fathers, have dangerous jobs — police officers, firefighters, international relief workers, soldiers or reservists called to duty in the Persian Gulf — they may be separated from their families and kids for many months in harsh conditions. They risk being captured, imprisoned, injured, or killed, and they often do it out of some sense of duty. And most people's reaction when they read about such people is: "These people are willing to take on a tough, dangerous job." There's sympathy and perhaps sadness if these people are captured, taken hostage, or killed. But it's not: "What irresponsible parents!" Well this is an enormous double standard.

As I said before, I do not think it is possible for us to break the grip of military violence on this planet unless people are willing to take the kind of risks for peace and disarmament, through nonviolent resistance, that soldiers everywhere throughout history are only too ready to take for war. If people feel this kind of resistance is more appropriately carried out by those who do not have young children, then I would only encourage them to step forward and begin to carry out these actions as effectively and as promptly as they can. ■

*On Friday, July 3rd, a "Picnic with Peter Lumsdaine" will be held at 5449 Branciforte Dr. in Santa Cruz from 6-9 p.m. A \$2-10 sliding scale donation will benefit the defense fund for Peter and Keith. Call 429-1182 for information.*

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*John Govsky is the editor of The Monthly Planet.*

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## The Gulf War Was Also a Rehearsal for Horrors Still to Come

Remember those obscene video-game images of smart bombs, zipping down chimneys with pin-point accuracy? They were only a tiny fraction of the firestorm unleashed on Iraq, but they were vital field trials for the space-based technology that the Pentagon is developing. The Star Wars budget is still as large as ever — over \$4 billion; Bush asked for \$5.4 billion — and still central to the marketing strategies of the titans of the defense industry.

The Cold War may be over, and some old-fashioned nukes may be scheduled for retirement over the next few years, but the U.S. is still testing in Nevada (twice in mid-June) and still plans on having enough warheads to destroy the planet many times over. Support the Freeze! If you can, consider donating to the Nuclear Weapons Freeze, one of the best-respected peace groups in Santa Cruz County.

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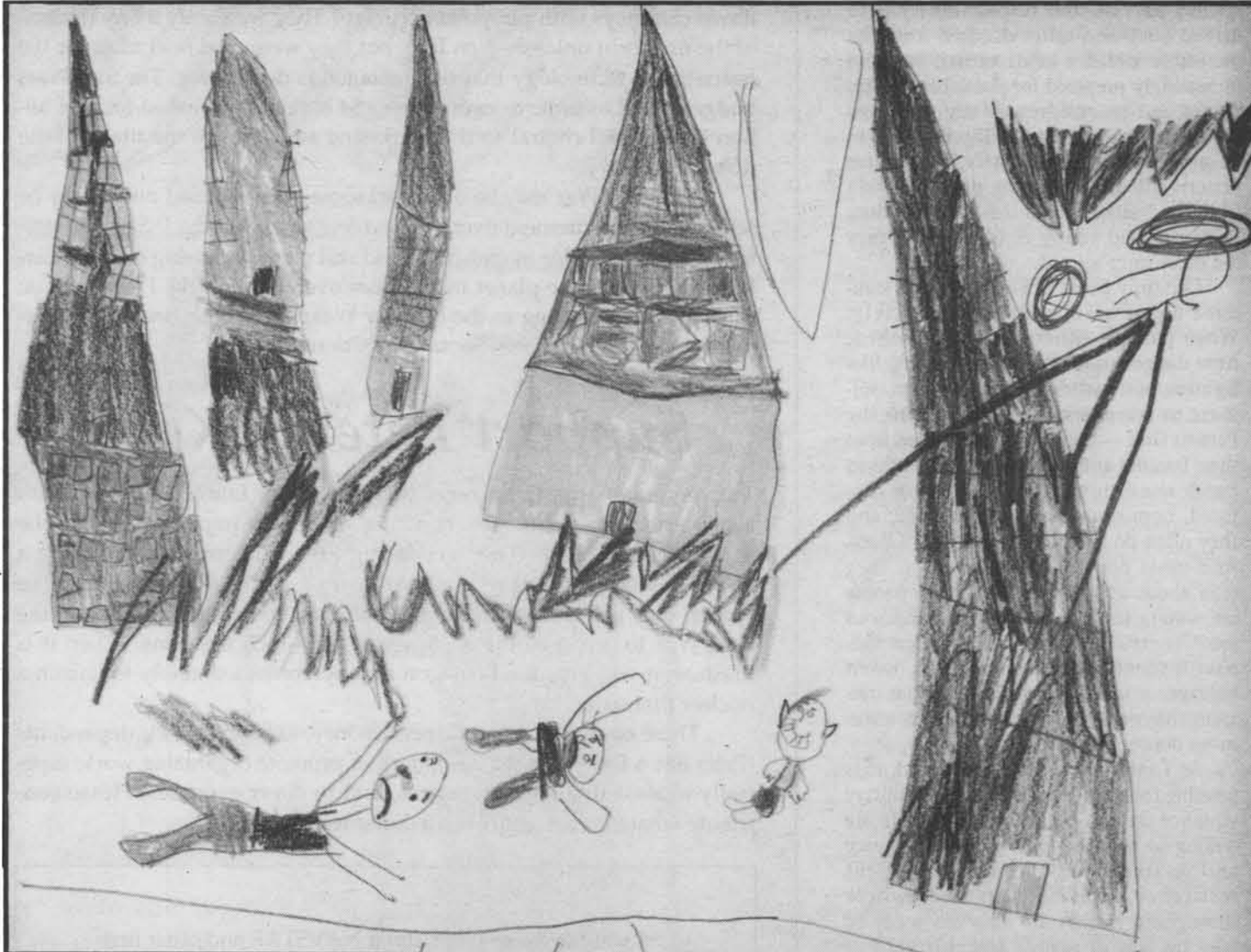
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# CENTRAL AMERICA REPORT

