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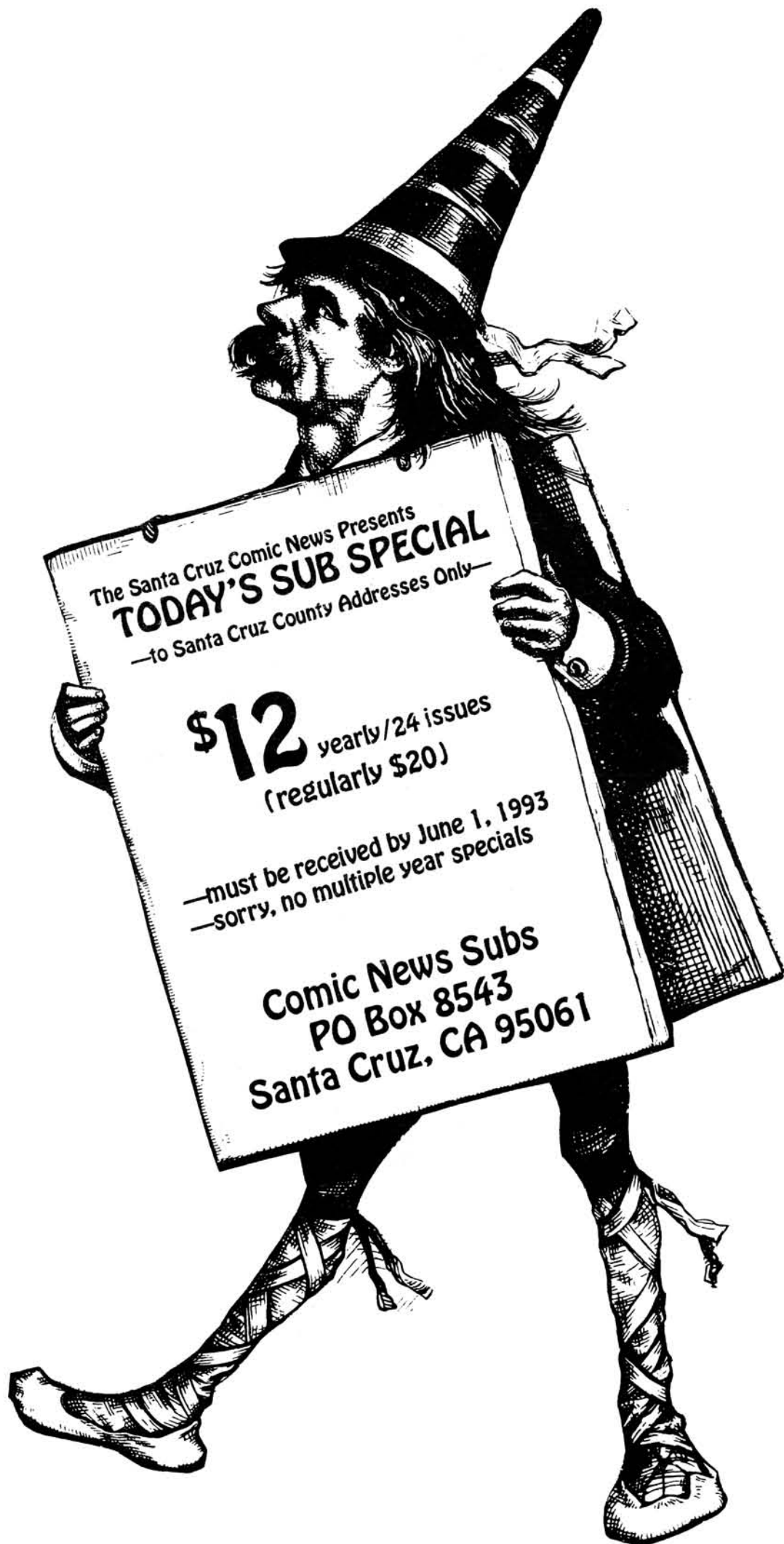
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Those of us who have been wishing for peace on our planet are at last seeing some changes that hopefully are moving our nation in that direction. Military bases are closing. Industries which have been producing military hardware are cutting back or converting. The down side of these changes, however, are present: job instability, unemployment and underemployment. It is a time when individuals may long for a safe, supportive guide to see them through these turbulent times of change. Families as well as individuals are feeling the stress.

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Expulsions Threaten Mideast Peace Process

By Ray M. Schumacher, Ph.D.

Israel's recent deportation of 400 Palestinians has seriously jeopardized the Middle East peace process. The much vaunted peace process had very serious limitations from its start over a year ago in Madrid. Israel was able to define the qualifications of the participants for the Palestinian side, a condition probably without precedent in a meaningful negotiation process. Palestinians from East Jerusalem were excluded as well as those of the Diaspora presently outside the occupied lands. Also excluded was any member of the Palestine Liberation Organization, although that body is recognized as the legitimate representative of the Palestinian people by all the Arab governments of the region. In addition, the goal of the process was limited to an interim arrangement, with no discussion allowed concerning a final resolution of the occupation.

Although eight sets of discussions were held over a period of approximately one year, in fact, very little was accomplished. It would seem clear that this was very much to Israel's liking. As acknowledged by outgoing Prime Minister Shamir, Israel intended to continue the talks as long as possible, while accelerating the settlement process, thus creating immutable "facts on the ground." But the George Bush/Jim Baker policy (fought by most liberal Democrats) of refusing the \$10 billion loan guarantees to oppose the present settlement policy led to the election of a Labor government and a modification of the settlement process. However, the Rabin Labor Government did not actually end the settlement process, reducing the rationale for Israel's delay and intransigence in the peace process.

In December 1992, with the peace talks in recess as the new Clinton Administration prepared to take office, the process had reached a stalemate. The first focus of the talks was to be on "interim self-government" over a period of five years. The Palestinians wanted an elected "Legislative Assembly" that could develop laws to govern themselves within the restrictions of "limited self-rule." Israel would only consider an "Administration Council" that would, within narrowly defined areas, administer and enforce the laws and regulations of the Israeli occupation. This was unacceptable to the Palestinians.

At this point Israel took actions that would dramatically threaten the whole peace process. In response to the killing of five Israeli soldiers and the kidnapping and execution of an Israeli policeman, the Rabin government, without warning, expelled over 400 Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza, claiming they were all leaders or members of Hamas, a Muslim group which took credit for the deaths of the Israelis.

A brief word about "deportations" of Palestinians: The word "deport" usually refers to actions taken by a sovereign government against illegal aliens within its own borders, and the recipient of the deportee is usually the country of his or her origin. However, Palestinians were expelled from their native land to a foreign country by forces of a military occupation and are, therefore, more properly referred to as exiles. These expulsions are absolutely contrary to international law, yet Israel has "deported" Palestinians almost every year since 1967, including 72 since the beginning of the Intifada.



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An Israeli settlement under construction (began since the first round of peace talks in Madrid) near the Pisgat Ze'ev settlement off the East Jerusalem-Ramallah Road in the West Bank.

But the current mass "deportation" has not gone according to the script common in the past. Lebanon has refused to accept the Israeli "deportees," as is clearly their right, as a sovereign nation. And the Palestinian exiles remain remarkably unified and insistent upon their return to their native land.

The scale and timing of the expulsions, and Lebanon's unexpected stand, precipitated a crisis. The U.N. Security Council, in Resolution 799, strongly condemned the act and demanded that all 400 deportees be returned immediately. This step greatly strengthened the resolve of the exiles and presented the PLO with a dilemma. Although anxious to resume the peace talks, the PLO felt that the Palestinian people, already disillusioned by the lack of results at the negotiating table, would not support resumption of the talks while their 400 Hamas brothers were imprisoned.

It seems clear that Israel did not expect the response it received. Apparently quite surprised by the stands of Lebanon and the U.N., Israel stood guilty before the world for torpedoing the peace talks. At this point, to give Israel a way to save face, the U.S., in the person of Secretary of State Warren Christopher, intervened. Without consulting with Palestinians or other Arab delegations, the U.S. developed a "compromise" together with Israel: One hundred of the exiles would be returned immediately and the remainder within the year. (Apparently, to deport 400 would be illegal, while to deport only 300 would be legal.) In turn, the U.S. would try to block U.N. action on Resolution 799. The U.N. played its part as a U.S. satellite by leaving out sanctions against Israel for non-compliance on 799, although it continues sanctions against Iraq for similar non-compliance with Security Council resolutions.

At this point it is unclear whether the Arab delegations will return to the peace talks under current conditions. At last report, the exiles remained united in their determination that none return until they are all allowed to return to their native land. So, the Arabs are presented with a difficult choice: accept the U.S.-brokered "compromise" or abandon the talks. Israel's gambit is to use the formula that was successful with Egypt at Camp David: offer some concession (such as a land-for-peace deal) to one of the individual countries, in this case, Syria, and thus split the Arab camp and isolate

the Palestinians.

It may be helpful to look briefly at the situation in some of the front-line countries. Egypt, most closely tied to the West and dependent on U.S. aid, continues to press for an early resumption of the talks, based on a phased, accelerated return of the exiles. This approach would provide a face-saving gesture to allow Syria and others to return to the talks before all the Palestinians have been repatriated. Egypt is also reported to be trying to pressure Israel to forswear any future "deportations" in the belief that this gesture may be sufficient to restart the talks.

Because of its large Palestinian population, Jordan is most closely tied to the PLO and the fate of the Hamas exiles. Although eager to resume the peace talks, Jordan appears to be leaving it up to the Palestinians to accept or reject any compromise deal over the exiles. This implies that it would not return to the talks without the Palestinians. However, Jordan is not seen as a real power player in the negotiations. That role falls to Syria.

