



U.S. lies about Nicaragua

by Lev Chernyi

Hardly a day seems to go by without President Reagan, or some U.S. Senator or Representative adding another brick to the wall of lies being built around the tiny Central American country of Nicaragua. The way Reagan talks, especially, you might think that Nicaragua was poised to invade the U.S. any day now. However, like the U.S.-fabricated threat to U.S. medical students which supposedly motivated the invasion of Grenada, the wall of lies isolating Nicaragua is meant only to prepare the way for the reconquering of that country for the benefit of U.S. economic, military and political interests. Behind the lies, the provocations and the bloody attacks by

a mercenary army of "contras" orchestrated by the U.S. stands the naked imperialist designs of the most powerful nation on earth. Like the Soviets in Afghanistan and the U.S. in Vietnam, despite all the disgustingly self-serving rhetoric and propaganda the U.S. has no right whatsoever to control another country just because it is nearby, militarily inferior, and a few U.S. politicians don't like its economic and political policies.

Some of the more blatant lies propagated recently include:

1) Reagan's statement that Nicaragua has built a war machine that "dwarfs the forces of all their neighbors combined." In truth El Salvador's army totals 48,000 alone, not to mention the Guatemalan forces of 40,000, the U.S. trained Honduran forces, and the U.S. supported "contra" armies operating out of Honduras and Costa Rica.

2) Reagan's claim that Nicaragua has "fighter planes, bombers and so forth." Although one can only guess what "and so forth" might be, the U.S. Defense Department even recognizes that Nicaragua has no modern combat aircraft of any sort and their air force remains one of the "smallest and least capable in the region."

3) The widely repeated claim that the Nicaraguan military buildup is part of a plan to attack other Central American nations. In reality it should be obvious that the build-up is necessitated by the state of war imposed upon Nicaragua by the U.S. funded contra mercenaries, and the ever present threat of a U.S., or joint U.S.-Honduran invasion if the slightest pretext is ever given to or fabricated by Reagan....Despite this campaign of government lies, the people of the U.S. have so far refused to buy into another invasion--but for how long?

intimidate and threaten someone who was already hysterical, who was known to at least one of the cops, and who was obviously not a dangerous person, as well as Mills' stupid move on foot to the front of Linzie's car where she allegedly put herself in "danger", and 3) the use of unnecessary force (shooting at point blank range into both the driver and passenger side windows of a car at an unarmed teenage girl).

In the aftermath it can hardly be surprising that cops have been the targets of verbal abuse and bottles. After the police unnecessarily deprived a young woman of her life, with the prosecutor and police department then proceeding to attempt to cover up their crime, the cops deserve no sympathy from anyone, while Kim deserved more than to be remembered as a victim of incompetent, trigger-happy cops.

Teenage girl dies when cop's leg is bruised

by J. Noa & L. Chernyi

On July 3rd a nineteen year-old Columbia woman was shot to death by four city cops after one of them, officer Pat Mills, bruised a leg while attempting to apprehend her. The victim, Kim Linzie, died when a bullet fired by cop Dean France pierced her heart. The "official" police report of the incident characterized the shooting as a measure necessary to stop the vehicle which, in the words of police chief William Dye, "presented imminent danger" to Mills. However, even if Mills had been in imminent danger (and at least two witnesses have directly disputed that claim), it is obvious that the killing did nothing to protect Mills, since Linzie's car then proceeded forward at least fifty feet past Mills anyway.

The events leading to the killing of Linzie began ninety minutes earlier when Kim became embroiled in an argument with her friend Tammy Mayfield over the use of the car, a Mercury Bobcat. Although Kim Linzie reportedly had contributed to the payments on the car and had bought the car's stereo system, the car was legally registered in Mayfield's name. Thus when Kim drove off about an hour later Tammy reported the car as stolen. The police, who had been summoned earlier, were aware that the matter was primarily a dispute between friends and not a typical stolen car case. However, this information was not communicated to the oncoming shift at the police department, so when the car was reported stolen after the police shift-change the police involved chose to use

a show of force to apprehend Linzie. As a result Pat Mills received a bruised leg, Tammy Mayfield a bullet-ridden vehicle, and Kim Linzie a bullet through the heart.

In the aftermath of the killing Boone County Prosecutor Joe Moseley announced that he would not file charges against the four officers involved, concluding that there was substantial justification for the firing of shots by the police officers involved." The summary for the internal police department investigation boldly declared that "we were not there and cannot make judgements about an officer's decisions to do certain things." It found "no major faults with any of the officer's actions" and not surprisingly recommended that no disciplinary action be taken against any of the cops involved. However, even Police Chief Dye couldn't swallow this blatant white-wash of the killing. Probably with an eye to defusing some of the political tension which would inevitably result, Dye decided to slap Pat Mill's wrist for falling down on the job. She was suspended without pay for 15 days, ordered to be retrained in police procedures, and reassigned to a desk job for six months. But not content to suffer even these minor inconveniences, Mills has filed a grievance with the city with the encouragement of the police union.

Whatever the final outcome of this incident though, it is obvious that the cops involved at the least are guilty of 1) poor internal communications (the "domestic quarrel" aspect of the incident should have been passed on); 2) incompetent behavior at the scene (choosing to

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International

EL SALVADOR "TERRORISTS"

Once again the U.S. government has unrelentingly stood its ground to confront the evil face of "international terrorism." When four U.S. marines and nine other people were killed in a hail of gunfire on June 19th in a San Salvador cafe, President Ronald Reagan quickly announced that "We and the Salvadoran leaders will move any mountain and ford any river to find the jackals and bring them and their colleagues in terror to justice." And only one month later Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger announced that the Salvadoran government "with our assistance has taken care of in one way or another, taken prisoner or killed ... a number of the people who participated in that killing."

However, as it turned out Weinberger was lying, or at best exaggerating, on at least two counts-- (1) there was no evidence that those killed or captured had anything to do with the killings of the marines a month earlier, and (2) the U.S.

government had taken no extraordinary role in the routine Salvadoran military operation which produced the 21 dead bodies and 9 captured guerrillas that Weinberger was so proud to take credit for.

The saddest aspect of the whole episode though, remains the incredible lack of any U.S. acknowledgement of its own policies of mass terror throughout Central America. In El Salvador for example, a large majority of the 50,000 non-combatant civil war deaths have been at the hands of the infamous death squads and the regular military forces of the corrupt government. Both have received direct and indirect support from the U.S. state. Both have waged a campaign of terror against the Salvadoran people in order to cow them into surrender and submission. Now that the death squads have acquired a bad name, even Reagan has been occasionally forced to speak out and half-heartedly denounce them. But in large measure this is also because the death squads have often been self-defeat-

ing--driving most of the population into an active hatred towards (if not always active opposition to) the Salvadoran government, while proving to be a propaganda liability for the U.S. both internationally and at home.

Now, as Ambrose Evans-Pritchard has noted in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, "...the war has moved from assassinations in the cities to indiscriminate bombing in the countryside...." While pushing a false picture of the Duarte regime in El Salvador as a middle-ground, democratic government, the U.S. state is financing, training, organizing, and supervising the heaviest bombing ever seen in the Americas. Thousands of civilians are being killed by the bombings, strafings, shelling and ground sweeps as part of a deliberate policy to terrorize the rural population and force them to flee, depriving the guerrillas of a base of support. Since 1983 this largely aerial war has been responsible for most of El Salvador's 500,000 internal refugees and for many of the 750,000 refugees outside its borders.

Reagan, Congress and the military command of the U.S. are ultimately responsible for this campaign of deliberate, mass terrorism on a scale unimaginable by any U.S. designated "terrorist" group anywhere else in the world. But despite this fact, the mainstream U.S. press (except for a very few dissenting critics) refuses to publicize the real story of U.S. involvement and responsibility for one more dirty, undeclared war on an entire civilian population. If Reagan wants to find

the **real** "jackals" responsible for El Salvadoran terrorism he'll have to face himself and his own supporters.

ANTI-PAPAL POSTER

The following is an edited translation of one of the posters which greeted the Pope's arrival in the Netherlands this last spring. Four people were arrested under the charge of "provoking the assassination of a head of a friendly state." This charge carries a maximum sentence of 15 years imprisonment. The Pope's unpopular visit cost more than \$6 million, and 12,000 police were put in the streets for his protection.

POPE INVADES HOLLAND

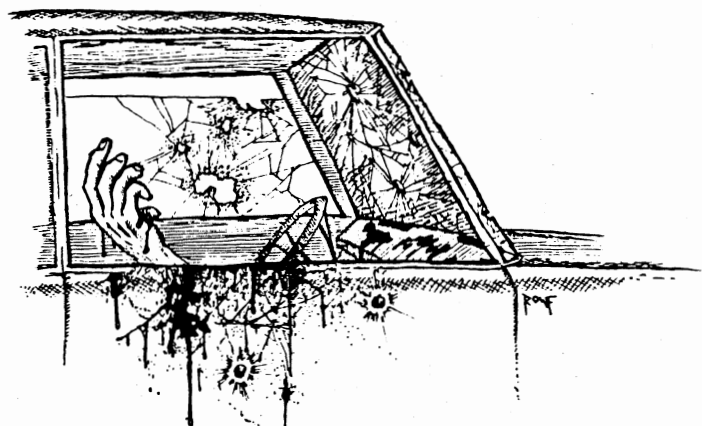
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He is a member of a criminal and fascist organization that is guilty of centuries of (1) torture (the Inquisition), (2) blackmail and extortion of the poorest sections of the population, and (3) permitting the hunting and massacring of, among others, Jews in agreement with Hitler in 1939-45. Today Il Duce II maintains contact with the Mafia, discriminates against women and homosexuals, supports right-wing juntas which practice torture, and invests Vatican money in the arms industry and in the ownership of slum property in Italy.

