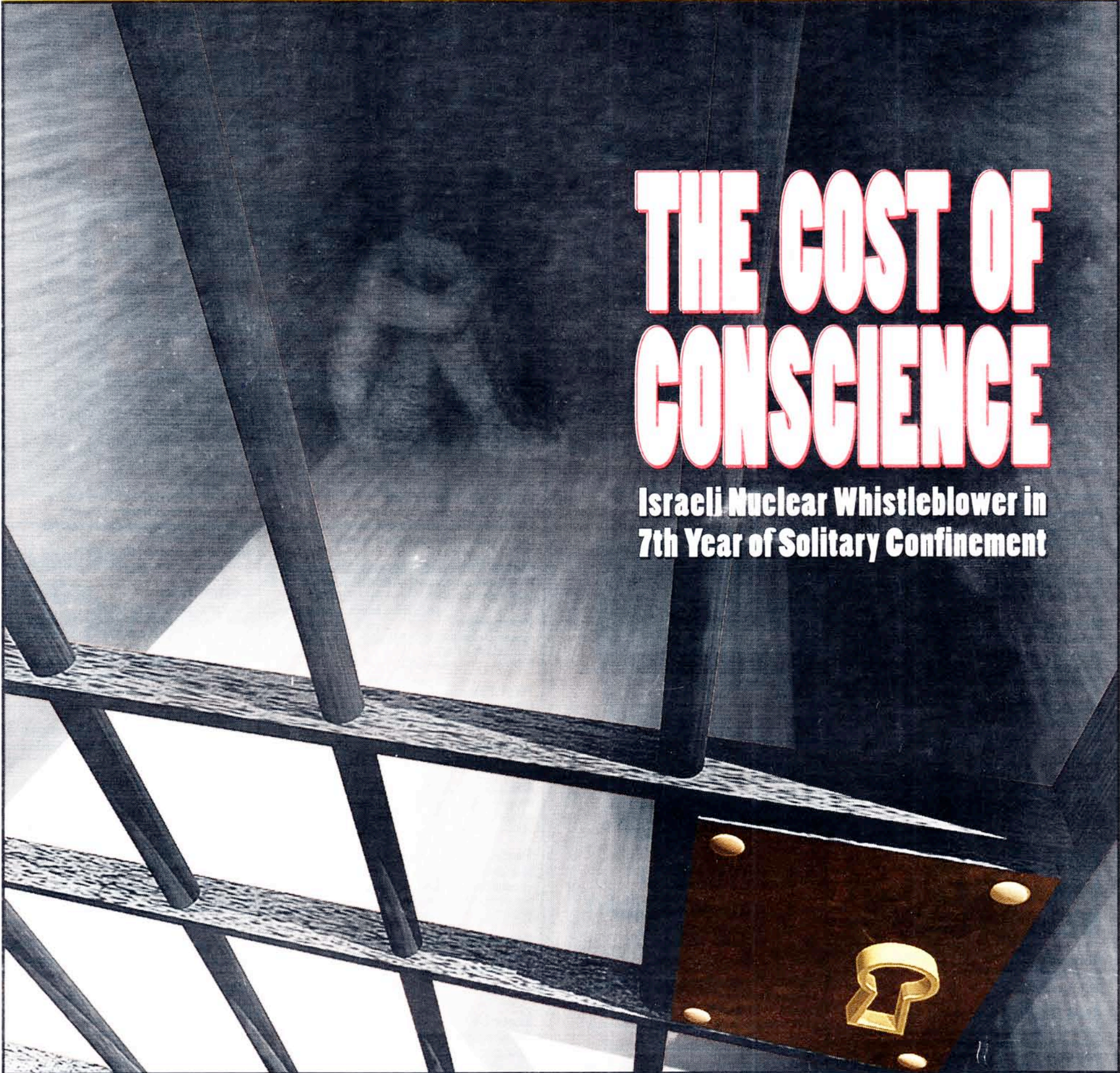


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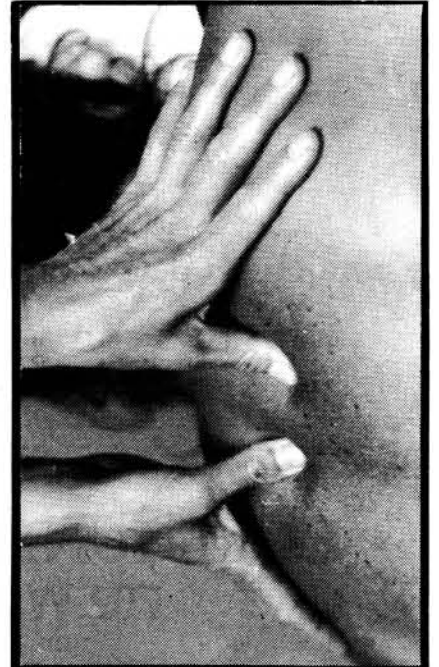
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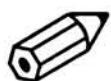


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Letters to the Editor

RESPONSE TO KUSP STORY

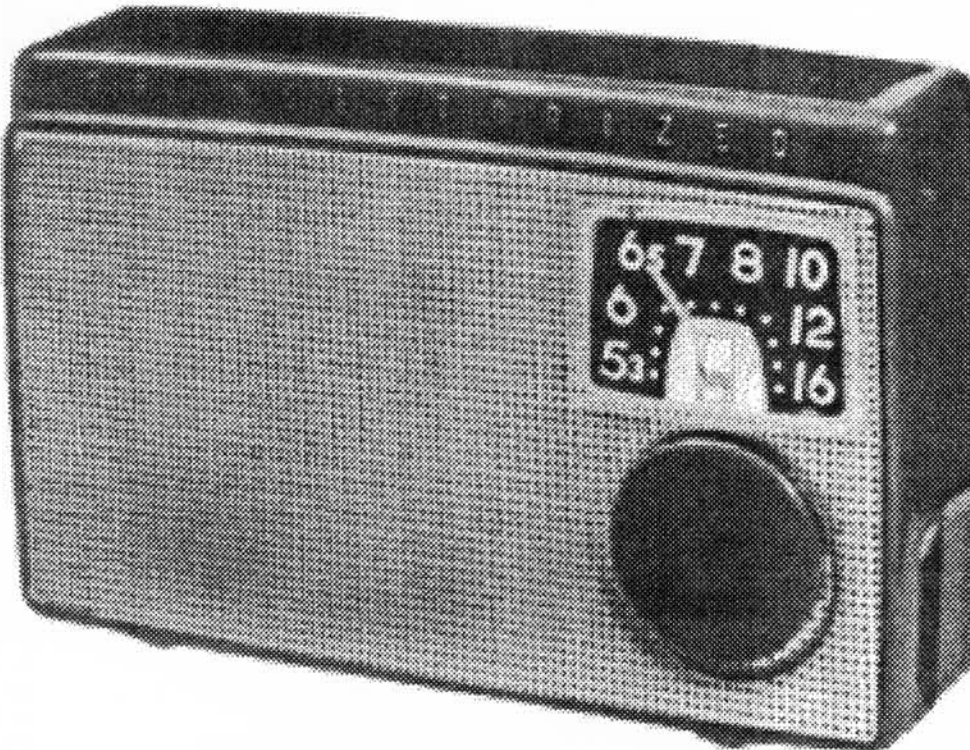
I would like to thank Shelly D'Amour for her diligent work reporting on the recent tensions within KUSP-FM and the concerns of some listeners. She covered most points of contention and, on the whole, I think fairly represented the contrasting points of view. I also appreciated the fact that she took the time to interview me for an hour and a half to get my perspective on these matters. However, there are a few critical comments I would also like to make.

First, since the article was only partly about the News Department and mainly about KUSP as a whole, it was unfortunate that the only staff members Ms. D'Amour interviewed were me and Spencer Critchley, both of the News and Public Affairs Department. Spencer and I should not be the only staff sources for a report on KUSP. For an overview, I think it would have been only fair to interview station manager Marcia Kraus, or John Henry Ledwith, the president of the Board of Directors.

Second, although Ms. D'Amour does not state this explicitly, a reader could reasonably conclude that KUSP's tensions are ultimately a conflict between staff and volunteers. The truth is more subtle and complex than that. There are KUSP volunteers who agree with the goals of station management; not all staff members fully agree with all of those goals; and there is absolutely no constituency at KUSP for turning over our transmitter to national programming, à la KQED. Interviewing a broader range of people at KUSP would have brought these facts out.

Third, Ms. D'Amour made several observations about KUSP's business underwriting and the kind of listeners who tune in. Again, I think it would have been only fair to interview someone from staff on this topic; for example, Dale Owen, our underwriting director. Some of Ms. D'Amour's observations do not necessarily add up, for example: "Looking at (KUSP's) program schedule and membership demographics...one could conclude that KUSP does indeed seek to serve a select community...one that is defined by economics and class rather than by geography." Sure, many people with above-average incomes do subscribe to KUSP; and, of course our underwriting department emphasizes that fact in its presentations to potential underwriters — who wouldn't? But many people on below-average incomes subscribe too, and we appreciate the generosity of all of our subscribers, regardless of how much they give and how much they earn.