The position of Syria on the relationship of the peace talks to the deportation issue is somewhat ambiguous. Note that Israel formally annexed the Golan Heights with the strong implication that it would never consider returning the territory to Syria. Now Israel is dangling the bait of land-for-peace and Syria is understandably keen to resume the peace talks.

On one hand, the Syrian Foreign Minister Faruq-al-Shara stated, after meeting with Warren Christopher on February 22, that the "goal of the peace process is broader and more important" than the issue of the exiles in Lebanon. On the other hand, five days later, after further talks with Christopher, Shara said that it would be "wrong to think that any Arab party will go to the peace talks without finding a satisfactory solution for the deportee crisis."

This will probably be somewhat clarified at the upcoming Damascus meeting of the Arab foreign ministers and the PLO. It seems likely that, at a minimum, this meeting will produce some unified reaction to resumption of the peace talks and its relation to the plight of the Palestinian exiles in southern Lebanon.

At a time when violence is escalating in the occupied territories and the need for peace and justice in the Middle East become more imperative, what is the U.S. role? The U.S. has promised to play a more activist role in negotiations than in previous administrations. Given Clinton's unflinching support for Israel, this may not be good news for the Palestinians. The U.S. continues to give over \$3 billion of aid to Israel annually, with absolutely no conditions. And the U.S. frequently supports Israel's positions in the U.N. alone, sometimes blocking sanctions or reprimands.

It seems clear that the whole world, with the exception of Israel and the U.S., supports a two-state solution with guaranteed borders for both Israel and an independent Palestinian state. If the U.S. can so easily support self-determination for the Lithuanians, Latvians and Estonians and for the Slovenians, Croatians and Bosnians, why not for the Palestinians? ■

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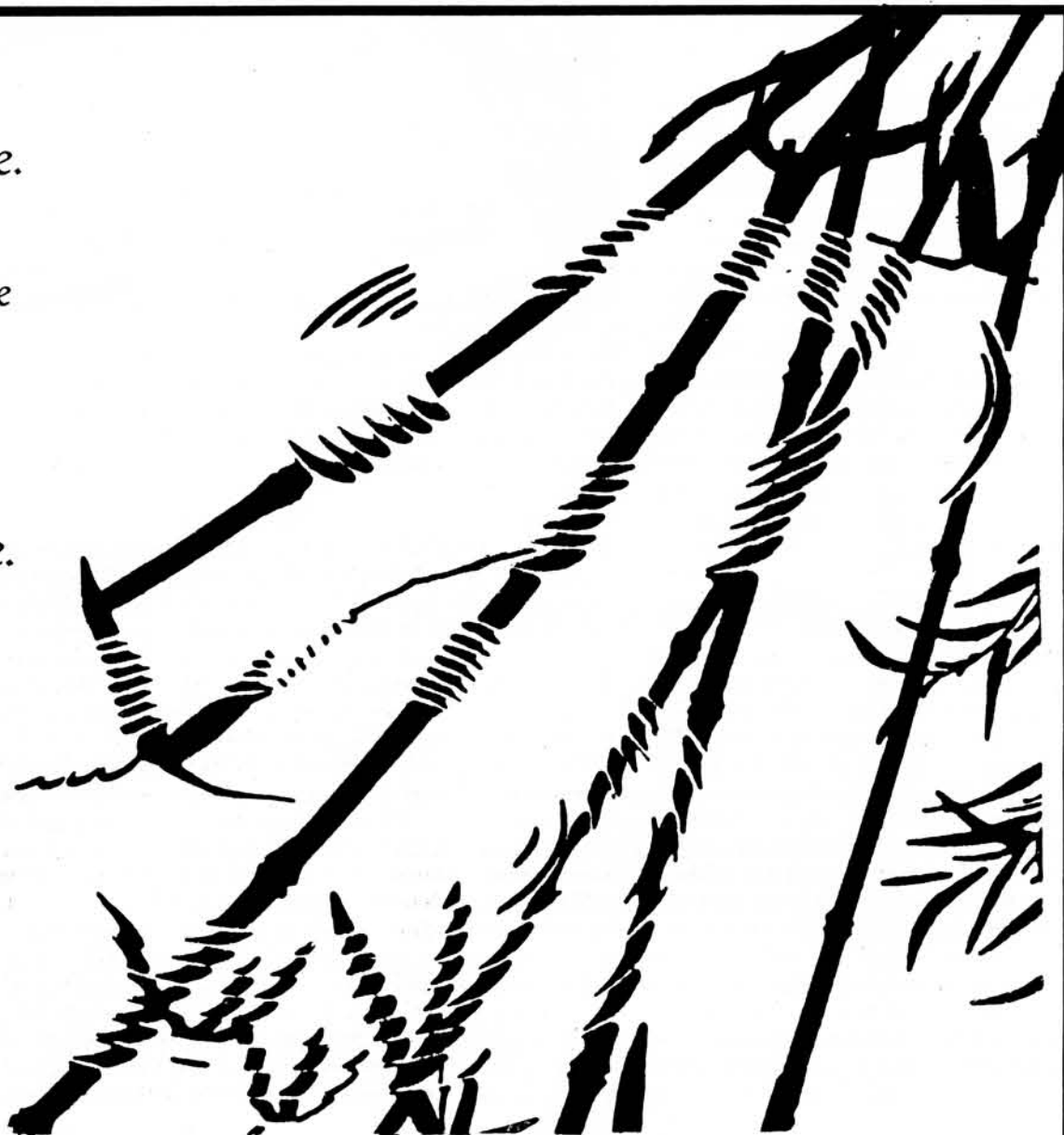
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Nuclear Testing

ISSUE: For the first time in 12 years the country has a president who has expressed support for a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty to end all nuclear test explosions. However, this support has not been echoed by others within the Clinton Administration, most notably Defense Secretary Les Aspin. House and Senate resolutions urging a test ban are currently gathering steam.

OUR POSITION: An end to testing is the only step which can both guarantee a halt to qualitative increases in weapons technology and provide other nations with a disincentive to develop their own nuclear weapons. With North Korea's withdrawal from the Non-Proliferation Treaty, and other nations considering withdrawal, a CTB Treaty would greatly aid efforts to stop nuclear proliferation.

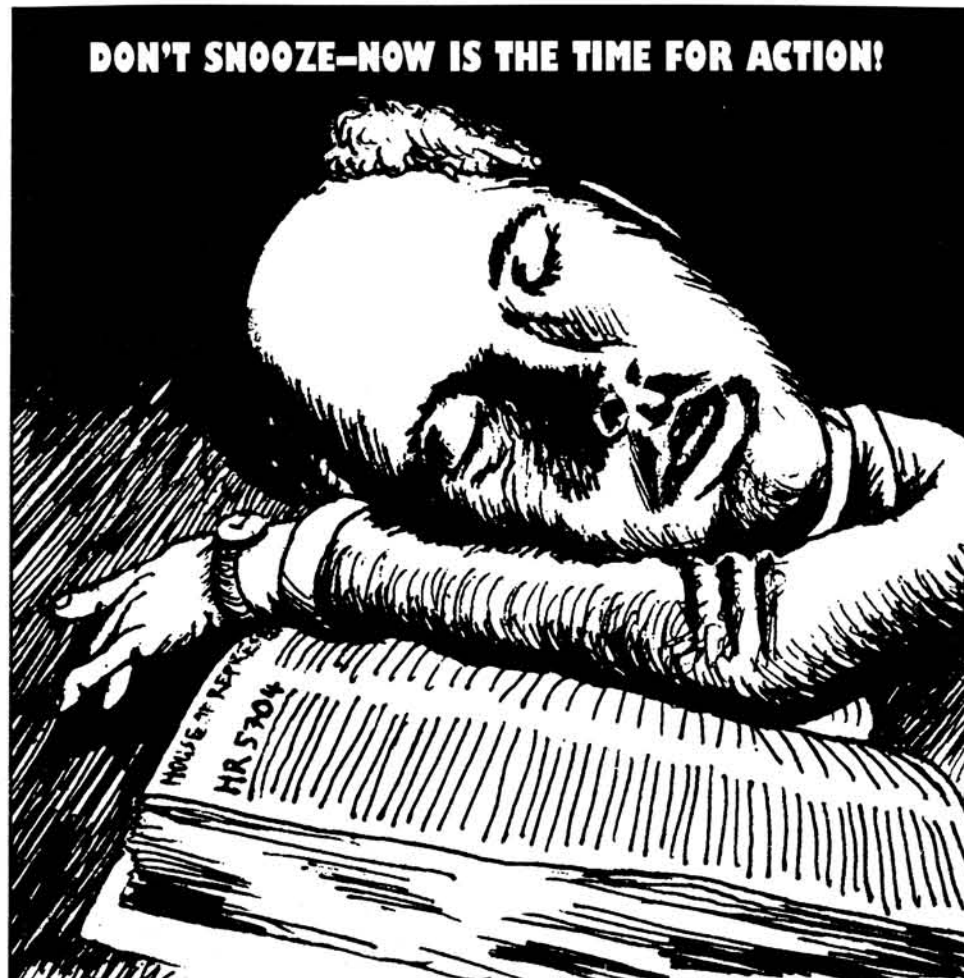
STATUS: Both California Senators are co-sponsors of the Senate resolution. Many House Democrats have not yet signed on, and should be urged to do so. However, the most important place to pressure is the administration itself. Re-opening testing talks would be a great signal before next year's Non-Proliferation Treaty review conference.

ACTION: Bob Bell is President Clinton's advisor on testing issues. Letters should be written to his attention at The White House, Washington DC, 20500, urging the resumption of testing talks as soon as possible. Also ask your representative to urge Mr. Bell to take this action, which should carry a lot of weight.