The Columbia Police Department

Next time your friend decides to take a spin in your car, dial 911 for the Columbia Police Department. We're here to make sure you never have to worry about where your car is when you want it. Freedom to travel is your right.

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Some people don't like the fact that sometimes we have to use our guns to enforce the law. Some think disputes between friends could best be taken care of without us in the way. But without law and order (and a small dose of brutality now and then), we'd have anarchy. Then where would we be!

So next time you have a problem, remember us. We're helping to make Columbia a safe place to live. We're the Columbia Police Department. We get away with murder.

When you borrow your friend's car, you may be living on borrowed time.

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Local

WESTLUND A CRIMINAL?

Despite the fact that former Mayor John Westlund charged the city of Columbia over \$12,000 for reimbursements for travel, food and other charges that had little or nothing to do with authorized city business, he was not charged with any legal crime. Instead, the city prosecutor, Joe Moseley, after a quick investigation announced on April 22nd that he had found "spending excesses," but "no criminal intent." According to the *Columbia Daily Tribune* Moseley said that vague city charter provisions, weak accounting procedures and approval of reimbursements by city administrators made it impossible to prove an intention to defraud taxpayers. The implication here is that if the city charter provisions had been better written, and if stricter accounting procedures were followed

he would have become a criminal in the legal sense, instead of just the crook and con-man that most people take him for now.

Westlund only repaid the city a token \$1,890.16, or 15 percent of the \$12,391.78 actually questioned by the city audit. He refused to give detailed explanations about the 50 improper expenditures found by the audit, despite earlier promising to do so. Yet he insisted until the end that he engaged in no wrongdoing. In a parting remark reminiscent of another public criminal, Richard Nixon's self-justifying words, Westlund announced that "I think that history will look favorably on my service to the city." More likely, "history" will remember him as the only Columbia mayor who was forced to resign by a public scandal, but one lucky enough to avoid prosecution even though he had obviously gouged the city for thousands of dollars.

International Anarchist News

THE NETHERLANDS

ANTON CONSTANDSE, 1899-1985

Anton Constandse, one of the foremost theorists and activists of the Dutch anarchist movement died on the 23rd of March. A life-long anarchist and prolific writer, Constandse made major contributions to the development of the movement in the Netherlands, and like others of his age he was rediscovered in the nineteen-sixties by capitalist publishing houses cashing in on the growing anarchist movement. His works have not been out of print since.

During the Spanish revolution Constandse was active in Barcelona despite the fact that he was a life-long pacifist. During the Second World War he was imprisoned by the Nazis in Germany. Unfortunately the vast majority of his work remains unavailable to us, having never been translated into English. During his life he wrote over one hundred books and pamphlets, and five thousand articles in addition to addressing quite literally thousands of public meetings. At the time of his death he was an editor of the anarchist magazine *DE AS*. SOURCE: **BLACK FLAG**, London

GREECE

When the U.S. backed military government of Greece attacked the Greek anarchist movement in 1977, the Greek Socialist Party (then in opposition) condemned the attack. Now that they have acquired state power though, these "socialists" have themselves turned to attack the same anarchist movement they once defended.

Anarchists in Athens and Thessalonika have been attacked by Greek police during the recent election campaign in which the Socialists, led by Papandreous, wanted to appear as the "law and order" party.

Demonstrations against the authority of the state and the police were banned and resulting protests ended with vicious street fighting. Eleven arrests and the shooting of one protestor (who was in critical condition) have sparked more protests. Two buildings at Athens University were occupied in protest against police attacks. One hundred anarchists and autonomists who occupied the chemistry building threatened to blow it up if those arrested in the wave of demonstrations and protests were not released. They held the building for four days against a siege of up to 2,000 policemen who were in turn being continually attacked from be-



hind by anarchists and leftists. After police set free most of the prisoners whose release was demanded most of the anarchists occupying the chemistry building left escorted by university professors who guaranteed their safe passage through police lines. Fifteen anarchists remained in the building until the remaining seventeen prisoners were released and a march of 7,000 supporters reached them as police withdrew. Most newspapers in Greece continue to call for the repression of the anarchist and autonomist movements there. SOURCE: **BLACK FLAG**, London

SWITZERLAND

During the last summer (1984) the small Swiss town of Winterthur came to life. An anarchist group calling themselves Autonomie Zellen (Autonomous Cells) started a summer offensive.

At first the media didn't take notice, hoping the attacks would soon stop. As the attacks increased in number and gravity the media staged a witch-hunt to restore "law and order." By November the police counted 6 bombings, 30 fire-bomb attacks, and a few hundred cases of "criminal damage" (slashed tires, graffiti, etc.). One of the bombs went off in the police minister's house, and he resigned a few weeks later. The targets were banks, computer centers, military buildings, etc.

On November 20th, 100 police raided 3 houses in Winterthur. Twenty-nine local anarchists were arrested and locked up in isolation units in separate prisons scattered all over Switzerland. One month later, 13 people were still imprisoned. Then on December 18th, Gabi, one of the prisoners, was found hanged in her cell. After her "suicide" (or more likely her murder), all but five people were released. Three others were released after 11 weeks, two of them on bail of about \$4,000.

Meanwhile solidarity actions were happening all over the country. In the middle of March Res, one of

the few Winterthur anarchists who evaded the raid, was apprehended in Geneva with a gun in his pocket. He is now being charged with 7 other attacks committed by the Autonomie Zellen in Geneva. The most spectacular of these was the burning down of the Palladium where the French fascist leader Le Pen was going to speak. Le Pen's appearance was cancelled. At the moment Res and Alex (a close friend of the "suicided" Gabi) are still in jail. It is unlikely that they will be released in the near future. The other remaining prisoner is Reynald Brown, a seventeen year-old who is being held in a detention camp for "disruptive youths." He will likely be freed soon. All those arrested are facing serious charges. SOURCE: **BLACK FLAG**, London

SPAIN

In Sagunto, Spain 2,000 agricultural workers held a weeklong demonstration before Easter in protest at the heavy unemployment caused by the failure of the orange crop. The anarcho-syndicalist union in Spain, the National Confederation of Labor (C.N.T.) called the protest which blocked off main streets and involved running battles with the police. The farmworkers later called for a one-day strike in the region. The strike shut down shops and businesses in four towns and forced authorities to take notice of their demands: 100% unemployment compensation for the unemployed, more land and money for the creation of worker's cooperatives and employment programs for the young. The socialist and communist unions did not support the struggle.

More recently, on June 20th, a 24-hour general strike organized by groups including the anarcho-syndicalist C.N.T., communists and some socialists hit Spain. It was

the first such strike since Franco's death, and the first ever against a "leftist" government. Although not complete in Madrid and the surrounding Castille area, in traditional areas of working class militancy like Barcelona and Bilbao there was an absolute shutdown. Out of a total working population of 8-10 million, 3 million people reportedly took part in the strike and there were many battles with police. SOURCE: **BLACK FLAG**, London

ARGENTINA

After the Falklands/Malvinas war between Argentina and Britain in 1982 the Argentine military dictatorship was discredited and the "dirty war" of anonymous police and military executions, torture and "disappearances" wound down. In the relative freedom which followed the Argentine anarchist movement has begun re-establishing itself. The legendary F.O.R.A. (Argentine section of the anarcho-syndicalist International Workers Association) still exists though its importance is minimal. The Federacion Libertaria Argentina has organized in Buenos Aires. In the second-largest city, Rosario, the Libertarian Socialist Union has organized and is affiliated with the F.L.A. Other cities with anarchist groups include Cordoba, Mar del Plata, Santa Fe, and Avellaneda.

The first paper to re-appear was *LA PROTESTA* (founded in 1897). 1984 saw the return of *EL LIBERTARIO* (organ of the F.L.A., which we have recently received here), *UTOPIA* magazine, and *LA ANTORCHA*. SOURCE: **IMPULSO**, Rosario, Argentina

UNITED STATES

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Mother Love

by William Cottrell

Greg lives on 51st Street in Sacramento with his half-brother aged 11, his dad, and his mom. Greg loves the world.

Well, he looks like he loves the world. He hasn't told me in words that he loves it. His vocabulary is different than mine. I'm thirty-three and have travelled the country extensively. He is only two and a half and Sacramento-bound. In my travels I have learned many meanings for the word love, but it's meaning for me is very different from the meanings held by the people on 51st Street. Yet, through my eyes and in my mind, I see Greg's possible definition as more like mine than like his family's.

Greg is my friend. At least he was until yesterday. When we see each other he yells my name in his language and calls me into his playroom, or towards his activity outside. And when he is outdoors near my house he calls to me too--exploring, naming things and events, and encouraging me to repeat his words.

When my best friend, David, and I moved into the house next door to Greg and his family on Thanksgiving Day, his mother welcomed us right from the beginning. She helped us deal with the landlord. She brought us food and gave us an old sofa she did not want. Her eleven year-old even gave us his old TV for one dollar a month. Even though the xeroxed gun poster in her window, warning thieves of certain death upon entry into her home, frightened me that first day there, we felt welcomed and were happy to discover friendly people in this otherwise cold and oppressive capital city.

