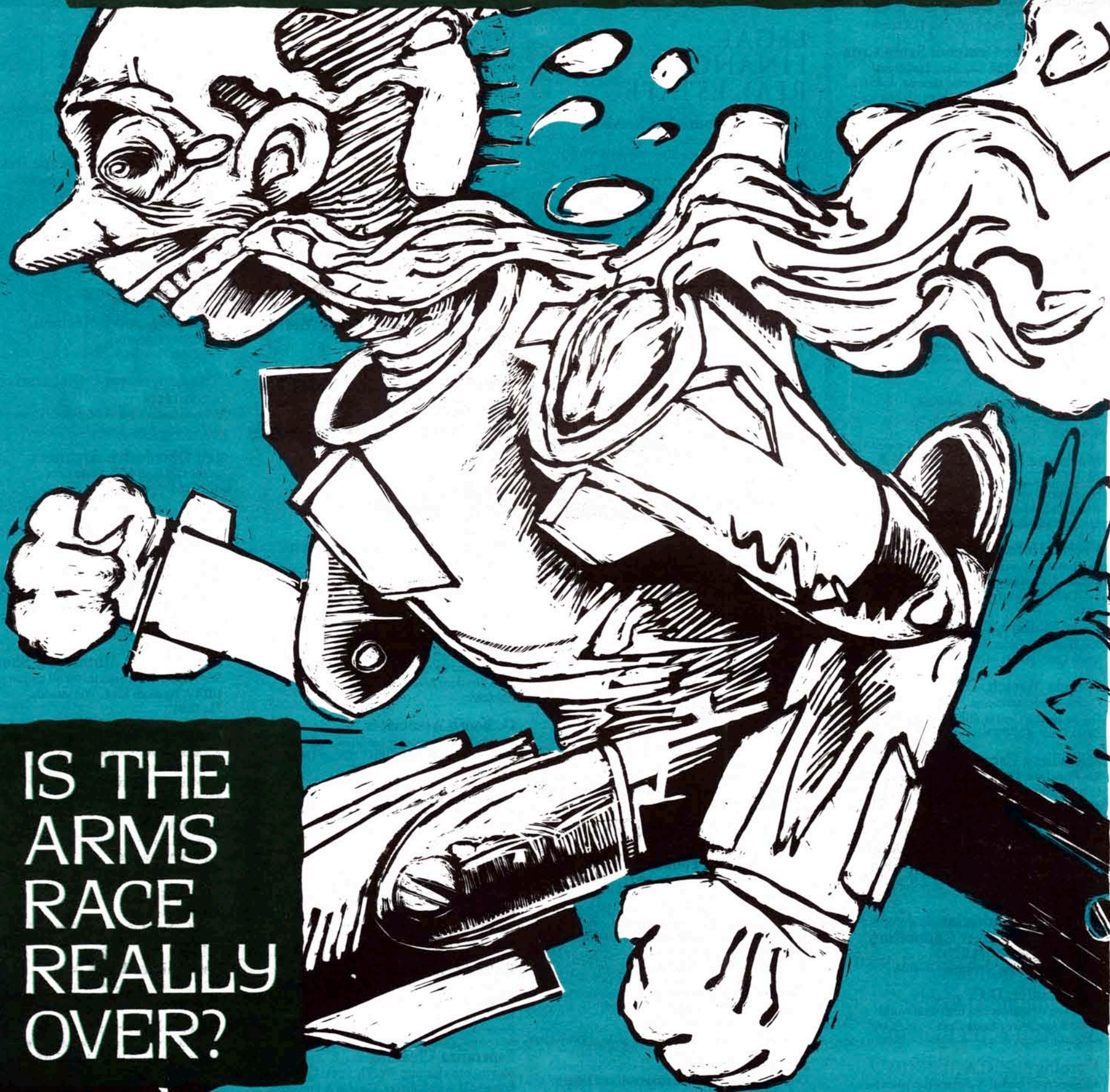


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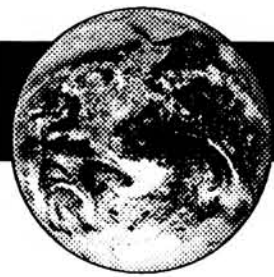
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## Letters to the Editor

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### PETER AND KEITH ACTED RESPONSIBLY

I am writing in response to your interview with Peter Lumsdaine, entitled "Why Did He Do It?" (July *Monthly Planet*). That question we can and must ask ourselves, as to our daily decisions and the resulting actions. Why do we each get up in the morning and proceed to do a hundred-odd things daily: eat what we eat (if we have food), go to our jobs (if we have jobs), recycle our garbage (or not), hand over spare change to needy persons we encounter (or don't), etc.

The times are such that we each need to make responsible decisions and take actions and say things for the betterment of our fellow community members (the Earth itself is our community). Peter Lumsdaine and Keith Kjoller recently decided and acted out of love, for the betterment of humankind and our fast-diminishing global environment, in a way that put their lives on the line. They could very well have been shot dead in the midst of their deeds on our behalf. They have done a very responsible thing. They were found willing. Their faith and love enabled them, and their nonviolent, well-documented deeds are an inspiration to us all.

Your interview with Peter was/is excellent. Peter and Keith may very well spend the next ten years of their lives in federal prison, or two, or somewhere in between. They need our support in whatever ways we decide to act. Money sent to them in jail should be a US Postal Money Order with their full names and inmate numbers on the money order (this prevents graft by the prison officials — it happened to me!). They can purchase needed items from the commissary (stamps, toothpaste, socks, etc.). They need our support, as do their families, for their eloquent words and magnificent actions.

Now, Why do this kind of thing? Should we all go out and get hammers and disarm death machines? Yes and no. Each of us can do something, whether symbolic or substantive, to tell truth to "authority" by not paying war taxes, letters to publicly elected officials, marches, boycotts, nonviolent witness to social justice. We will each know *what* to say or do if we act out of love, as Peter and Keith have done. Dan Berrigan once told a crowd of us at the old Caffe Pergolesi back in 1977, in response to such a question: "Your alarm clock will go off, however long it takes, and you will know what to do."

What about destroying "government property"? I do not advocate that *carte blanche*, and, now as a candidate for Santa Cruz City Council, I do advocate nonviolent resistance to evil of all kinds: social injustice, environmental destruction, eco-



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The Nuclear Weapons Freeze/*Monthly Planet* benefit rummage sale on August 1st & 2nd was a huge success, thanks to the many people who volunteered or donated goods to the Freeze. Those who deserve special thanks: Pete Gonzales & Rational Moving Co; Megan Matthews & Matthews Land Co; Central Records Storage; and Julie & Victor Aguiar.

omic greed, to name a few. The significance of Peter and Keith's actions and words is both symbolic and substantive. The disarming (nonviolently) of a piece of sophisticated war machinery, the breaching of the "clean" room where these evils are assembled (how macabre the nomenclature — "clean" room for death-dealing Star Wars weapons!) was in the tradition of David taking on Goliath, except they dealt with Goliath's weapon instead of his life. They beat a modern-day sword into a garden tool of hope (see *Isaiah*, 3:2-5). Their action follows a long tradition of Plowshares actions, involving thousands of people all over the world, people who have taken oaths of nonviolence, who act and speak out of love for humankind and the planet, for peace and justice. That is why Peter and Keith acted, and I am grateful!

Patrick Liteky  
Santa Cruz

### END THE BLOCKADE OF CUBA

Nine veterans, journalist representatives from chapters of the national organization Veterans for Peace, recently visited Cuba. We came from New York; Ipswich, MA;

Milwaukee, WI; Columbia, MO; San Francisco and Santa Cruz, CA. We talked extensively with Cubans from all walks of life — workers and officials, young people and old people, women and men, veterans of the Angolan War and students. We heard their complaints, their hopes and their fears, and we expressed our own views on Cuba and the United States.

As a delegation of veterans, we had a great deal in common but there were also significant differences among us on political and economic questions. Nevertheless, we came away from Cuba with some important agreements; first, we all have a new (and renewed) appreciation for the Cuban political and socioeconomic reality, which is seldom expressed in its richness, diversity and dynamism in the US press. Second, we are all convinced that the US campaign to isolate and crush the Cuban people by continuing to impose economic sanctions is wrong and must be stopped.

This US policy, tried out in Iraq and now being utilized in Yugoslavia and Cuba, is cruel: it is the poor and the children who suffer most. In addition, it points up the big lie that the Bush admin-

istration favors free trade and free markets. It is the US government, not Cuba, which attempts to stop Americans from traveling to Cuba and prevents Americans from doing business with Cuba.

The Cubans who we met had many different points of view and many different solutions to the problems facing Cuba. Almost universally — regardless of their political views on other things — they resented and opposed the US blockade on trade and travel. If Bush wants to prove the superiority of Miami over Havana and win the Cuban people away from their revolution, it is time to force him to practice what he preaches. We should do everything in our power to end the blockade of Cuba.

Harry Meserve  
Felton

### BUSH'S "WELCOME" IN PANAMA WAS NO SURPRISE

Why was Bush shocked that he wasn't welcome in Panama?

My experience of Panama City was of a beautiful historic city (founded in 1519 by Balboa) with a European feel, and a khaki-clad guard holding some sort of automatic weapon in front of each store on the main drag downtown. I suspect that the Panamanians would be grateful to get rid of the excessive military presence, a process which the US has resisted, to say the least.

But the most prominent issue is the deaths resulting from the US invasion to oust US puppet Manuel Noriega, December 20, 1989. The numbers lull one into numbing dismay. The Independent Commission of Inquiry on the US Invasion of Panama, headed by former US Attorney General Ramsey Clark, estimates that 4,000 died. The official US figure was 212 civilian casualties.

A less well-known figure is the 18,000 Panamanians who were fired from government jobs for being "Norieguistas," as a result of merely inquiring about missing loved ones. This affront to human dignity antagonizes a region already under the economic thumb of the mighty US.

But more important than the numbers is what these people feel: that their human lives are meaningless to the US. Numbers don't describe the unexcavated mass graves left by the bombing, which the Panamanian government doesn't seem to be interested in doing anything about (evidently for fear of increasing the death count).

"Se nos ha dicho que lo ocurrido en Panama fue una liberacion, pero hoy nos damos cuenta que fuimos engañados. Aqui hubo destruccion, muerte, y dolor. Esto no es liberacion."

"They told us that what occurred in Panama was a liberation, but now we realize we were fooled. Here, there was destruction, death, and pain. That's not liberation."

(Servicio Paz Y Justicia (SERPAJ) Boletin, septiembre, 1990)

When I was in Panama City, August 6th (Hiroshima Day), 1990, Hussein was in Kuwait. The astute reader at this point will recall another example of dubiously motivated US invasion, against a US puppet dic-

tator, accompanied by equally distorted news coverage and flagrant lies about the death tolls.

Just as in US inner cities: They wait until the military solution is the only one that works, they send in the military, then they say the military needs more money. To me, the solution is so simple a child could understand. Spend money not on death, but on life. Won't they ever learn?

Miles Long  
Boulder Creek

### 10 REASONS TO STOP TESTING

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom is sponsoring a bus/Sahara Hotel trip to the upcoming Nevada Test Site action protesting the celebration of the Columbus Quincentennial event and nuclear testing. Here are ten important reasons to be at the test site and make a statement to our government:

- The Russians and French have a nuclear testing moratorium. Why don't we?
- The House has passed a one-year moratorium, HR3636. Senate bill S2064 needs support with our message — no more testing.
- More testing means deadlier weapons. Our presence says "Enough."
- If we stop testing, smaller nations will not begin. Protest at the test site.
- A comprehensive test ban means nuclear disarmament. Let's make it happen.
- Nuclear weapons testing direct costs to taxpayers are \$450 million annually. Figure the cost to clean up the nuclear mess.
- British and US testing in Nevada are on sacred Western Shoshone Indian land in violation of the 1863 Treaty of Ruby Valley. Reverse 500 years of injustice.
- Nuclear testing is dangerous to health, to all living plants and animals. Stop the insanity.
- Nuclear toxins from testing are the most long-lived and permanent poisons creating "nuclear dumps for high-level radioactive wastes" (according to International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War).

The bus to the test site events leaves Santa Cruz on October 9th and returns October 12th. The cost for both the bus and lodging for the weekend is \$130, and reservations must be made by September 1st. Call 423-9707 or 426-5433 for reservations or more information.

Margaret Mead, the anthropologist, has said, "Never doubt that a group of committed citizens can change the world; indeed it's the only thing that ever has." Each of us can make a difference.

Ruth Hunter  
WILPF member  
Santa Cruz

### DON'T DENY ASYLUM TO HAITIAN REFUGEES

President Bush has ordered refugees from Haiti forcibly returned to their homeland without a fair and safe hearing regarding the causes prompting their flight. The president's order, currently being enforced by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Coast Guard, and US Navy, defies international law and offends our deepest human values.

The Resource Center for Nonviolence joins those who are urging President Bush to revoke his order. The US should not deny asylum to the victims of a military coup which overthrew the democratically elected government of Haiti. In this case,

we observe a pattern all too typical of US government action: The Bush administration uses arbitrary ideological grounds in granting political asylum rather than the standards of international law or a genuine concern for human rights.