As regards our apparently elitist programming schedule, it's worth noting that KUSP has never in its history been populist, even in its pre-NPR days. That is, unless you consider 20th



century classical music, spiritual and indigenous music from every continent and era, and modern jazz to be "music for the masses." Finally, there is nothing in either our schedule or demographics to suggest that we discriminate against any region in our broadcast area.

My last point concerns the anonymous volunteers cited in the article. I suspect that some, if not all, of those people have publicly voiced their concerns about KUSP on many occasions already. At a whole series of station meetings over the last few months, and before, several volunteers have stood up, identified themselves and said, with obvious conviction, what they thought was wrong with the policies and staff of KUSP. What repercussions have befallen those people? Nothing. No one has been taken off the air as a result of their views, no one has been banned from attending meetings, no one has been expelled from the station. Why disgruntled volunteers should suddenly now choose to be reticent about giving their names is, frankly, puzzling. I can only speculate as to other possible motives for remaining anonymous on this occasion. Perhaps they wished to give the erroneous impression that there is a witchhunt at the station. No such witchhunt exists. I challenge anyone to prove otherwise.

These have been a troubling few months for KUSP, and the station is not yet past that stage. For a variety of reasons — including financial ones — KUSP is undergoing considerable self-examination at the moment. The world and expectations change, and KUSP has to decide where it is going. I hope listeners concerned about — or happy with — KUSP's programming, or with suggestions to make, feel their comments are

welcome. You can write to us at: P.O. Box 423, Santa Cruz, CA 95061. And thank you, *Monthly Planet*, for your contribution to the debate.

Jeff Howitt
Santa Cruz

MORE ON KUSP

I deeply appreciate your publication's recent focus on KUSP and the timely reprint of Rachel Goodman's astute piece which has appeared in both *Whole Earth Review* and *Utne Reader*. I also applaud Shelly D'Amour's article on KUSP although I'd like to correct some factual errors she attributes to me. In the general scheme of her article, they're not critical, but they do contribute to the confusion regarding KUSP's history and reflect on me and my longtime cohorts as well.

First is the remark about my recalling KUSP's early 10-watt days. I was there at the Babbling Brook site a few times to play live on the air, but did not become active in the station until '73 or so when KUSP got a power boost that enabled me to hear it from where I live in Bonny Doon. If anyone did eight- and ten-hour shifts at the old 10-watt KUSP, it would have been Don Mussell or David Freedman. I didn't get to do such long shifts until KUSP was taking its fabled nose-dive at the Yacht Harbor studio before the first auction, the politicizing event that brought KUSP's volunteer Foundation to its senses. In that era, Lance Linares dragged several of us in because he was doing the eight-hour shifts. And he was just a volunteer himself at the time. Credit where credit is due.

The "huge volunteer effort" alluded to in the article should also be clarified: There was certainly huge effort, but relatively few volunteers. (There've

always been one or two huge volunteers, though.)

In describing the organizational shift in '76, Ms. D'Amour neglected to point out the most important thing: the shift was from a modus operandi in flagrant violation of the original charter for the Pataphysical Broadcasting Foundation to a station organization in line with that charter and a previously ignored set of bylaws. It was not in any sense a peasant revolt. No one but the founder of the station even knew there were bylaws and a charter. The volunteers, justifiably feeling jerked around, turned up the document that outlined a very different reality. They organized themselves and called KUSP's first Foundation meeting in years. After finding that the law was on the side of the volunteers, things changed very quickly. I sat on the first legitimately elected Board of Directors.

Ironically, Ms. D'Amour called me back after the initial interview to run by me the one thing she intended to quote. In fact she never used that quote, but did include a rather mysterious other quote which I don't recall ever saying: "Some-thing (sic) has to give, it can't go on much longer like this." Might be true, but I simply don't remember saying it, nor do I recall even the context.

I don't wish to besmirch Ms. D'Amour; hers was a thoughtful analysis of KUSP at an extremely important time. KUSP is truly at a crossroads. As there are many stories and strong voices at KUSP, I'm sorry so few real people (other than Spencer Critchley) were quoted. And as one of those few, I was, alas, dismayed to be misquoted. Nonetheless, the overall message of the article was correct, even if some small points were off the mark. I hope it will engage more people from the community and alert them to the fact that what we often take for granted is in fact rather tenuous and ephemeral. Politics in a large volunteer organization (especially one with a large budget!) is a very complex affair.

Keep listening and keep speaking up!
Paul Hostetter
Santa Cruz

Editor's note: we've checked our interview notes and the quote is accurate and in context.

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More Sailors Step Forward To Defend Environmental Objector

BY ERIK LARSEN

Santa Cruz surfer and Navy sailor Aaron Ahearn, who left the USS *Abraham Lincoln* because he could no longer comply with orders to dump trash at sea and went public with the Navy's dumping practices, is starting to feel some pressure from the Navy. Ahearn was officially charged with missing a troop movement and two counts of unauthorized absence. He may receive up to six months in a military prison and a bad conduct discharge if the special court martial the Navy promises goes to trial.

But as the Navy turns up the heat to make an example out of a local hero, sailors who served on the *Abraham Lincoln* are now stepping forward to defend Ahearn and corroborate his charges of ocean dumping. Since 1990, when the *Abraham Lincoln* pulled out of the Naval shipyards in Norfolk, Virginia to make its maiden voyage around South America to its home port in Alameda, sailors have reported a wide range of disturbing dumping practices.

"The military is one of the most archaic rusty old establishments that doesn't like change. Whenever anyone starts mentioning stuff about this, the Navy finds a way to shut them up any way they can. They'll call you a lazy worker, write you up or deem you unfit for service. It's all political," says Jason Girard, 22, of Chicago who served aboard the *Abraham Lincoln* between 1990 and 1992 as a petty officer third class.

Girard knows about the Navy's power plays from firsthand experience. In 1992 he initiated a series of petition drives on board the *Lincoln* to raise consciousness about ocean dumping and to pressure the ship's captain to put an end to the dumping of trash into the ocean. According to Girard, the *Lincoln*, which houses nearly 6,000 people, generates as much as a ton of trash a day. When he tried to bring this to the attention of superiors he was told to shut up for his own good.

The Navy is very careful about maintaining a benign image and boasts of having a "very progressive environmental program" on the cutting edge of ocean protection. It has 452 ocean-going vessels comparable to small floating cities with hundreds of men and women on board. According to Navy officials, most of the ships' organic trash is ground up and discharged at sea with gray water and non-biodegradable materials like plastics, toxics and medical waste are held on ship for shore disposal. But when a ship is 25 miles out at sea, Navy regulations allow such materials as wood, glass, metal, paper and cloth to be thrown overboard and the ship's captain has the authority to order the dumping of material even closer to shore citing "military necessity."

Michael Pederson of San Jose, 23, who served on board the *Abraham Lincoln* to 1990 as a plane captain for the ship's A-6 intruder fighter squadron, says sailors know they aren't supposed to throw plastics, toxics or medical waste overboard. However, when the ship's captain orders crew members to keep their areas clean and free of trash they have nowhere to

store the excess baggage. The dilemma they face is to risk disciplinary action for not keeping their area shipshape and inspection-ready or chance getting caught breaking environmental regulations.

When the hazardous materials lockers on board the ship fill up with paint stripper, solvents and other toxic materials, people do anything possible to get rid of the stuff, according to Pederson. "Sailors basically throw anything overboard that they can get away with and the petty officers and officers just shut their mouths and turn the other way," he says. Pederson describes how sailors often put corrosives used to strip paint off planes on top of rags in a plastic bag and then place trash on top of the chemicals to hide the waste before tying the garbage bag and tossing it overboard. In theory the Navy has a plethora of regulations on how to store or dispose of wastes, but in practice ocean dumping is more like the phrase "out of sight, out of mind," says Pederson.

In an attempt to shore up its public image as the "stewards of the sea," the Navy recently launched a media counter-attack against Ahearn in what seems to be an effort to head off public support for environmental conscientious objectors who want out of an institution that sailors themselves say is the nation's largest polluter. Captain Ray Archer, supply officer for the Pacific Fleet, branded Ahearn a liar at a June 4 press conference and said reports of ocean dumping by Ahearn were merely a cover for him to avoid punishment after he took a two-and-a-half month unauthorized leave. "We could not find anyone to come forward to support his claims [of ocean dumping]," says Archer. In addition, Archer made public findings of an internal investigation on ocean dumping that exonerated the *Abraham Lincoln* of any wrongdoing.

Ahearn is currently on pre-trial restriction at the Oakland Naval Hospital where he is confined to the base and is recovering from an April motorcycle accident in which his leg was broken in four separate places. He is in good spirits and is standing tall against the Navy's denials and threats of court martial. "I don't care if I go to court martial as long as the issue of ocean dumping stays alive," says Ahearn. ■

The Surfrider Foundation and the Resource Center for Nonviolence are calling on groups to join an international effort to raise awareness about naval dumping policies and to pressure the military to stop polluting the seas. Contact the Aaron Ahearn Fund if you have witnessed military dumping incidents at sea or know of military personnel who have evidence to corroborate Aaron's claims. Send contributions to the Aaron Ahearn Fund, 515 Broadway, Santa Cruz, California, 95060, (408)-423-1626.