Over the next several months I often talked with her. I learned of her travels, her husbands come and gone, and the unresolved conflict with her father. But most of all I learned of her deep wish for love and trust. I opened myself to her and her family. I became as involved with them as they would allow. I let the children in and out of my little house as they chose, and gave to them as they would accept.

The younger child, Greg, is remarkably alive by comparison with his older brother, and the other older kids on our street. He is far more willing to be close and have fun, and far more willing to explore without fear and listen to another person's view of what-is. In comparison, the 14 year-olds here in Sacramento are absolutely certain that Sacramento is the beginning and the end of the world. No matter their paranoia about taking night walks on their own street, their accounts of in-school beat-

ings and knife fights. For them at 14, life is decidedly a waste--something to put-up with until death. Sleep is better than waking. But TV is better than most anything at all.

Cliff Harper



The day before yesterday I met Greg's mother on the street. Greg was running about barefoot and happy. Mom cried the usual litany of dishes, dinner, burn-out, no time for everything important, and clearly needed time away from Greg. Dad would be home in about 2 hours, and would be pissed if dinner wasn't ready. I offered to watch Greg until later and went in to collect his clothes.

Greg and I went up to the corner of San Francisco Boulevard to see David, who was cleaning up the curbs near our friend Leo's house. Greg helped sweep and shovel the brush and storm remains into piles. Greg loved using the tools. We laughed together watching and listening to the dirt collect into the wide flat shovel. I held the weight of the tool from the end of the long handle, while Greg directed the angle down close to the blade. He yelled directions when I wasn't doing it right. He had a very definite experiment going on, and I was his helper.

When we were more in the way, than of help with the project David had in mind, we returned to the yard in front of my house, where Greg discovered the hose and faucet. "On." "Off." The stream of water was wonderful to him. I saw his face light up. And with a glass jar, he studied volumes. "Full." "Gone." We had fun with the words and the action, getting a little wet. Then we went into the house. David had just come in, and because it was the end of a work day, and he does landscaping, getting pretty dirty, he filled the tub and got in. Greg saw the tub full of water and pulled his wet clothes off, and got in too. Neither David nor I thought anything strange about this. Greg was having fun. He grabbed a plastic orange-juice container that was nearby and played at filling and emptying it. "Full." "Gone." We enjoyed his joy, his round face full of delight. We enjoyed his simple pleasure in being alive.

David and I both thought that as long as mom and dad didn't come by, everything would be okay. But if they knew they'd probably freak-out. The situation of Greg playing in the tub would not be so simple in the mind of his mother or father. It's one thing that we are openly gay, it would be quite another for them to find out that we let their son play in our bathtub.

Suddenly, Greg's dad knocked on the front door. David, who had finished his bath and was dressed, answered, and told him the boy was in the tub. Dad, who is welcome and accustomed to coming in, saw me standing in the bathroom next to the tub from his place on the front porch. He decided not to come in, but said it was time for the boy to come home. I was anxious. I didn't want any problems between us. Greg reluctantly left the tub, though when he heard that Daddy was home, he helped with drying and dressing quickly, and we went back to his house. I told his dad the sequence of events and all appeared well. Dad even said, "That's okay, thanks."

The following day, yesterday, Greg's mother knocked on my door. Home from work at the "Quick Gas," she was burned out, face ashen, shoulders slumped. When I opened the door she pointed to my solar plexus with a sharp finger, "I've got to talk to you William."

"Come in, come on, come in." And I led her into my room.

She refused to sit, and stood in the doorway clutching her pepsi and papers. "I'm tired from working all day, and the first thing home my husband hits me with **THIS**. I'm close to violence William. Just tell me one thing, why did you give my own kid a bath when he's dirty and I don't want anybody else giving him a bath. Not anybody. I know he gets into everything, but I do my best. Now **WHY?**"

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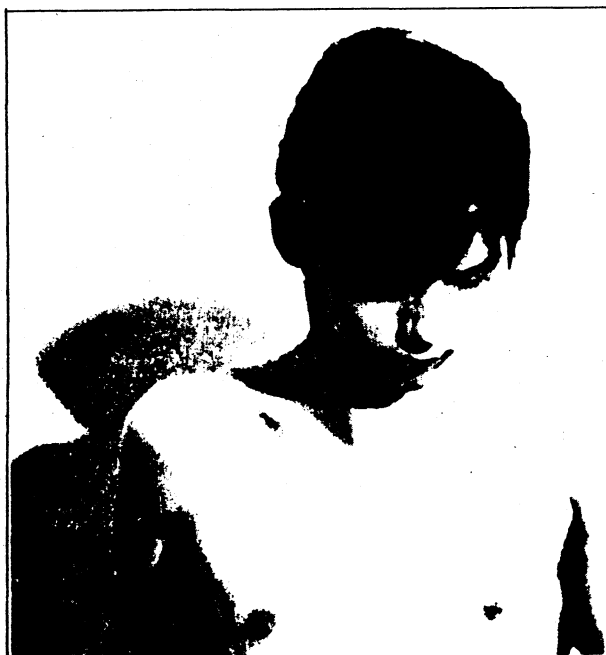
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I saw in this moment that she wasn't interested in hearing anything from me. Her question was rhetorical--obligatory to the drama. But I told her what had happened calmly, and as soon as I said, "...and he got in the tub..." she yelled, "AND YOU DIDN'T STOP HIM?!" That was the last, really, I was allowed to say.

Information, fact, reason, has nothing to do with this situation for her. The only reality she knows here is her outrage, her fear, her own insecurity in the world. Her own experience with me means nothing. Her claims for Christian love, love of any variety, means nothing in the face of this horror unnamed. Suspicion is enough. Her imagination enough. Greg in the tub yesterday. Beyond her domination. Her watchful eye. She left yelling, "That's it! That's final!"

All communications have been ended. David and I are certainly on the shit list. Maybe a hit list. And the neighborhood, which is the world of this family, will certainly have a better story now to inflame their misery of loneliness, pain and confusion. Greg, his brother, and the other neighborhood kids who have frequented our home and our yard are no longer allowed to see us. All this, from one mother's judgement. One mother's fears. One mother's "love."



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Free thoughts

Who needs the police?

by Ben Tucker

Whether or not an "official" investigation admits that the killing of Kimberly Linzie was unjustified, there remains the question of how to avoid such incidents in the future. There are at least two options which might help avoid unnecessary police violence in Columbia. One is better training for police. However, while this idea may be well-intended, it is fundamentally flawed. Another option would involve the encouragement of local initiative and social change. This option would require more commitment and community participation, but its potential results might be well worth the extra efforts required.

Even the best-trained police are still subject to social conditions. In fact, the function of the police is to maintain things as they are, to uphold "law and order." The laws at present are generally made and evaded by those with great wealth and power, and our social order is permeated with special privilege, economic insecurity, and discrimination. Though certain officers may have good intentions, the main police function is to impose this "law and order" which is profitable to the few, over the social motifs which communities and individuals attempt to create in the course of everyday life. There is no place where police are so well-trained that they can control crime because crime is largely generated from the very social structure the police are legally bound to defend.

Police in Columbia learn from their surroundings. They notice certain people serve time if arrested while others have money and good lawyers. Perceptive police may note that some rezoning and development schemes require great expenditure of city funds and seriously degrade certain neighborhoods. Yet, no matter how loud the local opposition, if certain people with mo-

ney are behind these schemes they succeed. An astute cop may observe that gross overcharge by stores or utilities is permitted. But since the law protects this sort of business activity, the police are more excited over an allegedly stolen car than many thousands of dollars daily expropriated from citizens through overcharge and taxation. In moments of crisis, officers find it more plausible to arrest or shoot a Kim Linzie (poor, brown, and juvenile offender), than a John Westlund (successful, white, former mayor who resigned when an audit shadowed his integrity). This state of affairs will continue no matter how many well-trained police we have as long as money and hierarchical position determine who is important and who is not.

However, the issue is more complex than the police being controlled by laws unfavorable to special interests or individuals. The police also find it easier to shoot someone like Kim Linzie rather than someone like Richard Nixon because so many ordinary citizens identify with the rich and powerful. We are more likely to abuse friends, neighbors, and co-workers than to hold accountable the people, or change the conditions, which drive us to frustrated cruelty. Rather than working together to create a city in which police are increasingly unnecessary, many simply complicate problems by invoking police intervention. Because we're conditioned to dependency and separation, we tend to rely on legal and economic structures which alienate us from each other and systematically steal our time and money. (Think of how often you've looked at your paycheck stub, utility bill, or receipt and said, "This is a rip-off!")

If we really wish to avoid unnecessary loss of life, there is no advantage in depending on the police, however well trained. Another approach, affirming personal

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Columbia in perspective

by Lev Chernyi

soon.

For those of you who care enough to have noticed, it might seem like it's been an awful long time since the last issue of this paper hit the streets. Actually it's been over two years now since *Anarchy* #5 lit up the Columbia firmament like the mighty comet Kahoutek once did! Given our dismal publishing record (about one issue per year) you might not expect to see the next issue for at least another year or two. But don't bet on it. You might be in for a surprise. Could *Anarchy* become bimonthly? Even a monthly? Go ahead and wait with bated breath. You'll find out as soon as we do!