The refusal of the US to admit refugees from Nazi Germany in 1939 is a blot on our country that should not be repeated. It is ironic that the US extended refugee status to wealthy Kuwaitis facing serious threats from a violent Iraqi military regime while denying such refuge to desperately poor Haitians suffering military dictatorship and economic deprivation.

The staff and steering committee of the Resource Center for Nonviolence call on concerned persons to write President Bush, urging him to rescind his order repatriating all boat people without benefit of a timely and fair hearing of the reasons for their fleeing Haiti. Rather than heartlessly returning all refugees to Haiti, the US should provide Temporary Protected Status as it has done in other cases.

Nicola Gegier on behalf of the  
staff and steering committee  
Resource Center for Nonviolence  
Santa Cruz

### WHY DOES THE US BUILD UP ITS ENEMIES?

Often things are not what they at first appear to be on the surface.

Before the Iraq war, the news media informed us that Iraq was the third-most powerful military force in the world. Its military needed to be dismantled because it was a destabilizing force in the Middle East.

This year we are informed from the same sources that the US and our NATO allies were among the primary suppliers of Iraq's military might. Other sources demonstrate that Saddam Hussein was originally placed in power in Iraq by the CIA. The Bush administration was promoting loan credits and military sales to Iraq right up to weeks before the invasion of Kuwait.

Why build up the military might of nations which have a high probability of being a threat to our allies, like Israel and nations which, later on, we may have to fight ourselves? Why have the US and Israel been assisting Red China to build its war machine, for example?

The book *The Secret History of the New World Order* (which can be obtained for \$10 from: The Secret Information Network, 323 E. Matilija St. #110-128, Ojai, CA 93023) provides some of the answers to these questions as well as demonstrating that supplying arms to potential adversaries is part of a long-range historical pattern. For example, by 1936, over 100 US corporations were in Germany helping to build their war machine in preparation for World War II.

This policy is based on Hegelian political theory: Thesis, Antithesis, and Solution. First, create a problem (thesis=war), then the public reaction to war (antithesis) will demand a solution which will be provided by the New World Order (UN Police Action). The end result is world government — the actual goal behind all the conflicts.

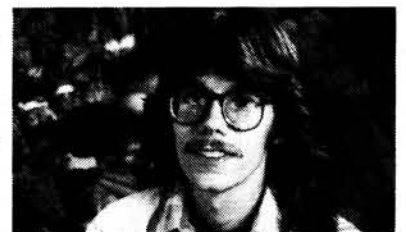
Now we have an armed insurrection inside of Yugoslavia. It would be interesting to trace arms and money trails to Yugoslavia to see who supplied the weapons to the present combatants.

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# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By Shelly D'Amour

## President and Congress Focus on the Middle East

International attention is turned toward the Middle East this month, as a series of dramatic events continues to unfold almost daily. At press time, the Bush administration has sent 2,400 US troops on a "training exercise" to the Persian Gulf, while warships and combat aircraft hover near the borders of Iraq.

The administration has apparently decided to up the ante in the wake of the latest round of cat-and-mouse games between the United States and Iraq. The crisis began on July 5th, when Iraq refused a United Nations inspection team access to its Ministry of Agriculture building. Despite Iraqi assurances to the contrary, the UN team suspected that information detailing Iraq's budding nuclear weapons program was being hidden in the building. When UN inspectors finally gained access to the ministry 23 days later, they found no evidence of what they were looking for.

The Bush administration has stated on more than one occasion that its primary objective in the region is to see Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein removed from power. This latest US show of force is probably nothing more than show — for the moment. Continued Iraqi resistance to meeting the terms of the Gulf War cease-fire may provide the administration with the excuse it needs to launch another round of air strikes against Baghdad. With the election barely three months away, and with President Bush trailing badly in the polls, will the Iraqi situation set the context for another "October Surprise"?

Other Middle East activity last month includes:

### Loan Guarantees to Israel

Recent changes in the Israeli government have prompted the administration to consider lifting its ban on loan guarantees, clearing the way for as much as \$10 billion in guarantees over the next five years. Israel's June elections resulted in the ouster of rightist Likud Party Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir. Replacing him as prime minister is the more moderate Yitzhak Rabin.

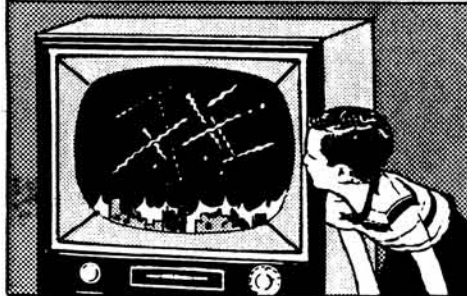
Israel is seeking the guarantees in order to borrow up to \$10 billion on the international market to help absorb Russian and Ethiopian Jewish immigrants. The issue is controversial because Israel plans

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to settle the immigrants in the Occupied Territories. Israel captured the territories of the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and East Jerusalem during the 1967 Middle East War. Since that time, approximately 110,000 Jewish settlers have taken up residence in the territories, among the 1.7 million Palestinians who live there.

The Bush administration has put itself on record as stating that Israeli settlements in the Occupied Territories represent a serious obstacle to peace in the region. Last fall, Secretary of State James Baker stated that the administration would withhold the loan guarantees until Israel agreed to cease construction of additional settlements. Currently, there are about 140 existing settlements, including anywhere from 6,000 to 13,000 housing and apartment units under construction. Thirteen additional settlements are proposed.

The Shamir government adamantly refused to comply with US requests that it cease construction "even for a day." In sharp contrast, Prime Minister Rabin has demonstrated a willingness to work with the United States on this issue. Just prior

to Mr. Baker's most recent trip to Israel, Mr. Rabin temporarily froze construction of new settlements, and ordered a review of the previous government's decisions to build settlements in the Occupied Territories. As part of this review process, Mr. Rabin indicated that he will distinguish between what he calls "political" and "security" settlements, but did not elaborate on those terms.

In response to the recent change of events in Israel, 193 members of Congress sent a letter to President Bush, urging him to take "immediate action" to approve the loan guarantees.

Prior to the June elections, the Bush administration offered the Shamir government two options: receive \$2 billion for one year if Israel completed units currently under construction and scrapped plans for any additional settlements; receive \$10 billion over five years if Israel froze all construction immediately. Since the Rabin government has demonstrated a more cooperative attitude toward the United States, it is likely that the terms for receiving the guarantees will be more flexible.

### Arms Sales

As the administration stands poised to approve \$1.8 billion in arms sales to Saudi Arabia, members of the arms control community are lobbying key members of Congress to delay it.

In a letter to Senate Foreign Relations chair Claiborne Pell, and House Foreign Affairs Committee chair Dante Fascell, the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL), a Quaker legislative organization, asked the two congressmembers to lobby the administration to delay the sale, which would provide missiles, rockets, helicopters and small military vehicles to the government of Saudi Arabia.

FCNL is calling on Congress to ask the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency to assess the impact of the impending sale. Under the terms of the Arms Export Control Act, the ACDA is required, upon request of Congress, to provide an assessment of the impact of potential arms sales/transfers to other countries. The ACDA evaluates whether the sale will "contribute to an arms race; increase the possibility of an outbreak or escalation of conflict; prejudice the negotiation of any arms controls; or adversely affect the arms control policy of the United States."

It is significant to note that in the period January 1990 through January 1991, a period which witnessed the buildup of Iraqi forces, the invasion of Kuwait and the subsequent Gulf War, at no time did Congress request an ACDA assessment of even a single arms sale to the Middle East. FCNL points out that under the Bush administration, US arms sales to the Third World as a whole have increased by 138 percent. Sales to the Middle East alone exceed \$23 billion since August 1990.

The administration has stated repeatedly that its interest is not so much to limit US arms sales to the Middle East as to keep them out of the "wrong hands." If this is indeed a genuine goal on the part of the administration, it is not being achieved through current US policies. Virtually every Middle East country, including Iraq, has obtained US weaponry, either directly or indirectly.

Last fall, the administration unsuccessfully attempted to expand the role of the Export-Import Bank of the United States in order to finance arms sales to other countries. The bank makes loans to for-



eign governments so that they can purchase US goods and services; however it is restricted from financing arms sales under Section 32 of the Arms Export Control Act. In April 1991, at the conclusion of the Gulf War, President Bush announced that he would lift the financing restrictions, making it easier for foreign nations to use US money to buy US weapons. His plan was narrowly defeated during the defense appropriations process.

Finally, it looks as though a major piece of nuclear non-proliferation legislation will be voted on. Title III of the Export Administration Act would tighten current US nuclear export restrictions, phase out US exports of enriched uranium, and impose sanctions against those who assist would-be proliferators. Title III exists only in the House version of the bill, and has been holed up in conference committee since last March. Senate conferee Paul Sarbanes (D-MD), fearing a presidential veto on the entire bill, has been opposed to adding Title III to the legislation, which has been in process for three years. The Bush administration stands opposed to the Title III provision. However, Senator Sarbanes has relented and the legislation may be voted on in early August, according to national SANE/FREEZE legislative staffer Bert Glass. Passage of Title III would set the Congress on record as serious about putting the brakes on international nuclear proliferation.

### Nuclear Testing

Good News! On a vote of 68-26, the Senate approved a bill to suspend US underground nuclear testing. Sponsored by Senators Mark Hatfield (R-OR) and George Mitchell (D-ME), the bill had 53 cosponsors, including California Senator Alan Cranston (D) and Democratic vice presidential contender Al Gore (TN). The testing moratorium was presented in the form of an amendment to the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill.

The Senate bill would suspend underground nuclear testing for a period of nine months, after which it would allow 15 tests over a three-year period, to be followed by a permanent moratorium by September 30, 1996. After that date the moratorium would continue indefinitely as long as the former Soviet republics do not engage in testing. The compromises were necessary in order to secure the support of key influential senators, who argued that limited testing was still necessary in order to insure the "safety and reliability" of the weapons.

Senate passage of the testing moratorium marks an historic moment for the test ban movement. Although the House has approved testing moratoriums in the past, the Senate has never done so. The last test ban bill to come before Congress was in 1988, when the House approved the moratorium but the Senate rejected it on a vote of 57-39.

In speaking on behalf of his bill, Senator Hatfield stated, "Surely, there has to be an end to this activity. Are we really locked into the proposition that testing goes on in perpetuity?"

The bill is also being carried in the Senate version of the Defense Authorization Bill, which is scheduled to come to the Senate floor prior to the August 13 congressional recess. Armed Services Committee chair Sam Nunn (D-

GA) has indicated that he will press for some modifications around the timing — that is, to move back the date when all testing is scheduled to cease, or to shorten the length of the testing pause.

In June, the House passed a similar amendment by a vote of 237-167. The House version differs in that the moratorium is set for a year. Local 17th district Rep. Leon Panetta supported the provision, which was likewise attached to two legislative vehicles: the Defense Authorizations Bill and the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill.

House and Senate conferees will soon meet to iron out the differences between the two bills. Typically, the testing ban has always been bartered away in conference committee. This year's "two-track" approach of attaching the amendment to two unrelated bills was designed to insure its survival.

Even if the bill survives the conference committee, which is very likely, it must still go before the president, who has threatened to veto it. Regardless of what happens, the Congress is now firmly on record in support of a nuclear test ban. ■

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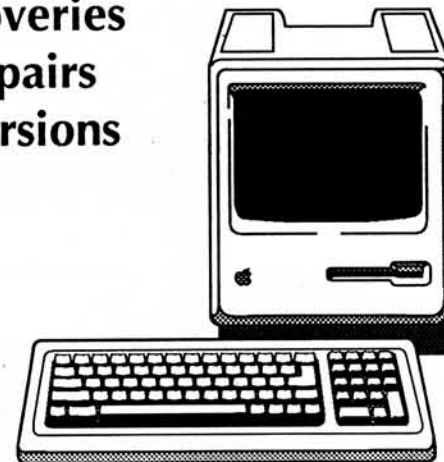
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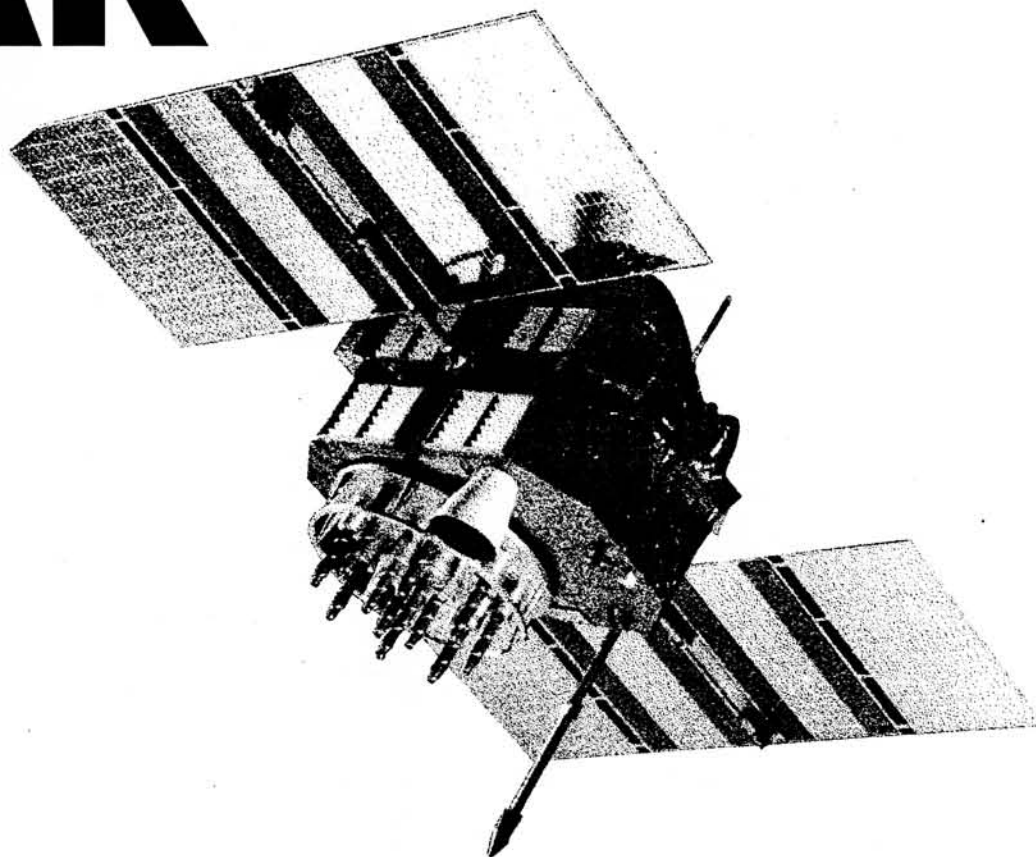
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— Keith Kjoller, 7/24/92, from a private letter

Keith Kjoller and Peter Lumsdaine, the Santa Cruz activists who axed a military targeting satellite on May 10th, are back in jail in Los Angeles after about three weeks out on bail.