By Lois Muhly

## Children Pay for the Panama Deception



Okay, there live the people who loved El Chorrillo a lot. Here the gringos from the airplanes and from the helicopters shot bullets and killed the people because they don't like El Chorrillo.

These are the people who died because they shot bullets; one house here was all destroyed. Here was the rocket that they made and burned the houses. I feel sad because I don't want them to do this to Chorrillo. There where the gringos are we were living. I didn't want to live there because they are very bad and he sees what they did to Chorrillo.

This is a helicopter that shoots bullets. This is a child that is crying

because they killed its mama and the little brother also, they left him alone.

Because Noriega demanded to the gringos and the gringos hunted him. I believe that the gringos still believe in him because there are some Panamanians that are sticking to them and they are closing the streets so the buses don't pass.

Look at the news on TV and there all the people go out, the ones that have a necktie here, they are closing the streets.

I was sad when he did that, I like El Chorrillo a lot and I liked it a lot.

— Ayessa (5 years), Panama, August 31, 1990

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On June 11, while on his way to grace the world environmental conference in Rio de Janeiro with his presence, our kinder, gentler environmental president, George Bush, chose to stop off in Panama to again reach into his bag of political tricks. His mission this time, as once before, was to bolster his sagging image as a political leader in the US and the world. And why not? Two and one-half years ago his Operation Just Cause — the invasion of Panama, with the aid of a cheer-leading US news media, had served to accomplish this end. His plan was to

tell his staged Panamanian audience that democracy in Panama had been reborn under the US-installed president, Guillermo Endara. Unfortunately for our president, no one told him that Endara's approval rating was a meager 8 percent, perhaps most of whom were in his flag-waving audience.

The world now knows that Bush's four "just causes" for the invasion, i.e., to "restore" democracy; to defend the Panama Canal; to save American and Panamanian lives, and to apprehend Manuel Noriega, were part of a great deception for which hundreds (perhaps

up to 3,000) of innocent Panamanian men, women and children paid with their lives.

The true objectives of the invasion were twofold: 1) to wipe out all vestiges of the Panamanian fervor for national sovereignty which had become a major obstacle to the Bush administration's intentions to continue its military presence in the Canal Zone beyond the year 2000, (the limit imposed by the Carter-Torrijos Treaty), and 2) to groom President Bush for a second run for the presidency.

The destruction of the Panamanian

army and its demonized leader, the nefarious Manuel Noriega (who had proselytized the people's fervor for national sovereignty) served both objectives. One cannot forget the headlines in our mainstream press shortly after the invasion: "Bush Hits Political Jackpot with Invasion of Panama" and "Bush Hits Home Run with Invasion — Lays Image of 'Wimp' to Rest."