Arms Sales

ISSUE: As U.S. defense firms begin to worry about their American markets they are increasingly looking abroad for new customers. This has elevated the U.S. to the dubious status of the world's number one arms exporter. While the American public routinely shows concern about this situation in opinion polls, Congress has steadfastly resisted almost all efforts to control sales. Educating our representatives to the breadth of public concern can best be accomplished in the short-term by holding hearings on the subject — soon.

OUR POSITION: There is absolutely no evidence that U.S. (or any other nation's) arms sales and transfers create stability in



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the world. One need only look at the Gulf War to find many examples of previous sales moving us closer to intervention, not farther from it.

STATUS: Rep. Lee Hamilton (D-Indiana) is the chair of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and as such it is his responsibility to schedule hearings and provide the high profile public platform this issue sorely needs. He has expressed interest but as yet has taken no action.

ACTION: Write Rep. Hamilton at the Washington address to express your concern about U.S. arms sales and transfers. California members on the Foreign Affairs Committee can have particular influence with Hamilton. Reps. Lantos, Martinez and Edwards should be urged to ask Hamilton to hold these hearings as soon as possible. If you live in one of these districts, write or call your representative.

Military Budget

ISSUE: Despite ample economic incentives

to reduce military spending, Congress continues to be very slow in moving U.S. spending priorities toward domestic and economic needs. Much of the money saved from weapons systems cuts have been transferred to other weapons programs, resulting in minimal savings. Amendments will be offered in the House in April and May to delete funding for the Star Wars program, the C-17 military intervention supply plane, and the Trident II D-5 missile, the only nuclear weapon the U.S. is now making.

OUR POSITION: The U.S. can solve its budget and deficit woes in two ways — by cutting military spending or by obliterating what's left of the social safety net. It is unconscionable to put military cuts back into other military programs, as has been happening with some frequency. Opportunities to move away from defense dependency have been few and far between over the years — it would be catastrophic to miss this one.

STATUS: The annual total spending limits

for defense (and other programs) have been set. Congress can only cut back from those limits. Opportunities to do so will come in the form of floor amendments in April and May. Votes on these amendments often occur without much warning; therefore, it is essential that voters immediately let their representatives know how they feel.

ACTION: Write your representative, particularly moderates like Fazio, Lantos, Condit, Dooley, Dymally and Brown (if you live in one of these districts), and urge their support for the floor amendments cutting Star Wars missile defense, the C-17 transport plane, and the D-5 missile for the Trident submarine. Also insist that any and all military savings be put into domestic human needs programs or deficit reduction, and not into other military programs.

Economic Conversion

ISSUE: Peace groups have been working for many years to convert U.S. spending from military dependency to civilian-based priorities. Seymour Melman, the nation's foremost conversion theorist, has been an active member of the SANE/FREEZE advisory committee for more than a decade. Defense spending reductions can only be effectively realized if plans exist ahead of time for economically supporting the transition away from military spending.

OUR POSITION: Defense contractors have historically been very opposed to conversion legislation. They fear that conversion might actually occur once communities begin thinking about their addictions to military spending. Naturally, the thought of having to participate in genuine competition and quality control in civilian markets is not as appealing to contractors as the old system which guaranteed them large profits year after year. Making all contractors meet the same standards as any other industry in the country is key to long-term economic health.

STATUS: Rep. Maxine Waters (D-Los Angeles) has recently introduced HR1027, the Defense Economic Conversion and Diversification Investment Tax Credit Act. This bill would offer a tax credit to contractors who shift to civilian production, and would involve local communities and labor groups in planning for the conversion.

ACTION: With the need for cuts in military spending more evident than ever before, this legislation has the potential to draw support from Republicans and Democrats alike. Only broad, non-partisan support will be sufficient to pass this bill. Members of the House should be contacted and asked to co-sponsor HR1027, especially Republicans. Let your representative know that regardless of her/his position on military cuts and base closures, it is only logical to plan now for what the communities might well need later.

Livermore Lab Conversion

ISSUE: The U.S. Department of Energy has been dominated by weapons-related issues for the last 12 years. Under Reagan and Bush, the DOE spent approximately 70 percent of its budget on weapons and 30 percent on actual energy issues — a total reversal of previous priorities. The technological resources of the DOE have enormous potential to assist the U.S. in addressing future energy needs, but only if Congress forces the Energy Department to consolidate overlapping lab missions.

OUR POSITION: Consolidating the weapons work of the DOE into one of the three labs is a prerequisite to cutting down on nuclear weapons research in general. While a complete end to such research would be preferable, consolidation would be a step down that road and also free up at least one lab (probably Lawrence Livermore in Northern California) to do civilian research on energy, environmental technology and other issues.

STATUS: Rep. George Brown (D-CA) has introduced HR1432, the Department of Energy Laboratory Technology Act, which calls for the consolidation of nuclear weapons research conducted at the three DOE labs and for the conversion of at least one of those labs to civilian technology. The bill places an emphasis on converting to areas which enhance "green technologies" and U.S. economic competitiveness. HR1432 has just been introduced, and will be marked up in the Science, Space and Technology Committee throughout April and May.

ACTION: Co-sponsors are urgently needed if this bill is to receive much support in committee and beyond. All California representatives should be urged to sign on as co-sponsors. Particular emphasis should be placed on members of the committee, which include Reps. Minetta, Becerra, Herman, Eshoo, Rohrbacher, Calvert, Royce and Baker. Baker's district includes Livermore Labs. Make sure your letters and calls include a message urging the adoption of this bill as a first step towards ending nuclear weapons development.

State Conversion Alert

ISSUE: While federal funding has increased for defense conversion efforts, there is currently no vehicle for California to receive such monies. California is the most defense-dependent state in the union, yet previous state legislative efforts over the past six years to provide economic conversion planning have been vetoed by the governor. In a "quick-fix" approach, Governor Wilson recently issued an execu-

tive order appointing heads of several state offices to "determine a strategy" for conversion. However, the California Council on Defense Industry Conversion and Technology Assessment is a narrowly defined, heavily bureaucratic, decision-making body. While it is seemingly a step in the right direction, it is by no means a representative body to determine California's economic needs.

OUR POSITION: A broadly-based economic conversion council should not only represent business and government, but also the needs of communities, labor and the environment, all of which are ignored by Governor Wilson's council. The strategies developed during this crucial time will impact our economic policy for the next ten years. Our conversion can either take the form of deregulating the environment and lobbying for contracts in "dual-use," or true conversion toward environmentally-sound, economically sustainable industrial policies.

STATUS: State Senator Gary Hart (D-Santa Barbara) has introduced SB458, the California Defense Conversion Initiative-Economic Development and Training Act of 1993, which calls for a broadly based decision-making body and to assist existing conversion efforts, an aspect Wilson's executive order overlooks. The Assembly counterpart, AB2222, is co-sponsored by Barbara Lee (D-Oakland), Sam Farr (D-Santa Cruz), and Paul Horcher (R-Whittier).

ACTION: Phone and/or write Governor Wilson and ask him to support a broader definition of California's Economic Conversion Task Force, as described in the Hart Senate bill and the Assembly bill. Contact your local assemblymember and state senator and encourage them to support SB458 and AB2222. Explain that you want a broader, more inclusive example of our economic needs for conversion efforts in California. ■

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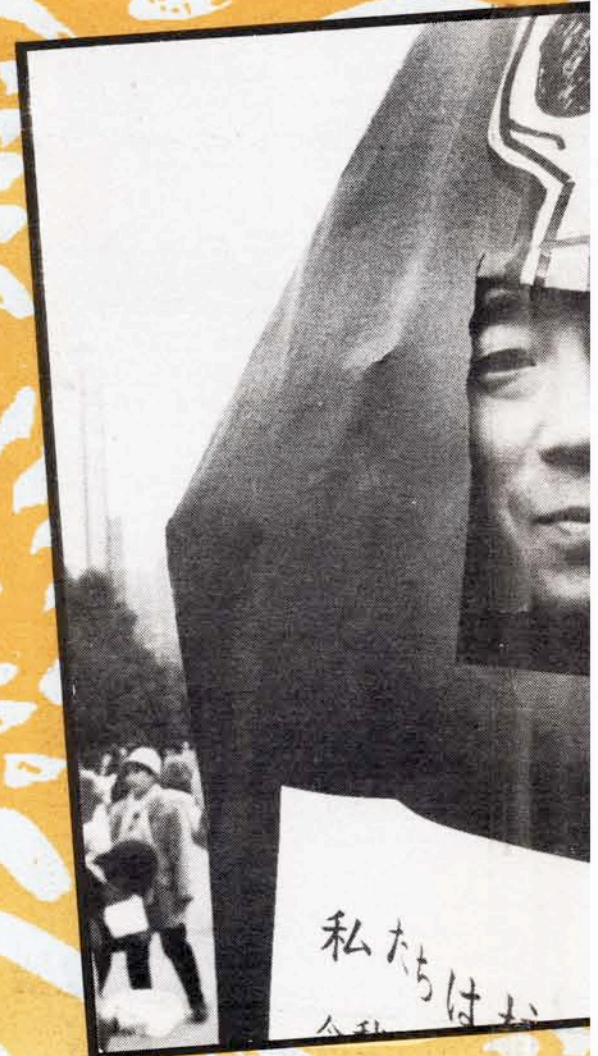