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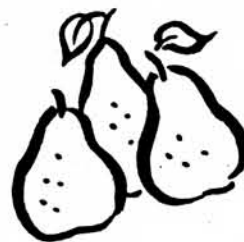
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Clinton Likely to Resume Nuclear Testing

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At press time, it appears likely that President Clinton will shortly announce his intention to break the current moratorium on nuclear testing, and resume testing possibly as early as January.

In October, Congressional lawmakers enacted the first-ever US moratorium on underground nuclear testing. The legislation provided for a nine-month halt to nuclear testing after which time, if the president so approved, testing could resume on a limited basis for a period of three years, to be followed by a negotiated, comprehensive test ban in 1996. The ban would be permanent so long as other nuclear powers did not test.

Since the moratorium went into effect last fall, other nuclear powers have voluntarily refrained from testing. However, if the US does resume testing, it is likely that other nuclear states will follow suit.

The president is under intense pressure to resume testing from the Pentagon, and from Britain, which utilizes the Nevada Test Site for its weapons testing. If testing resumes, Britain would be allocated three of the nine to fifteen tests planned between 1994 and 1996. The *Manchester Guardian*, a British weekly, indicated that Britain wants to test a new warhead for a proposed tactical stand-off nuclear missile (or "TASM"). For its part, the US plans to test an upgraded model of a warhead deployed on Trident submarine ballistic missiles.

Such tests would be in violation of the test ban legislation, which forbids testing for the purpose of warhead development. Pentagon officials are attempting to portray the testing of the W86 and W87 warheads as so-called "safety and reliability" tests — a classification which is permitted under the terms of the test ban bill.

For whatever limited value the administration may find in resuming nuclear testing, it may ultimately have to pay a very great price. The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty is up for renewal in March of 1995. The treaty bans the sharing of technology or materials that would lead to the construction of nuclear weapons. There are currently 157 signatories to the treaty, including the eight declared nuclear powers, about a half-dozen others which are thought to possess the bomb or be very close to it, and scores of countries which could potentially acquire the makings for atomic weapons within the next decade. If the



United States does not provide the role model in the international effort to end nuclear proliferation, there will be little incentive for other countries to do so.

In a letter to *The New York Times*, former UN official William Epstein, who participated in talks for the 1963 Partial Test Ban Treaty and the 1970 Non-Proliferation Treaty, warned that non-aligned countries, which comprise two-thirds of the signatories, are linking their continued support of the nonproliferation agreement to the creation of a permanent, comprehensive, test ban treaty.

During his campaign, candidate Bill Clinton indicated his support for the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. President

Clinton states he still supports the CTB; but seems persuaded at this time that he can test during this three-year interim and still end up with a CTB that has wide international support. He can't. The current nuclear powers have made it clear that they intend to resume testing if the United States does. And lesser powers have indicated that they have little patience for a US which talks out of both sides of its mouth on this issue.

The stakes are very high indeed. In the case of the former Soviet Union, what was once one nuclear state has become four. In addition to the acknowledged nuclear powers of the US, Britain, France and China, other countries such as Israel,

South Africa, India and possibly Pakistan are thought to also have the bomb, or at least the capability to make one. Add to that the countries of Iran, Iraq, Argentina and North Korea, which are actively pursuing acquisition of nuclear capability. Continuation of the current moratorium is our surest hope toward achieving the goal of a permanent end to nuclear testing. If the Clinton administration ignores the opportunity that history now presents, it does so at grave risk to the peace and security of the world.

Test ban advocates in Congress have been aggressively lobbying the president to maintain the moratorium. In early May, 56 senators and 37 House members signed on to a nonbinding resolution, calling on the president to begin multilateral test ban talks immediately. Also in May, 36 senators, including California Senator Barbara Boxer (D), signed on to a letter originated by Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IO) urging Clinton not to break the moratorium. A similar letter was circulated in the House by Rep. Mike Kopetski (D-OR), the original author of last fall's moratorium legislation, which garnered 42 signatures, including that of House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt. The letters also indicated Congress' opposition to a proposal from the Pentagon to drop the comprehensive nature of any future test ban treaty, and to allow for tests of up to 1 kiloton. The proposal has since been withdrawn. In June, Rep. Bernie Sanders (D-VT) and 61 House members sent a letter to President Clinton opposing renewed testing.

The president has also met with key congressional leaders on this issue who warned him privately that if he should announce an end to the moratorium, Congress would seek to block resumption of testing through other means, most probably by withholding funding.

In addition to the emphasis on the testing moratorium, Congress is also considering several pieces of legislation that address the wider issue of nuclear proliferation.

Senators Pell (D-RI), Helms (R-NC) [yes!], and D'Amato (D-NY) have introduced the "Nuclear Proliferation Control Act of 1993" which would provide sanctions to countries, banks and businesses that knowingly promote or assist in proliferation. The "Nuclear Export Reorganization Act of 1993," also authored by Pell and D'Amato, would strengthen existing export controls on sensitive technology.

Reps. Pete Stark (D-CA), Frank

McCloskey (D-IN), Tim Penny (D-MN) and Eni Faleomavaega (D-Samoa) have introduced "The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Policy Act of 1993" (HR2076). The bill is especially worthy of focus because it includes both non-proliferation and disarmament goals. Specifically, the legislation seeks: to accomplish a CTB treaty and end all production of fissionable materials by 1995; a "no first use" of nuclear weapons declaration; and encourages the former Soviet states which now possess nuclear weapons (Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Ukraine) to ratify SALT I, sign on to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, and implement tighter nuclear export controls, as well as tighter internal safeguards.

Finally, Reps. Stark, Lane Evans (D-IL), Norman Dicks (D-WA) and Howard Berman (D-CA) have introduced "The Former Soviet Nuclear Threat Reduction Act of 1993," which is aimed at encouraging the republics of Kazakhstan and the Ukraine to adopt stronger arms control postures. The bill would establish a \$500 million nuclear safety assistance program to aid in the shut down of plutonium production facilities, and help to safely dispose of decommissioned nuclear submarines. The fund would be accessible to states which have ratified the SALT I Treaty.

The next 21 months present perhaps the most critical time since the splitting of the atom. The nations of the world are at a crossroads. Will they band together and work to rid the world of the nuclear threat? Or will they splinter into factions, each competing for its piece of the nuclear pie? The US has a vital role to play. It is imperative that the Clinton administration maintain the moratorium as the critical first step toward a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty in 1996.

ACTION: 1) Call the White House and tell the president you want him to continue the moratorium as a step toward a CTB agreement; 2) Contact your representative and senators and urge them, if they haven't already done so, to become active in congressional efforts to maintain the nuclear moratorium. ■