On the morning of December 20, 1989, the military onslaught by US forces was most intense in the neighborhood of El Chorrillo. This neighborhood housed the Comandancia, the headquarters of Noriega and the Panamanian Defense Forces, and the poorest, most disenfranchised members of the city's population. Without warning the sleeping inhabitants, bombs, rockets, rapid-fire machine gun bullets, and cannon fire from helicopters fell upon the people of this impoverished neighborhood. Remnants of the Panamanian army were soon overwhelmed by the Goliath from the north.

Those citizens who remained mobile after the first intense strike were ordered to evacuate to the count of 30, being allowed to take nothing with them. Over their shoulders they could see the flames of their homes being burned to the ground as they fled. A week of lawless pillaging and havoc followed the attack. Survivors were relocated in 10-by-10-foot cubicles in hangars at Fort Albrook, where most stayed for almost two years. All of these experiences had tremendous impact upon the children of the target areas.

In August of 1991, my husband and I returned to Panama after a three-year absence to film and otherwise record the aftermath of the invasion. We observed many shifts from the attitude of hope for sovereignty and liberty we had experienced on our visit in 1989, prior to the invasion. We found Panama to be a militarily occupied country where there was great fear among those who were the leaders in the quest for national sovereignty, even though they were not necessarily in support of Noriega.

In the course of our search for information about the invasion and the post-invasion impacts on the people, we met Antonella Ponce, one of the teachers displaced by the 40-percent cuts to education after Guillermo Endara took over the government.

Inspired by the United Nations Declaration protecting the rights of children refugees of war, ratified in September of 1990, she applied to the UN and received a grant to work with the kindergarten children of El Chorrillo who had been traumatized by the pre-Christmas attack. From January through April, 1991, she befriended these children, played games with them, taught them how to use the materials of art, taught them songs, talked with them and, listened.

During these four months of creative therapy she asked the children to draw pictures of their experiences of the invasion and to express their feelings which, at last, through her work, they could bring to light, in words which were recorded by her on film.



A book entitled *Las Casas son para vivir, Que no vuelva la guerra (Houses Are for Living, May War Not Return)* was made of the children's drawings and explanations, and was published by CELA, an arm of the United Nations which works with children refugees of war.

Hector Collado, a Panamanian intellectual and refugee of the Chorrillo conflagration, received the National Prize of Literature, "Ricardo Miro," in 1990, for the prologue to the book. He wrote, "Death rained suddenly and we are left without country, without home. Our lives were estranged for an eternity and a rancorous fire was instilled forever in the memories of 2,800 families.

"The children, the drawings, here reunited, testify to an hour of anguish, sadness and uncertainty that does not stop happening for the unfortunate members of the community of El Chorrillo, the 'Little Hiroshima,' as it was labelled by agencies of the press."

The shock of the event left the children unable to speak about it with anyone. Collado describes this aspect of the trauma: "The child, soon after the event, resists believing it. He/She hardens tenderness and says to us, with the drawings shown, there is no repose. We must inherit the sequels of 'the war of December,' that which UNICEF has named 'a lost generation, a future of men and women whose childhood was assassinated.'

"The children know there was a war, a killing: that genocide converted many of them into orphans; that the neighborhood was scattered and the area reduced to dust and ashes.

"I don't wish to speak of death or wilted flowers, but I know that in some place in the body of the history of the lives of these children they have retained imprinted the ravages of the conflict: the destruction of the victim house; the destroyed balcony in the fragments of building materials; the porch, the window suffocated by smoke and the dramatic vision of the neighbor with child in arms devoured by flames."

Had President Bush read this prologue, he might have avoided stopping in Panama, thus saving our country embarrassment additional to that which he caused in Rio. In Bush's pride of accomplishment at overcoming this minuscule nation and installing his own puppet government, he demonstrates a profound ignorance of the seeds of hatred that have been sown among the people of Panama by his so deeply wounding this country and its people.

The recovery of these children is hampered not only by the sudden disaster of the invasion, but also by the immediate eruption of looting and destruction of the downtown area. The "have nots," recognizing the tie between the US government and the Panamanian upper class which allowed this calamity to happen with little resistance, expressed their anger upon the shopkeepers.

Collado worries that this, too, will have its effect upon the development of the children, saying, "The following disorder, to which the community was submitted, places itself squarely in the path of the future of our children. For

them it constitutes a violent blow. — And is it perhaps that there is no sadness when the human race kills itself?"