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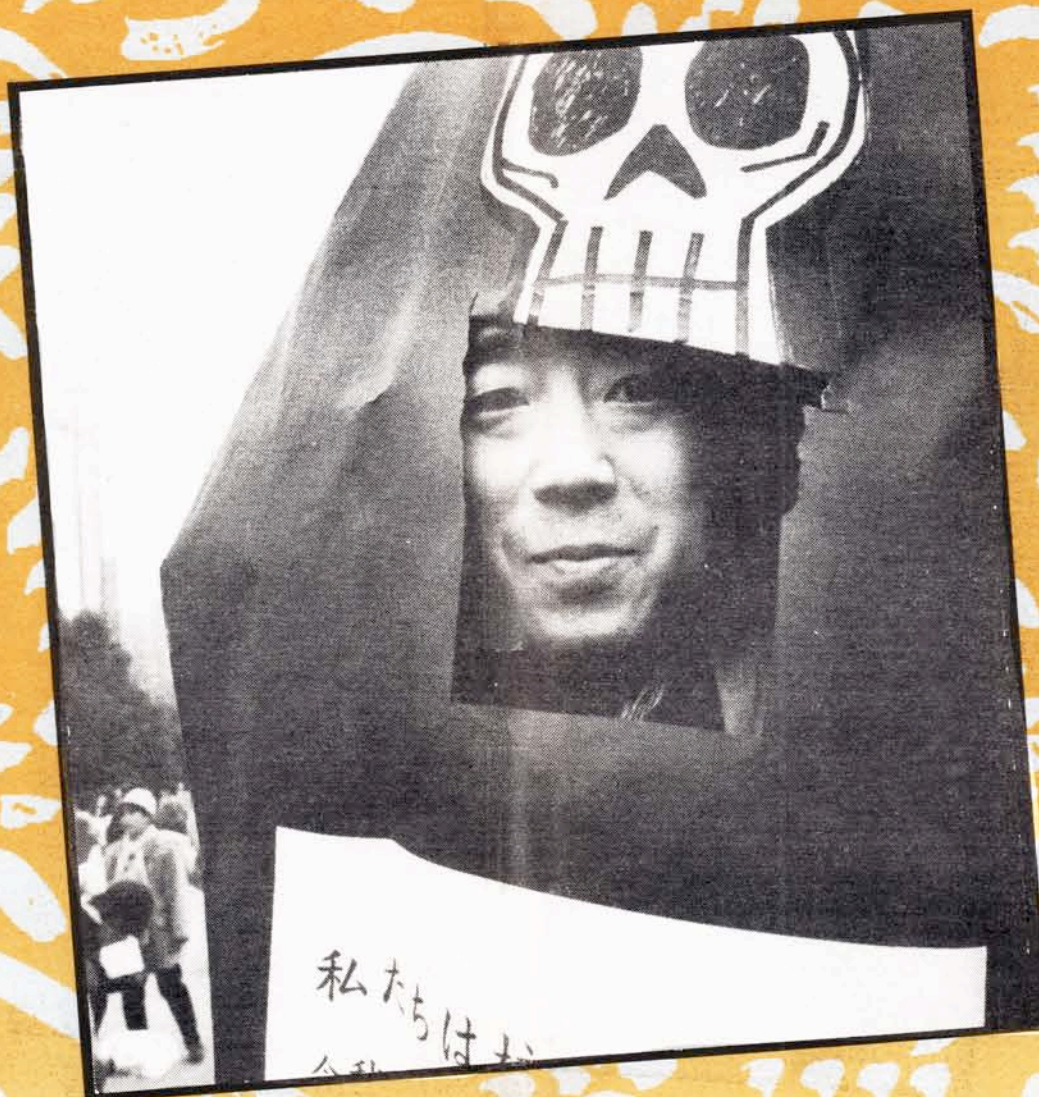
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On December 20 approximately 400 people gathered in Hiblya Park, Tokyo to listen to song, speeches and satire, and to show their opposition to the impending arrival of the "Plutonium Ship," the Akatsukimaru.

The Akatsukimaru left France December 8 with one ton of plutonium in its hold. The ship traveled a secret route that took it past the Cape of Good Hope, across the Indian Ocean, through a maze in the southwestern Pacific, and during the demonstration the Akatsukimaru was headed north to the Sea of Japan. (This shipment is the first of many planned for the next two decades. By 2010 the Japanese government will allow the import of over 80 tons of high-grade plutonium. This has alarmed many in Japan; some who personally experienced the devastation of the atom bomb.)

After leaving Hiblya Park, the crowd continued to grow and became a march of over a thousand people by the time it reached the center of Tokyo's financial district. Most surprising was the spontaneous participation of many shoppers and families on holiday. The march concluded in a small park about a half mile past Tokyo Station.

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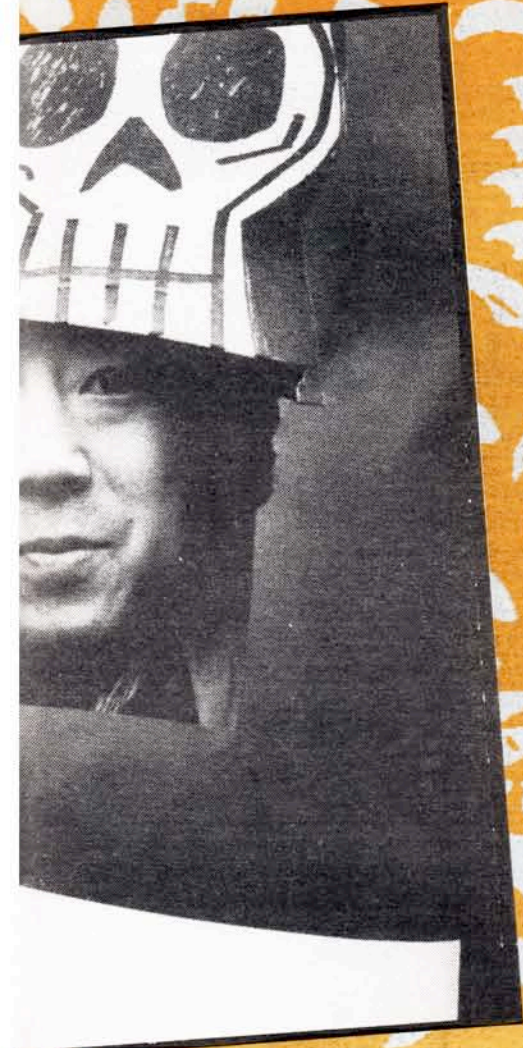


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POLITICS AFTER Panetta

ELECTION PROVOKES SPLIT AMONG PROGRESSIVES

Shelley D'Amour

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When Leon Panetta's 16-year reign as the Monterey Bay area's chief spokesperson in Washington came to an end, there seemed to be no lack of applicants ready and willing to take his place. In all, 26 candidates will appear on the April 13 ballot, representing all parts of the political spectrum. Most have had no prior governmental experience — a fact that some analysts say may be in their favor, considering today's anti-incumbent climate.

This special election features an open primary, meaning voters can choose from among any of the 26 candidates, regardless of party affiliation. If no candidate receives more than 50 percent of the vote, a run-off election will be held on June 8th. The top vote getter from each party will be represented in the run off. Considering the number of candidates, a run-off is virtually assured.

Among the Democratic candidates, three are considered to be the top contenders: Monterey County Supervisor Barbara Shipnuck, 28th Assembly District Representative Sam Farr, and Salinas attorney Bill Monning. Of these, Farr and Monning have sparked passion — and division — among area progressive voters, particularly in Santa Cruz.

On March 13, following a candidates forum, Santa Cruz' most notable progressive political organization — the Santa Cruz Action Network (SCAN) — did *not* give the nod to heir-apparent Sam Farr, but rather passed him over in favor of political newcomer Bill Monning by a 2-to-1 majority. In the debate which followed the forum, SCAN members found themselves in the unprecedented position of lining up behind competing candidates. Many of those who had supported Sam Farr in previous elections were now switching their support to Bill Monning. Given Farr's long history as a progressive leader in elected office, why would area progressives want to give their support to another candidate, especially one who has never held elected office?

"I think that if Sam gets elected, he'll probably vote the right way on about 90 percent of the issues that we care about," said former SCAN steering committee member Annette Dow, a Monning supporter. "But I don't think he's able to move people on major issues. With Bill Monning, we have somebody who knows how to organize and take initiative and struggle for things and carry others along with him." Current SCAN co-coordinator Nancy Abersold agrees, stating that Monning's experience in grassroots community organizing will make him an activist in Congress, a change she'd like to see.

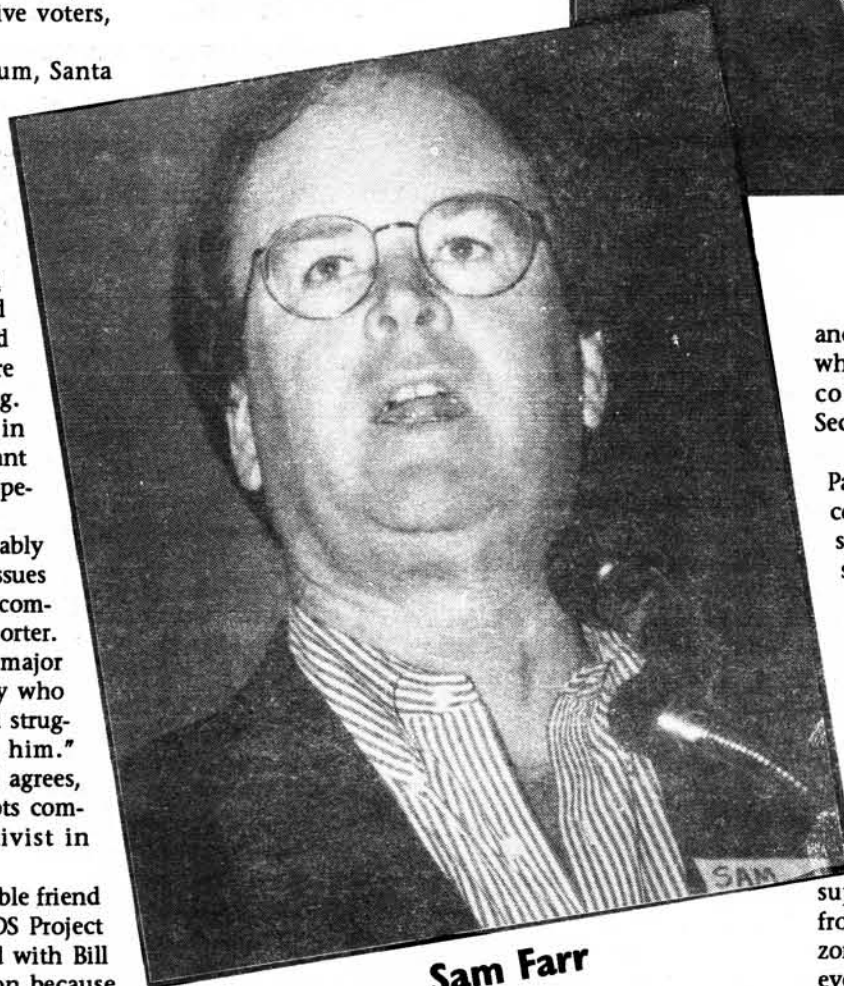
Farr supporters say that he's been a dependable friend to progressives over the years. Santa Cruz AIDS Project director John Laird stated that he's impressed with Bill Monning but will support Farr in the election because "Sam's always been there on the issues." In particular, Laird points to Farr's record on AIDS-related legislation