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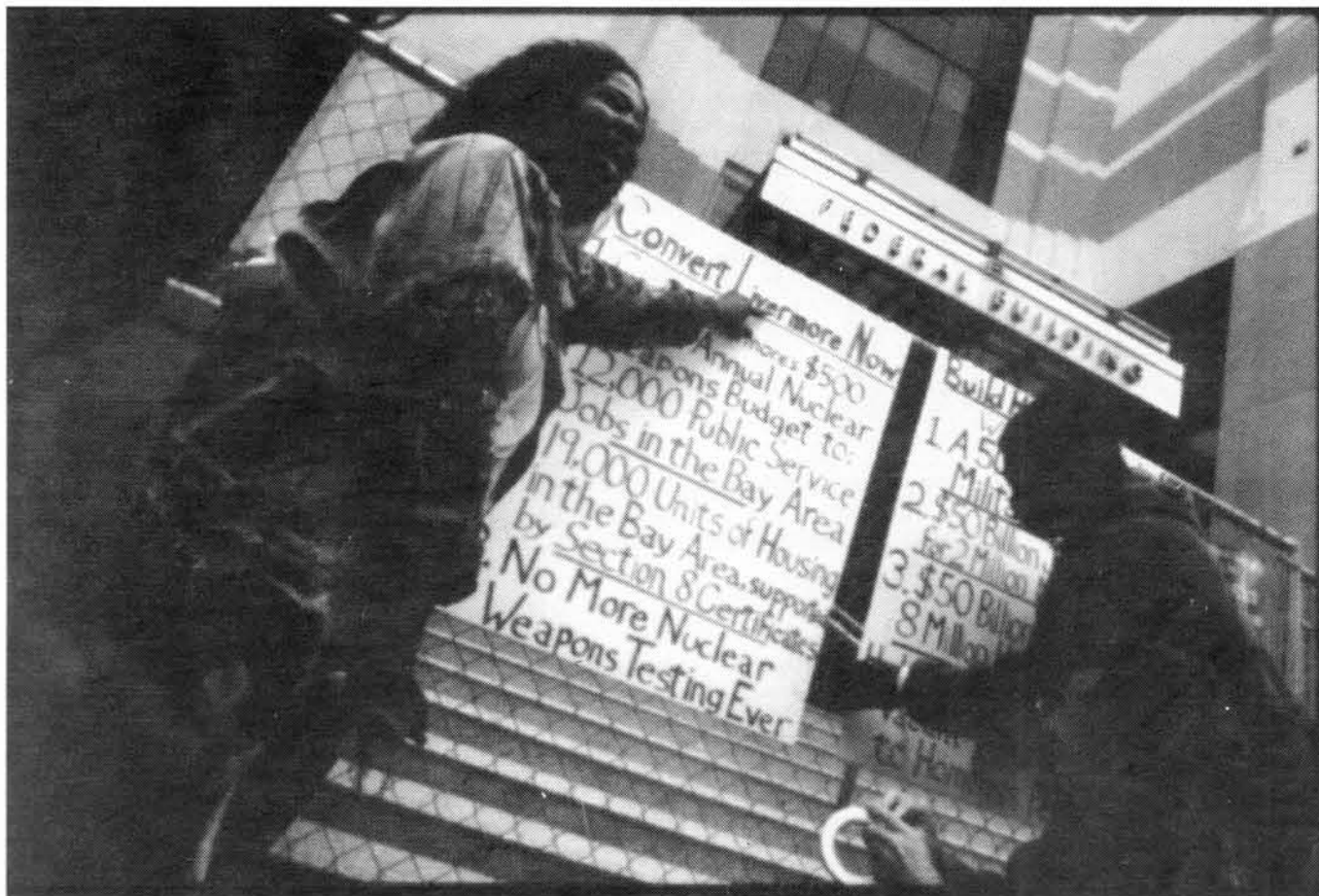
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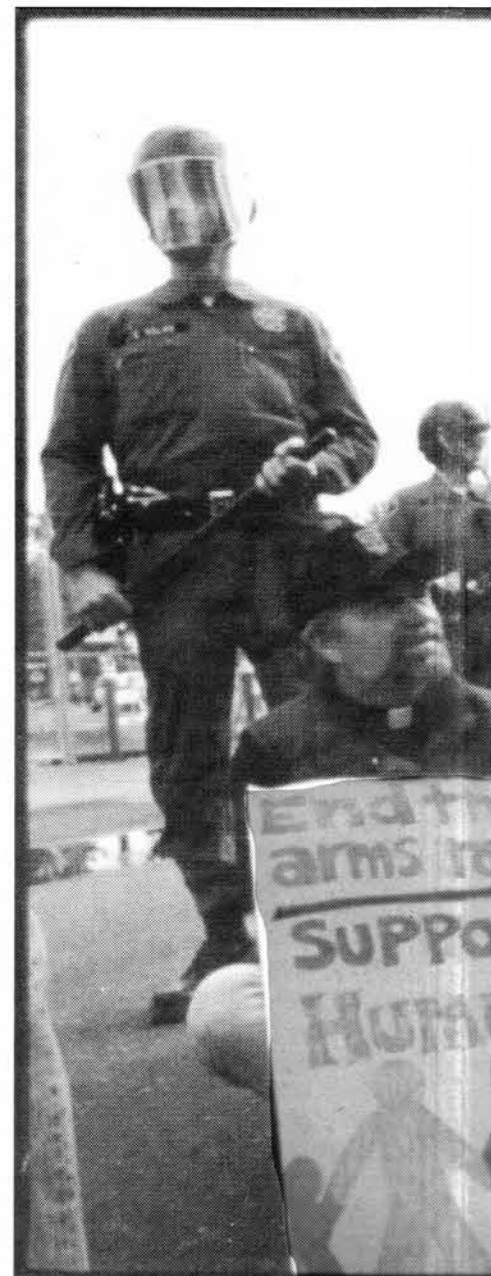
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Dignity Housing West organizer Dorothy King presents the Coalition's demands at the Oakland Federal Building on Sunday, June 6.



Pastor John Chamberlain prepares to Livermore National Lab

Dignity Housing West (formerly Oakland Union of the Homeless) activists use sledgehammers and pry bars to take over a vacant federally owned HUD home in East Oakland.



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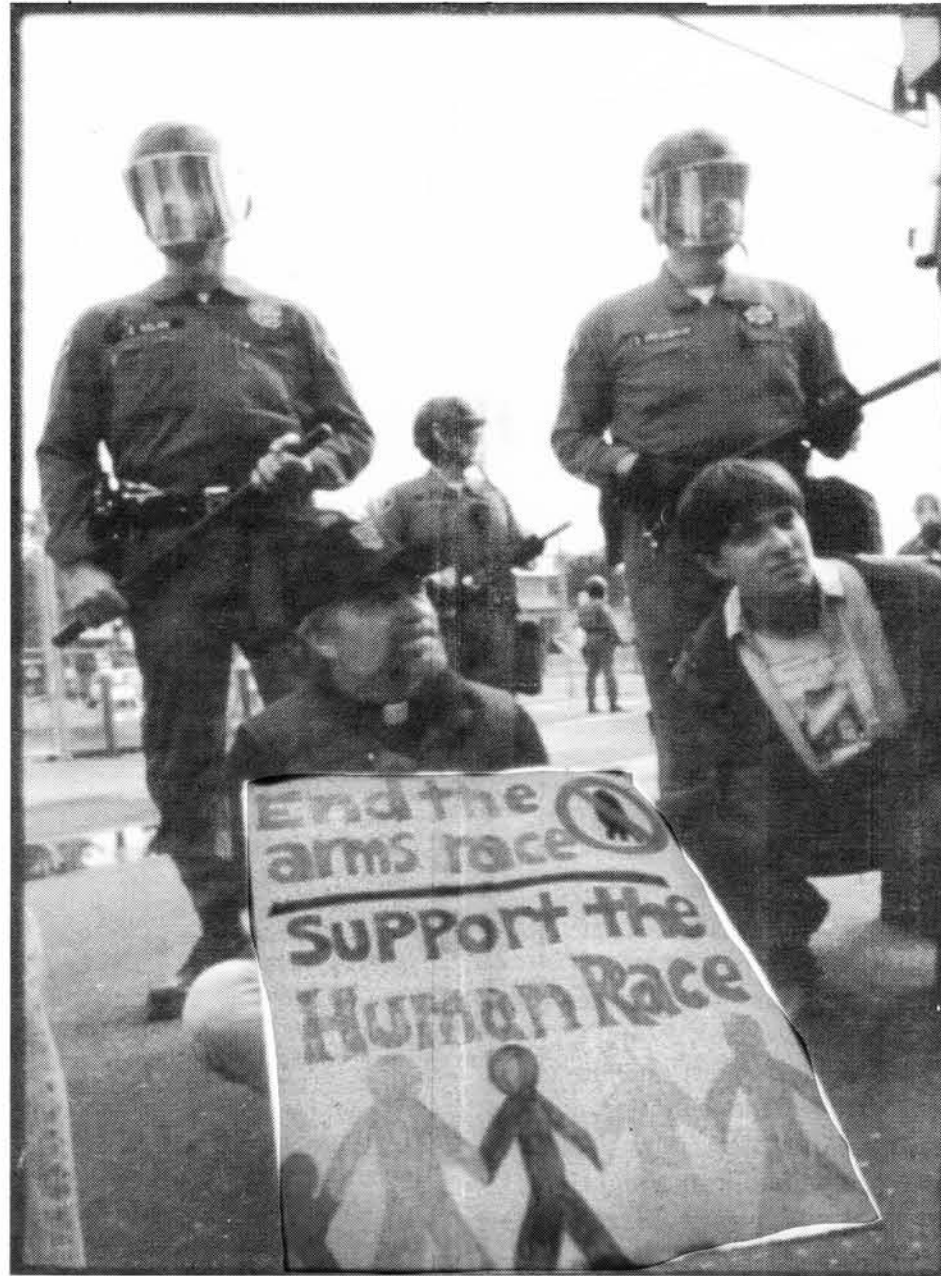
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rally at Livermore Labs. Bill Perry, a former Labs PR director, spoke on the Labs' campaign to pressure the Clinton administration into resuming nuclear weapons testing after expiration of the current moratorium on July 1, 1993.

On Sunday, June 6, at a downtown Oakland church, religious leaders called for redistribution of Livermore Labs' \$500 million budget. Demonstrators marched to the Oakland Federal Building, where demands were presented. Hundreds traveled to East Oakland, joining activists who had seized

two HUD-owned homes. A third HUD home was taken over the next day. Later, Oakland police raided the homes, smashing in the doors and arrested the occupants.

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Nonviolent Direct Action to Convert Livermore Nuclear Weapons Labs to Peaceful Use



Protesters to be arrested at the entrance to the laboratory on Monday, June 7.



Western Shoshone leaders (from left) William Rosse, Sharmin Harney and Corbin Harney, followed by the Alliance of Atomic Veterans and Santa Cruz VFW Post 5888, lead a march through the rain to Livermore National Laboratory on Saturday, June 5.