While we've been working at our own snail's pace a new locally produced art magazine has started publishing. Three issues in three months is all they've got to show for their efforts. But give them time and they'll get their venerable sixth issue out in a few years! Seriously, if you haven't yet seen it, *Java* #3 is still available at the CCG and local record stores for the cost of a cup of coffee--48¢. The third issue features a comix cover--"Salvation of the bourgeoisie," and 22 more pages of short stories, more comix, poetry, etc. Look for #4 to come out

Ten years ago this month the Columbia Anarchist League hosted the first midwest anarchist gathering (at least it was the first to our knowledge). About sixty people from eight or nine states showed up for a few days of camping, picnicing, swimming and discussions just north of Columbia. The gathering here was quickly followed by a conference in Minneapolis that November, and a second midwest gathering in Des Moines the next summer. Since then further conferences have taken place in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois; Wildcat Mountain, Wisconsin; Fayetteville, Arkansas; Chicago, Illinois; etc. This spring a southern anarchist conference took place in Atlanta. Despite our meagre presence here in the heartland of the U.S., there are anarchists--and oftentimes anarchist groups and/or publications in most of the major and many minor cities throughout the country. Thus, in this regard Columbia is no exception. Despite the fact that in the U.S. the anarchist movement doesn't yet possess the numbers, coherence, or influence of our European comrades (especially those in Spain), the anarchist vision is gradually spreading throughout the interstices of the North American continent.



Letters from our co-conspirators

We would like to encourage readers to write to us in order to open a dialogue both with those who are sympathetic and those who are critical of anarchist theory and practice. All letters to ANARCHY will be printed with the author's initials unless it is specifically stated that her/his full name may be used, or that s/he wishes to remain anonymous. We will try to print every letter that we receive for publication, as long as they are not redundant, overly long, or unreadable, even if this takes several pages. Address your letters to ANARCHY, c/o Columbia Anarchist League, P.O. Box 380, Columbia, MO. 65205.

POWERFUL IDEAS

Fellow Freethinkers:

In light of the authoritarian conditioning we are subjected to from the earliest point in our lives (every institution in society hither and yon mirrors one form or another of hierarchical structure, from the authoritarian conditioning provided by the top-down, sexually repressive family, to top-down schools and work places) and the constant bombardment with pervasive insidious messages that we face, it almost seems futile to attempt to wake the people around us. The vast majority are conditioned to accept authority--indeed they desire it--internalized defense mechanisms are the means by which even the most oppressed sectors of society continue to accept their lot in life and to identify with a perennially cultivated need for hierarchy. This society is so rankled with contradictions that people should be turning against it in great numbers in favor of something more humanitarian; and they will, regardless of the size of the spy forces and thought police. This journal is an excellent forum for those of us who have come to question, among other things, the need for capitalism and government. Our ideas are the most powerful of weapons we have. These ideas can be spread through the spoken and written word and more importantly through non-violent propaganda by

deed, direct action, and civil disobedience, as well as by discussion of issues at such a time and in such a manner as to have an immediate effect.

Long Live Anarchy,
L.J., St. Louis, MO.

Editor's note: The following poem was also sent by L.J., who has published an occasional newsletter in Saint Louis.

La Vie Actuelle

A sea of stars in the night shone
upon the highway laced
countryside
In the fluorescent light of a
filling station
Young boys with southern accents
Discussed the virtues of their
automobiles
Millions of televisions across the
land were helping people
relax
Some of the people were drinking
beer
Some were eating dinner
In Washington the president was
entertaining guests
The people would read about it
soon in the magazines they
bought at the grocery store

THOUGHTFUL RESPONSE

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Aw music to my ears, "...radically restructure society along more humanly rational and fulfilling lines."

Assemblies Organize!! operating within the framework set down by the state?? Nooooo! Small ruling elite making almost every fundamental decision.

Yes, Khomeini is a historical and faded symbol of the movements in Iran for a restructuring of their particular country along more humanly rational lines, and he needs to be related as an enemy (tyrant)--institutions of domination are certainly being restabilized by this man and his cohorts.

Onward,
Immense competing power blocks
Global capitalist domination
Imperialism & global capitalist hegemony (to be co-opted and re-situated into this-----eek!

Love is subservient, no dummy, **subversive** to -DOMINATION-
Great--Marriage embodies all the inhumanity of Law(comma) with set rights(comma) obligations(comma) sanctions and responsibility for the maintenance of a **static** status quo--sacrificing themselves to an idea (moral or hedonistic) of how one "ought" to be--

Anarchy under fire:

Not wanting to cloud communication, my name can be Wayne P. Ross. PEP RALLY RADICALISM is a lie--I agree xxxxxx i dig deeply with this: what craziness and outrageous behavior we engage in to free our own head is one thing, but it doesn't necessarily have effectiveness with revolution, communication, or any other such stuff except, in that it can sometimes achieve small personal change to grow on.

It is MAN and not pig--oink

All right--an anarchistic frame of mind is not realistic expectation /transformation within the major powers of our times (competing power blocks)

thoughtful response from Wayne Ross: In small autonomous, democratic assemblies, leagues, units or groups AND just one human mind/body/soul an anarchistic frame of mind can be expected to transform the evolving world around the individual and/or basic group, assembly and league--but within a large scale?--NO 'cept over a long period of time--bye

Wayne Ross, Villa Park, IL.

ANARCHFESTO CRITIQUE

Gee, hello there,

You ask for critical comment from fellow travellers so as to give you a chance to sharpen your own perspective in defense...so:

The Punk Anarchfesto fell flat. It sounded puerile and struck me as self-deceptive; some enthusiast practicing anti-opportunism by taking the opportunity to explain to the young 'uns what it is they're trying to say. By stooping thus, the author(s) open themselves to ridicule from the intransigent quarters, and for the rest it is a poor job of preaching to the converted.

Witness: "If our music sounds like noise to you..." But wait. It takes but little reflection to observe that punk's practitioners

and camp followers so lack a solid sense of self-definition that they recreate the trap they pretend their "alternative" avoids--that of only knowing who they are by knowing who they aren't. Exclude as many as possible by being as repellent as possible--and what's left? We few, who understand what isolation and alienation is! The clique, the community, of the anti-social! The proverbial herd of individuals! Punk culture reproduces the fashion fascism that its unconscious, automatic, and insincere negation denounces!

The very elevation of a propaganda to use as a status cue, or club membership pin, (SID pins remind me of Elks club pins--the same kind of people wear them...) is the source of the problem, and explains why the few well-wielded phrases of the festo ring so hollow. From the obligatory warning of hell for sinners, "We are sick of your way of death," to the ridiculous demands, "Music open to under-agers,"--what a platform...is this the only way to get their attention?--to the empty, posturing threats, "Your normal regimen is doomed." The abnormal regimen is clearly doomed as well, because it parrots the normal one from start to finish! So the hippies are no help? I remember when the hippies denounced the beatniks!

Who among you, your readership, can move in many circles, the prerequisite for actually disintegrating the isolation tanks? When the schedule of entrance exams is so demanding (for such cliques as that which wears its music as a window dressing,) is it not evidence of a desperate need for yet another sterile conformity? Trivial! Wayne Newton versus Donnie and Marie versus Beethoven versus AC/DC and now, introducing the new versus to end them all, the DK's!

You can get away with not thinking about what you're doing, sneaking ideology in the back door as anti-ideology, the ideology of opposition...and guarantee that any potential audience for what you really stand for is repelled. One can't legitimize it through association, or spread it with any symbiotic relations...the fraudulent counter-culture airheads will be the only ones who use it, and use it they will, as the clothing of an empty stance, the clothes they will take off tomorrow, laughing at anyone who thought it really meant anything in the first place.

If I didn't think there was something there, I wouldn't introduce myself so vehemently...

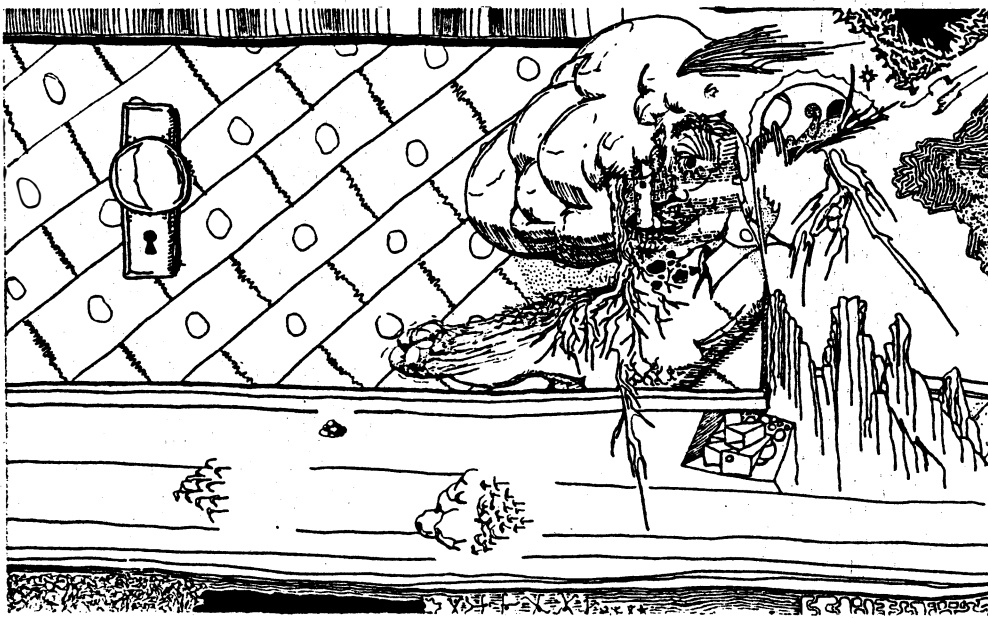
Go ahead and use the name,
Gerry Reith, Sheridan, WY.