Barbara Shipnuck



Bill Monning



Sam Farr

and the environment: "In the mid-1980s, there was a time when only Leon Panetta and Sam Farr were between local coastal governments and (former Reagan Interior Secretary) James Watt."

Santa Cruz County Third District Supervisor Gary Patton feels that Farr's low-key style may not adequately convey his commitment to the issues. "The style of personal commitment and passion helps people want to support you. Bill Monning is conveying that, and you need to convey that." Patton believes that although Farr may not be as outspoken as some would like, he has nevertheless used his style to effectively advance the needs of his constituency.

Others state that the issue isn't one of style, but of leadership. "I think [Farr's] basically what we would call a 'good party person,'" said SCAN member Bill Belton. "I think the votes we have seen in the legislature have been for the most part, that type of vote. I think we need much more drastic support in Washington. I see Monning as a guy who, from his record — bringing medical supplies to the war zone in El Salvador; travelling to the Middle East on the eve of the Gulf War — would be willing to take brave and aggressive action." Belton expressed concerns that, given the moderate politics of the Clinton Administration, the

central coast should send someone to Washington who will be willing to push the president toward more progressive stances.

Former SCAN coordinator Glen Schaller says Farr has taken political risks in the past and is not afraid to stand up to party leadership when necessary. "Sam was willing to buck the state Democratic Party on issues of campaign reform," stated Schaller, referring to Farr's support for last year's campaign reform initiative, Proposition 68.

Former Santa Cruz AIDS Project director Jo Kenny states that Farr "pushed for gay and lesbian issues long before the party did." Laird agrees, adding: "Sam's taken initiative on bills that would not generally be seen as popular," citing Farr's cosponsorship of a controversial needle exchange bill that has since been vetoed by Governor Wilson.

The split in electoral support between Monning and Farr has provoked concerns that progressives could lose out altogether in this election. For example, although candidate Barbara Shipnuck does not enjoy much support among progressives, she is more likely to draw votes away from some of Farr's moderate supporters. With Bill Monning chipping away at Farr's support from the other side, some members of the Farr camp are worried that Shipnuck may end up taking the Democratic majority. In addition, voter turnout is expected to be light — as low as 20 percent by some estimates. Traditional electoral wisdom dictates that light voter turnout bodes well for conservatives. "People who vote in special elections are highly motivated," says Glen Schaller. "Progressives need to keep in mind that this is an area which could elect a moderate Republican."

Rumblings of discontent among progressives have also been heard at endorsement forums other than SCAN's. After a spirited debate among its membership, the People's Democratic Club was unable to come up with the 63-percent majority required to produce an endorsement. And although the Santa Cruz Central Labor Council officially endorsed Sam Farr, an initial vote gave a double nod to both Monning and Farr. Locally, three of the area's alternative newspapers — *City on a Hill*, *The Santa Cruz Comic News*, and *Santa Cruz Magazine*, — have thrown their endorsement to Monning, while the city's only daily, *The Santa Cruz Sentinel*, has endorsed businessperson Martin Vonnegut.

Nancy Abersold feels that the division of support over candidates in this election is emblematic of a broader crisis within Santa Cruz's politically progressive community. Annette Dow agrees, stating: "There really is a tremendous split devel-

oping among progressives. There's an enormous amount of people questioning what it means to be a progressive and trying to define what the progressive agenda is again. And it's happening issue by issue." Dow traces this development back to the months following the Loma Prieta earthquake, as the liberal majority of the city council was forced to come to grips with economic development issues — and sometimes taking stances that were unpopular with portions of their constituencies.

According to Dow, the past three years has witnessed a series of controversial issues — the homeless campground proposal, the destruction of the old Saint George hotel, the Longs drugstore project, and the proposed outlet center — which has placed politically active, progressive members of the community on opposite sides.

Supervisor Patton believes that the SCAN endorsement of Bill Monning represents a desire for fundamental change in the political system, a desire which he says was also expressed by the country as a whole in the election of that other Bill. "SCAN wants to send a message that we need real, substantial, significant change and if anybody thinks that we're satisfied with the same sort of corporate policies under the Democratic banner which are the same as the Republican banner except the banners change — that is not what SCAN wants, and I'm very convinced that's not what the country wants. I really do think Sam is the candidate that's going to help us make a change in the government. My experience is that he's willing to take on these things that we want locally and try to get them done in an organizational setting where it's not progressive."

Overall, says Patton, the debate has been a healthy process for the progressive community. "The people who are being represented

need not be afraid of pushing and harassing, making clear to these people we elect, what we passionately care about. I think it's very good. In the end, if people end up thinking that Sam just doesn't have the fire in the belly to do this, and they want somebody else, so be it. I hope people reach the same conclusion I reach. But if they don't, I think this election contest is well within the bounds of absolutely the best thing around in terms of democracy."

What follows is a brief overview of the candidates:

SAM FARR

Popular area Assemblymember Sam Farr has been in public office longer than Leon Panetta. First elected to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors in 1975, Farr then joined the state Assembly

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in 1980 representing the 28th Assembly District, an area that overlaps about 55 percent of the congressional district he is now competing for.

Farr is generally regarded as a progressive legislator who prefers to work quietly behind the scenes to accomplish his agenda. Much criticism has been levied at him during this campaign for accepting large amounts of political action committee (PAC) money. Farr is the leading fundraiser in the race, with more than \$200,000 in his campaign war chest, about half of which has come from PACs. Four offices throughout the district coordinate the various aspects of the campaign. The campaign strategy has primarily focused on phoning supporters and on a heavy utilization of television.

Farr's legislative agenda has focused primarily on environmental and economic issues pertinent to the central coast, as well as legislation protecting the civil rights of gay and lesbian citizens and those afflicted with HIV. Farr has been a long-time opponent of offshore oil drilling, and worked closely with Leon Panetta to create the recently established Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary. During this congressional campaign, Farr has indicated the following positions:

- **Military:** Farr supports a 50-percent reduction in military spending over the next three years, coupled with a commitment to conversion funding which produces jobs in areas being hit by base closings. Farr favors establishing a university and an environmental research center on the Fort Ord site.

- **Health Care:** Although originally a supporter of managed health care — an approach favored by many businesses — Farr now supports a single-payer health care program similar to the Canadian model. Farr is also an advocate for reproductive choice, and would mandate that any national health care plan also provide the full range of reproductive health care benefits.

- **Education:** Farr supports increased funding for Pell Grants; favors a community service pay-back option for student loans, a program proposed by the Clinton Administration; and opposes a voucher system for parents of school-aged children. He opposes voting rights for non-citizen parents of school-aged children for school board elections.

- **Civil Liberties:** Farr advocates strengthening enforcement of affirmative action programs, and opposes discrimination against lesbians and gays in the military. Farr was a co-author of Assembly Bill 2601, which extends fair employment and housing protections to gays and lesbians. Farr is a strong opponent of the death penalty.

- **Foreign policy:** Farr supports repeal

of the Torricelli bill, which imposes severe economic sanctions upon Cuba. Farr's campaign statements indicate that he would support eliminating the distinction between "political" and "economic" refugees. However, he is on the fence regarding the current Clinton Administration policy to turn back Haitian refugees. On Middle East issues, Farr calls for a strong cooperation between Israel and the U.S. "in areas of weapons research, intelligence and military support services." In a candidate questionnaire Farr indicated support for Secretary of State Warren Christopher's efforts in the Middle East peace process but did not directly answer a question regarding Palestinian autonomy, stating only that "the parties themselves must agree on the solutions."

- **Endorsements:** Farr is endorsed by both California senators and most major political figures throughout California as well as a number of community leaders throughout the central coast.

If elected to Congress. Farr states that his priorities will center around health care, education, the environment, and the local economy in light of the closing of Fort Ord.

BARBARA SHIPNUCK

Barbara Shipnuck was elected in 1978 as the first woman supervisor in Monterey County. Her principal focus while in office has been on health care issues on county, state and national levels. Her other main interests have included budget reform at the county level, and services for seniors and children at risk. Overall, Shipnuck presents a fairly solid moderate platform with some progressive stances on social issues. A survey of her campaign literature and responses to candidate questionnaires indicates the following positions:

- **Military:** Shipnuck supports a 50-percent reduction in military spending over the next three years — a goal which has been articulated by national peace organizations. She also supports negotiating and signing a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

Shipnuck favors establishing a university and research facility established at Fort Ord.