The home (seen adorned with a banner) is expected, after a fight, to be turned into permanent low-income housing as have past homes seized by Dignity Housing West have. The money spent on each nuclear weapons test conducted by Livermore Labs could provide permanent housing for 3,000 homeless families.



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The Spiritual Roots of Political Action

An Interview by John Govsky with
Corbin Harney, Starhawk, and Marylia Kelley



Starhawk, Corbin Harney, and Marylia Kelley (left to right)

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This interview brings together the diverse backgrounds of a spiritual leader, citizen activist, and author/practicing witch for the purpose of exploring the role of spirituality in political activism. Corbin Harney, Marylia Kelley and Starhawk joined *The Monthly Planet* for this discussion during a recent speaking tour, promoting the Conversion Now! national nonviolent action (see pages 10 & 11 in this issue).

Corbin Harney is spiritual leader of the Western Shoshone Nation, those indigenous to the Great Basin Desert. For 35 years, Harney has worked to protect the burial grounds, sacred sites, and environment of his people which are threatened by radioactive contamination produced by nuclear weapons testing at the Nevada Test Site, also located on their lands. Together with members of the Western Shoshone National Council, Harney has played a leading role in the movement to ban nuclear weapons testing on all Indian lands.

In May I spent two weeks with Corbin Harney and his wife Sharmin, traveling to dozens of communities throughout California as coordinator of the Conversion Now! speaking tour. The tour was sponsored by Livermore Conversion Project,

American Peace Test and the Western Shoshone National Council. Our purpose was to educate the public on a number of topics: the threat of resuming nuclear testing at Nevada; the Western Shoshone land-rights struggle; and our campaign to convert the UC-sponsored Livermore National Laboratory into a non-nuclear weapons research facility.

Harney was joined by Starhawk and Marylia Kelley for his talk at UCSC on May 10. Starhawk has been involved in direct action campaigns at Livermore Labs and the Nevada Test Site, and is the author of *Truth or Dare*, *The Spiral Dance*, and an upcoming novel entitled *The Fifth Sacred Thing*. She is a leading advocate of feminist, Earth-based spirituality, including its application in nonviolent, direct actions for peace, justice and the environment.

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Marylia Kelley is the co-founder of *Tri-Valley Citizens Against a Radioactive Environment*, a Livermore citizens' group that has effectively exposed many of Livermore Labs' deadly environmental hazards. They have stopped numerous Livermore projects such as a planned toxic/radioactive waste incinerator and have lead efforts to redirect the focus at Livermore Labs toward environmentally sound and socially useful purposes.

— David Solnit

MONTHLY PLANET: *The three of you come from different backgrounds and perspectives. Why do you feel it's necessary to come together at this time around the issues you're talking about tonight?*

CORBIN HARNEY: My people always say we have to take care of what we've got in order for us to have a clean environment for the younger generation. Nuclear testing on our land — Shoshone land in Nevada — is not the way. It interferes with Mother Earth's life. Today, Mother Earth is suffering because we're draining everything from within her: the oil, the chemicals that we're using, and the radiation coming about.

In my part of the country, the government is testing the uranium products they got from the Mother, and we're the people suffering from it. We are beginning to see more sickness — and for some people, their lives are not lives at all.

We see what's taking place, but we don't believe our eyes. Those are the reasons why we are suffering throughout the world — coming down with all kinds of sickness. These things have shown us: The animal life has shown us, the tree life has shown us, and so forth.

Today, we see that we're all walking along with plastic water jugs in our hands. All the people that I see carry jugs from Safeway — and when Safeway runs out of water, I don't know where we are going to go...

Those are the reasons why I was anxious to talk to people — to bring this knowledge out to the world so that we can unite ourselves as a people.

STARHAWK: I first met Corbin and Marylia at the Nevada Test Site during some of the actions there. I went there partly because I always thought that nuclear war was a bad idea — but for me, it also comes out of the same kind of sense that Corbin was talking about.

My spiritual tradition is the old goddess tradition from Europe and the Middle East. What we are taught and what we know is that the earth is alive: The earth is a living being and that she is our mother; and that the earth is sacred.

To me when something is sacred, it doesn't mean that you just bow down, and go off. It means that you have to protect that thing — you have to take care of it. That seemed to be the clearest and simplest

thing to do, to put my body in the road and say no, you can't go and work on nuclear weapons today. So that's how I got here.

MARYLIA KELLEY: In 1976 I moved to Livermore. It was a nice community to raise a child, and I had a nine-year-old. There were lots of soccer fields — Little League.

Back in 1976, I only knew that there was some kind of secret government research facility that employed nearly everyone in town, and nobody talked about it. Slowly, I came to realize that they were working on the MX missile, and the neutron bomb.

I felt a personal responsibility to come to grips, as a Livermore resident, with how I felt about nuclear weapons. I found other people from Livermore who were concerned about nuclear weapons development. We founded Tri Valley CAREs — Citizens Against a Radioactive Environment.

We came to understand that the lab was the brains of the nuclear weapons complex.

The weapons technicians at Lawrence Livermore and Los Alamos Labs in New Mexico design and develop prototype weapons that are taken to the Nevada Test Site, put together, and detonated. Actually, at the laboratory they do a lot of fabrication work on test bombs. The lab is careful to say, we don't make bombs, but that isn't true. What they mean is

they don't produce weapons for the stockpile, but they do make many components for test bombs. In addition to nuclear weapons work, they pioneer other nuclear production technologies.

You see, when you open a door on learning; you find other doors beyond it, and then you feel a responsibility to open them too. That's what Tri Valley CAREs has done. That's how I met Corbin and Starhawk.

PLANET: *The last time I was at the test site it was clear that most of us who were camping out and demonstrating there felt a surge in our personal and collective power — regardless of the fact that we were being arrested. How can we get people to reach that point where they feel their power within is greater than the power that those around us think they have over us?*

HARNEY: I think that this is very easy to do if people throughout the world unite themselves. Praying is a very important part. You know, praying for everything as the Indian has done for many years. When they harvest whatever they survive on, they

have to tell it the reason why they're taking its life. My people say, never take a life unless you give something back. You have to pray for it.

The European people — when they first came here, were together. They helped each other, they prayed together, and so forth. Indian people are the same way; we pray when the sun comes out, and we all have to thank the sun from the first light. It's waking everything up, all the tree life, animal life, bird life, and the water, so forth. The spirits of those things have to be talked to when the sun begins to rise.

The Indian people have been saying: *Make sure you take care of what's out there.* Someday you're going to wake up and you're going to have nothing. We're in the age of that today — we forgot how to pray, and today we're scared of the water. We have to ask that Indian people and you guys get together and start praying this. We have to unite ourselves. I don't care what color we are, we have to do that.

STARHAWK: For me, there's no separation between spirituality and political work. I've come to understand that there are different kinds of spirituality, and spirituality is not the same thing as religion.

It depends on how you see the sacred. If you see the sacred as something outside of this world — removed from it — then it leaves this world as a dead hunk of matter that you can exploit. If you see the earth as a living being, you can't possibly make a case for nuclear testing as increasing our safety.

It's important for people who come from European ancestry to know that we had these traditions in our background — before Christianity. In Europe, the Mediterranean and the Middle East, there were traditions centered on the earth and the celebration of seasonal cycles.

I think we need to know this so that we can find grounding in ourselves, and not simply fill up our spiritual hole with someone else's tradition. Cultural imperialism has happened too much.

It's amazing how many nuclear testing sites, uranium mines, and military installations are on sacred land. Maybe it's because there are so many pieces of sacred land. So for me, it's very important to stand together with all indigenous people who are fighting for land rights and sovereignty. These issues are 100 percent linked to stopping

nuclear war and nuclear testing.

KELLEY: In the most general sense, spirituality is for me — understanding the interconnectedness of all life. In a sense, it's the ground. Political action is what it takes to make spirituality real in society. And so political action without spiritual sense feels very ungrounded to me. And spirituality without political action feels lazy to me. So I see them as two sides of a coin in terms of our vision for the future, and how we're going to get there.

STARHAWK: If you see yourself as a political activist — not just for your summer vacation, but as

something you're going to be involved in your whole life, spirituality keeps you from burning out, because political action is a great exercise in delayed gratification.

PLANET: *It seems that another common theme here is making the invisible visible, in a large sense.*

KELLEY: I sometimes think of political action as being very Zen. In other words, it's learning to be in touch with the process without putting so much of your attention on the goal — and understanding that the process and the road are important, and trying to keep them consistent.

HARNEY: I think the spiritual way of life is very important for all people. We already know about the spiritual way of life — that we're connected to the earth. When the Europeans first got here, you know, the Indian people were so spirited — they were so strong. But the Europeans keep telling them, *you are doing it wrong*, and even their spiritual power wasn't strong enough. So that divided and conquered them.

Today, I'm at this college trying to bring this out. From this talk, we might pick up ten more supporters. And this would give us that much more strength.