BADGUY REPLIES:

Gerry Reith committed suicide last year so his pointed commentary will have

to stand on its own without further clarification. He criticizes punks for "knowing only who they are by knowing who they aren't," for reproducing the herd mentality they denounce, and for wearing their allegiance to particular bands as a sign of status. His insights are not as telling as they might appear at first glance, however, because each of these ideas have been raised within the punk movement as part of its own self-critique. In short lots of punks are faddists, but lots are struggling for creative ways of capturing and renewing punk's original impetus (i.e. to throw the values of normal society back into their faces). This isn't a new idea. Dadaists and the Situationist International attempted in their own ways to do the same thing. The problem is that punk has become a mass cultural movement and includes "airheads" and assholes within its ranks. On the other hand, there is a strong, radical anti-authoritarian element which has been resilient enough to survive this massification.

The punk anarcho-festo was intended as a message from the then nascent Columbia punk community to mainstream Columbia. It was intended to be flamboyant and sardonic. The statement about music open to under-agers whether they have



-Avid Darkly

money or not, is not "ridiculous demand," but essential to the free association and bonding of young people in this town. Gerry had little sense of the context of the punk movement here and its very real concerns about a place to play (not just music) and to listen (not just posture) to one another.

Gerry knew there was "something there," but he never acknowledged what it was. And I'm sorry he's gone 'cause his cynicism about KO-PUNKS and just about everything else kept us questioning and thinking. I share his sense that we need to find ways we can come together with many different people. Other punks are invited to send their reactions to Gerry's letter, or to the Anarcho-festo.

ANARCHIST NEWS Continued

conference of the Workers Solidarity Alliance took place in New York City. The W.S.A. is the new U.S. affiliate to the anarcho-syndicalist International Workers Association. The address of the National Secretary is: **Workers Solidarity Alliance New York Group**, 339 Lafayette St., Room 202, New York, N.Y. 10012.

FRANCE

After three and a half years of constant struggles to continue broadcasting **Radio Libertaire** has once again returned to the airwaves in Paris. "La voix sans maître" (the voice without master), the radio organ of the French Anarchist Federation, has finally defeated the efforts of the French socialist government to permanently silence it. In the agreement reached with the government, **Radio Libertaire** has changed frequency from 89.5FM (sound familiar KOPN listeners?) to 89.4FM,

and it will now share that frequency with **Radio Pays**. **Radio Libertaire's** determination and public support, in conjunction with the declining popularity of the socialist government, forced French authorities to agree to **Radio Libertaire's** demands. SOURCE: **STRIKE!**, St. Catharines, Ontario

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initiative and neighborhood cooperation, is necessary. First we can criticize and, if necessary, confront the police. Instead of viewing them as public servants who always need more guns, money, training, and equipment but never solve "the problem of crime," we can assume that those with considerable power over us will abuse it, and be accordingly vigilant.

As we oppose and reduce police power, we can simultaneously make the positive effort of taking more responsibility for our own lives. For example, those of us who are sad and angry because police killed Kim can do more than demand an investigation. We can resolve to settle disputes and manage our affairs by relying on each other instead of calling the police. We can use neighborhood meetings and friendship networks to discuss and plan community safety or other projects. We have the power, if we use it, to create better relations between each other without police intervention. And ultimately we can begin to cooperatively restructure our lives and society in order to create alternatives to, and opposition toward all authorities and exploitative conditions which presently retard our individual and collective development.

Star wars

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liars can figure." Whether one counts U.S. warheads alone or adds NATO and French missiles to the total, whether the Strategic weapons are land-based or on subs and bombers, it has generally been recognized that if the nuclear balance of destruction is upset, it could lead to the disadvantaged side launching a "use them or lose them" pre-emptive first strike.

However, destabilization is just the course the U.S. is following by instituting its new weapons systems. The Pershing and cruise deployment in Europe which places missiles 14 minutes from the Soviet heartland is provocation enough, but as bad, or perhaps worse, the MX and Trident are designed to deliver crushing strikes with pinpoint accuracy at Russian underground missile silos.

According to Howard Morland of the Coalition for a New Foreign and Military Policy, an American first strike today would destroy less than one-third of the Soviet land-based missile silos, still permitting a massive retaliatory strike against the U.S. However, with Trident and MX in place, strategists estimate that a first strike could take out 98% of those silos and since two-thirds of the Soviet warheads are land-based, this would drastically reduce their retaliatory capacity.

On the other hand, U.S. strategic warheads are spread equally between ICBMs, flight-ready bombers, and subs (the so-called Triad), a deployment which reduces a similar vulnerability to American delivery systems.

The Soviet's powerful, but rather clumsy defense network can only be maintained through the security of their missile sites and this is exactly what the Reagan war plans put at risk.

In the March 16, 1985, *The Nation*, Morland estimates that by 1995, if all of Reagan's "modernization" programs are funded by Congress and are operational, the number of Soviet warheads which would survive a U.S. first strike would be reduced from tens of thousands to a "managable" 700. This is where the seemingly "impractical" Star Wars system is employed. The severely reduced number of warheads that a devastated Soviet Union could launch in retaliation would then be a figure ostensibly containable by the SDI network (give or take five or ten which might slip through to Detroit and Chicago).

Ready For War

All politicians know that massive arms build-ups are always the precursors of war. To the Russians, watching the U.S. arm to the teeth all the while claiming to be militarily inferior to the Soviets, and victim of Soviet aggression, must be terribly reminiscent of the period directly preceding World War II when Stalin and the Russian people viewed the German Wehrmacht and Luftmacht go through an identical process. The question is whether Moscow will sit still for a second time while their destruction is being engineered and so openly discussed by their avowed enemies.

The question is whether Reagan and the generals are actually planning what Western capital has dreamed of since 1917: defeating once and for all the menace from the East. Or do they see Star Wars, MX and

the rest as gambits within the inter-imperial politico-military rivalries, that, if successful, would give the American empire the hegemony it seeks. The problem is that the bureaucracies of power seem oblivious to the risks inherent in their dangerous strategies and the terrible fear that both sides once expressed for nuclear confrontation recede as plans for warfighting begin to dominate strategic thinking.

To say that sanity militates against such a view brings little comfort, yet even the most war-crazed of the rulers must realize that even with the most exacting technology (a joke in itself), it would be impossible for the United States to emerge unscathed from a nuclear exchange no matter how limited. Even if it was "possible," enough has been written on the effects of a nuclear winter to make even a "victory" over the Soviets ring hollow as dust and radioactive fall-out would begin circling the globe from a destroyed Russia back to the U.S.

Fortunately, the people of the world are not sitting idly by waiting passively for their annihilation. The signs of opposition are plentiful, but more is needed. The peace movements of the world continue to be blind to the total system which produces a world of war and instead lurch from crisis to crisis, war to war, hoping "common sense" will prevail among the world leaders—something which has never previously occurred. War and the nation state are synonymous. If we desire to live a life of peace, we can't work for the elimination of war without striking at its cause.

We know what the rulers plan, how about us?

Star Wars = 1st Strike

U.S. PLANS DEATH STAR



Media commentators have grown so fond of labeling President Reagan's mad scheme for placing laser and particle beam weapons in space "Star Wars," that it is hard to see why they have failed to extend the movie analogy logically forward and call the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) by a more appropriate name emanating from the same movie—"The Death Star." Also, the prez certainly makes a better Darth Vader than a Luke Skywalker.

The Death Star, you may recall, was an artificial asteroid whose entire complex mechanism was a massive weapon of destruction geared to obliterate the enemies of the Empire. The Reagan administration sees its SDI plan similarly: a grandiose dream of defeating the Soviet Union in an exchange of nuclear weapons which would allow the U.S. to emerge victorious and relatively unscathed, protected beneath a shield of space-age weaponry. Just as Vader's asteroid was nothing but an engine of war, so increasingly does the United States become a totally garrisoned warrior nation with an economy and ideology geared to a perpetual military posture.

The prevailing psychosis present in the ruling circles during the current war drive has the Reaganite underlings and generals fairly drooling at the prospect of the final confrontation with the Soviets. Previously, during other presidencies, these crackpots in the White House and the Pentagon were leashed by the governing balance of terror concept, aptly named MAD (Mutually Assured Destruction), which at least gave the appearance of never permitting actual war-

fighting without accepting the devastation of one's own country.

The proposed Star Wars (or Death Star) technology stands on the threshold of casting aside the "shackles" of MAD and providing a war scenario for the generals which could paralyze the Soviet Union's retaliatory ability with a pre-emptive first strike, and has the military madmen sweating with anticipation. Most liberal critics, befuddled as usual, argue against the space weapons on the basis that "it won't work." They object that Star Wars is a system that can never be tested except at the time of actual conflict, that it will depend on over 10 million lines of error-free computer code, and point out that even the strongest proponents admit it would only stop 94% of incoming Soviet missiles allowing the U.S. to be hit by enough warheads to obliterate the country. While true within this limited context, they fail miserably to understand the warfighting strategy being developed.