- **Health Care:** Shipnuck supports universal health care coverage, but opposes the single-payer model. She would include catastrophic care in the national plan, an idea which is currently opposed by the Clinton Administration. Shipnuck is an advocate for choice and would include all reproductive health care services in whatever national health care program is chosen.

- **Education:** Shipnuck supports Clinton's community service corps idea, and opposes a school voucher system. She is on record in support of bilingual education and preschool programs such as Head

Start. Shipnuck opposes extending voting rights to non-citizen parents of school-aged children for school board elections.

- **Civil Liberties:** Shipnuck supports strengthening enforcement of affirmative action programs. She would also support legislation banning discrimination against gays and lesbians in the military. Shipnuck supports the death penalty for adults.

- **Foreign Policy:** Shipnuck backs repeal of the Torricelli bill, and would eliminate the distinction between economic and political refugees. In terms of Middle East issues, Shipnuck believes that the U.S. should serve as a facilitator in promoting the peace process. She does not support a "two-state" solution to the Palestinian/Israeli conflict.

- **Endorsements:** Most of Shipnuck's endorsements are from women's groups outside the Monterey Bay area. She does have some local labor support through the San Benito County Central Labor Council and Monterey County SEIU.

If elected to Congress. Shipnuck indicates that her priorities will be the local economy, health care reform, budget reform and the environment. Shipnuck is the second highest fundraiser in this race. She has indicated that she would accept PAC money from all sources except the tobacco industry.

BILL MONNING

Salinas labor attorney Bill Monning has created a completely grassroots campaign that is amazingly broad in its scope, given the limited amount of organizing time. Approximately 30 area coordinators stretching from Santa Cruz all the way to Chular handle the various aspects of the campaign.

Monning was a staff attorney for the United Farm Workers Union 1976-1978, after which he worked for the California Rural Legal Assistance. Following that, Monning became the executive director of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, and later of the Salvadoran Medical Relief Fund. He has never held elected office.

Monning's principal electoral themes focus on eliminating the PAC system, creating local jobs, national health care, and environmental protection. Unlike Farr and Shipnuck, Monning has refused to take any PAC money; despite this stand, he has raised over \$71,000. A survey of Mon-

ning's campaign literature and responses to candidates questionnaires indicate the following positions:

- **Military:** Monning supports a 50-percent cut in military spending over the next three years and redirecting the funds to meet human needs. In terms of the Fort Ord facility, Monning favors a development project that would provide both jobs and low-income housing, with priority to those workers displaced as a result of the closing of Fort Ord.

- **Health Care:** Monning supports a single-payer national health care system. He also supports reproductive choice and increased funding for health education programs, especially those that address AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases. Monning would decriminalize drugs and shift the emphasis from criminal justice to treatment.

- **Education:** Monning supports some kind of national service as an option for students to pay back school loans. He strongly opposes a voucher system. Monning supports a system that would permit non-citizen parents of school-aged children to vote in school board elections.

- **Civil Liberties:** Monning is a strong opponent of the death penalty. He supports full legal recognition of same-sex domestic partner relationships, and opposes discrimination against gays and lesbians in the military.

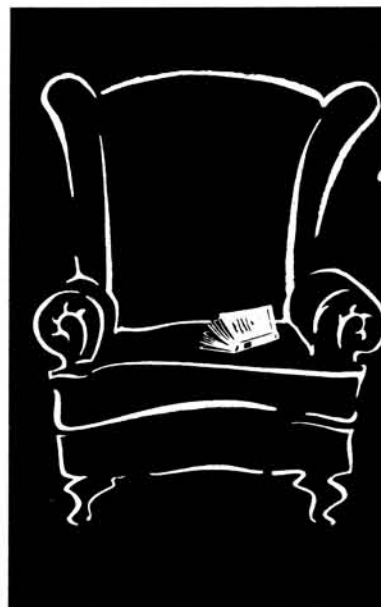
- **Foreign Policy:** Monning is a strong supporter of the Torricelli bill. He supports a two-state solution as part of the Middle East peace process.

- **Endorsements:** Monning is endorsed by several labor groups including the United Farm Workers, two SEIU locals, and the North Monterey County Federation of Teachers, plus the Green Party and Peace & Freedom Party.

If elected to Congress: Monning states he will focus on creating a national health care system, establishing campaign finance reform, and military conversion. ■

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

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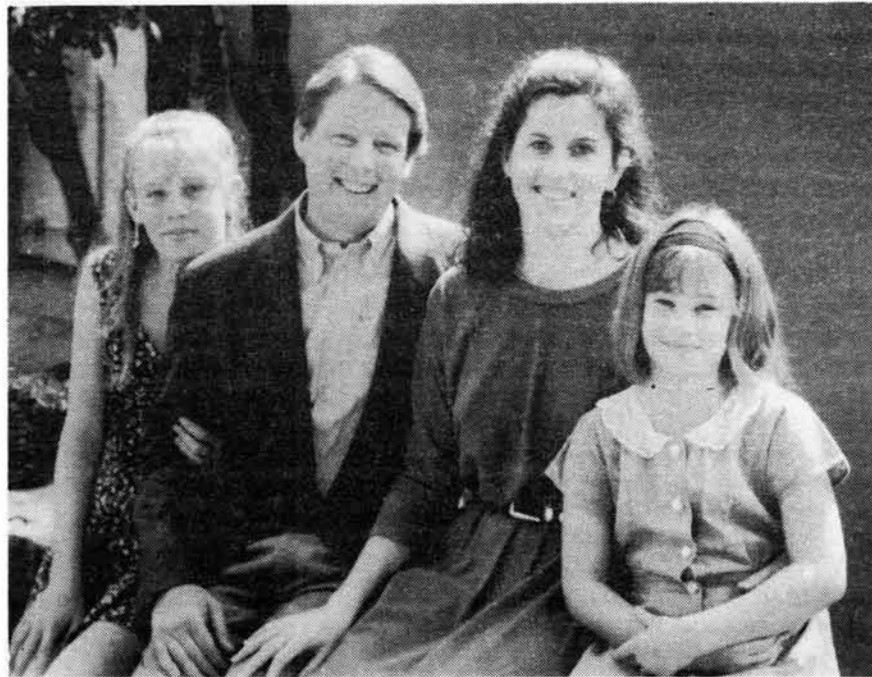
JOBS & THE ECONOMY - Bill Monning is uncompromised by debts to corporate PACs. He's the only leading candidate who opposes the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) as currently drafted. Bill Monning knows there doesn't have to be a conflict between jobs and environmental protection. He knows deficit reduction cannot succeed without a strong economy and that a strong economy is built on jobs. He will work to redirect federal resources and to restructure federal law to create those jobs.

WOMEN'S RIGHTS - Bill Monning believes reproductive choice is a fundamental right. He is committed to winning government supported health care to ensure that all have access to preventative medical care, prenatal care, and family planning. Bill Monning has worked as an advocate for victims of sexual harassment and discrimination and believes that ending violence against women should be a national priority.

EDUCATION - Bill Monning believes we need more smart students and fewer smart bombs. With two daughters in public school, he knows that classrooms are overcrowded and that enriching programs have been eliminated. Why will \$38 billion be spent on unneeded new nuclear weapons this year while our schools deteriorate and teachers are laid off? Because arms manufacturers' political contributions have purchased access to politicians that educators can't hope to match. Bill Monning will work to ensure that our schools receive the resources they need.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION - Bill Monning doesn't take money from oil and chemical companies. He is an uncompromised advocate of environmental protection. Bill's record includes helping pass pesticide protection laws and lobbying the United Nations for a worldwide nuclear test ban. Today, the earth is facing crises as life sustaining systems begin to collapse. Politicians dependent on money from polluters simply can't be counted on to provide the bold leadership we need.

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Nicaragua Policy: Will Clinton Break With the Past?

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President Clinton's April 3 release of the \$50 million of authorized aid to the Chamorro government signals a modicum of relief for the long-suffering people of Nicaragua. But statements made by the Clinton State Department at the time are troubling. Coupled with the president's nomination of career foreign officer John Maisto to be his ambassador to Nicaragua, these statements cast serious doubts as to whether he intends to depart substantially from the right-wing agenda for Nicaragua promulgated by Senator Jesse Helms and the Bush Administration.

On March 24 President Clinton confirmed the nomination of Deputy Assistant Secretary of State John Maisto to be his ambassador to Nicaragua. This brought smiles to the faces of Jesse Helms and his ex-Somoza cohorts in Miami and Managua, and cheers from his right-wing colleagues in the U.S. Senate.

On April 2, when the Clinton State Department announced the release of \$50 million in aid to the Chamorro government of Nicaragua, a maddened and confused Jesse Helms took to the floor of the Senate to rail against the administration, calling the release of the funds a "\$50 million foreign aid give-away," and that it was "an outrageous waste of the American people's money and an insult to them." But Jesse Helms and his followers were not the only ones angered and confused by these acts of the Clinton Administration. So were Americans who have closely monitored U.S. foreign policy in Central America during the Reagan and Bush presidencies and who are familiar with Jesse Helms' role in shaping those policies.

To us it is Helms, whose twisted views of the democratic process and blatant disregard for the truth are an insult to Americans who take pride in their institutions of government. For years we have known what the United Nations Commission on the Truth recently revealed to the world — that it was Roberto D'Aubuisson, the late right-wing El Salvadoran politician, and hero to Jesse Helms, who ordered the murder of Archbishop Oscar Romero. We know, too, that as recently as the Senate



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"We hope that your government will remember that when the Frente Sandinista lost the elections in 1990 we probably became the first case historically of having won power through an armed struggle and having lost power through an election. The right wing in Nicaragua has to be the only political force ever to have won power from revolutionaries through an election."