On July 13th, following a plea bargain agreement they made with the prosecution, they each pleaded guilty to one count of injuring property being manufactured for the United States. The agreement included a stipulation about the amount of damage they caused, said to be between \$800,000 and \$1.5 million (other reports have ranged from an initial \$50,000 to over \$2.5 million) and an understanding about the length of their sentences.

The maximum they could get is ten years, and the judge still has the right to impose that, but they expect about 30–36 months, which could put them on the street as soon as July 1994. Sentencing has been set for 1:30 p.m. on Monday, September 21st, at the U.S.

District Court, 36 Civic Center Plaza in Santa Ana, Orange County.

There will be a demonstration at the sentencing hearing, starting at 12:30 that afternoon. Afterwards, there will be a demonstration outside the Rockwell plant at Seal Beach, which is about 20 minutes away by car. That was the site of their action, in which they damaged a clean room and a NAVSTAR satellite; it is also the location for the development and manufacture of other Star Wars-type technologies. A contingent from Santa Cruz will be going to the hearing in a car-pool. For more information, call 426-7970.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

Local activists are continuing to raise money for Keith, Peter and their dependants, as well as to spread the word about what they did and why they did it. Checks should be made payable to "Stop First Strike/LAC" and sent to P.O. Box 11645, Berkeley, CA 94701-2645.

People who particularly want to help Peter's daughter, Lucy, can send donations to her mother, Jean Peterson, at P.O. Box 8003, Santa Cruz, CA 95061. If you can pledge a few dollars a month for the next two or three years (or however long Peter is away), they would be much appreciated. Whatever your views about the wisdom of the action, the consequences remain to be faced and will be there for years to come.

Failing a windfall in the lottery, Jean and Lucy will need our help in '93 and '94 even more than they do now. Please help.

Meanwhile, the prisoners are learning to live the prison life. Once they are officially sentenced, they will be moved to Kern County jail and then assigned to a federal penitentiary to serve their terms. Until then, they are in the L.A. jail, and they would love to hear from you, especially if you knew them personally.

Letters must include the recipient's registration number and should be sent to: Keith Kjoller, Registration Number 94358-012 or Peter Lumsdaine, Registration Number 94359-012, Metropolitan Detention Center, P.O. Box 1500, Los Angeles, CA 90053. ■

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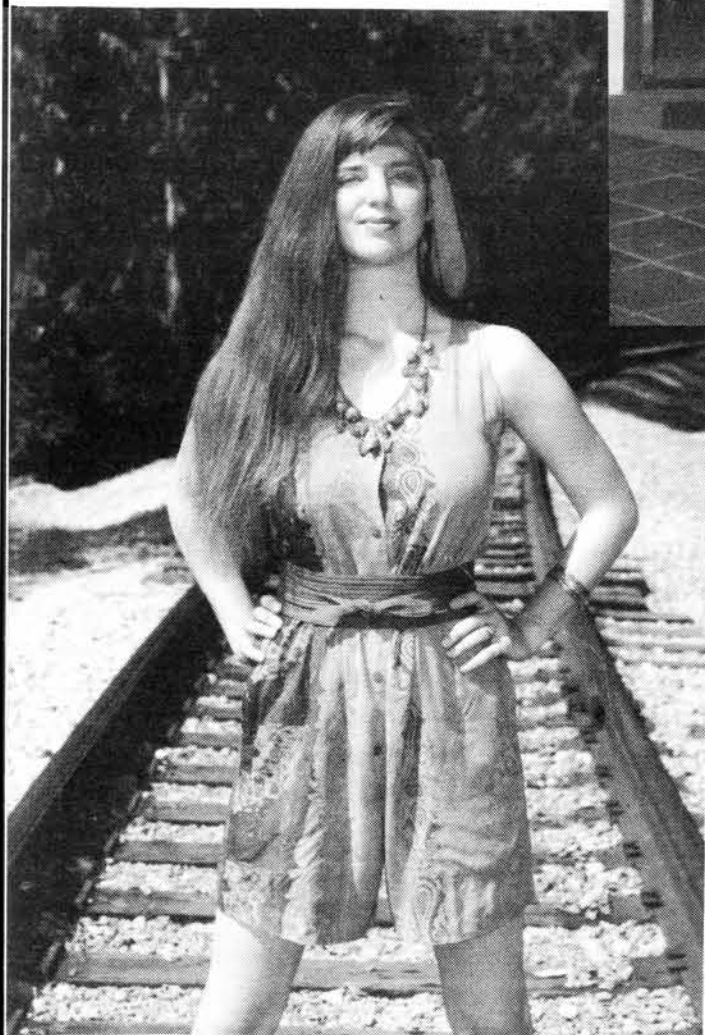
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# HOMELESS UNION PROTESTS SANTA CRUZ CAMPING BAN

by Helen Ewan



**A**lmost 44 years after the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which contains an article that affirms that "Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well being of himself (sic) and of his family, including food, clothing, (and) housing...", there are a conservatively estimated 2,500 people who are homeless in Santa Cruz County, and only 250 beds during the summer, 350 during the winter, to shelter them all. One out of six of the homeless are children. In the city of Santa Cruz, this means that hundreds of the homeless are criminals because the city has made it an offense for them to sleep.

Unless one gets a permit to camp in a city park (a maximum three-night consecutive stay within 12 months is permitted), or is part of a city-sponsored camping event, Santa Cruz prohibits camping, i.e. sleeping, or the intent to sleep, between the hours of 11 p.m. and 8:30 a.m., outside, or in a car. As punishment for not having, or not being able to afford a legal place to sleep, "campers" can be ticketed and receive a fine of \$50. Those that need sleep again within 48 hours, and happen to be found by the police again, can be charged with a misdemeanor.

The Santa Cruz Union of the Homeless, along with other supporters, thinks that there should be a right to sleep. The Union is the most recent organized effort in a long Santa Cruz tradition of activism against the criminalization of poverty and homelessness. It was formed in mid-June of 1992 after a presentation on homeless civil disobedience given by groups such as Food Not Bombs and the Oakland Homeless Union. Comprised of both homeless and housed persons, the Union's goals are a legal place to sleep for homeless people, an end to laws which criminalize the homeless, and permanent affordable housing and other long-term basic needs for the poor and differently abled.

On Tuesday, July 14th, the Union sponsored a rally, march, and occupation of a piece of state-owned land at the corner of River and Josephine Streets. Several tents and tarps were pitched, a garden was planted, and 10 to 20 people slept and stayed on the site until the evening of the 17th, when state and local police arrested six of the campers on suspicion of trespassing, and Cal Trans workers cleared the area (excluding the garden, which lives on). Currently the Union and others are approaching the Santa Cruz City Council in order to repeal or alter the "camping ban" and address long-term needs. We are also hosting potlucks and garden-watering gatherings on the River and Josephine Streets site, and planning other possible direct actions.

The Santa Cruz City Council will only legalize sleeping if there is enough community support to make it do so. If you oppose the camping ban there are several ways you can take action. Regardless of whether or not you are a Santa Cruz city resident, you can write or call the city council (809 Center St., Santa Cruz, CA., 95060; 429-3550) and tell councilmembers that the "camping ban," Santa Cruz Municipal Ordinance Chapter 6.36, must be repealed or altered so that poor and homeless people are not criminalized for sleeping. Tell them that safe, as well as legal, areas for camping and parking must be found immediately, and that they must work in conjunction with county, state, and federal levels of government to assure permanent affordable housing and full funding for other basic services.

You can support the Santa Cruz Union of the Homeless by attending meetings, helping to water the community garden, making food for the potlucks, donating supplies or money, or participating in future actions. To find out more information about meetings or to make a donation, call 459-0910. Please call if you or someone you know receives a camping ticket.

You can also write and/or call Art Danner, the Santa Cruz County district attorney (701 Ocean St., Santa Cruz, CA. 95060; 425-2071), and urge his office to not file criminal charges against the six people who were arrested in the nonviolent occupation of the state-owned land at River and Josephine Streets. ■

*Helen Ewan is a housed member of the Santa Cruz Union of the Homeless. She is also a member of the Welfare Parents Support Group and the Campaign for Budget Fairness. Thanks to other Union members for support with this article.*



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## HARD TIMES IN SANTA CRUZ

- One in 10 (10.7%) of all Santa Cruz County residents lives below the federal poverty line. Thirteen per cent of the county's children under six years old lives in poverty.
- 15.7% of Santa Cruz City residents lives in poverty.
- There are seven times more Santa Cruz County households living in poverty than very wealthy households (those with incomes over \$150,000 per year).
- Santa Cruz is one of 10 metropolitan areas in California where the Fair Market Rent for a two-bed room apartment exceeds 100% of the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) grant.
- At press time AFDC grants are currently 29% below the federal poverty line.
- From 1981 to 1991, the federal military budget increased by 46%, while funding for housing for the elderly decreased 76%, funding for rural housing was slashed by 95%, and Community Development funds for affordable housing and services, were cut by 50%.

Sources: 1-3, 5, Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County, Inc., from the 1990 Census; 4, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities; 6, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities and the Office of Management and Budget.