Describing the children's art, he says, "...each picture is a peephole into the darkness of the punishment of December; this night poisoned by hatred, arrogance and superiority of the greatest magnitude. Pictures of children, sons and daughters of simple parents, rustic expression, as basically being the saying and doing of children, reveal their preoccupation for the permanence of the human species and their own affirmation in the universe."

Two and one-half years after the US invasion ousted dictator Manuel Noriega there continues to be widespread drug trafficking, money laundering and corruption. The civilian police force, which is slowly being supplemented by former army personnel is not yet large enough to take care of the crime that now exists. Panama, now

heavily dependent on US aid, is under pressure to establish economic and political stability by 2000, when it takes over Panama Canal. Five thousand Panamanians still languish in jails for crimes allegedly committed during and subsequent to the invasion.

While Bush callously tries to make political capital out of the crime he committed in Panama, the innocent children of El Chorrillo are left to confront each day the reality of fear, poverty, crime and the psychological scars which are the legacy of Bush's "Just Cause." ■

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This 90-minute documentary reveals the untold story behind the invasion of Panama: tells how the US military ravaged parts of Panama, killing thousands; exposes the true motivation for the invasion and explains how and why the US media collaborated with the US government to censor information and deceive the American public.

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# NGOs: The Unsung Heroes of

# RIO

by patricia carney

**W**hile disappointed that more meaningful commitments were not made by the government officials attending last month's Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, we must not overlook the fact that this unprecedented event happened at all. There were many historic firsts: 176 nations met, with all but six represented by a head of state; a conference of this stature met in a Southern nation; a US president and Fidel Castro were in the same room; over 30,000 people gathered for two weeks of intense negotiations, networking, and education focusing on the environment.

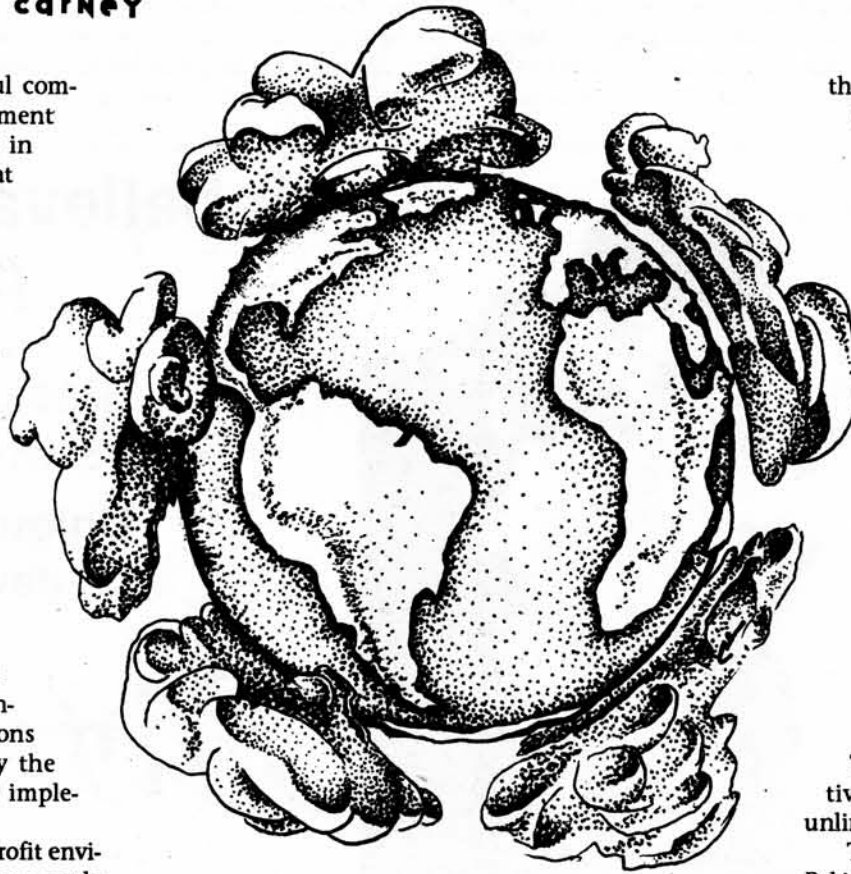
The press coverage of the Earth Summit, or UNCED (The United Nations Conference Environment and Development), has informed us that substantial commitments will not be made by many governments. Very little has been said, however, about a major behind-the-scenes force that was a positive, powerful component of the Earth Summit: the NGOs. NGOs, or nongovernmental organizations, are nonprofit organizations from around the world that are recognized by the United Nations to work with the UN and help implement its programs.