I said before, the Indian people are the ones who are really connected out there. If we can get them together — the spiritual people — I think we're doing something. It's very important for us as a people to work together and pray together. I don't care how we pray — your way, my way, whoever's way. The main thing is to give thanks for what we receive from the mother. ■

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Joan Forest is a licensed marriage, family and child therapist who has studied at Jung Institute in Switzerland and who works at Redwood Therapy Center, 6005 Highway 9, Felton, a peaceful 15-minute drive from Scotts Valley, Santa Cruz and offers a sliding fee scale and takes insurance. Call Joan at 335-4210 for individual appointments or for information about her work.

THE COST OF CONSCIENCE

Israeli Nuclear Whistleblower in 7th Year of Solitary Confinement



Mordechai Vanunu has been in solitary confinement since early October 1986. He is in the Ashkelon prison some 50 miles from Jerusalem, where he is serving an 18-year sentence for treason, aggravated espionage and transferring information useful to the enemy.

What was Vanunu's crime? He published proof that his country had a sizable stock of nuclear weapons.

He didn't do it for money. He tried to pass on his information anonymously and for free to *The Sunday Times*, in London, but the newspaper insisted on revealing his identity to establish his credibility; they verbally agreed that he would get paid, but he hasn't been.

By Pete Shanks

What was Vanunu's crime?

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He didn't do it for any nation. He has always insisted that his only interest was stopping nuclear proliferation in the Middle East.

"I am your spy," he wrote from prison. He did it for us.

Vanunu was for nine years an Israeli nuclear technician at the Dimona research center in the Negev desert. Increasingly disturbed by the moral implications of his work, he accepted severance pay, went traveling, and eventually decided to go public with his concerns.

While *The Sunday Times* was still checking his story, he was 'exposed' as a hoax in the rival *Sunday Mirror*, which was owned by Robert Maxwell, the fake billionaire and genuine Zionist whose criminal behavior and close contacts with Mossad, the Israeli secret service, were widely publicized after his death in 1991. Vanunu was then lured from England to Italy by an American woman called Cindy, who claimed to be concerned for his health but turned out to be an Israeli spy. In Rome, he was drugged and kidnapped, then smuggled back to Israel in chains to face a Kafkaesque trial in a blacked-out courtroom; the original complaint didn't even use his name — it was listed as "The State vs. Somebody" — and the kidnapping itself remains a state secret.

If this sounds like something Hollywood made up, well, that was the first cover story. "The allegations sound like the basis of a film script," claimed an Israeli official at the time, in an attempt to ridicule them. They do indeed. But they are true.

On October 5th, 1986, about six days after he was abducted, *The Sunday Times* in London published a detailed article, based on information and photos that he had supplied, about Dimona. The story provided some authoritative details to confirm long-standing rumors that, for various reasons, the Israeli and other governments had been at pains to deny. As a consequence, the best estimate of Israel's arsenal rose from about two dozen to somewhere between 100 and 200, according to Sam Day, former editor of the *Bulletin of Atomic Scientists*. More precisely, it became accepted that Israel had separated enough plutonium for that many warheads. The story, however, did nothing to make it easier for any enemy to defend against Israel's nukes or to develop their own.

Vanunu's case is troubling for many reasons. His treatment in jail is unconscionable on its face — he has spent nearly 2,500 days alone in a 6 ft. by 10 ft. cell, except for solitary exercise each day, in a closed room not much larger, and family visits for an hour a month; for the first two and a half years, the fluorescent lights in his cell were never turned off. His abduction was flagrantly illegal, making his trial a travesty. The so-called treason consisted of confirming what was generally believed already, without making public any new technical information of value. His conviction for espionage is ridiculous, since he never represented any foreign government. He did break his secrecy oath, but for that an 18-year sentence is quite unreasonably harsh. Clearly he touched some nerve.

His crime was telling the truth about nuclear weapons.

Israel is not unusual in resenting this; every single country that has developed nuclear weapons has done so in secret. Nuclear weapons have been, since the

first tentative steps to develop them, the very stuff of secrets and lies, the effect of which has been to hide from the public information that is generally available to the enemy.

In America, the now-famous Manhattan Project was so secret that President Truman did not even know about it until Roosevelt died. Stalin put such a premium on the Soviet project that he put the head of his secret police in charge of nuclear research. In Britain, the decision to pursue an independent atomic bomb was taken by Atlee in January 1947, but not announced until February 1952, when Churchill announced plans for a test explosion. The French made a similar commitment to development in the mid-1950s, and also kept it quiet until they were ready to conduct tests, in 1960. The Chinese followed suit, a little more slowly; they made the political decision in January 1955, but didn't detonate until October 1964.

The First Five admitted what they were doing once it was indisputable. Actually, they boasted of it. Membership in the Nuclear Club was a ticket to superpower status, or at least to governmental self-esteem. Later on, the accepted practice came to be complete denial. India made a 'peaceful explosion' in May 1974 but publicly insisted it had no bomb and no plans to build one. Pakistan may have taken

called, and China). Otherwise, there were satellites and nonentities. Japan and Germany were defeated and broke: The Japanese were eking out a crummy living imitating American technology and the West Germans were reduced to trying to sell a pre-war design of tiny People-cars, or Volkswagen, while the Easterners hobbled under Soviet imperialism. The rest of the globe was essentially underdeveloped and largely ignored. The Big Five bestrode a world they defined in their own interests.

Out of this absurd construct came the even more extraordinary concept of Mutual Assured Destruction, as a 'strategy' for 'using' nuclear weapons. This remarkable triumph of intellectual folly, promoted Rand Corporation theorists such as Herman Kahn, a man so twisted he once spent an LSD trip reviewing strategies for bombing China, was based on a number of untenable premises and had several unintended consequences. One important premise was that only the Big Five were significant players in the nuclear game. The prospect of 'terrorists' or third-world dictators getting their hands on nukes was shocking, basically because they couldn't be relied upon to act like gentlemen. Given the activities of the colonial powers, it would be easy to argue that this would be no bad thing, but such a view was considered eccentric at the time.

The greatest unintended consequence

certainly does find nukes extremely convenient. Their danger, their expense and their technological complexity make them ideal for the hierarchical, war-based political economy that has reached a peak over the last half-century.

The secrecy that attends them is, to their proponents, a charming by-product. After all, we can't have our National Enemies knowing about our most powerful weapons, can we?

But they do. For example, in 1979 *The Progressive* published, from legally available sources, a primer on constructing a hydrogen bomb, to prove that the secrets weren't. The US government was absolutely outraged and both Carter and Reagan administrations prosecuted the magazine, finally failing at the Supreme Court level, where that august body ruled with unusual common sense that the collection and publication of non-classified data did not in itself constitute a breach of national security.

What it did constitute was a breach of the national hierarchy. Mordechai Vanunu also breached his nation's hierarchy, and this was probably more dangerous to the state than the specific breach of the law. He has sometimes claimed to be a hero, and he is certainly being treated as a villain, but he is really no more and no less than an ethically aware individual who acted according to his conscience.

Vanunu was born in Morocco in 1954 and came to Israel with his family in 1963. After serving in the army, he studied physics and mathematics, and in 1976 started working at Dimona, the nuclear research center, in the plutonium processing plant. At the end of the 1970s, he decided to study philosophy at Ben Gurion University, and

for the next five years was both a full-time nuclear technician and first a student and

eventually an assistant professor in philosophy. While at the university, he became politicized, partly by seeing the discrimination practiced against Israeli Arabs, and most dramatically by the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in 1982. In particular, he was struck by the duplicity of the military as they lied, not just to the Israeli public but also to their political leaders about the purposes and extent of the invasion. Vanunu helped to organize demonstrations in favor of Lebanon conscientious objectors and started to re-evaluate his attitude to the nuclear program at which he worked.

As his disillusionment grew, he smuggled a camera into Dimona and took a bunch of pictures, although he had no clear idea of what he would do with them and didn't even develop the film for over a year. In October 1985, he left Dimona and soon went traveling, to Nepal, Burma and Thailand to visit Buddhist sites, and then to Sydney, Australia, where he became involved in social and political discussions with a group that centered around an Anglican church, which he joined in June 1986.

Later that summer, a freelance Colombian journalist named Oscar Guerrero put him in touch with *The Sunday Times*, one of Britain's foremost newspapers, which is not connected to *The Times*, the London daily, and has a longstanding reputation for investigative journalism. Guerrero was not in this for idealistic reasons; he later tried to squeeze £230,000 out of the paper and is generally viewed as a conman.

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things a stage further, according to Seymour Hersh's March 1993 article in *The New Yorker* — the Pakistani military are even thought to have cut their elected prime minister out of the loop; she was considered unreliable. South Africa consistently denied having nukes until it announced it had gotten rid of them, a confusing wrinkle that leaves room for skepticism. (The other known nuclear states, Russia, Ukraine, Belarus and Kazakhstan, did not develop nuclear weapons but inherited them from the former Soviet Union.)

Israel's attitude of paranoid secrecy is, therefore, perfectly normal.

That doesn't justify it. It doesn't even make it less paranoid. It merely means that governmental attitudes to nuclear weapons are symptomatic of an old-fashioned, rigid, authoritarian view of the world that used to be considered perfectly acceptable.