Enhanced the Myth of Defensive Weaponry

The Pentagon war planners have never reconciled themselves to the restraints of MAD after enjoying 20 years of unrivaled nuclear superiority. During that time the U.S. had used atomic weapons at the close of one inter-imperial conflict, and, at the start of another, has used the threat of them against the Soviets and their allies during crises situations ranging from Berlin to Vietnam. Following the Soviet development of comparable strategic weapons and the firm establishment of MAD, the U.S. increased the propagation of several myths central to the war system—that our weapons are solely defensive, that it is *us* who is at risk from Soviet "aggression," and that it is the Russians who enjoy the strategic advantages (JFK's phony "missile gap" or Reagan's equally duplicit "window of vulnerability"). The promotion of Reagan's Star

Wars system has actually enhanced the myth of defensive weaponry since he has shrouded it in saccharine speeches about ending the nuclear threat.

The key to seeing through the official mythology is to realize that none of the recent plans "to modernize U.S. strategic forces" can be viewed in isolation from the totality of the American weapons system. When the SDI is linked with the destabilizing deployment of the MX, D-5 Trident, Midgetman, cruise and Pershing missiles, the Russians quite correctly perceive the creation of a U.S. first-strike capability which would again place them in a pre-MAD position of vulnerability. The crisis for this era is that the Soviets have stated quite emphatically that they will not allow this uneven balance of forces to re-develop, and Reagan's intransigent position on Star Wars at the current Geneva arms talks has only added to their consternation and suspicion.

What is crucial in the warfighting strategies found in *both* the Pentagon and Kremlin war rooms is the protection of missile sites which would insure the ability to retaliate *after* being attacked—herein lies the insane logic of MAD. The determination to maintain a situation of equilibrium is contained in the treaties forbidding the wide-spread deployment of anti-ballistic missile (ABM) systems which could allegedly provide protection for population centers held hostage by the other side's missiles.

"Figures Don't Lie"

It is unfruitful in the extreme (when confronted with the overwhelming ability of both sides to destroy one another) to count warheads, missiles, throw weight, etc. It is a situation in which "figures don't lie, but

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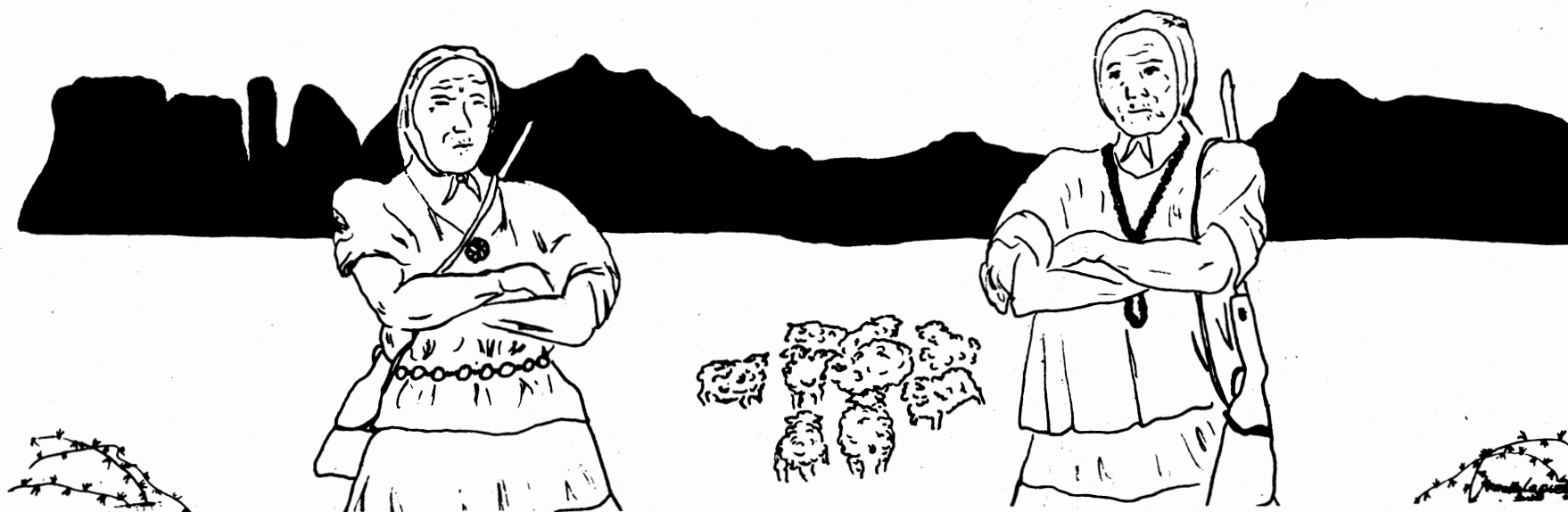


NATIVE AMERICAN NEWS

Special Issue

Information on current Native American struggles

Summer, 1985



Big Mountain Resistance

BY LEE GREEN

Four hundred miles of continuous fence: even to one who comes into daily contact with the obsessive fencing on this continent, 400 miles of fence is absurd. That's enough fence to stretch clear across Kansas.

Who would want 400 miles of fence? The U.S. government, of course. (Absurdity is the specialty of governments, you may have noticed.) It was built, ostensibly, to settle a dispute, which never existed, between the Navajo and Hopi Indians. In fact the fence was built to parcel off land so that the mineral rights can be sold to the energy monopoly. Incidental to the fencing 14,000 people will be removed from their native, ancestral and sacred land.

Well, maybe. Maybe, because the U.S. government has so far built only 395 miles of the fence. The last 5 miles of fencing was halted by the direct action, primarily by Navajo Women, of some of those to be removed.

The land in question is located in the northeastern section of Arizona, a territory which includes both the Hopi and Navajo Reservations. The fence isolates Big Mountain from the surrounding area. Big Mountain is situated at the center of the four sacred mountains (Hesperus and Blanca Peaks in Colorado, Mt. Taylor in New Mexico, and the San Francisco Peaks in Arizona) and is sacred to both the Navajo and Hopi. Big Mountain is a female, healing mountain. It is known to the natives as the Mother.

The Hopi and Navajo have lived in harmony with each other and the land on the mountain and surrounding area for over four centuries. Inter-marriage has made it impossible, in many instances, to determine if a person living there is Navajo or Hopi. The people of both tribes say there never has been and is not now any land dispute.

In 1868 a treaty was signed between the Navajo People and the U.S. government

establishing the Navajo Reservation, primarily in what is now Arizona but including parts of Colorado, Utah, and New Mexico in the Four Corners area.

Fourteen years later, in 1882, the Hopi Reservation was established for the exclusive use of the Hopi and such other Indians as the Secretary of the Interior settled there. It is located in the south central portion of, and is surrounded by, the Navajo Reservation. Over time, in a series of rulings by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the villages on the mesa tops of the Hopi Reservation and the 640,000 surrounding acres were designated as the only exclusive Hopi land within the 1882 Reservation. The remaining 1.8 million acres of the 1882 Reservation were to be used by both the Hopi and Navajo and came to be known as the Joint Use Area. The Hopi have traditionally gathered together in villages while the Navajo have lived in widely-scattered extended family groups, grazing sheep, cattle, and goats. The Navajo and Hopi have shared the land peacefully under this arrangement.

In 1923, acting under instructions from the Standard Oil Company, The Bureau of Indian Affairs invented the Navajo Tribal Council. The Council consisted of five Indians and was set up so that Standard Oil could acquire mineral rights on the Navajo land by dealing with a few "right-thinking" Indians rather than the Navajo People who considered their land sacred. Subsequently a Hopi Tribal Council was invented, also by the B.I.A.

In the 1940's it was discovered that there are vast mineral deposits under both the Hopi and Navajo Reservations. Acquisition of mineral rights to the land designated exclusively for either tribe did not present a problem to the energy monopoly. But acquisition of rights to the Joint Use Area (3/4 of the Hopi Reservation), not designated for exclusive use by either tribe, did. The B.I.A.'s solution to the problem of joint

use was to invent a land dispute between the two tribes which it claimed had originated with the designation of the Hopi Reservation in 1882. This, despite the peaceful joint use of the land by the two tribes since the time of Columbus and before.

In 1962 the B.I.A. used the invented land dispute to justify an economic boycott of the area, freezing construction, repairs, and improvements to homes, property, schools, roads, and health facilities, and causing tremendous hardship to those living in the area. In addition, the B.I.A. imposed a 90% reduction in livestock. Herding stock is the only means by which many in the area earn their living. When this did not have the desired effect (forcing everyone off the land), Congress passed the Navajo-Hopi Land Settlement Act of 1974, dividing the Joint Use Area into two separate tribal territories. This allowed the acquisition of mineral rights to the land from the tribal councils by the energy monopoly.

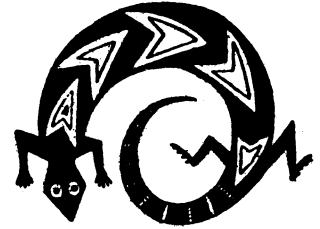
Administrative policies subsequent to the Act (but not the Act itself) call for the removal of 14,000 people from their ancestral land. Many of the people to be removed come from very remote areas, having spent their lives herding sheep. Many don't read, write, speak, or understand English and don't understand bills and rent. They understand only the natural laws or prayers, ceremony, and song, and don't understand the white man's laws or the tribal council's laws. These people have been or are to be removed to the racist, hostile towns and cities surrounding the Reservations.