As the executive director of EarthSave, a nonprofit environmental and health organization that educates people about food choices and the power of the individual, I had the wonderful opportunity to network with NGOs in Rio.

While we may not have gotten exactly what we wanted or needed from the Earth Summit, an enormous amount of positive action has begun. We left with the strong message that — even if governments won't take leadership — individual citizens, organizations, and businesses will take significant actions, and that the mechanisms are in place for this to happen.

UNCED had been in the works since the first preparatory meeting two years ago (PrepCom I in Nairobi, Kenya). In 1990, the NGOs were far from organized. However, by the end of PrepCom IV this last March, the NGOs had rallied together in frustration over their governments' inability to address the seriousness of the environmental and developmental crises. During the Earth Summit, the NGOs negotiated and signed treaties that are much stronger and more detailed than those stated in Agenda 21, the official government agreement.

Creating a clear and concise document that would take into account the diverse cultural interests and environmental situations represented by the many NGO delegates proved to be a difficult task. Despite a two-week time constraint, no real prior structure to work within, 95° heat and 95-percent humidity, and the language barrier, groups of 10 to 60 people representing organizations from around the globe took part in the tedious process of negotiation, resulting in the development of over 30 different treaties ranging from Forests, Fresh Water Availability, and Poverty, to separate mandates for The



Roles of Women, Youth, Farmers, Sustainable Agriculture and Indigenous Peoples. (Contact EarthSave in Santa Cruz for a copy of the Sustainable Agriculture Treaty.)

While the treaties are not legal documents, they do represent and articulate the mutual commitments of NGOs to work on various global problems. This will include specific projects; education of individuals, governments and corporations; increased networking and sharing of information with other NGOs; and interaction with governments to insure that they follow through on what commitments they made by signing Agenda 21.

While government delegates met at Riocentro on one side of town, two major series of NGO events took place at the other end of Rio: the Global Forum and the Earth Parliament. The Global Forum, a huge 35-tent exposition, included lectures, symposiums, and task forces where environmental, human rights and developmental groups from around the world displayed information. The Earth Parliament consisted of meetings and presentations by indigenous peoples and religious groups. The few US senators who attended these events were surprised to discover the large number of US citizens, the cross section of society they represented, and the fact that these were "regular" people and not extreme activists.

I found a high level of integrity and commitment among the NGO representatives. Most people were not interested in laying blame, or in seeing what they and

their nations could obtain, but rather, everybody wanted to make a clear assessment of how we arrived at this state of global degradation so that we can all proceed to improve it. At UNCED we strengthened the networks and organizations of people who will be assisting to magnify the actions of individuals. We, the people, must continue to increase our educational efforts and daily actions, especially when governments fail to see the urgency.

Communication between people — people usually separated by barriers of culture, nationality, distance, and language — was a critical step made by the NGOs. I learned that people of developing nations do not want handouts; they want fair trade and investment, without requirements that foreign methods be used. They want respect, equal opportunity to learn, and equal opportunity to apply knowledge in their own lands. They do not want to adopt the totality of an industrialized lifestyle, for they see many of its economic, environmental and social drawbacks. They want, rather, to exercise options to the destructive methods of development based on concepts of unlimited growth.