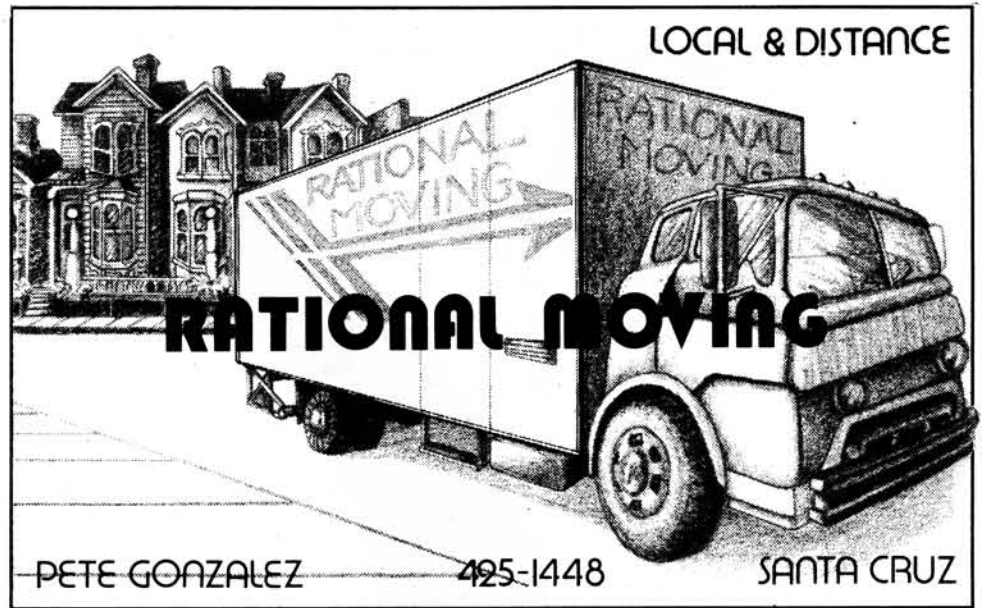
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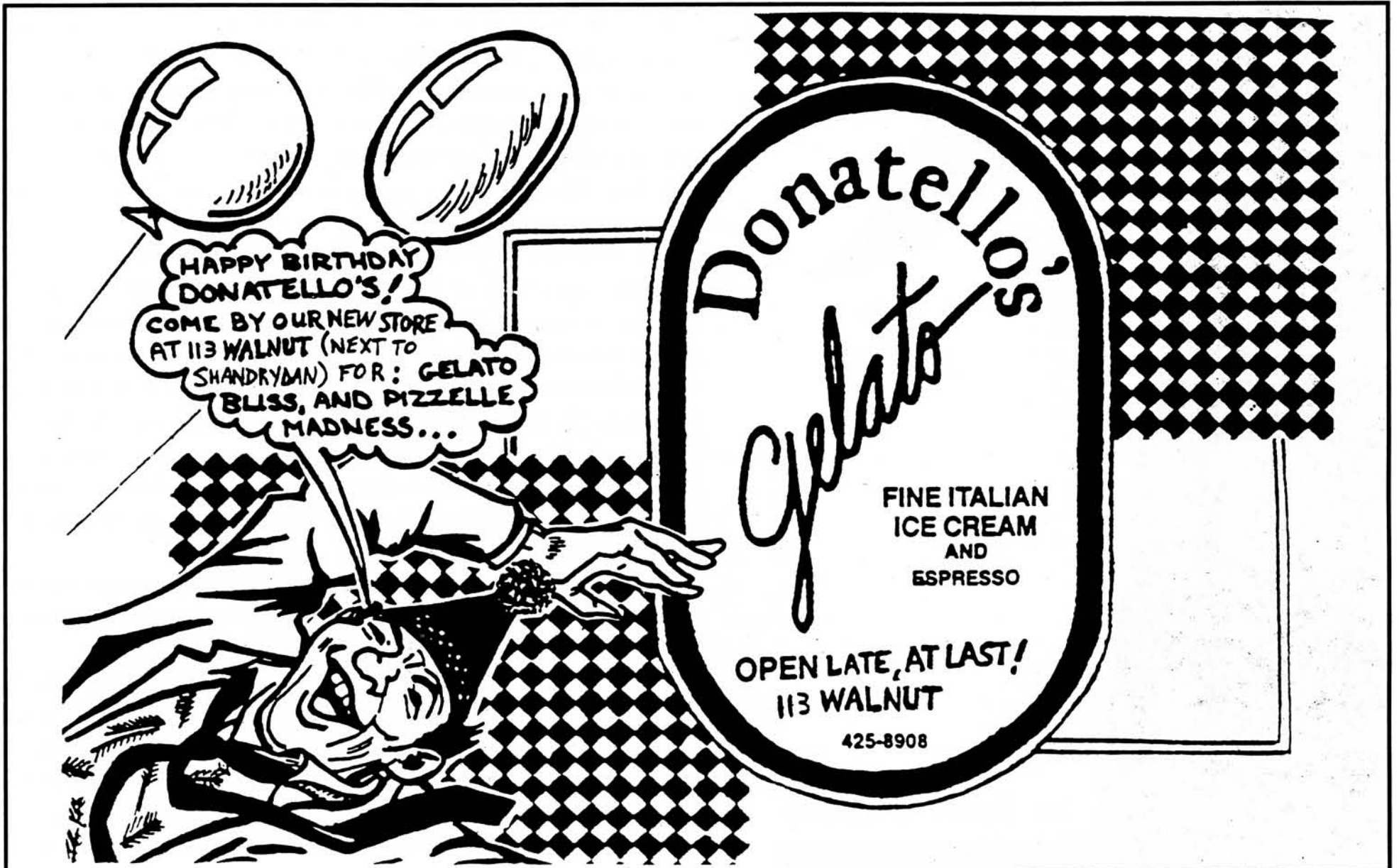


## Through the Gate

In January, 1992 many individuals gathered at the Mayan sacred grounds of Chichin Itza to celebrate the time when according to the Mayan calendar individuals would be given the opportunity to go "through the gate" into a time of testing and cleansing in preparation for the coming of the New Age. According to the centuries old Mayan prophecies, either we shift the way we are living on this planet or the planet will become yet another asteroid belt by the year 2012. Many of us are sensing that the world is on the brink of a major change. There have been many remarkable changes in the past five years since the harmonic convergence, also part of the Mayan prophecies, and many changes must still occur if we are to survive. Someone trained to

listen and to help you reach your inner most guidance may help you alleviate the tensions of these times and to go through the gate into a new way of being.

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**W**hen Mr. Yeltsin came to Washington in June, he and President Bush negotiated perhaps the most sweeping nuclear arms reduction in history. If all goes as planned, the United States and the nuclearized republics of the former Soviet Union will reduce their stockpiles from the current 22,000 warheads, to 7,000 by the year 2003. The principle feature of the accord is the elimination of all long-range, multiple-warhead, land-based missiles.

With the superpowers reduced to 3,500 warheads each, it appears that the arms industry is conducting one huge going-out-of-business sale. But is it?

Most people these days seem to think so. Interest in arms control does not occupy the priority spot on the national agenda that it did ten years ago, as organizers in anti-nuclear organizations can attest. And with a presidential election just three months away, either candidate has yet to raise the role of the US military as a significant campaign issue. Even that famous icon — the clock on the cover of *The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists* — seems to say “it’s over,” with its hands pointed at a relaxed 17 minutes to midnight.

With the collapse of the Soviet economy, and the dissolution of its empire into independent states, the newly formed republics are having a difficult time maintaining even their conventional forces, much less researching and developing their strategic technology. *The New York Times* reported recently on Soviet soldiers stranded in the republics and in Eastern Europe without food, supplies, or a way to get home. As for the United States, US bases here and abroad are being shut down and consolidated, as Congress and the Pentagon project significant troop reductions over the next five years. And Europe, once considered the probable theater for US-Soviet thermonuclear confrontation, will soon be free of all short- and medium-range nuclear weapons on its territory.

Is the arms race really over? Is it time for the disarmament movement to hold a collective rummage sale on its buttons, bumper stickers and T-shirts, pat itself on the back for a job well done, and move on to something else?

Despite what the the latest headlines may lead us to believe, the fact is that the military industrial complex — or, more aptly, the military scientific complex, as writer Arthur C. Clarke prefers to call it — is alive and well; a little leaner perhaps, but stronger, and now in a position to carry out its agenda unimpeded by rival powers.

In this respect, the content of this most recent arms accord provides a useful context for discussion. 🐞 🐞 🐞 🐞 🐞 🐞 🐞 🐞 🐞 🐞 🐞 🐞 🐞 🐞 🐞

by Shelly D'Amour

# ARMS RACE Y OVER?

## **No NUKES (ALMOST) BY 2003?**

In essence, the agreement forged between Bush and Yeltsin on June 16 states that each side will reduce the overall totals of nuclear warheads in their respective arsenals down to 3,500 each. As part of the agreement, each power will eliminate its long-range multiple-warheads based on land. Yeltsin has agreed to eliminate all SS-18s and SS-24s. In exchange, the United States will decommission its 50 MX missiles, and strip down its 500 Minuteman III missiles to one warhead each. In addition, the US will eliminate roughly half the warheads carried on its Trident II missiles, reducing that number from 3,840 to 1,750 warheads.

This latest round of arms reductions renders the recently-ratified START agreement obsolete. START aimed at reducing the number of ballistic warheads to 6,000 on each side, without actually eliminating a class of weapons. The June 16 agreement goes much further, but it does so in a dangerously uneven way.

For the first time, the superpowers have abandoned their insistence on parity; that is, the principle that both sides maintain a rough equality in both numbers and strategic capability. For example, even though the Soviets have no sea-launched missile system equivalent to the US Trident II, up until now they have been able to counterbalance some of the threat from the Trident with a heavy emphasis on multiple-warhead ICBMs. While the current agreement reflects parity in numbers, it gives the United States a distinct advantage in strategic capability.

The centerpiece of the Soviet strategic system has always been its land-based missiles, while the US has developed a more diverse program including the Trident submarines and Star Wars technology. In giving up the SS-18s and SS-24s, Yeltsin has relegated his nation to maintaining a purely retaliatory arsenal; while the US retains first-strike capability, principally through the Trident II, and rapidly through its unfolding Star Wars and NAVSTAR Global Positioning System (GPS) programs.

An intriguing question is "Why?". Why would Yeltsin give away the store like that after such careful, deliberative attention was paid by his predecessor toward achieving reductions with parity? "The best deal in the history of arms control," crowed Delaware

Senator Joseph Biden. Yes, but not for the former Soviet republics.

In March, Secretary of State James Baker met in Brussels with Russian Foreign Minister Andrei V. Kozyrev. At that time, Baker tried to convince Kozyrev that since the US and the former USSR were now such good friends, concerns about parity from the Russians' perspective were no longer relevant. Kozyrev replied that the Russians didn't quite see it the same way.

Similarly, in the week prior to the summit Yeltsin complained that the United States was seeking an "unfair advantage," and indicated he would not agree to any proposal that gutted Russia's land-based arsenal while preserving US sea-based superiority. However, upon emerging from the arms talks with President Bush, Yeltsin did a puzzling about-face, insisting that the accord had been achieved "without anybody wishing to gain unilateral advantage." Yeltsin offered no explanation for his sudden change in attitude except to say: "We know one thing: we shall not fight each other."

Interestingly, when a reporter asked why such good friends still needed 7,000 nuclear warheads between them, Yeltsin and Bush provided very different answers. Bush essentially gave a non-answer, "The fact that each country at this juncture in history retains some nuclear weapons speaks for itself"; while Yeltsin tried to say that it was just too expensive and complex of a process to get rid of all the nuclear weapons at once, stating "This is the only thing that conditions this figure."

It's possible that the pending \$24 billion in international assistance to the former Soviet republics might have something to do with Yeltsin's sudden change of heart, although aides to President Bush were quick to deny that

economic assistance was used as a lever in the arms negotiations.

Whatever Yeltsin's motivations are, the United States clearly has much to gain by the agreement. The key issue now is time. The US is hoping that the fragile coalition that comprises the Commonwealth of Independent States will hold together long enough to enact the disarmament timetable set forth in the accord. Key Russian military figures are reported to be unhappy with Yeltsin over the agreement, feeling that

it extracts more concessions from the Russians than it does from the US. Additionally, as the economies of Russia and the other republics worsen, concerns have arisen over the potential for a thriving black market in plutonium, weapons parts, and technological expertise. Russian scientists, many of whom are currently unemployed, are being actively recruited by nations looking to join the world's nuclear club.

As if any of these issues weren't formidable enough, loopholes in the language concerning the weapons disposal process actually promotes proliferation, rather than destruction of nuclear material.

## **REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE?**

Under the terms of most existing arms reduction treaties, decommissioned warheads are not actually destroyed. Rather, they are dismantled, with the fissionable material either stored or recycled into other weapons. The US first initiated the practice of recycling decommissioned weapons material into other bombs when the Pershing 2 missiles were removed from Europe.

Between the superpowers, about 37,000 warheads are slated for decommissioning as a result of various arms reductions treaties. The process is expensive and slow, and will probably take another 10 years to complete.

The fact that warheads do not have to be destroyed, but may be stored or recycled, creates dangerous opportunities for nuclear theft or terrorism. Additionally, in a region as unstable as the former Soviet republics are now, these materials are susceptible to falling into the wrong hands at times of political and economic crisis.

In citing these concerns, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee recently recommended that the Bush administration begin negotiations over verification procedures for warhead destruction. A July 6 *New York Times* article, however, indicates that members of the military establishments in both East and West are divided over this point.

Some argue that the plutonium and uranium can be used in nuclear power reactors. Other analysts state that the real agenda is to have sufficient parts and fuel on hand so as to reconstruct arsenals quickly.

Bomb fuel storage presents myriad problems in terms of packaging, transportation, adequate facilities, and security. Russian storage depots are at capacity. In the US, disassembly is underway at the Pantex plant in Amarillo, Texas, with an estimated 1,800 warheads scheduled to be dismantled this year. Once the ball-shaped plutonium pits are removed from the bomb, they are stored in concrete and steel bunkers. Currently, about 2,900 pits are stored at Pantex, with room for about 1,400 more.

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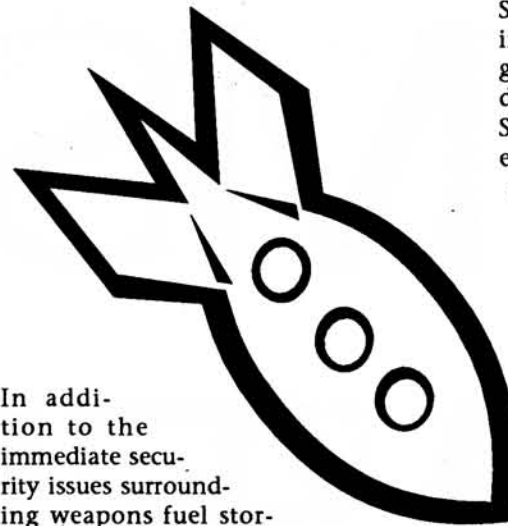
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At this juncture, the issue of nuclear proliferation is a critical one. Once the technology and the raw material become available to other nations, there will be little anyone can do to stop it from spreading. The time for intervention is now, while the material is still relatively contained. Destruction of decommissioned warheads and fuel, while difficult and expensive, is a key component toward keeping the world safe and heading off a new arms race.

As important as the issues of warhead reduction and non-proliferation are; they are only sidebars to the central issue — the current composition of US strategic forces and their role in the post-Cold War era.