A Relocation Commission was set up to facilitate this removal. The Commission provides those to be removed with land and a house in a town often more than 100 miles from their ancestral home. An investigation, in 1984, of the 140 families who had been removed to Flagstaff, revealed that nearly half no longer owned the homes which

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Leonard Peltier

by Arthur J. Miller



"The only thing I am guilty of is trying to help my people. For this it is very possible I will spend the rest of my life in prison." — Leonard Peltier, P.O.W.

Since the days when the first Europeans stepped upon the land now known as AmeriKKKa and instituted their social disease, statism, the Native People have resisted European domination, robbery and massive genocide. The fight goes on today in places like the Paha Sapa (Black Hills), where members of the Oglala Lakota and the American Indian Movement (A.I.M.) have reclaimed some of the stolen land and established a traditional village. In the southwest the Dine and the Hopi are resisting the most serious threat to their survival in 100 years. And then in Montana, the Northern Cheyenne are struggling for survival of their homelands against ARCO and other multi-national corporations. These are but three examples of modern Indian resistance. With a little looking around you will find many other examples.

Given this resistance to Europeanization, the difficulty many Indians have living in statist society, and the overwhelming racism against Indians, a high percentage of Indians find themselves incarcerated in prison. This article is about one such imprisoned resister, Gwarth-ee-Lass, Leonard Peltier, prisoner of war of the Lakota people, A.I.M. activist, and pipe carrier.

A good place to start this story is with Norman Zigrossi, head of the F.B.I. office in Rapid City, S.D., who defended the Bureau's use of illegal actions against Indians, such as detention and searches without warrants by saying that Indians are a "conquered nation." The F.B.I. is merely acting as a "colonial police force." He went on to say: "When you're conquered, the people you're conquered by dictate your future. This is a basic philosophy of mine. If I'm part of a conquered nation, then I've got to yield to authority." With this in mind the story of Leonard Peltier is easy to understand.

The Pine Ridge Reservation has an unemployment rate of over 85% and there had been over two hundred murders before A.I.M. was asked to come to Pine Ridge by the elders of the Lakota Nation. In the summer of 1975 Leonard and other Lakota A.I.M. members set up a sweat lodge near some of the elders in preparation for a sun dance that August. On June 26th the F.B.I. invaded Lakota land at Pine Ridge on the pretext of merely wanting to serve a warrant on Jimmy Eagle, a teenager accused of trying to steal a pair of boots. F.B.I. agents opened fire on a house near where the sweatlodge was being built. The Lakotas fought back and two F.B.I. agents were killed and one defender, Joseph Stuntz, was killed. The following day 175 F.B.I. agents

arrived accompanied by State Troopers and Bureau of Indian Affairs agents. They invaded Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations, sacking houses and seizing 364 people for interrogation.

The sundance was moved to the Rosebud Reservation and on the morning of Sept. 5, 100 F.B.I. goons attacked the new camp. Amongst those who were arrested was Anna Mae Aquash, a 27-year-old Micmac Indian woman from Nova Scotia, who had been part of the Wounded Knee Action. Aquash later testified, "I saw F.B.I. agents standing there with M-16's and pistols. They just came in and - I don't know the correct word to use - raided, or busted, or just pillaged...you know they were just all over the place, dumping things and just tearing things apart." Aquash was told that she could clear herself if she named names. To which she answered, "You can shoot me or put me in jail. Those are the two choices I am taking." Then F.B.I. agent David Price told Aquash that he would see her dead within a year. On February 24, 1976, a rancher found the decomposing body of Anna Mae Aquash, who had been shot in the back of the head. Since that time 12 supporters of Leonard Peltier have been murdered.

Five months after the death of the two F.B.I. invaders, Bob Robideau, Dino Butler, Jimmy Eagle, and Leonard Peltier were indicted for aiding and abetting the so-called "murders." Both Robideau and Butler pleaded self-defense and were acquitted.

The charges against Jimmy Eagle were dropped. Leonard was extradited from Canada where he had been held in chains in solitary confinement in Oakalla Prison. Leonard was tried and found guilty on false and fabricated evidence and by the racism of the judge and jury.

Leonard's case has gone through years of appeals through the courts. His case is now before the U.S. 8th Circuit Court of Appeals. This is Leonard's last chance for a new trial. On May 22, 1985 U.S. District Court Judge Paul Benson denied Leonard's motion for a new trial even though it was proved that the F.B.I. had tampered with evidence. This decision is now being appealed to the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals. Leonard's lawyers filed new briefs and motions on July 15. On July 14 there was a massive rally in front of the federal court house where his case is now. At midnight on the 14th a 24-hour-a-day vigil was begun. And will last until Leonard's 41st birthday on September 12.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP.

Write letters and send petitions to:

Judge Gerald Heaney

Judge John Gibson

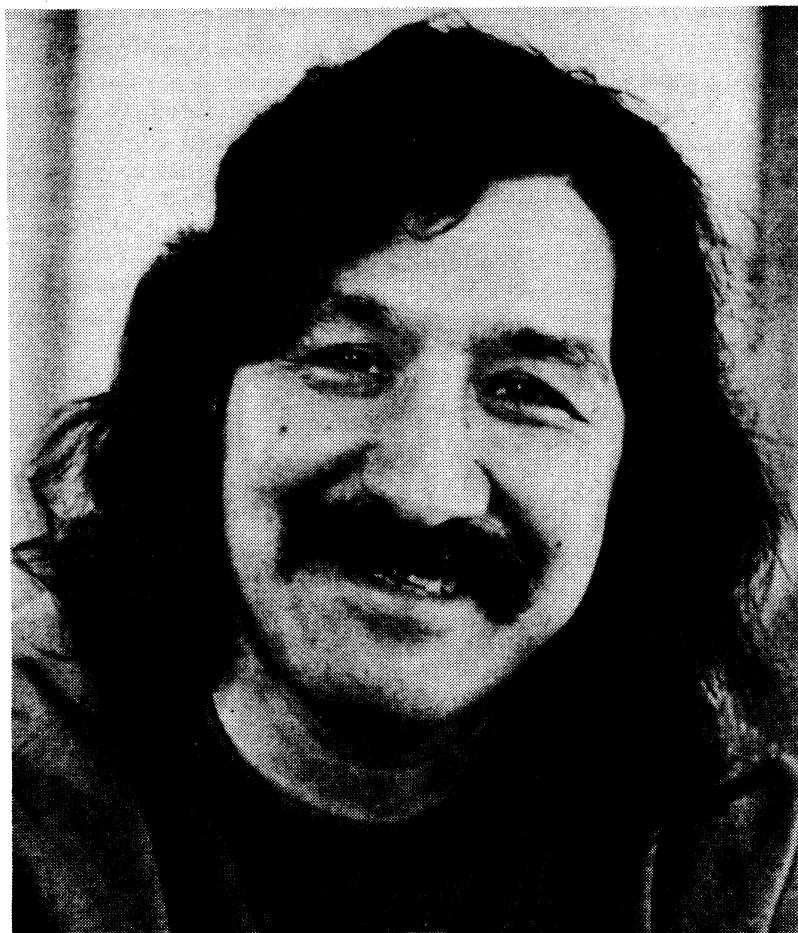
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(Over 40,000 people have signed petitions so far.)



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PEACE AND JUSTICE WALKS.

There will be three walks from three federal prisons, Springfield, MO., Leavenworth, KS., and Marion, IL. The walks will begin on September 3. For more information on the walks contact: **LEAVENWORTH TO ST. LOUIS:** Maureen Flynn Hart, 5016 North Lawn, Kansas City, MO 64118.

MARION TO ST. LOUIS: Dave Baker, P.O. Box 713, Murphysboro, IL 62966.

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Write to the International Office of the Leonard Peltier Defense Committee for more information, subscriptions to **CRAZY HORSE SPIRIT**, (\$10 a year), or if you would like to start a support group: 2524 16th Avenue South, Seattle, Washington, 98144

For information in Columbia write: E.M. Goldman, c/o C.A.L., P.O. Box 380, Columbia, MO 65205.

For Kansas City, Kansas: L.P.S.G., P.O. Box 6130, Kansas City, KS 66106.

Two major books have been written about Leonard's case. Currently both books are listed by their publishers as "out of print". **ONLY PUBLIC DEMAND WILL GET THE PRESSES RUNNING AGAIN IN SUPPORT OF LEONARD!!** Please write to these publishers demanding the right to purchase copies of the books: **"IN THE SPIRIT OF CRAZY HORSE"** by Peter Matthiessen. Viking Press, 40 West 23rd St., New York, NY 10017. **"THE TRIAL OF LEONARD PELTIER"** by Jim Messerschmidt. South End Press, 302 Columbus Ave, Boston, MA 02116.

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Dennis and KaMook Banks and family.