—Dora Maria Tellez, elected member of the Nicaraguan National Assembly; assistant head of the FSLN Party Bloc, speaking at UC Santa Cruz, November 16, 1992

hearings on the confirmation of Secretary of State Warren Christopher, Helms was still extolling the virtues of his hero D'Aubuisson, while accusing the Sandinistas in Nicaragua of abusing the human rights of ex-Contras. We view Jesse Helms as a key participant in the U.S. government's maneuvers to block efforts by Nicaragua's Chamorro government to bring about a national reconciliation. Helms must be held responsible for his role in encouraging a right-wing take over of the elected government of Violeta Chamorro while demanding the elimination of the Frente Sandinista Liberacion Nacional (FSLN) Party from the political equation of Nicaragua.

While we Americans who struggled for social justice in Nicaragua are heartened by Clinton's release of the \$50 million, we are very confused by his nomination of John Maisto to be the U.S. Ambassador to Nicaragua. We perceive, and for good reason, Maisto as being closely identified with the maneuvers of Helms and the Bush State Department to demonize the Sandinistas and to roll back the social gains of the Nicaraguan revolution.

It was Maisto who in September 1992 presented the Bush Administration's terms to President Chamorro for the release of the previously authorized financial aid to Nicaragua. As reported by several sources in Washington and Managua, President Chamorro was deeply offended by what she considered to be Maisto's interference with the internal affairs of Nicaragua. She told the press that during her private meeting with Maisto he suggested, as a condition for release of U.S. aid, that she appoint a "commission of notables" that would in practice take over the reins of government. President Chamorro said she told him she had been elected by the people of Nicaragua to govern her country and that she did not need a commission of notables to carry out her functions.

The appointment to this sensitive post of a person such as Maisto, who carries so much hostile baggage, does not represent much of a commitment by President Clinton to start anew in Nicaragua.

If Maisto's appointment is a sign that the Jesse Helms mentality is to prevail in the shaping of future U.S. policy in

Nicaragua the future is fraught with danger. Helms' right-wing crusade against the Chamorro government and the Sandinista Party is based on an incredible arrogance which blinds him to the reality of present-day Nicaragua. The reality is that Nicaragua's most popular single political party, the FSLN, is not going to "vanish," as Helms and 23 other signatory senators suggests is his expectation in a letter he wrote "to the people of Nicaragua" before the U.S. elections last November. The letter was published in *La Prensa* in Managua, explaining to the readers why the senators were blocking the release of U.S. financial aid.

The FSLN will not vanish because it was through the efforts of the FSLN that the people of Nicaragua have become empowered with the spirit to speak out and to make demands upon their government; they will not allow the FSLN to fade away. Nor will they allow it to be blown away!

The FSLN must be respected as a legitimate political party which won 41 percent of the vote in 1990 after a decade of war and economic strangulation at the hands of the United States government — a miraculous political achievement. It developed a constitution which facilitated, through the electoral process, the peaceful transfer of power to the Chamorro government. For these reasons the FSLN must be considered a vital constituent part of the ongoing democratization.

Empowerment of people is the fundamental step in the process of establishing a democracy, and it was the FSLN that was responsible for bringing about that first step in Nicaragua.

For our newly elected president to play into the hands of Jesse Helms and these other right-wing senators (even for a short-term strategic purpose) is to guarantee a social explosion in Nicaragua. This will fan the flames of war in a country that is exhausted from war, and no doubt result in a clarion call from these same senators for our president to launch another "Just Cause" in Central America. Ominously, Jesse Helms has already issued such a call through his administrative assistant, Deborah De Moss.

In Washington and throughout Latin America, save, perhaps, the inner sanctum of the El Salvadoran military establishment, the ex-Contra caucuses in Managua and in the towers of the elite of Panama, Ms. De Moss is considered an Oliver North-type loose cannon. *Barricada Internacional*, (October 1992) reported that she gave a fiery speech on Helms' behalf in Miami to a group of private Nicaraguan bankers in exile. According to *Barricada Internacional*, she said that if things did not change in the Nicaraguan democracy (make a political turn to the right) one could expect a military invasion similar to the one in Panama, in order to capture Daniel Ortega and other high-level Sandinista officials. Most probably, she

added, they would spend "a long time playing cards with Manuel Noriega."

Jesse Helms should be held accountable for the inciteful words of his surrogate which drew a thunderous applause from her Somocista audience. He should also be drawn to publicly account for his continuing defense of the El Salvadoran death squad boss, Roberto D'Aubuisson.

The U.S. electorate, through public pressure, should force President Clinton into the open and demand a clear explanation as to why he chose for his ambassador to Nicaragua a person such as John Maisto, whose history shows him apparently to be aligned with the confrontational policies in Nicaragua stemming from the imperious Bush State Department and the deceitful mind of Jesse Helms.

Beyond the question of who is to be the next ambassador to Nicaragua, the Clinton Administration would do well to heed the words of Daniel Nunez, the president of the Nicaraguan Union of Small and Medium Farmers and Ranchers (UNAG), when rethinking our govern-

ment's future relations with Nicaragua. Nunez is one of the most popular leaders in Nicaragua. Attesting to his skills as an organizer and peacemaker is the fact that he has brought together the peasants who are veterans of the armed forces of both the Contras and the Sandinistas in their mutual struggle to maintain and expand the land reform program of Nicaragua. He had this to say at a meeting organized by the Washington Office on Latin America during a recent visit to the United States:

"We believe that Nicaragua is living in a period of transition between war and peace. We had the tragedy of having to confront the administrations of Reagan and Bush, who destroyed the dreams of the people of

Nicaragua...but the people remain. And people are the foundation and the root of democracy.

"We believe the peace of Nicaragua passes through Washington. We are here to say to members of Congress and the political personalities with whom we have met that they have to define their policy toward Nicaragua. We tell them that if there is in Nicaragua a constitutional government that was elected in the cleanest elections ever held there that that government has to be supported.

"We believe that the new government of the United States cannot remain hostage to the policies of the right with relation to Nicaragua." ■

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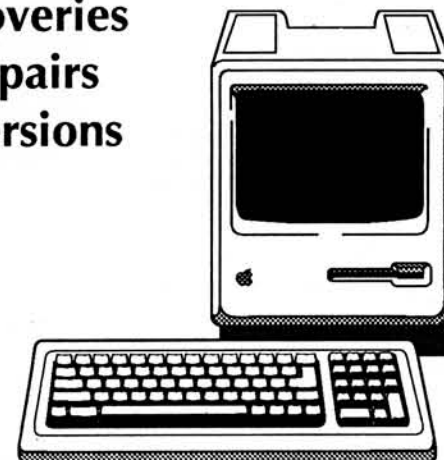
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To update this information, or to add your organization, call The Monthly Planet at 429-8755.

PEACE & JUSTICE CALENDAR

Calendar items must be typed or legibly written and sent (along with any photos) to *The Monthly Planet*, P.O. Box 8463, Santa Cruz, CA 95061, or faxed to 429-8889. We do not take calendar items over the phone. We must receive your listing no later than 5 pm Wednesday, April 28th for inclusion in the May 1993 issue (publication date: Saturday, May 8th).

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

Dinner-Dance and Auction, a benefit for Magic Performers of America Club (Magic PAC helps children with life-threatening and chronic illness). Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz, 5:30-11 pm. \$15/person; \$25/couple; children \$5 (admission to dinner only). Tickets available at Cymbaline Records. Info: 685-CLUB.

MONDAY, APRIL 12

"Who put the 'Global' in Global Environmental Change?" a lecture by Professor Ronnie Lipshutz, Politics, UCSC. At Stevenson 175, UCSC, 3:30 pm, free and open to the public. Sponsor: Stevenson Program on Global Security. Info: 459-2833.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

Tax Day leafleting at Santa Cruz Main Post Office. Co-sponsored by the Santa Cruz War Tax Resistance Fund and the Resource Center for Nonviolence. Call Ned at 427-2399 to sign up for an hour or more.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

Earth Day '93 Energy Celebration. Featuring UCSC professor Robert Curry speaking on "Energy: A Local Agenda for National Change." Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz, 10:30 am-12 pm, followed by a luncheon to support the Environmental Council. \$8-50 donation requested for luncheon. Info or luncheon reservations: 336-2160 or 429-9571.

"The Future in Our Hands," observations and commentary on the status of families with Rosalie Street, executive director of Parent Action. Open meeting 7:30-9 pm, no charge; reception 6:15 pm, \$10-25 RSVP. At Family Health Education Center, 1051 Cayuga St., Santa Cruz. Info: 457-0334

Pollution Solution Revolution is the name of the Spring Festival Fundraiser to benefit the Mar Vista Elementary School, 6860 Soquel Dr., Aptos, 10:30 am-2:30 pm at the school. Featuring 20/20 Recycling and game and activity booths. Info: 688-3304.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17- SUNDAY, APRIL 18

Bowl for Kids' Sake 1993; Big Brothers/Big Sisters



JANIA/MONTHLY PLANET

Daniel Sheehan returns to Santa Cruz on May 1.

Bowl-a-thon. At the Surf Bowl, Santa Cruz and Cabrillo Lanes, Watsonville. Get sponsors; win prizes. To sign up, call Siri or Elizabeth at 464-8691.

MONDAY, APRIL 19

"Nationalism and Environmentalism in the Breakup of the Soviet Union," a lecture by Ian Bremmer, Harair Hovanian Fellow, Dept. of Political Science, Stanford Univ. At Stevenson 175, UCSC, 3:30 pm, free and open to the public. Sponsor: Stevenson Program on Global Security. Info: 459-2833.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

Western Shoshone video presentation and discussion. An update of the Dann Ranch actions and spring

gathering. At the Resource Center for Nonviolence, 515 Broadway, Santa Cruz, 7:30 pm. Info: Jane, 423-1626.