### THE RACE IS OVER, BUT WE'RE STILL RUNNING

The arms race is over. That is to say, the superpower nuclear competition is over. The United States won the competition hands down. We built our weapons smarter, leaner, faster, and more accurate. And we outspent the Soviet Union (and nearly ourselves) to the point of bankruptcy. The next obvious course of action would involve dismantling our weapons complex, reducing our military budget, and focusing our national priorities toward a domestic agenda. Is the Bush administration preparing to do any of this? No indeed.

This year's military spending bill will be in the neighborhood of \$271 billion, representing a scant 3-percent decrease in spending over last year. Despite the end of the Cold War, the collapse of the

Soviet empire, and pressing social needs in the US, spending for military programs continues with virtually no decline. How is this possible? If the Soviet Union, upon whose existence our entire military infrastructure has been predicated, is no more — what are we spending all this money on, and why?

Pentagon officials insist that, because the world is currently in a very unstable situation, high levels of defense spending are still necessary. A new lexicon of terms for potential enemies has moved in to claim the space formerly occupied by "Soviet Union," "communists," and "Evil Empire," including "Third World madmen" and "rogue Soviet commanders." If one took the Pentagon explanation at face value, it wouldn't take long to realize that our current military stockpile is enough to embrace thousands of rogue commanders. Could it be that the Pentagon isn't giving us the whole story? Could our weapons systems have a wider role than just defensive? You bet. Two systems are worth discussing here: the Trident II and Star Wars.

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Under the terms of the Yeltsin-Bush accord of June 16, the number of warheads on Trident II missiles will be reduced by almost half — down to 1,750. However, it is significant to note that this will be accomplished purely by a reduction in the number of warheads per missile. No missiles or submarines will be decommissioned; and the D-5, although reduced in number of warheads, will still be a multiple-warhead missile. Thus the planned reduction in D-5 warheads is inconsequential in the long run. The Trident II remains a very capable system. The former Soviet republics have nothing even remotely comparable.

### TRIDENT II

The Trident II is a sophisticated class of submarines, predominantly outfitted with Trident II (D-5) missiles. Each missile contains eight extremely accurate warheads with "hard kill" capability — that is, they can target and take out enemy land-based missiles in their silos before they are ever launched. Add to that a submarine system that is undetectable, and the Trident II is the perfect first-strike weapon.

Currently, 12 Trident submarines containing 2,304 warheads are now deployed, and another six are planned for completion by the year 2000. Once the NAVSTAR Global Positioning Satellites are all in place, the Trident will be able to lock in on any target on earth, giving it undisputed military dominance of the seas.

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### STAR WARS AND THE NEW WORLD ORDER

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he presented it as a kind of giant space umbrella, protecting the US population from incoming missile attack. That was Pentagon PR designed to elicit funding from Congress and support from the American people. Star Wars was never about population protection, but about missile protection.

The central technology in Star Wars is "Brilliant Pebbles," a system of satellite interceptors that attack incoming enemy missiles. The interceptors receive their coordinates from a system of surveillance satellites (Brilliant Eyes). Eventually, Brilliant Pebbles will be able not only to intercept missiles in space, but, upon information received from Brilliant Eyes, pinpoint and obliterate targets on earth.

In their article "The American Empire in Space" (*San Jose Mercury News' West Magazine*, 8/2/92) researchers Jeffrey Klein and Dan Stober, lay out in chilling detail Pentagon plans for eventual US domination of space. A recent Defense Department planning document for 1994-1999 advocates that the United States take control of space and set the terms for other countries' involvement in deploying satellite technology. This would give the US control over satellite communications, and an unchallenged war-fighting capability.

Klein and Stober point out that during the Gulf War, it was satellite communications that gave US commanders a decisive edge over Saddam Hussein, who had no access to such technology and was "blind" to the movements of US forces. A ring of Brilliant Eyes around the globe would beam instant battlefield pictures to field commanders, providing instantaneous information that would otherwise take some time to acquire.

As deployment of some aspects of Star Wars approaches over the next five years, the potential geopolitical implications of such a technology become frighteningly apparent. It doesn't take much imagination to make the leap from battlefield surveillance to civilian surveillance. Military strategists have already made that leap, but they aren't saying much about it. Instead, as Klein and Stober relate, Pro-SDI spokespersons such as nuclear architect Edward Teller are extolling the other civilian virtues of Brilliant Eyes: "study crops, spot fires, give a quick first glance at disaster areas, chart forest patterns, analyze clouds..."

Congress has invested tens of billions of dollars in SDI since the early '80s. This year's budget calls for a record \$4.5 billion, principally to help fund a ground-based deployment scheduled at Grand Forks, North Dakota by 1996. Senate Armed Services Committee Chair Sam Nunn has been pivotal in this process. A long-time supporter of the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty, Nunn was also a supporter of the Grand Forks deploy-

ment until recently, when it became clear that the Pentagon had exaggerated its claims concerning how soon the system could be deployed. Nunn is now exercising more cautious support.

The principal agent standing in the way of Star Wars deployment is the ABM Treaty. The 1972 accord bans flight testing and deployment of ballistic missile defense systems in space. The Pentagon and the White House are both anxious to get rid of it. Klein and Stober report that Yeltsin is being pressured from the president to give up on it also. The ABM Treaty has always enjoyed broad support in Congress. Without congressional backing, the ABM Treaty would be quickly abandoned by the administration, opening the door to an all-out militarization of space.

### WHAT IS TO BE DONE?

The current situation presents a number of daunting obstacles for arms control advocates, not the least of which is an entrenched military bureaucracy and an administration that supports the expansion of US military dominance around the globe. However, there are a number of concrete actions that can be taken:

- For the first time in US history, Congress has just passed an underground nuclear testing moratorium. This is the critical step in stemming nuclear arms productions. If the president vetoes the bill as expected, it is imperative that the Congress send the president a strong message by securing the two-thirds majority needed to override the veto.

Negotiations should begin immediately with all nuclearized nations on a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

- Negotiations should begin immediately to extend the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, due to expire in 1995. The US should take the lead in expanding the concept of non-proliferation to include an end to the international arms trade, including so-called conventional arms transfers.

- Eliminate funding for destabilizing systems such as Star Wars, Trident II anti-satellite weapons, and the B-2 bomber. As a first step toward stabilization, downgrade current D-5 warheads on Trident II missiles, to the single warhead C-4 missile.

- Eliminate funding for the NAVSTAR GPS system.

- Affirm the ABM Treaty. Eliminate funding for weapons systems that threaten to militarize space.

- Initiate discussions with the nuclearized nations that address the qualitative aspects of the world's nuclear machinery, including negotiated restrictions on development and deployment of potential first-strike nuclear technologies. ■

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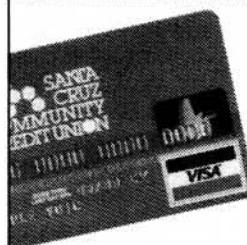
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# CENTRAL AMERICA REPORT

By Bert Muhly

## The Santa Cruz-Jinotepe Friendship City Project.

### *An Opportunity For Personal Diplomacy*

On June 2nd, 1992, the Santa Cruz Sister City Committee officially recognized Jinotepe, Nicaragua as a "Friendship City." This action was taken a year after Mayor Lylha Aguilar Roman of Jinotepe in a letter to former Santa Cruz Mayor Jane Yokoyama expressed interest in establishing a formal Sister City relationship between her city and Santa Cruz.

Santa Cruz is a member of Sister Cities International (SCI) and currently maintains formal Sister City relationships with Alushta, The Crimea; Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Spain; Shingu, Japan; Sestri Levante, Italy; and Puerto La Cruz, Venezuela. According to guidelines suggested by SCI and followed by the Santa Cruz Sister City Committee, the Friendship City status approved for Jinotepe commences a one-year trial period which may be extended for an additional year by the Committee and/or the city council. During the trial period local individuals and groups interested in formalizing a full Sister City program with Jinotepe must demonstrate their commitment and capacity to fulfill the overall vision and the goals of the SCI program with respect to Jinotepe.

The SCI program evolved out of President Eisenhower's People-to-People White House Conference in 1956. Over the next 11 years, with the help of the National Civic Committee, the National League of Cities, the League of California Cities and the League of Oregon Cities, Eisenhower's People-to-People program flowered into the Sister Cities International program as we know it today. Today, 915 US cities are in the program with 1,464 foreign cities. All 50 US states are involved and 100 foreign countries are represented.

Sister Cities International describes its vision as being "dedicated to letting people give expression to their common desire for friendship, goodwill and cooperation for a better world for all." It describes its goals as follows:

- to develop partnerships between US towns, cities, counties and states and similar jurisdictions in other

nations;

- to create opportunities for all people to experience and explore other cultures through long-term partnerships;
- to stimulate creative possibilities between the partnerships;
- to open dialogue and to address concerns about issues ranging from the technical to the human, from the environmental to the cultural and beyond;
- to create environments through which partnerships can learn together, work together, create together and live together so that the people of the world can work collectively to solve some of societies' problems;
- to collaborate with other organizations, both in the United States and in other countries, that have similar visions and goals.

Eisenhower's People-to-People program which spawned the SCI was designed to involve people and organized groups at all levels of our society in personal diplomacy.

Between 1980 and 1990 it is estimated that over 150,000 US citizens visited Nicaragua on missions of personal diplomacy, engaging in technical, educational, religious and other activities precisely attuned to the SCI goals as stated above. It is no wonder then that today, 23 Nicaraguan cities are listed in the 1992 Directory of Sister Cities as having formed Sister City relationships with 29 US cities, making Nicaragua host to twice as many sister cities as any country in the Western hemisphere except Mexico and Canada. It is strange that those US cities listed do not as yet include Santa Cruz, considering that during the 1980s the work of Santa Cruz groups and individuals in Nicaragua gave rise to the Nicaraguan witticism that "Nicaraguans believe that Santa Cruz is the largest city in the United States."

Several hundred Santa Cruz residents visited Nicaragua during that time, including doctors, teachers, economists, builders, farmers, artists, engineers, architects, planners, public health tech-

nicians, biologists, hydrologists and specialists in many other professions, each rendering vital services and leaving a legacy of friendship among the Nicaraguan people. Other Santa Cruzans, including young people and senior citizens, planted trees, harvested coffee, cotton, flax and potatoes under difficult climatic and environmental conditions. Some built houses, schools and water systems in the dangerous areas of military conflict, while others delivered toys and athletic equipment to the war-traumatized children of these areas.

Santa Cruzans also shared with their beleaguered Nicaraguan families the realities of each day, such as securing tickets for basic grains; deciding between rice and other staples for a particular week; figuring out which bread and meat lines must be bucked. For others, the reality was not a limited choice between scanty food supplies, but where the meal for the day was to come from. Sometimes it was not to be found. Many Santa Cruzans shared the sadness of an entire family at the funeral of a high school chum or other old friend killed in the mountains while defending their country. There was a pervasive dread that tomorrow the death would be of one's own Nicaraguan brother or sister. This indeed was personal diplomacy of the highest order.

In January 1984, the Coalition for Nicaragua evolved out of this group of personal emissaries to Nicaragua. It is a loose coalition of 25 Santa Cruz community organizations and individuals which has provided focus for local efforts to secure the gains made by the Nicaraguan people since 1979, when they ended the dictatorship of Anastasio Somoza. These gains are in land reform, health care and education, the creation of a constitutional democracy, rights for the indigenous population, and the empowerment of the poor and powerless. Although focused on Nicaragua, the Coalition supports the struggle for the rights of freedom and self-determination for all the peoples of Central America, an overall purpose

Jinotepe is in the Department (state) of Carazo, Nicaragua. Its municipality is 292 square kilometers and in 1990 had a population of 49,500 — approximately the same as that of Santa Cruz. Located on Nicaragua's South Highway approximately 40 miles southwest of Managua, Jinotepe bears approximately the same relationship to the Managua metropolitan area as Santa Cruz does to the San Jose metropolitan area. It sits amidst well-kept coffee groves and grain fields, nine miles inland from the Pacific Ocean. Elevation is 1,918 feet. Its economy is based on the production of coffee, basic grains, rice, sugar cane and eggs, with some fish and salt production. Some small cottage industries engaged in wood furniture, leather and shoe production are located within the central urban area.

which is consistent with if not repetitive of the goals of the Sister City International.

In the summer of 1991, the Coalition for Nicaragua decided to explore Jinotepe's quest for a Sister City relationship with Santa Cruz. Bill Burtch of Santa Cruz, who in 1987 drove with my wife Lois and me to deliver baseball equipment and toys to the children of El Cua, San Jose de Bocay and other villages in the war zone, was designated by the Coalition with Lois and me as a three-person committee of the Coalition to visit Jinotepe, meet the mayor, interview its citizens and make a videotape of our exploratory mission to help us evaluate the pros and cons of the suggested Sister City relationship.

After three days of videotaped interviews and consultations with public officials and Jinotepe citizens from all walks of life, we came away impressed with Jinotepe's people and their leaders. We observed a high degree of citizen organization with hands-on participation in city and neighborhood programs. We noticed that the people and their leaders demonstrated respect for each other. It appeared to us to be a city with direction and purpose, one whose citizens have dreams and bold plans for the future. People seemed confident that their demonstrated inventiveness, organizational abilities and enthusiasm will get them where they want to be — attributes that citizens of cities in the US would do well to emulate. In this regard, Jinotepe would have much to offer Santa Cruz as a Sister City.