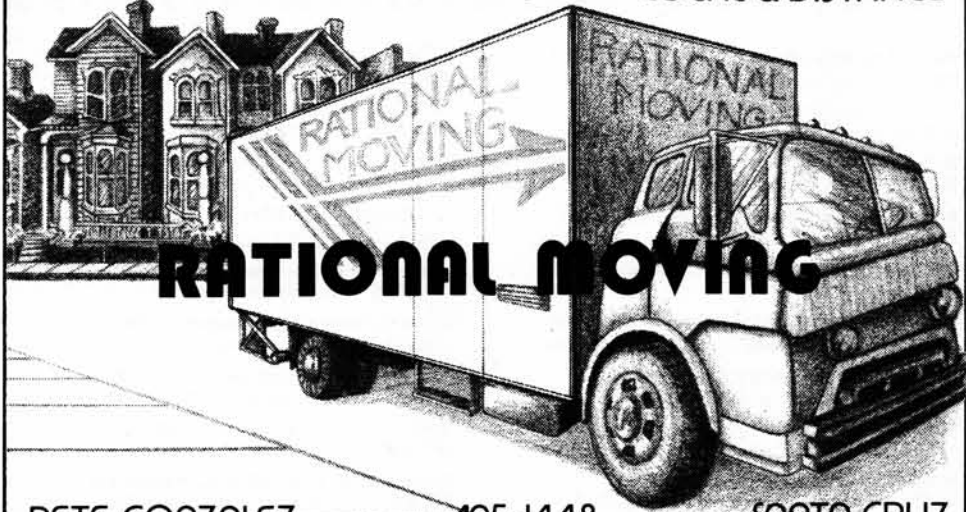
To sit and hear rural peasant women from Bengal, Pakistan, and Nepal speak in their native tongues of their life and their desire to have access to the same education and land benefits as the men, of their 16-hour work days, of the improvement they have made in their lives because of UN programs and their own determination, and of the strides they've made in eliminating toxic pesticides and fertilizers, was to get a small understanding of just how far apart our worlds are. It is clear that we in the US, the over-consumers of the world, have a very short time in which to voluntarily and gracefully make the necessary changes in our lifestyles and attitudes — before they are made for us by the forces of change and necessity.

The most effective people and groups at the Earth Summit were those who worked from a place of opportunity, enthusiasm, appreciation, and joy. It is clear that the most effective way to make these changes is by making this an opportunity for creativity and coming together. The growing coalition of NGOs is a reflection of growing grassroots activity worldwide and represents a cohesive new global force for thoughtful, positive action. ■

For more information on NGOs, contact the US Citizens Network, 300 Broadway #39, San Francisco, CA 94133; 415-956-0241. Agenda 21 or any of the NGO treaties are available online through the computer network EcoNet, 18 de Broom Street, San Francisco, CA 94107; 415-442-0220.

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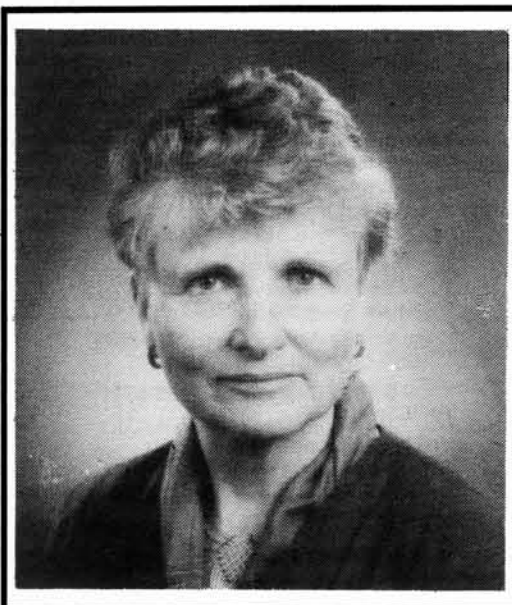


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# Peace & Justice CALENDAR

Calendar items must be typed or legibly written and sent (along with any photos) to *The Monthly Planet*, 320-G Cedar St, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, or faxed to 429-8889. We do not take calendar items over the phone. We must receive your listing no later than 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 29th for inclusion in the August issue (publication date: Saturday, August 8th).

## FRIDAY, JULY 3

**Picnic with Peter Lumsdaine** to benefit the defense fund for Peter and Keith Kjoller, Santa Cruz activists who performed an action of direct disarmament on NAVSTAR satellites, and now face a federal court trial. 5449 Branciforte Dr., Santa Cruz, 6-9 p.m. A \$2-10 sliding scale donation is requested. Sponsor: Stop First Strike/Lockheed Action Collective. Info: 429-1182.

## SATURDAY, JULY 11

**Introduction to Zen.** A workshop including instruction in sitting meditation, a short period of Zazen meditation, and discussion relating to meditation to mindful awareness of daily life. 113 School St. (off Mission Plaza), Santa Cruz. 9-11 a.m. Free. Sponsor: Santa Cruz Zen Center. Info: 457-0206.