Dennis Banks

by Arthur J. Miller

Dennis Banks is currently serving a three-year sentence on convictions handed down in 1975 on riot assault charges stemming from a Custer, S.D., demonstration. Dennis and other A.I.M. supporters, during a meeting with state officials to negotiate charges against the murderers of Wesley Bad Heart Bull, were arrested and charged after being provoked, gassed, and beaten by a heavily armed police force. When death threats against Dennis were revealed, Dennis received sanctuary in California for seven years, and for two years with the Onondaga Nation. Dennis decided to return to South Dakota in 1984 and put the convictions behind him. After purification ceremonies including the Head Chief of the Haudenosau-nee Nation and Lakota medicine people, Dennis surrendered to the South Dakota court in September of 1985 and began serving his sentence. He could be released as early as November 1985.

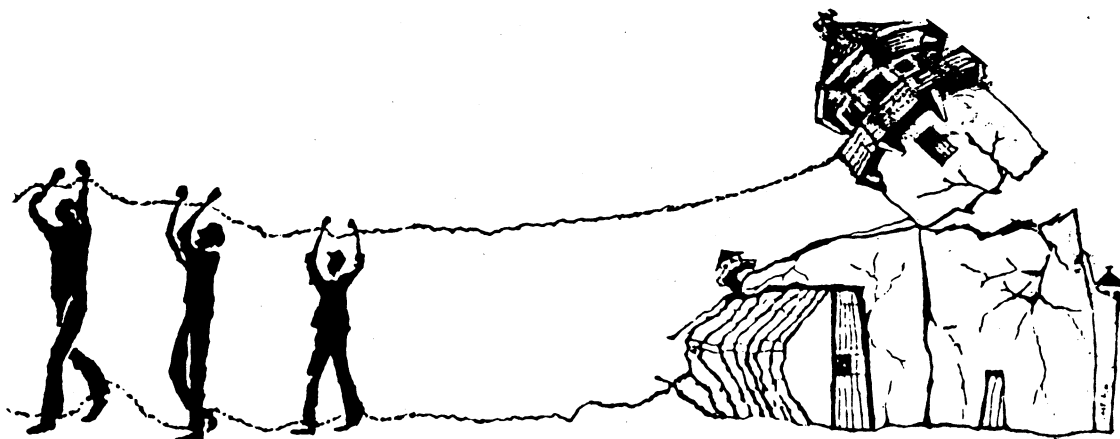
Write letters of support to: Dennis Banks, #22103, SCF P.O. Box 369, Crawford Hall 211E, Springfield, S.D. 57062. Please, send letters to Judge Young, asking for an early release for Dennis and expressing concern for his safety: Judge Marshall Young, 7th Judicial Circuit, P.O. Box 230, Rapid City, S.D. 57709.

The U.S. Supreme Court has decided to review the 9th Circuit Court decision to uphold the dismissal of firearms and explosives charges against Dennis. These ten-year old Oregon charges have been repeatedly reinstated and dismissed for a variety of reasons. The government has failed to produce evidence and the 9th Circuit Court found Dennis' right to a speedy trial denied. Dennis is now again in danger of having the charges reinstated because the Supreme Court has reversed the 9th Circuit in 21 of its last 22 reviews.

"There are still those who are unjustly locked behind prison walls. But the bars and concrete walls do not confine spirit. In fact, if anything, the spirit to struggle grows a thousand times. Leonard Peltier, Buddy La Mont, Crazy Horse, and all the warriors who have sacrificed their freedom and shed their blood have taught us that knowing the total meaning of the struggle brings clear understanding and purification of our minds."

From Dennis Banks

For more information or to send donations which are needed write to: **Dennis Banks Defense Committee**
P.O. Box 881984
San Francisco, CA. 94188



Big Mountain Day

by Arthur J. Miller

"The white man made us many promises, more than I can remember. He kept but one. He promised to take our land, and he took it!"---Red Cloud

When the Europeans conquered the land they gave the Indians what they viewed as worthless land to live upon. Time went on. It was found time after time that the land that once was deemed worthless contained those things which the European found valuable. Like gold, uranium, coal and oil. As their greed mounted, many ways were found to rob the Indians of their lands. This robbery continues today even though the U.S. likes to paint the picture that the days of genocide and robbery of Indians is long over. It is not and it **never ended!!!**

To sell the mineral rights the developers are trying to europeanize the Big Mountain area and remove over 10,000 Navajos and Hopis from their land.

Will we sit back in blind apathy and let the U.S. government go on with its war against the Indians? Will we turn our backs on the Navajos and Hopi when the resistance is insured? I say: **HELL NO!** The time to organize is now! The time to fight back is now!

As in many struggles, the resistance at Big Mountain ties into many other struggles. The bottom line in most wars, world hunger, apartheid, and the struggles of Indigenous People, Unionists, People of Color, and most of the issues of social activists is the abuses of multi-national corporations.

For these reasons autonomous groups are calling on **ALL** people of social consciousness to set up informational picket lines in front of U.S. government buildings or U.S. businesses on November 6, 1985. After this date there will be other protests. The deadline for the relocation is July 6, 1986. We have less than a year to stop this criminal/terrorist act by the U.S. government!!!!!!!!!!!!

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had been provided for them. Many, with no skills marketable to the capitalist, authoritarian community, had been forced to sell in order to pay taxes, utilities, food, and transportation. Many had been defrauded by real estate and loan agents. It was found that the Relocation Commission had accommodated the real estate and loan agents by repurchasing the homes. New families were then removed to the homes to be defrauded in their turn. In some cases several families have been removed to the same home.

An amendment to the 1974 Act called for the exchange of 400,000 acres of new land for the removal of people from the 1.8 million acres of the Joint Use Area. Not requested by the tribes but intended by Congress to give an air of reasonableness to the rip-off, the new lands have never materialized.

In 1976, the fencing to separate the Joint Use Area began. Between then and

Supporters are also asked to write letters to the Congresspersons demanding the repeal of P.L. 93-531, the so-called "Navajo-Hopi Land Settlement Act" of 1974. Following is a letter from the Dine Nation (Navajo) to the U.S. government.

"Dear U.S. Government :

The Dine Nation of Big Mountain wishes to inform the various Federal agencies that the sacred laws of the Dine give no authority for the Federal Government and its related agencies to intrude and disrupt the sacred lands of Big Mountain.

We demand that the Federal Government remove all Government equipment and personnel from the area of Big Mountain by November 16, 1979. Any equipment left or that is in the Big Mountain area is subject to confiscation by the Independent Dine Nation."---1979.

There are but two sides in this struggle, either you do nothing and side with the U.S. government and the multi-national robbers or you can organize support for Big Mountain.

THERE IS NO MIDDLE GROUND!!!!

In Solidarity

Arthur J. Miller

Secretary of the

General Defense Committee-I.W.W.

For more information or to find out about the Big Mountain slide show or to get copies of Big Mountain News write to:

Big Mountain Support Group

1412 Cypress St.

Berkeley, Ca 94703

The Survival Network Information Center is coordinating the Big Mountain Day mailings. We will need to hear from any groups who organize pickets or other Big Mountain Day activities. Also, there is a need for donations to help pay for the appeals for Big Mountain Day. Please write

1979, the fence was complete except for 5 of the 400 miles. Then, one very big day, a woman who lives on Big Mountain fired her gun in the direction of the fencing crew. The crew left. Later, when the crew returned, she was joined by other Big Mountain residents, mostly women, who have successfully halted the fencing by pulling up fence posts, taking keys from trucks, throwing stones, doing whatever it took to disrupt the work. Overwhelming pressure from the Navajo People have forced the Navajo Tribal Council to join in the protest against the fencing and the removal of the inhabitants from Big Mountain. The Hopi Tribal Council who, as individuals, expect to profit handsomely from the partition of the Joint Use Area continue to press for the completion of the fence.

The absurd policies of governments are usually routinely implemented by the officials and agencies invented by them. Seldom does the common sense and direct action of those most affected put a stop to one of these absurdities. We all owe these Navajo women a debt of gratitude.

to: Survival Network
P.O. Box 6130
Kansas City, KS 66106

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

WHEREAS WE ARE ALL IN DANGER FROM THE MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATE WARS WHICH ARE ESCALATING IN THE U.S. AND ABROAD AT AN ALARMING RATE, AND

WHEREAS THIS IS AN INTERNATIONAL ISSUE SINCE THESE WARS AND THE WARS OF OTHER POWER BLOCS HAVE NO CONCERN FOR BORDERS, AND

WHEREAS BIG MOUNTAIN HAS BEEN DECLARED A PROFITABLE COMMODITY BY THE MULTI-NATIONALS REQUIRING THE "CIVILIZING" OF THIS AUTONOMOUS AREA BY FENCING IT AND RELOCATING THOUSANDS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE FROM THEIR HOMES. SO THAT A FEW CAN HOLD TITLE TO THE LAND, THUS SELLING ENERGY RIGHTS TO THE MULTI-NATIONALS.

THUS WITH THE UNDERSTANDING Big Mountain is one struggle in many, we believe that it would not only benefit Big Mountain but, also, the overall struggle if **ALL people who can support the following appeal:**

We call on all people who can to form informational picket lines, hold vigils or do theatre in front of federal buildings in the U.S. or U.S. Government buildings/U.S. businesses outside of the U.S., on November 6, 1985.

Do you endorse the **RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT?**_____

Name of group_____

Address,_____

Will you organize Big Mountain Day in your area?_____ What area?_____

Donation_____ (Please make checks out to the Survival Network, P.O. Box 6130, Kansas City, KS 66106)

This resolution has already been endorsed internationally by 32 groups.



Another Native American information source is **Akwesasne Notes**, Mohawk Nation, Roosevelttown, N.Y. 13683.