We concluded that even if the City of Santa Cruz did not choose to enter a formal Sister City relationship, that the Coalition should focus its future people-to-people program in Nicaragua upon Jinotepe.

Since August 1991 we have concentrated our efforts in that direction. Bill Burtch returned to Jinotepe in his own truck filled with material aid supplies to teach English in the Jinotepe Adult School.



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One ton of material aid for Jinotepe donated by residents and institutions of Santa Cruz City and County being loaded into a Pastors for Peace Caravan truck bound for Nicaragua.

At home, the Coalition is pursuing a request of the Jinotepe City administration for assistance in the design and manufacture of a machine to pulverize the hulls of the coffee beans and mix them with chicken manure — also a by-product of Jinotepe agriculture. The resulting mix would be marketed as fertilizer. If successful, Jinotepe could convert hulls from coffee processing plants all over Nicaragua into a valuable product. This effort would boost the economy, as well as alleviate serious health and environmental problems caused by the disposal and decay of coffee bean hulls. The hulls, after being stripped from the beans, are dumped into the rivers, whose ecosystems are threatened by the hulls' high acid content. However, if the hulls are not disposed of, they attract flies, which pose a public health risk.

Students at UCSC have become involved in this project while Orrin Martin, the director of the UCSC farm, is conducting a chemical analysis of the constituent parts of hulls recently obtained from Jinotepe by the Coalition.

On June 4th the Santa Cruz Sister Cities Committee joined the Coalition for Nicaragua and the Resource Center for Nonviolence as co-sponsors of a concert at the Kuumbwa Jazz Center by Guardabarranco, a New Song (Nuevo Cancion) duo from Nicaragua, famous all over Latin America. This was the first half of a cultural exchange that the Coalition hopes to complete with Santa Cruz artists in Jinotepe by early 1993.

Between July 22nd and July 29th

Yolanda Provoste-Fuentes, an adult English as a Second Language teacher and administrator of the High Intensive Language Training (HILT) course, was in Nicaragua conducting workshops for teachers in cooperative learning. Provoste-Fuentes is also a board member of the Children's Creative Response to Conflict in Santa Cruz. Mayor Aguilar Roman of Jinotepe and the Coalition arranged for her to conduct a workshop in conflict resolution in Jinotepe for Jinotepe teachers before she returns home.

As you read this article, one ton of material aid to Jinotepe donated by generous Santa Cruz individuals and institutions during June and July is being distributed in Jinotepe by a mayor dedicated to helping community groups that need it most. Used children's clothing is being distributed to desperate families and the day care centers; the medicines, hospital bassinets, wheelchair, walkers and crutches are going to the small Jinotepe Regional Hospital, along with 46 volumes of medical books and an Apple computer and printer; and the school supplies are being given to the most needy families and schools.

The \$1,500 rental cost for space on the truck to deliver the material also bought one-fifth of the truck. The 14 trucks and the bus in the caravan were purchased in similar manner by citizen groups throughout the United States. After leaving some of their cargo in Managua they will travel by road and then by barge down the Rio Escondido to Bluefields on the Atlantic Coast of Nicaragua. There they will be donated

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to bolster the defunct Atlantic Coast transportation system.

Economic conditions for the vast majority of Nicaraguans today are worse than they have ever been. Every Santa Cruz resident and group that donated to this material aid project played a direct role in easing the hardships of Nicaraguan men, women and children still suffering from over ten years of war and economic deprivation. With their donations and help Santa Cruzans had a direct role in building bridges of friendship between the peoples of our two countries. But beyond the short-lived relief of the material aid is the gift of hope and assurance that this effort brings to Jinotepe. For the people of Jinotepe, it is immensely heartening to know that there are friends in the US who understand their plight and who stand ready to help them in their continuing struggle for dignity, independence and a just society.

This is truly the purpose of the personal diplomacy that President Eisenhower talked about when he said, "The Sister Cities program is an important resource to the negotiations of governments in letting the people themselves give expression of their common desire for friendship, goodwill and cooperation for a better world for all."

We hope that by eventually including Jinotepe in the Santa Cruz Sister Cities program the citizens of Santa Cruz will bring life to Eisenhower's words and make the Santa Cruz Sister Cities program an important resource for our government in its negotiations with governments in Central America. ■

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The Coalition for Nicaragua cordially invites all Santa Cruz residents to become participants in its Jinotepe Friendship City program. If you wish to contribute financially to the transportation fund of the projects, checks may be made out to Coalition for Nicaragua or to Pastors for Peace and mailed to Coalition for Nicaragua, P.O. Box 366, Santa Cruz, CA 95061. Checks made to Pastors for Peace are tax deductible. The Coalition for Nicaragua meets at the home of Bert and Lois Muhly, 717 Walnut Avenue. The next meeting will be held on September 21, 1992, at 7:30 p.m. For further information call 335-7164 or 426-2798.

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# Reducing the

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## The 50- Percent Solution

by Dan Wiris



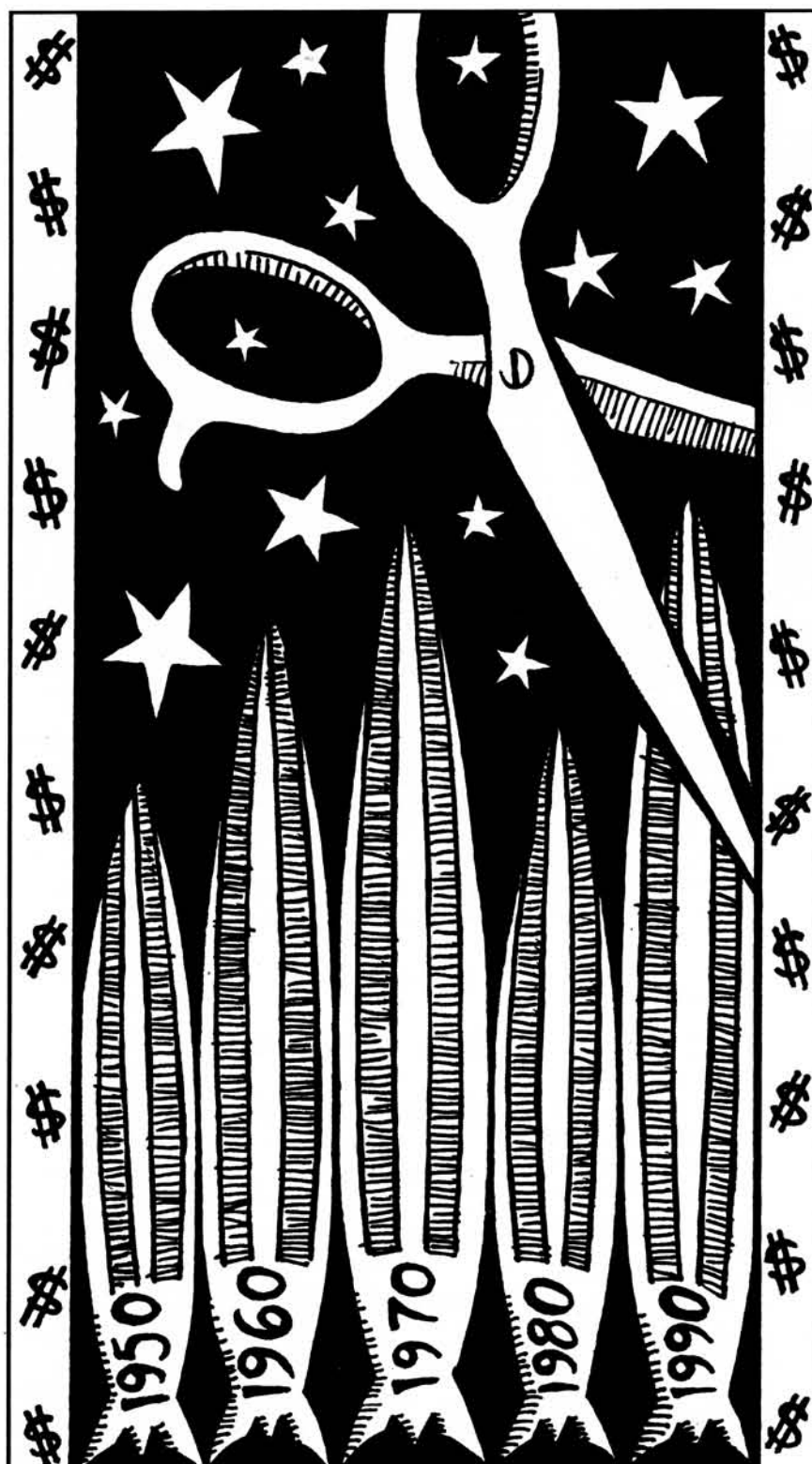
The end of the Cold War offers the United States the opportunity to fundamentally alter the straight and narrow economic path travelled for over four decades.

The foundation for this change must be a rapid and substantial cut in the military budget.

Despite the widespread impression that President Bush is making significant reductions in military spending, the reality is quite different. Defense budgets are still at Cold War levels and the administration has no plans to reduce them further.

The current Bush administration proposal calls for a cut of approximately 23 percent in military spending from 1990 to 1997 when we will reach the so-called "Base Force" – what the Bush administration sees as the minimum necessary force structure for the New World Order. No further cuts are planned. In fact, the Congressional Budget Office projects real increases thereafter as a new generation of weapons is built. We can expect, therefore, no more than a probably temporary 25-percent cut over the next five years.

The administration wants to portray this under 25-percent cut as substantial in three ways. First, we are told that military spending has been dropping since 1986. But this is misleading in several specific ways and mostly nonsense in general. In the five years from 1981 through 1985 defense budget outlays totaled about \$1,346 billion in dollars adjusted for inflation. Over the next five years, from 1986 through 1990, the total was about \$1,553 billion – an increase of over 15 percent. Despite budget reductions, during George Bush's first year in office, military spending was still about 40 percent above that in 1980. ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣



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Second, the president and his people keep reminding us that military spending is decreasing as a percentage of the federal budget. The Defense Department projects that military spending, which reached 27 percent in the 1980s, will drop to 16 percent by 1997. Such a decrease sounds significant until one realizes that the other major components of the federal budget (entitlement programs, such as Social Security, and the interest on the debt) are nearly always expanding, so the share left to the military automatically decreases unless defense, as in the 1980s, expands faster than the other programs. Interest payment on the federal debt, which was the fastest growing budget item in the 1980s (it nearly doubled: from an average of 7.4 percent in the 1970s to 13.1 percent), is expected to increase another percent or so through 1997. As a result, it is nearly meaningless to say that military spending is decreasing as a share of the budget. We could continue to spend the same amount and it would decrease.

The third equally misleading description of defense spending is in terms of the gross national product or GNP (the annual measure of goods and services produced by the economy). Anyone in the White House or Pentagon is happy to inform you that, as a percentage of GNP, military spending is dropping quickly to a postwar low. Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney frequently recites the following symbolically rich comparison: By 1997 military spending will be only 3.4 percent of GNP – lower than at any time since Pearl Harbor. The problem is that GNP, with the rare exceptions, is always growing as the country grows. There is no reason to assume that the military should expand with the economy. So the fact that the military share is falling tells us nothing meaningful about how far it should fall. After all, the economy has grown tremendously since World War II and the

major "threat" just evaporated. As a percentage of GNP military spending should be very low.

Ideally, the end of the Cold War would entail a start-from-scratch evaluation of security needs and force structure. Various folks have started this process, but no one in the government has produced such a recipe or blueprint. A 50-percent cut would leave the United States with a formidable military force. Indeed, one can argue, too formidable. The exact composition of the force would vary according to the extent to which we emphasize nuclear or conventional weapons, and the balance between the Army, Air Force, and Navy.

The cuts are substantially greater than the Bush-Cheney Base Force. Nevertheless, the United States would still be left with over 3,000 strategic warheads, with over 90 percent deployed on systems built in the 1980s and 1990s. Currently, the only other significant nuclear power is becoming an ally and dismantling much of its arsenal. No other nuclear power is on the Pentagon's list of potential enemies. The conventional forces would be roughly the equivalent of 150 percent of the forces deployed for the Gulf War, in which we quickly obliterated what was by some measures the most powerful military force outside of China. One should also remember that in the New World Order we will not and should not rely solely on our own military in a world of genuine cooperative security.

A growing chorus is calling for at least a 50-percent cut in military spending. It now includes former CIA Director William Colby, many members of Congress, the membership of the Black Caucus, Les AuCoin, and former presidential candidates Tom Harkin and Jerry Brown. Even Bill Clinton wants at least 35 percent. While 50 percent is not a magic or exact figure, it is the immediate goal. It is the minimum we can safely cut and begin to meet new priorities at home. The objective is to reach that goal as soon as possible, and then assess our long term security needs. Further cuts may follow.

As is, the president and Congress are doing little more than allowing inflation to slowly erode the military budget. This approach was locked in from fiscal year 1991 through 1993 by the 1990 budget agreement. To make things worse, the Democratic Congress has often added back items the Pentagon wanted to cut, such as reserve forces. Precious time and valuable resources are being squandered.