## SATURDAY, JULY 11

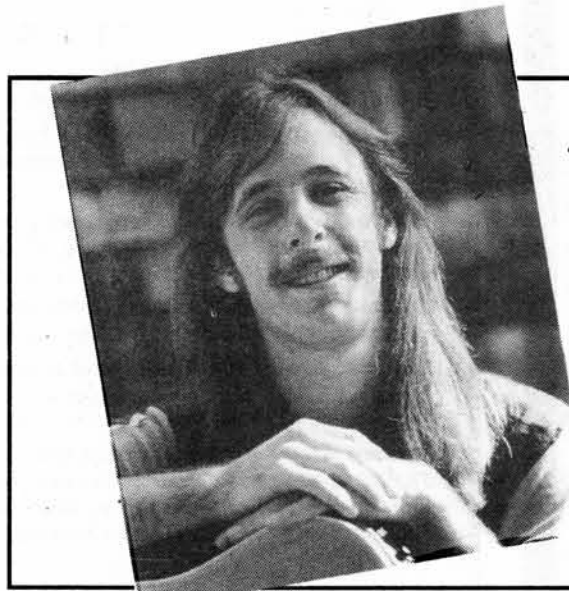
**Free Composting Workshop.** Composting is an excellent way to reduce your garbage and produce valuable soil conditioner. Antonelli Bros. Begonia Garden, 2545 Capitola Rd., Live Oak. 10 a.m.-12 noon. Sponsors: Ecology Action and the County of Santa Cruz. Info: Piet Canin, 427-1357.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

**Environmental Awareness Conference.** Intended to provide an opportunity for local businesses to network and share recycling, traffic management, and other ideas to help improve the environment. The conference will feature various exhibitors — including an electric car display by Electro Automotive — along with speakers from Ecology Action, Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, Santa Cruz Area Transportation Management Association, and Seagate Technology. The conference will be held at The Rink, 251 Kings Village Road (off Mt. Hermon Rd.) in Scotts Valley, 4-8 p.m. Free admission, hors d'oeuvres, door prizes and more. Sponsors: Seagate Technology and the Scotts Valley Chamber of Commerce. Info: Debi Otto, 439-7426.

## SATURDAY, JULY 18

**Departure of the Jinotepe Express.** A celebration to load material aid collected as part of the Coalition for Nicaragua Friendship City Project with Jinotepe, Nicaragua. (A 5-ton truck will arrive in Santa Cruz from Minneapolis via Fargo, Bismark, Billings, Portland, Corvallis, Chico, and Palo Alto. Used clothing (preferably children's), school, and medical supplies



**Environmental Folk Artist Sev Williams** appears at the **White Raven folk club** in Felton on **Friday, July 31.**

will be collected on Muhly's front porch until July 10.) Good food, good music, and good feelings, at the home of Bert & Lois Muhly, 717 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz, from 4:30 p.m. until the party's over. \$3-7 sliding scale donation. Sponsor: Coalition for Nicaragua. Info: 426-2798.

## SUNDAY, JULY 19

**"Wild Creatures" Art Exhibit.** Opening reception for "Wild Creatures of Santa Cruz County, Past and Present," a mural by eco-feminist artist/activist Michelle Waters. This mural is a tribute and remembrance of the wildlife of the central California coast. Santa Cruz SPCA, 2200-7th Ave., Santa Cruz, 4-7 p.m. Info: 426-3197 or 475-6454.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

**People Power Meeting.** Bike activists work to end the age of the automobile. 227 Alta Ave., Santa Cruz, 7 p.m. Info: 429-0133.

## FRIDAY, JULY 24 & FRIDAY, JULY 31

**"Get Lost (Again) Columbus" Opera.** A year of ceremonial protests and performance ceremonies in resistance to 500 years of genocide with original music and libretto by White Cloud Wolfhawk Eagles and Xochipillicueponi, in honor of the ancestors for the sake of world peace and justice. With the voice and drums of the Blood Road Singers, Jennifer White Owl Jaguar and friends. Come and witness this rare, festive event at the Portofino Cafe, 620 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove; shows start at 8 p.m. \$7 donation. Info: Jennifer White Owl, (510) 223-0357.

## SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JULY 25 & 26

**Free Composting Workshop.** Composting is an excellent way to reduce your garbage and produce valuable soil conditioner. At the UCSC Farm, 2-3:30 p.m. Sponsors: Ecology Action and the County of Santa Cruz. Info: Piet Canin, 427-1357.