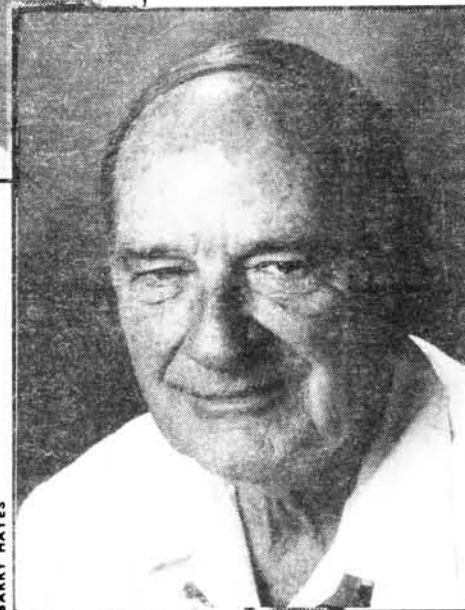
"Bioregional Planning in North California Counties," a lecture by Dr. Jerry Moles, Consultant to the Vice President, UC Extension. At College Eight 201, UCSC, 4-5:30 pm, free and open to the public. Sponsor: Stevenson Program on Global Security. Info: 459-2833.

MONDAY, APRIL 26

"Ecology on the Rhine River," a lecture by Professor Marc Cioc, History, UCSC. At Stevenson 175, UCSC, 3:30 pm, free and open to the public. Sponsor: Stevenson Program on Global Security. Info: 459-2833.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

Resource Center for Nonviolence Annual Dinner with Dave Dellinger, veteran organizer and war resister. First Congregational Church, 900 High St., Santa Cruz. Dinner at 6 pm, program at 8 pm.



BARRY HAYES

Organizer and war resister Dave Dellinger will speak at the Resource Center for Nonviolence Annual Dinner on April 30.

Childcare available upon request. Call 423-1626 for reservations and info.

SATURDAY, MAY 1

Daniel Sheehan will speak on Clinton's cabinet, recent political developments, and what this means for the "national security state," foreign intervention, and the American people. Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz, 7:30 pm. \$5 student/senior; \$10 general admission. Sponsor: Christic Action Team. Info: 426-3254.

MONDAY, MAY 3

"A History of the German Green Party," a lecture by Professor Andrei Markovits, Politics, UCSC. At Stevenson 175, UCSC, 3:30 pm, free and open to the public. Sponsor: Stevenson Program on Global Security. Info: 459-2833.

MONDAY, MAY 10

"Environmental Problems and Social Theory," a lecture by Mercedes Pardo, Teacher Associate in Population and Human Ecology, Universidad Complutense de Madrid. At Stevenson 175, UCSC, 3:30 pm, free and open to the public. Sponsor: Stevenson Program on Global Security. Info: 459-2833.

SUNDAY, MAY 16

Bike Parade and Fair. Parade begins 11 am at Pacific and Locust; fair starts 12:30 pm at Cathcart and Pacific (Pacific Avenue will be closed off for the human-powered parade). Prizes for the best parade entries. Sponsors: the Bike to Work Day Committee and Santa Cruz County Parks and Rec. Dept. For info on floats, booths, and contest guidelines call Michael at 425-7756 or John at 457-2483.

14th Annual Multi-Cultural Festival. Free, live entertainment and a wide variety of ethnic foods. UCSC Upper Quarry, 11 am-5 pm. Sponsored by a coalition of student ethnic groups. Info: 459-2934 or 423-5864.

MONDAY, MAY 17

"Sustainability and the Economics of the Future," a lecture by Professor Richard Norgaard, Energy and Resources, UC Berkeley. At Stevenson 175, UCSC, 3:30 pm, free and open to the public. Sponsor: Stevenson Program on Global Security. Info: 459-2833.

Bike to Work Day. Ride your bike to work today and enjoy a free breakfast at the following locations: Civic Auditorium, 307 Church St., Santa Cruz; The Bike Trip, 1127 Soquel Ave., Santa Cruz; West Marine, 500 West Ridge Dr., Watsonville; Kings Plaza, Mt Hermon Rd., Scotts Valley; The Student Center, UCSC; The Amphitheater, Cabrillo College. Info: Micah at 425-7756.

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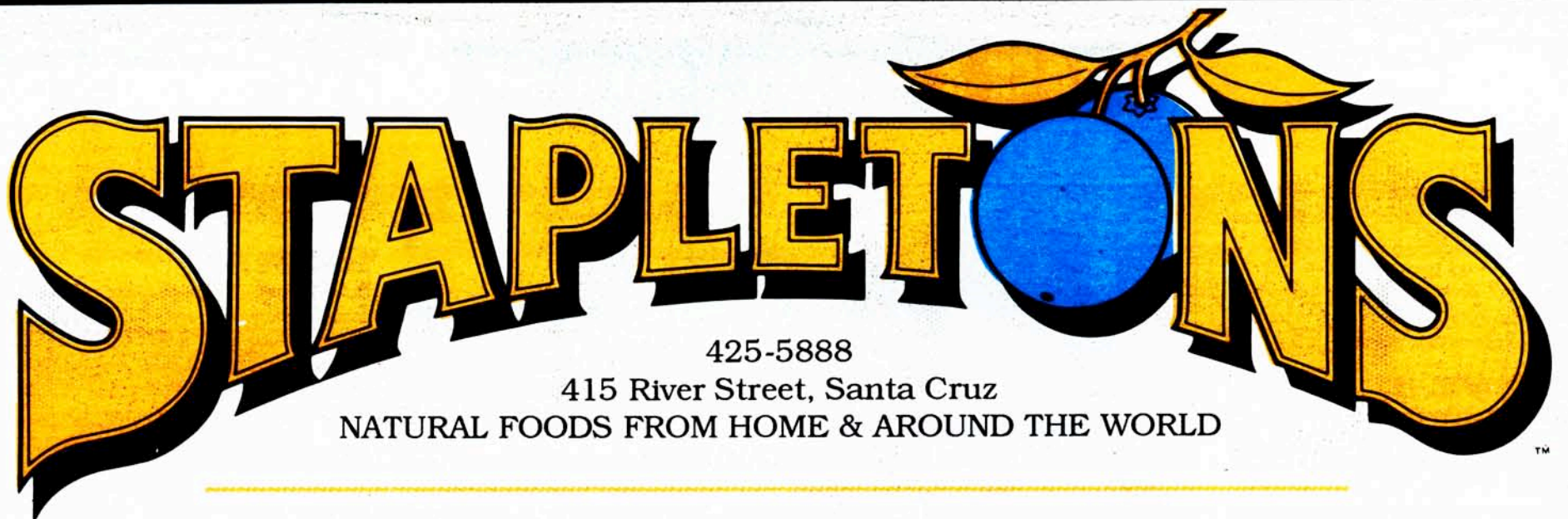
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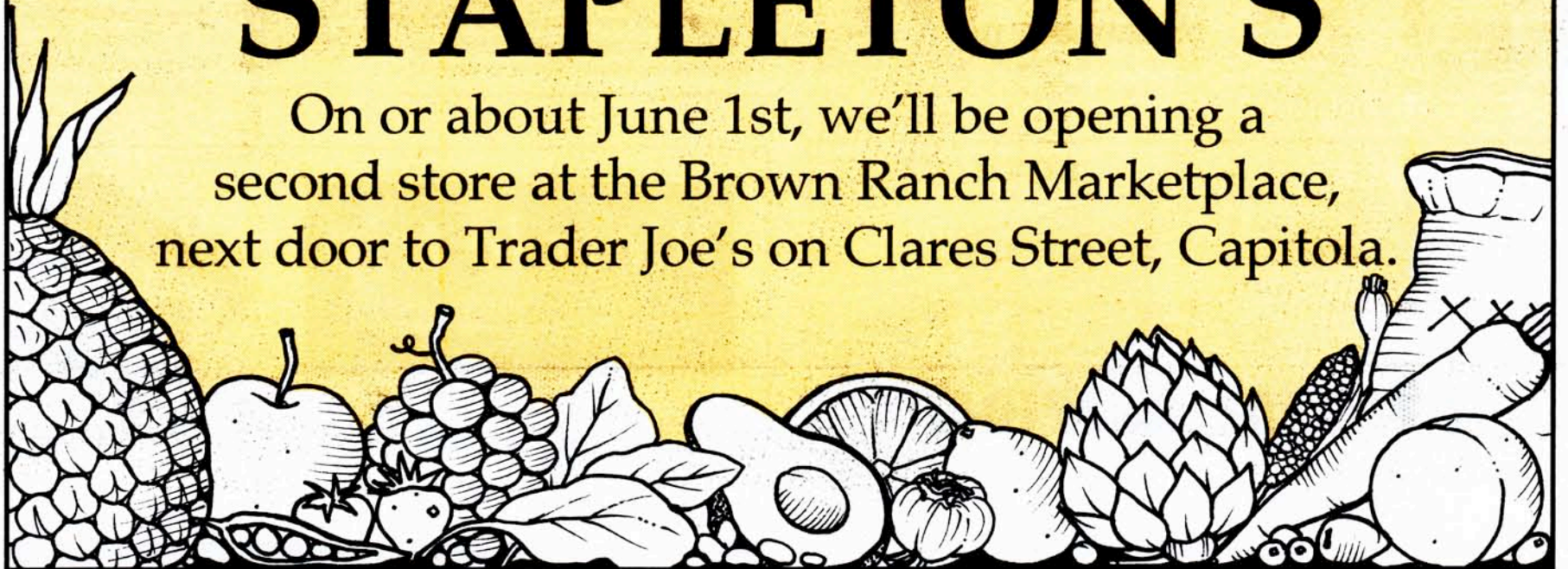
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