Rapid and deep cuts in military spending would free tax dollars for use elsewhere. This is clearly a matter of political will. First, the will to make the cuts. And second, the will to invest the savings into a new domestic agenda. Political and economic factors, however, have made political will a scarce commodity. Current conditions, namely an election year in the middle of a recession, have made the military spending

debate rather schizophrenic.

Both Bush and Clinton want to have their cake and eat it too. That is, Bush is making reductions and Clinton wants to cut more, but Bush has drawn a bottom line and Clinton is being imprecise because of the economy. Clinton's crass support of the Seawolf attack submarine, which the Pentagon wants to cancel, just because it is built in a state with an important primary (Connecticut), shows how the economy is distorting the debate. We have reached the point where much of Pentagon spending is being justified, by civilian and soldier alike, in nothing more than economic terms, as a jobs and international trade program. Moreover, some who created the massive budget deficits now use them as an argument against change. The deficits are so large, they say, that no matter how large the peace dividend is, it could all be absorbed by deficit reduction. So, why rush to cut the military budget? The federal debt will paralyze the national government for the foreseeable future if this kind of logic prevails.

Most defense cuts hurt quickly and directly, whereas the benefits of the cuts are mostly diffuse and in the future. Politicians rarely favor imposing immediate concentrated costs to achieve long-term benefits. The military cuts will hurt economically, at first. But the transition can be eased by conversion programs, especially for the large number of uniformed personnel who will need to enter the civilian economy. Delay, however, will not reduce the pain or dislocation. It will only displace the costs to others and prolong the transition while time and resources continue to be wasted and misused.

In addition to obvious ethical and moral considerations, military spending is an extremely inefficient way to produce jobs, and it does not produce socially useful products. Others will bear the costs as long as we fail to invest in human needs and other economically productive programs. Many economists agree that even deficit spending can be economically responsible and beneficial, if the programs being funded constitute real social investments, such as education, civilian research and development, transportation and infrastructure, and health care. It is undebatable that we continue to spend way too much on the military and that the money is needed desperately elsewhere. The reconstitution of the world order demands a reconstitution of American priorities and the federal budget. The stalemate in Washington must be broken and the deep reduction and fundamental restructuring of the military budget must be our point of departure. ■

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**CALIFORNIA BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING AND LITTER REDUCTION ACT:** You may redeem beverage containers marked "CA Redemption Value" at state-certified centers located near most supermarkets. There are about 20 such centers in Santa Cruz County (redemption in the "Mode" columns on the chart below). Centers operate at least 30 hours per week and must pay you at least 2 1/2 cents each for all qualified containers, whether made of aluminum, glass, plastic or bi-metal.

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

SPONSOR	LOCATION	MODE	MATERIALS	HOURS	PHONE
<b>APTOS</b> Recycle America & County of Santa Cruz	Urbanized residential area	curbside collection	cans, glass containers, plastic drink bottles, news, cardboard, oil	weekly schedule on garbage day	423-2022 425-2721
\$	Cabrillo Hst Lions Club & Waste Management of Santa Cruz	drop-off	news	anytime	476-1201
\$	20/20 Recycle Centers	redemption	qualified beverage containers	11-5 Tues - Fri 8:30-5 Sat closed 1:30-2	1-415-487-2048 Hayward
<b>BONNY DOON</b> Bonny Doon Recycling	residences	collection (fee)	cans, glass containers, #1 & 2 plastics, news, office paper, oil, auto batteries	by arrangement	426-8373
<b>CAPITOLA</b> Capitola Disposal Co	residential area	curbside collection	glass containers, cans, news, #1 & 2 plastics, glass containers, cardboard	weekly schedule on garbage day	476-9288
\$	Envipco California	automated redemption	qualified beverage containers	anytime	476-9288 none
<b>LIVE OAK AREA</b> Recycle America & County of Santa Cruz	Urbanized residential area	curbside collection	cans, glass containers, plastic drink bottles, news, cardboard, oil	weekly schedule on garbage day	423-2022 425-2721
\$	California Grey Bears	drop-off	news, aluminum cans, glass, PET plastic, cardboard, brown paper bags, office paper, magazines	Office Hours: 8-4 Mon-Fri Drop-off 6AM-10PM, Daily	479-1055
\$	20/20 Recycle Centers	redemption	qualified beverage containers	11-5 Tues-Fri 8:30-5 Sat closed 1:30-2	1-415-487-2048 Hayward
\$	Opal Cliffs Food	in-store redemption	qualified beverage containers	9-2 every day	476-1851
\$	Armstrong Enterprises	collection	qualified beverage containers	by arrangement	479-8956
<b>SAN LORENZO VALLEY</b> County of Santa Cruz & Waste Management of Santa Cruz	County Transfer Station Recycling Center Newell Creek Road, B.L.	drop-off	aluminum, glass, news, cardboard, metals, oil, oil filters, antifreeze, batteries, mattresses	7:30-3:30 every day	336-3950 335-9166
\$	Valley Women's Club w/ Ben Lomond Library & SLV Girl Scouts	redemption	qualified beverage containers	9:30-3:30 every day	338-6578
\$	Valley Women's Club, w/SLV Kiwanis Club	redemption	qualified beverage containers	11-5 every day	338-6578
\$	Eric's Recycling	drop-off	tin cans, glass	11-5 Mon-Sat	338-4890
\$	Valley Women's Club w/ SLV Lions Club	drop-off	tin cans, glass	every day	338-6578 335-9166
<b>SANTA CRUZ</b> City of Santa Cruz Recycling Program	Municipal Landfill Recycling Center, on Dimeo Lane, 3 mi northwest on Hwy 1	drop-off	cans, glass containers, news, cardboard, office paper, magazines, phone books, mattresses, metals, auto batteries, oil, tires (for fee)	7:30-3:30 every day	429-3657 459-9813
\$	City of Santa Cruz Recycling Program	curbside collection	cans, glass containers, news, cardboard, oil, #1 & translucent #2 plastics	weekly schedule on garbage day	429-3666 429-3490
\$	Al Paris Recycling	collection & drop-off	glass containers, cardboard, aluminum, #1, 2 & 6 plastics, sheet plastics	8-5 weekdays 8-12 Sat	429-3490
\$	Monterey Bay Recycling Hedrick Distributors Bayside Oil	collection	office paper	by arrangement	426-0112 427-3773
\$	Cardboard Seekers Sam Paris	collection	waste fuel, oil, used oil filters, auto batteries, antifreeze	8-5 Mon-Fri 8-12 Sat	426-1748
<b>SANTA CRUZ (continued)</b> \$	20/20 Recycle Centers	redemption	qualified beverage containers	11-5 Tues - Fri 8:30-5 Sat closed 1:30-2	1-415-487-2048 Hayward
<b>SCOTT'S VALLEY</b> Recycle America & City of Scotts Valley	residential area	curbside collection	cans, glass containers, plastic drink bottles, news	weekly schedule on garbage day	423-2022 438-2324
\$	Scotts Valley Hst Lions Club	drop-off	news	anytime	427-1934
\$	Envipco California	automated redemption	qualified beverage containers	anytime	none
\$	Zanotti's Deluxe Market	redemption	qualified beverage containers	8am-9pm everyday	438-4324
<b>SOQUEL</b> Recycle America & County of Santa Cruz	Urbanized residential area	curbside collection	cans, glass containers, plastic drink bottles, news, cardboard, oil	weekly schedule on garbage day	423-2022 425-2721
\$	20/20 Recycle Centers	redemption	qualified beverage containers	11-5 Tues - Fri 8:30-5 Sat closed 1:30-2	1-415-487-2048 Hayward
<b>SUMMIT AREA</b> CT English Elementary Home & School Club	23800 Summit Rd 2.5 mi east of Hwy 17	drop-off	qualified beverage containers	anytime	353-1123
<b>WATSONVILLE AREA</b> County of Santa Cruz & Waste Management of Santa Cruz	County Landfill Recycling Center, 2 1/2 mi northwest on Buena Vista Drive	drop-off	aluminum, glass, plastic drink bottles, news, cardboard, metals, oil, oil filters, antifreeze, batteries, mattresses	7:30-3:30 every day	688-7250 476-1201
\$	Household hazardous materials collected by appointment at this location - see box below	curbside collection	recycling policy for these materials available at gatehouse		728-6094
\$	Reynolds Aluminum Recycling	buyback redemption	aluminum, all qualified beverage containers	10-5 Tues-Sat closed 1-1:30	1-800-228-2525
\$	D&D Recycling	buyback redemption	aluminum, all qualified beverage containers	10-5 Tues-Sat closed 1-1:30	722-3597
\$	Watsonville Metals Co	buyback collection	most metals, news, plastic drink bottles	8-5 Mon-Fri 8-4 Sat	728-1551
\$	Bulatch Machinery & Salvage	buyback	aluminum, non-ferrous metals	9-5:15 Mon-Fri 9-4 Sat	722-1096
\$	State Steel Company	buyback	most metals	8-5 Mon-Fri	724-7111 1-800-447-7117
\$	Envipco California	automated redemption	qualified beverage containers	anytime	none
\$	20/20 Recycle Centers	redemption	qualified beverage containers	11-5 Tues - Fri 8:30-5 Sat closed 1:30-2	1-415-487-2048
\$	Rick's News Industrial Stak-Rite	collection	news, office paper	by arrangement	728-5915
\$	C&M Salvage	collection	cardboard, office paper	by arrangement	724-3905
\$	Security Shred & Bale	Collection for fee drop-off	aluminum cans, glass containers, metals, auto batteries, cardboard, office paper & files, office paper	by arrangement	761-2390
<b>OTHER SERVICES AVAILABLE TO ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS</b>	Various Sponsors	drop-off	plastic produce & grocery bags	Variable	384-1212 384-1433
\$	Coast Recycling North, Inc.	collection	plastics, aluminum glass	by arrangement	294-8443
\$	LMC Recyclers	buyback	cans, glass containers, cardboard, news, most plastics, metals, auto batteries	8-4:15 Mon-Fri 8-1:30 Sat	

# Peace & Justice CALENDAR

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## SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

**Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes.** Commemorating the 47th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Informed Democracy presents a special screening of its award-winning film based on the contemporary classic by Eleanor Coerr and narrated by Liv Ullmann. The film tells the true story of Sadako Sasaki, a 12-year-old girl born in Hiroshima, who developed leukemia from radiation caused by the atom bomb. Two showings only, at the Nickelodeon Theater, 210 Lincoln St., 1:50 p.m. and 3:05 p.m. All tickets \$3. After each showing the audience is invited to learn how to fold paper cranes; origami paper will be provided. Info: 426-3921.

**Himalayan Bells; A Wish-Bestowing Ceremony** in Candlelight. Live performance by Karma and Taessa utilizing such diverse instruments as yak bells, long horns, puja drum, conch shells, Tibetan singing bowls, steel strung copper harp, gong, guitar, tingsha, flute, vocals, and more. Inspires healing and further opening of the heart. 5800 Prescott Rd., Soquel, 7:30 pm. \$10 general, \$7 students, \$5 seniors and children. Info: 462-8383.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

**Anne Frank in the World Exhibition** opens in Watsonville. Composed of more than 800 photographs and a video display, this unique bilingual event focuses on the dangers of discrimination and racism. The exhibition will be open in Watsonville through September 13 at Watsonville Federal Savings, 15-C Brennan St. (at Brennan and East Lake). General admission is \$2, students and seniors will be admitted without charge. Info: Downtown Association, 429-8433.

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

**"Get Lost (Again) Columbus" Opera.** A year of ceremonial protests and performance ceremonies in resistance to 500 years of genocide featuring original music and libretto by White Cloud Wolfhawk Eagles Xochipillucueponi, 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 event at Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, 8 pm. Admission is \$9. Sponsor: Tribes Quetzacoatl and Living Fire. Info: (510) 223-0357.

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

**"Bound by the Wind"** is a dramatic, factual exposé of the downwinder effect of the toxic poisons released by nuclear testing in Nevada. The public is invited for an evening of music and refreshments, and video at the First Baptist Church of Aptos, 7565 Sunset Way (behind Wells Fargo Bank), 7-9 pm. Donations appreciated. Sponsor: Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Info: 423-9707 or 426-5433.



## SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

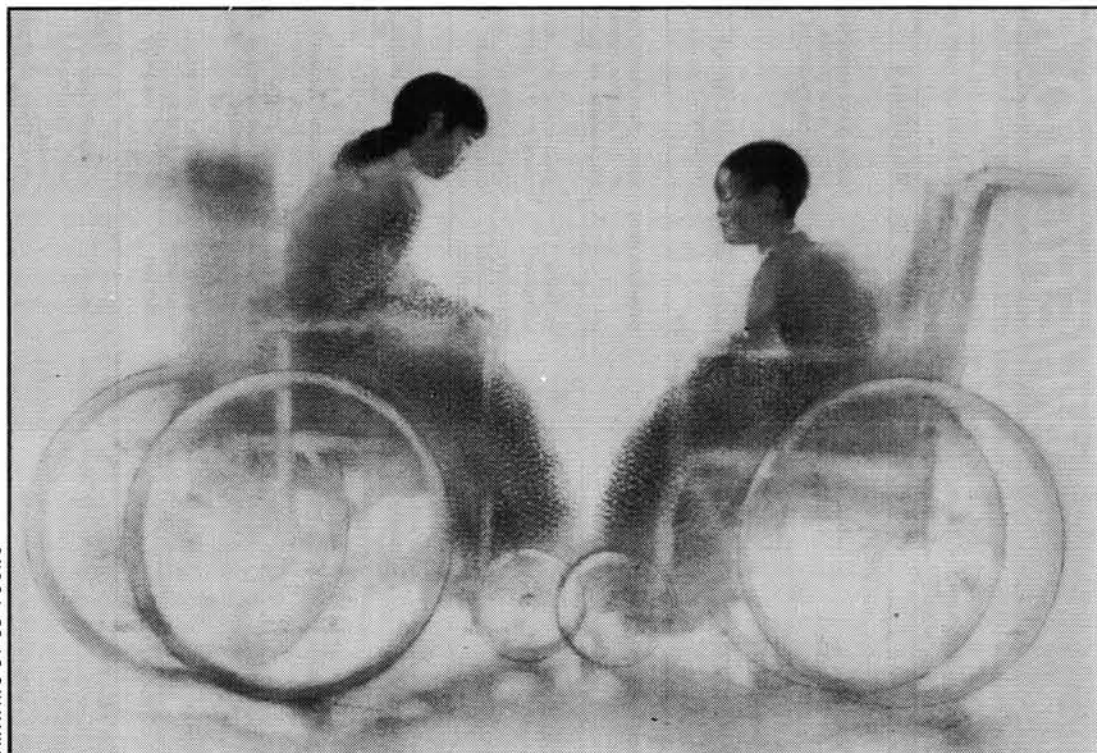
**Tibet Day**, an event celebrating Tibetan art, music, and culture, featuring Chaksam-Pa Tibetan dance group, a bazaar of wonderful art objects, books, exhibits, slide shows, videos, and notable speakers including Dr. Chiu-Lai of Land of Medicine Buddha. This benefit for the Tibetan US Resettlement Project will be held at the Pacific Cultural Center, 1307 Seabright Ave., Santa Cruz, 10 am-4 pm. \$5 donation at the door, children under 12 admitted free. Sponsor: Bay Area Friends of Tibet/ Santa Cruz section. Info: 338-6139.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

**People Power Meeting.** Plotting the bicycle revolution, hosted by Don Fong. 227 Alta Ave., 7 pm, free. Info: 429-0133.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

**"Columbus Didn't Discover Us,"** a video depicting the native people's perspective on the Columbus Quincentennial, will be shown as part of a video/lecture series to celebrate and reflect upon 500 years of indigenous resistance. The series will occur Thursday nights at the Resource Center for Nonviolence, 515 Broadway, Santa Cruz at 7:30 pm. A \$3-5 donation is requested. Sponsor: Resource Center for Nonviolence. Info: Jane or Donna, 423-1626.



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## FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

**Santa Cruz Women's Health Center Expansion Celebration.** Celebrate the renovation and expansion of the SCWHC's Clinic facility with friends, clients, staff, and board. 250 Locust St., Santa Cruz, 4-7 pm, programs at 5:30 pm. Please RSVP by August 24 to 427-3500.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

**"Rise Up Singing" Community Sing Along** with spirited song leaders Peter Blood and Annie Patterson, editors of the popular songbook, *Rise Up Singing*. A benefit the Resource Center for Nonviolence, this event will be held at the Pacific Cultural Center, 1307 Seabright Ave., at 7:30 pm. Advance tickets are \$6-10 sliding for adults, \$5 for children. Tickets at the door will cost \$1 extra. Sponsors: Santa Cruz Friends Meeting, KUSP-FM, Escuela Pacifica, and the Resource Center for Nonviolence. Childcare will be available if requested in advance. Info: 423-1626.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

**International Indian Treaty Council Presentation.** A United Nations Non-Governmental Organization based in San Francisco will present an update on current situations and raise funds needed to continue their work. This event will coincide with the anniversary of the Chicano Moratorium and will focus somewhat on this historic occurrence. Santa Cruz Veteran's Hall, 846 Front St., 7-9 pm, donations accepted. Sponsors: Veterans for Peace, Bill Motto Post, Chapter 11, and Santa Cruz Action for Big Mountain. Info: David Alba, 427-3785.

**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 am-1 pm. Sponsors: Ecology Action and the County of Santa Cruz. Info: Piet Canin, 427-1357.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

**Campaign for the Earth Silent Auction.**

Campaign for the Earth Santa Cruz, a global movement in which individuals and groups come together on a local level, invites you to participate in a community silent auction, featuring a light buffet, wine, and dinner music. The event will be held at Temple Beth El, 3055 Porter Gultch Rd., Aptos, 1-6 pm; bids will close at 4:30 pm. Suggested donation \$3-10. Contributions of goods and services and volunteers to help with the event are still needed. Info: 459-6789.

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.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 &  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

**Resource Center for Nonviolence Rummage and Bake Sale**, including the third annual Non-Sexist Fashion Show. From now until September 15, usable items will be accepted for this benefit sale. Bring clothes, books, records, working appliances, musical instruments, furniture, or other rummage to 515 Broadway (near Ocean St.), Santa Cruz Monday through Friday, between 9:30 am and 6 pm. Receipts available upon request. Info: 423-1626

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2-MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

**Healing Global Wounds.** Ten 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 and the Global Antinuclear 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. For transportation from Santa Cruz, see the next listing.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10 &  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

**WILPF Nevada Test Site Tour.** The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom is sponsoring a Santa Cruz tour to the Nevada Test Site this Columbus Day weekend. The October event in Nevada is a protest of continued nuclear testing and a commemoration of 500 years of resistance by Native Americans. The bus to the test site events leaves Santa Cruz on October 9th and returns October 12th. The cost for both the bus and lodging for the weekend is \$130, and reservations must be made by September 1st. Info: Ruth Hunter, 423-9707, or WILPF, 426-5433.

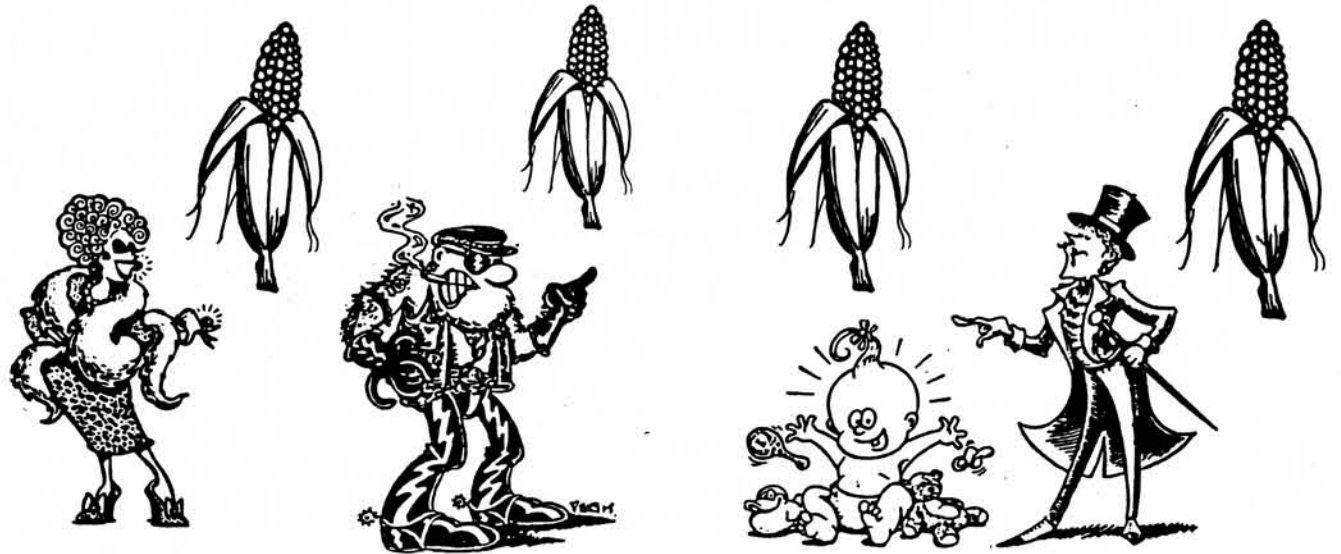


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- graphic art supplies • Hoky-type carpet sweeper
- 3.5" floppy disks • computer paper • a computer scanner
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# ONGOING EVENTS

## 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 pm. 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 pm. Info: 464-8633.

**People for Animal Liberation meeting.** 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Call Cheryl at 429-5698 for location.

**"The Open Door,"** a drop-in support group for battered women. 7-8:30 pm, 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 pm 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 6:15-7:45 pm. No fee. Sponsor: Santa Cruz AIDS Project. Info: 427-3900.

**Support Group for Family and Friends of People with HIV/AIDS.** Alternate Tuesdays 6-7:30 pm. 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 pm 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.

**HIV/AIDS Spanish Support Group.** Support group in Spanish for people with AIDS. 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, 7-8:30 pm. Meets in Watsonville; call for location. Sponsor: Santa Cruz AIDS Project. Info: 763-3430, 800-400-3901, or 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 pm, 509 Broadway, Santa Cruz. Info: 426-3254 or 426-2292.

**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. No meetings in August.

## THURSDAYS:

**National Organization for Women general meeting.** 1st Thursday of the month. Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz. 7 p.m. Open to the public. Info: 335-7704. (Childcare provided; call 335-7704 first to confirm.)

**Green Party Meeting.** 3rd Thursday of the month. Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz, 6-9 pm. Info: 425-3193.

**Cabrillo Students for Social Responsibility meeting.** Cabrillo Fireside Lounge, Cabrillo College, 7 pm. Info: 458-2719.

**Stop First Strike meeting.** Resource Center for Nonviolence, 515 Broadway, Santa Cruz. 7:30 pm. Info: Sarah or Eric, 426-7970.

**AIDS/ARC Support Group.** Meets Thursdays 2-4 pm. 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 pm. Info: 427-3900.

**NOW's Reproductive Rights Task Force meeting.** 4th Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm. Call 457-0931 or 427-9510 for location.

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

## 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 pm. 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 am-1 pm. 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 pm. Info: 425-3193.

# 47 years ago this week, the United States dropped atomic bombs on the people of Hiroshima and Nagasaki

Today, Japan has emerged as a leading world economic power while the United States struggles domestically with economic, infrastructure and social problems which have seriously eroded our competitive edge and undermined the well-being of our citizens. Today, an unprecedented number of U.S. residents face economic despair in the most affluent society in the world.

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Despite all the rhetoric, neither the president, nor the Congress of the United States is willing to convert to a peace time economy. Our political leaders insist on a military budget of Cold War proportions at a time when there is no Cold War. We continue to build weapons that no longer have any purpose whatsoever.

*Our nation cut the military budget by almost 90 percent in the two years after World War II to reinvest in people.*

That should be our model.

## America needs new priorities now!

### What do you think our priorities should be?

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  - \$6 billion for five additional B-2 bombers
  - \$5.4 billion for SDI (Star Wars)
  - \$150 billion to defend Western Europe from Russia
- OR
- Provide AFDC benefits for almost 1 million families
  - Job training for over 2 million workers
  - Award college grants to 2.5 million low-income students
  - Projects to rebuild America's infrastructure

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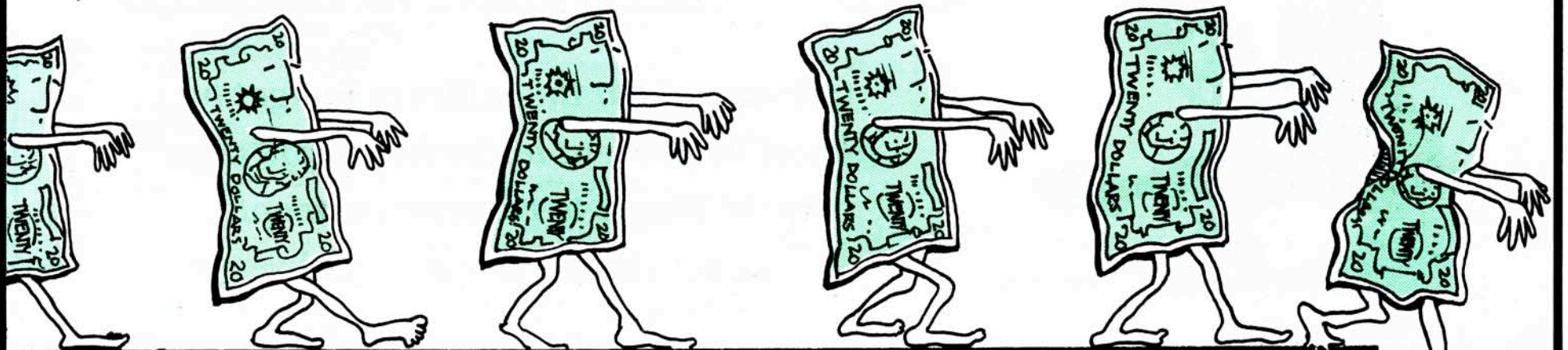
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