In the Good Old Days of the 1950s, when 'I Like Ike' was a slogan with legs, the hierarchies of power were well understood. Whites dominated blacks, men dominated women, bosses dominated workers, and if everyone didn't like it — most people didn't — at least they all knew what the rules were.

There was a concerted effort on the part of the ruling class to extend this kind of simplistic and self-serving nonsense to the international arena. There were Good Guys (us, Britain and, since they insisted, France) and Bad Guys (the godless commies of Russia, as the Soviet Union was usually

was that MAD scared the hell out of millions of people and actually fomented the anti-nuclear movement.

The fear of personal injury is often cited as a regrettable, somehow an almost trivial, reason for the growth of the anti-nuclear movements of the late 1950s and early 1980s, but it was an entirely rational response to the frankly bizarre behavior of the Eisenhower and Kennedy administrations and the Reagan revival of their bellicose policies. The demonization of 'commies' served to polarize public opinion. It became rather easy to see that hundreds of warheads, mounted on ICBMs, carried on submarines and tucked under the wings of airplanes circling like hawks, all ready and willing to destroy the world rather than risk conquest, were things of evil to be fought against.

Or, of course, paragons of good protecting the innocent.

This whole concept of heroes and villains is itself much of the problem. For one thing, it encourages the concept of victory, which in this context is absurd, not just because a global nuclear war would have no winner but also because the lack of such a war, or even the destruction of all nuclear weapons, would not mean that the forces of life and peace had won. The systematic enemy, whether you call it global capitalism, authoritarian statism, deathly alienation, moral bankruptcy or any other formulation, does not need nukes, although it

What Do the Democrats Stand For?

BERT MUHLY



BARRICADA INTERNACIONAL

When President Bill Clinton nominated career diplomat John Maisto to the post of US ambassador to Nicaragua, ignoring massive protests from within both Nicaragua and the United States that this nomination would symbolize the continuance of the right-wing policies of former President George Bush and Senator Jesse Helms which have served to prevent political stability and economic recovery in Nicaragua, he alienated a large segment of the US electorate which had hoped he would spark a fresh approach to US-Nicaragua relationships.

Later, when the US Senate Democrats confirmed Maisto in spite of an equal volume of protests, they proved that their behavior during the Senate confirmation hearings for Warren Christopher as secretary of state was no aberration. During these hearings the Democrats on the committee allowed Republican Jesse Helms to rant and rave with unsubstantiated charges against the Sandinistas and the Chamorro government in Nicaragua.

With this obvious appeasement of Jesse Helms, it now seems quite clear that when Clinton and the Senate Democratic leadership feel that they need the right-wing support for programs they wish to pass, they apparently consider that the hopes held for a better life by the poor majority of Nicaraguans are expendable and a cheap price to pay for such support.

This was made abundantly clear to me in a recent encounter I had with Senator Barbara Boxer at a fundraiser for congressional candidate Sam Farr in Monterey. In a one-on-one situation, I complimented her on the way she took on Jesse Helms for his atrocious behavior during the Senate hearings leading to the confirmation of San Francisco Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg as an assistant secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

I told Senator Boxer of Helms' outrageous behavior during the Christopher confirmation hearings where he eulogized Roberto D'Aubisson, the late right-wing El Salvadoran politician/militarist, who, according to the UN Truth Commission on El Salvador, ordered the murder of Archbishop Oscar Romero.

I was shocked that she was so uninformed on Nicaragua as to not even know who John Maisto was, much less the role he played for Jesse Helms in Helms' crusade against the Chamorro government. She did not seem to know the name, Debora DeMoss, Jesse Helms' pro-Contra administrative aide who has played such a high profile role in shaping the harsh economic policies against the Chamorro government in Nicaragua while cultivating the favor of right-wing ex-patriot Nicaraguans

in Miami.

Unknown to me at the time I talked to her in Monterey was a letter, dated March 23, 1993, which she had written to Ms. Diana Bohn of Berkeley, who had written to her requesting her support for the release to the Chamorro government of the final \$50 million in US foreign aid from the \$104 million appropriated for Nicaragua in fiscal year 1992. This money was desperately needed to maintain social stability and economic recovery in Nicaragua.

I was dumbfounded when Boxer seemed so uninformed on Nicaragua during our Monterey conversation. But I was in a state of shock when I later discovered in the Bohn letter she had already bought into the State Department's line on Nicaragua at the time we talked in Monterey. In her letter to Bohn she used, verbatim, the line fashioned by her colleague, Jesse Helms, his right-wing policy advisor, Admiral James Nance and his foremost aide and arch anti-Sandinista, Debora DeMoss.

She wrote: "In December of last year President Bush released \$54 million of the \$104 million appropriated for Nicaragua in Fiscal Year 1992. The remaining \$50 million is being held in lieu of the release of American private property by Sandinista officials and real human rights reform of the Sandinista controlled government. I believe that it is important to continue to tie Economic Support Funds (ESF) to real democratic and human rights changes in Nicaragua..."

It appears that in Boxer's list of Senate priorities, peace, economic recovery and social justice for the Nicaraguan people

does not occupy a prominent spot. And so it seems is the case with the Senate Democratic leadership and the rest of the Senate in view of their confirmation of Clinton's nominee for ambassador to Nicaragua.

Unlike the Senate, there is an apparent glimmer of hope in the House of Representatives that changes can be made in our government's counter-productive policies toward Nicaragua. In a recent letter to Secretary of State Warren Christopher, Rep. Lee Hamilton (D-IN), chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee, stated that US policy toward Nicaragua "must be based on the principle that solutions to Nicaragua's problems must come from Nicaraguans, in Nicaragua."

As explained in the June 1993 issue of *Barricada Internacional*, his letter also expressed his "concern" about the conditions under which the \$50 million in US aid was disbursed last April due to pressures which have been felt since June 1992. He put forward some ideas that he believes should form the basis of a changed US policy toward Nicaragua.

He stated, "The conditions that Nicaragua was forced to accept in order to have the \$50 million released...appear to be more an attempt to win over the various interest groups in Congress than a well-thought-out policy."

The conditions cited by Hamilton are those approved of by Senator Boxer.

Barricada Internacional reports that the conditions revealed so far stress that US aid money must be distributed through private Nicaraguan banks and channeled solely to "democratic organizations and institu-

tions." This restriction clearly interferes with the prerogatives of the Chamorro government which the US government covertly spent millions of dollars to bring to power in 1990.

These so-called democratic organizations and institutions include right-wing non-elected bodies run by ardent anti-Sandinista big business people who back these US policies. This listing of organizations and associations deemed by the US government as acceptable for distributing the aid caused Rep. Hamilton to state in the letter that "by channeling funds to some institutions while bypassing others, our policy is contributing to Nicaragua's polarization, which is exactly opposite of what we claim are the objectives of our policy towards this country."

Barricada Internacional reports that in his letter to Christopher, Hamilton went even beyond what could be expected from someone in his position by stating that US economic aid "should be directed towards programs that cushion the negative impact of structural adjustments on Nicaragua's poorest sectors."

"Such programs," he suggested, "should focus on increasing the access to credit for small and medium businesses, providing agricultural assistance to the rural sector and reinvesting funds gained from the privatization of state companies into social programs like health, education and housing."

Suggestions in Hamilton's letter to the US secretary of state, coupled with expressions of goodwill from a large sector of the Sandinista (FSLN) Party, has drawn a favorable but cautious reaction among a broad spectrum of Nicaraguans that at least a new approach to relations between the two countries may be possible. But even with this hope, due to the United States historical behavior toward Nicaragua, many remain skeptical and fear that conflict between the two countries will continue.

It is time for President Bill Clinton to give serious attention to thoughtful proposals such as that submitted by Rep. Lee Hamilton. It is time for Clinton to tell Jesse Helms and his gaggle of right-wing zealots to go fly a kite. When he does, perhaps the Democrats in the Senate and the House will then follow. ■

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TERRACE POINT DEVELOPMENT

Proposal Stirs Community Concerns

BY NANCY AEBERSOLD & JOSH FODOR



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Once again the city of Santa Cruz finds itself in the middle of a heated debate over a proposed development project. The central issues are reminiscent of the recent Factory Outlet and Longs Drugstore debates: what types of land use and economic development alternatives are "best" for Santa Cruz; what infrastructural costs can the city afford in order to facilitate development; to what degree should developers be held responsible to the surrounding neighborhoods that will be impacted by development; and what real transportation options exist to help ease the anticipated increase in average daily trips along the city's transportation corridors?

This summer the center of the debate is the westside of Santa Cruz. The Santa Cruz City Council is preparing to approve a development plan that will drastically change the character of the westside community and the entire city.

On the western border of the city lies the 60-acre Terrace Point Property owned by Wells Fargo Bank, one of the largest "undeveloped" parcels of land within the city limits. Terrace Point Property is bordered by the UCSC Marine Lab, north coast agricultural land, Antonelli Pond, De Anza Mobile Home Park and the Monterey Bay. Given the location of the property, it is no wonder that serious discussion of its development evokes a strong response from the community of Santa Cruz.