## TUESDAY, JULY 28

**Discussion: "The Middle East: Whose New World Order?"**, and **"The Churches**

**in Solidarity with Women: NOT!** Dale Bishop, Middle East Director for the Church World Service Unit of the National Council, travels frequently to the Middle East, and has written for a number of journals on topics such as the Israeli-Palestinian issue, Lebanon, Islam, and Iran. Patricia J. Rumer, General Director of the Church Women United (CWU), leading the largest ecumenical body of churchwomen in the US, works for some half million women in 1,650 CWU units as they tackle issues of justice and peace. This discussion will be held in the sanctuary of the First Congregational Church, 900 High St., Santa Cruz, at 7 p.m. Admission is free. Sponsors: the Peace Committee of the First Congregational Church of Santa Cruz and the Resource Center for Nonviolence. Info: 426-1626.

## FRIDAY, JULY 31

**Environmental Folk Artist Sev Williams**, who is becoming well known for his strong environmental message and his dynamic musical style, will be performing at the White Raven folk club, 6253 Highway 9, Felton. 8 p.m. Tickets are \$3 at the door. Info: 688-7014.

**"Get Lost (Again) Columbus" Opera.** See July 24.

## SATURDAY & SUNDAY, AUGUST 1 & 2

**Rummage for Peace.** Benefit rummage sale for the Nuclear Weapons Freeze. The sale will be held at 415 Cedar St. in downtown Santa Cruz (across from Cafe Pergolesi) from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. both days. It's not too late to do your spring cleaning! Cut loose that old stuff you're not using and help out the Nuclear Weapons Freeze at the same time — donate your quality junk to the Freeze the sale. For more information, or to schedule a volunteer pick-up at your home or workplace, please call Amy at the Freeze office, 458-9975.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 7—SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

**"The Bells of Reconciliation"** will be the title of August Desert Witness VIII, an annual event and reflection in Las Vegas

on the Atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. This year's event will be led by the Rev. Shari Young (Episcopal priest, Grace Cathedral, SF) and Pamela Meidell (Zen priest, Rinzai tradition) who will bring insights and silence of the Christian and Buddhist traditions to bear upon this remembrance. The weekend will conclude with a pilgrimage to the gates of the Nevada Nuclear Test Site on Sunday (the 47th Anniversary of the bombing of Nagasaki) for a liturgy and action. The cost of the retreat will be \$50 and includes all resources plus meals on Saturday. Sponsor: Nevada Desert Experience. Registration/Info: (702) 646-4814 or P.O. Box 4487, Las Vegas, NV 89127-0487.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

**Free Composting Workshop.** Composting is an excellent way to reduce your garbage and produce valuable soil conditioner. Shepherd's Garden Seeds Trail Garden, 7389 West Zayante, Felton, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Sponsors: Ecology Action and the County of Santa Cruz. Info: Piet Canin, 427-1357.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11—SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

**Retreat with Richard Rohr** in Danville, CA. Retreat for men focusing on spirituality and masculinity. A benefit for Nevada Desert Experience. Donation: \$105 single, \$90 shared. Info: Nevada Desert Experience, 1500-34th Avenue, Oakland, CA 94601.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

**Coastal Clean-up.** Beach captains, group leaders, hundreds of volunteers needed. Sponsor: Ecology Action. Info: Tony Sloss at 426-5925.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

**Free Composting Workshop.** Composting is an excellent way to reduce your garbage and produce valuable soil conditioner. San Lorenzo Lumber & Garden Center, 235 River St., Santa Cruz, 10 a.m.-12 noon. Sponsors: Ecology Action and the County of Santa Cruz. Info: Piet Canin, 427-1357.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2—MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

**Healing Global Wounds.** 10 days of events, including an indigenous people's forum in Las Vegas and a demonstration at the Nevada Test Site, are scheduled for early October. Make plans now to attend this unprecedented event, demanding an end to 500 years of injustice to Native Americans and an end to nuclear testing on native lands. Sponsors: the Western Shoshone National Council & the Global Anti-nuclear Alliance. Info: Western Shoshone National Council, P.O. Box 140115, Duckwater, NV 89314, or call American Peace Test, (702) 386-9834, or the Nevada Desert Experience, (702) 646-4814.

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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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