The property has historically been

zoned for agricultural use, yet for the past five years it has remained fallow as various residential and industrial development schemes have been considered for the land. The most recent round of discussions for Terrace Point Property comes after nearly two years of public input during the city's General Plan revision. Late last year the Santa Cruz City Planning Commission and City Council recommended that a Specific Plan be required for the property in order to have a detailed look at a development proposal and the community concerns. The General Plan suggests that the Specific Plan consider 25 acres for uses classified as coastal dependent or coastal related, 6.5 acres for coastal recreation use along the bluffs, and 15 acres for housing with 35 percent affordable housing.

In February of this year, the city formed the Terrace Point Committee to facilitate the development of a Specific Plan and to begin a consensus-building process. The committee includes representatives from UCSC, Terrace Point Property owners, the Coastal Commission, city planning commissioners and city councilmembers. Yet, after holding its first two public workshops, the Committee is faced with the fact that a consensus will not be easily attained.

The present proposal being discussed by the Committee modifies and expands on the original Specific Plan recommendations of the General Plan. The proposed

housing is to range from 250 to 300 units on 27.5 acres with 15 percent affordable units, plus one acre of land dedicated to very-low to low-income units. The university will receive a gift of 2.7 acres of land for its future expansion plans. Also, 5.3 acres will be set aside for a USGS facility and other university marine-related uses. Future coastal dependent and related industrial development will receive a 10.5-acre set-aside. There is to be an 11-acre set-aside for coastal bluff recreation and a visitor center, including a protected wetland. The remaining 3.2 acres will be roaded areas.

The community response to this proposal has been loud and clear: The proposed development is too large, the anticipated negative impacts too great and the opportunities for public input too few and too brief.

In particular, serious questions were raised as to the number and type of housing units and if and how the housing is to be related to the industrial development. Furthermore, there is strong concern over the impacts of increased traffic on the westside neighborhoods and on Mission Street. Many doubted the rationale of a high-density development at the edge of the city. The General Plan clearly advises development within the city core in order to meet the goal of providing housing next to existing employment and commercial facilities, thereby reducing the need for more daily auto trips.

Also, there are numerous environmental concerns related to development in the coastal zone and the impacts on the on-site wetland, the university-owned Younger Lagoon, Antonelli Pond, the Coastal Bluffs and the nearby Natural Bridges State Beach. Additionally, agriculturists are opposed to the conversion of productive farmland to nonagricultural uses and are disturbed by the potential for negative impacts on farming operations north of the development site. The Coastal Act specifically mandates that productive agricultural land in the coastal zone shall not be converted to other uses.

One opportunity for city residents to speak out and be heard is through participation in an upcoming alternative workshop and field day on Terrace Point Property. The Coalition for Affordable Shelter and the Environment (CASE) is sponsoring the public event on Sunday, July 18th, 10:30 am-2:30 pm, at the DeAnza Mobile Home Park Clubhouse (2395 Delaware Ave). This day will provide an opportunity for the community to come together and create a vision and recommendations for the appropriate use of the Terrace Point Property.

For more information, please contact Nancy Aebersold at 458-4184. ■

Nancy Aebersold is the ad hoc chair of CASE. Joshua Fodor is the acting director of Friends of Urban Agriculture, a member group of CASE.

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The San Francisco Mime Troupe returns to Santa Cruz with their newest production, "Offshore," on Sunday, July 25 in a benefit for the Santa Cruz Action Network

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FRIDAY, JUNE 25

Caravan to Cuba Videos and Discussion. The Caravan to Cuba successfully challenged the US blockade of Cuba, delivering 15 tons of material aid in November 1992. Donations from this evening will raise funds for the next caravan which is scheduled for mid-July. Two videos will be presented and discussion will follow. This event will be held at the Resource Center for Nonviolence, 515 Broadway, Santa Cruz. Sponsors: The US Friendship, Santa Cruz, and the Resource Center. Info: 423-1626.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26

Dave Lippman will be performing his musical satire at The White Raven in Felton at 8 p.m. \$5 admission. Some of his topics include the New World Order, Soviet Deconstruction, and recycling. His not-so-unreal characters include George Shrub, the world's only known singing CIA agent; George Stump, moderate environmentalist and timber lobbyist; and Seymour the Dumpie. For more information contact Tom Wernig at 427-1973.

THURSDAYS, JUNE 17-JULY 8

The Rhythms of Oral Artistry, a four-part workshop on oral history, will be presented by Lambert van Buuren. It will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Resource Center for Nonviolence, 515 Broadway. Sliding scale: \$25-50 (includes all four sessions). For information and registration flier call 423-1626.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

The Eyes on the Prize Raffle Drawing and Dessert will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Resource Center for Nonviolence, 515 Broadway, Santa Cruz. The prize winners will be announced and some great desserts will be available. All prizes are worth at least \$35; tickets are only \$25. Raffle tickets are still available. Call or come by the Resource Center for a list of prizes. Info: 423-1626.

FRIDAY, JULY 9

An Evening with Maria Isabel Grijalva will include a reception and talk on the new possibilities for

Guatemala and how you can help. Maria Isabel Grijalva is a women's labor union leader and a human rights activist in Guatemala. She serves on the board of the Latin American Women's Feminist Congress and directs a number of educational and empowerment projects in Guatemala. The presentation will be held at 7:30 p.m. at 3015 Freedom Blvd, in Corralitos. For more information contact Pat Cane at 724-5526.

TUESDAY, JULY 13

Guatemala in Transition: a talk and video presentation will be held at the Resource Center for Nonviolence, 515 Broadway, Santa Cruz, at 7:30 p.m. Maria Isabel Grijalva will be giving a talk on the recent military coup in Guatemala and the continuing struggle for human rights. Free. Info: Lynn at 423-8670.

SUNDAY, JULY 25

The San Francisco Mime Troupe will be presenting their ninth annual benefit show for the Santa Cruz Action Network at 7:30 p.m. at the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium. The show, "Offshore," features a multi-racial cast artistically blending music, politics, and humor in a story of international politics and trade. Tickets are available through SCAN or the Civic Auditorium and Bass outlets. Ticket Prices: \$8.40-18.00. For more information call 458-9425.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

"A Call to the Desert" is being put out from Western Shoshone Spiritual leader Corbin Hamey. The Alliance of Atomic Veterans, American Peace Test, and the Nevada Desert Experience, in conjunction with the Countdown '93 campaign to end Nuclear Testing forever, is coordinating groups and individuals interested in coming to the Nevada Nuclear Test Site to celebrate, mourn, and look to the future. For information contact American Peace Test, P.O. Box 26725, Las Vegas, NV 89126 or call (702) 386-9834.

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THE COST OF CONSCIENCE

bility for his decision to go public. "I chose to publish," he wrote in an open letter published in *Hadashot* on November 20, 1987. "I didn't want to have anything to do with the enemy or secret agents - it didn't interest me and it wasn't my objective. I chose publication."

In other words, he set himself up as a member of the public instead of as an agent of the state - whether his own or any other.

Worse, he renounced the state religion. Vanunu's Christianity was based, according to his brother Meir, partly on his acceptance of Jesus as a Jew, and his story as "another story in the Jewish faith development, that shouldn't be censored." Certainly it is to a substantial extent an expression of broader than nationalist identification. As such, he is not merely a traitor but an apostate, and has been vilified and punished as such.

It would be simplistic and foolish, however, to claim that Israelis are significantly different than members of any other cultural group that band together in self-identification against some Other. The state religion of America is, of course, consumerism. True believers are often shocked by opposition and frequently respond by telling protesters to "Get a Job." Why? Isn't that irrelevant? Actually, no. The instinctive responses of ordinary people are, as usual, closer to the mark than the well-thought-through theories of the logicians we try to be. The willingness to spend unpaid time on politics instead of on Dialing for Dollars is in itself a radical attitude in this culture.

As a spy without a master, Vanunu has no official advocate. It is perfectly traditional for nations to negotiate for the early release and deportation of their spies. Israel and pro-Israeli pressure groups urge the American government to be lenient to Jonathan Pollard, who was convicted in America of spying for Israel. Some people have suggested swapping him for Vanunu, which would be an illogical but not unreasonable trade.

No nation speaks for Mordechai Vanunu. He has no friends but us. Shouldn't that be enough?

The US Campaign to Free Mordechai Vanunu is based at 2206 Fox Avenue, Madison, WI 53711; (608) 257-4764. It welcomes contributions, made out to Peaceful Futures/Middle East; checks of \$50 or more are tax-deductible if made out to the Progressive Foundation.

The Campaign encourages you to write to Mordechai Vanunu, Ashkelon Prison, Ashkelon, Israel (although his mail is censored and sometimes withheld), and to President Bill Clinton, senators and representatives, as well as to the Ambassador of Israel, 3514 International Drive NW, Washington DC 20008. Please send the Campaign copies of your correspondence.

In Santa Cruz, contact the Middle East Working Group at the Resource Center for Nonviolence, 515 Broadway, Santa Cruz, CA 95060; (408) 423-1626. ■

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