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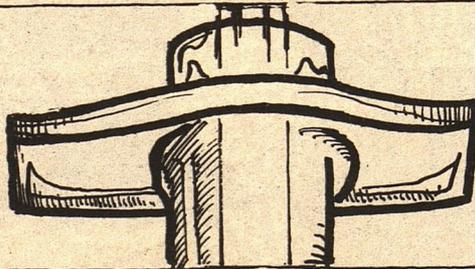


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A New Heroin Conspiracy?

By Dana Beal

In a development that is scarcely surprising to veteran observers of the U.S. drug scene, DEA Director Peter Bensinger has concurred in an internal evaluation report which found an *actual drop* in big heroin busts by its Northeastern Office during 1980.

Arrest figures for the Northeast Region, which is headquartered in New York but stretches from Maine to Delaware and includes such main heroin centers as Newark, Boston and Philly, have been lagging suspiciously behind the national trend—*especially for heroin arrests*—despite a “disproportionate” commitment of resources and “inordinately high” operating expenses.

For DEA critics who predicted a big upsurge of heroin and other hard drugs when DEA commenced its crackdown on marijuana 2 years ago, these statistics have a significance far beyond confirmation of the critics’ claim that every time enforcement is diverted into a “war on pot,” there’s a heroin epidemic.

The way gross statistical analysis showed a suspicious drop in heroin seizures specifically during an “epidemic” has lead critics to suspect preliminary reports that New York Regional DEA Director John W. Fallon is also being investigated by the FBI on charges that he arranged to “expedite the entry of numerous private citizens into the country thru the JFK airport” may be the first hints of another high-level heroin conspiracy on the order of the classic Arnold Rothstein/Customs Service scandal of 1927.

Once again, New York finds itself inundated with smack. Of course, nothing ever happens exactly the same way twice.

Smack Scandals of 1927

To get beyond newsmedia banalities about today’s “heroin epidemic”, it might be enlightening to consider what happened (and has happened again and again) in the 20’s, the decade after heroin was prohibited.

China White Syndrome

By Leslie Morrison

An article on the California film addicts who OD’d on Jane Fonda’s movie about the nuclear meltdown? Wrong, popcorn-breath. “China White” is the story of a science fiction writer’s nightmare come true. Sure, Jules Verne’s many novels predicted rockets to the moon, submarines, and airplanes—all of which are now commonplace. But Verne’s now-realized predictions pale beside the dark dreams described in Phillip K. Dick’s *A Scanner Darkly*, visions now being fulfilled at this very moment in California.

A tale of California’s dope scene in 1986, *Scanner* focuses on the deadliest drug in the history of consciousness-altering substances: “Slow D.” The plot revolves around a narc’s search for the chemist synthesizing this injectable drug that’s so much more addictive and deadly than heroin, its users call it “D” for death.

Has China White fulfilled Dick’s prediction? “Like shooting straight death into your veins,” is how DEA agent Richard Dunagen describes the new synthetic. China White, the \$700 a gram synthetic drug that has already snuffed out the lives of several dozen users on the West Coast. Like Substance D—and heroin—China White produces the immediate high so desperately sought by junkies searching for the ultimate fix. It has become the *ultimate* fix for many, because it’s sold on the street as heroin to users who don’t know the purity of the stuff they’re pumping into their veins.

Anything stronger than 1 per cent is instantaneous death: the user plunges into a coma that is rapidly followed by respiratory arrest and the final nod. That’s because China White can be 1000-2000 times stronger than heroin, according to *Chemical & Engineering News*. DEA chemists conclude China White’s poor ability to mix with lactose and other cutting agents compounds its deadly effects.

In *A Scanner Darkly*, Substance D turns out to

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666: The Mark of the Beast

REAGAN IS THE ANTICHRIST

from

THE REVOLUTION

(according to Gov. Steve)

"Reagan economics are voodoo economics."

---George Bush (1980)

1. I have discovered the most amazing fact from the most unlikely source: a Jesusfreak ranting on the street at President Reagan's inauguration; & amidst the military uniforms and horses and yellow ribbons, he started to make sense:

2. Ronald Reagan is the Antichrist:

3. For the number of the Beast is 666 (count them):

**RONALD
WILSON
REAGAN**

(I know of no other name for which this is true—the closest I've been able to come after meditating over this for a month being ADOLPH HITLER).

4. Furthermore, on November 4, 1980, election day, the New Jersey State Lottery was won by number 666:

5. Of course, the other name by which the Beast is known is the "red dragon" (REd drAGON):

6. And I hate to tell you this, but old 666 wipes out one-third of the world and its population, there's a war in the skies, mucho fire & horses with iron breastplates, & there is terrific ecological damage (it really looks grim):

7. But the good news is this: the people who will be saved, not slaughtered, are those (only those few) who never worship the Beast:

8. For the thing to remember about the Beast is he's a good guy, just about everybody likes him, at least at first; he's not some creepy character like Khomeini or the Shah; what I mean is, people love him.

9. He scourges the earth before he's cast into a bottomless pit, along with his partner who, after a failed assassination attempt exercises all of the authority of the first beast in the sight of the first beast; and he causes the earth and all who dwell upon it to worship the first beast, who's death blow was healed. He makes great portents, so that he even makes fire come down from the sky... Well you get the idea. Note: these beasts are not Satan.

10. And the Anti-Christ's time is nigh. Two millennia will have passed, says John in Revelations, shortly after a female angel appears and gives him a little scroll to eat, & the visions start:

11. And so I can now predict confidently the date on which RONALD WILSON REAGAN will bite the bullet (cash in his chips):

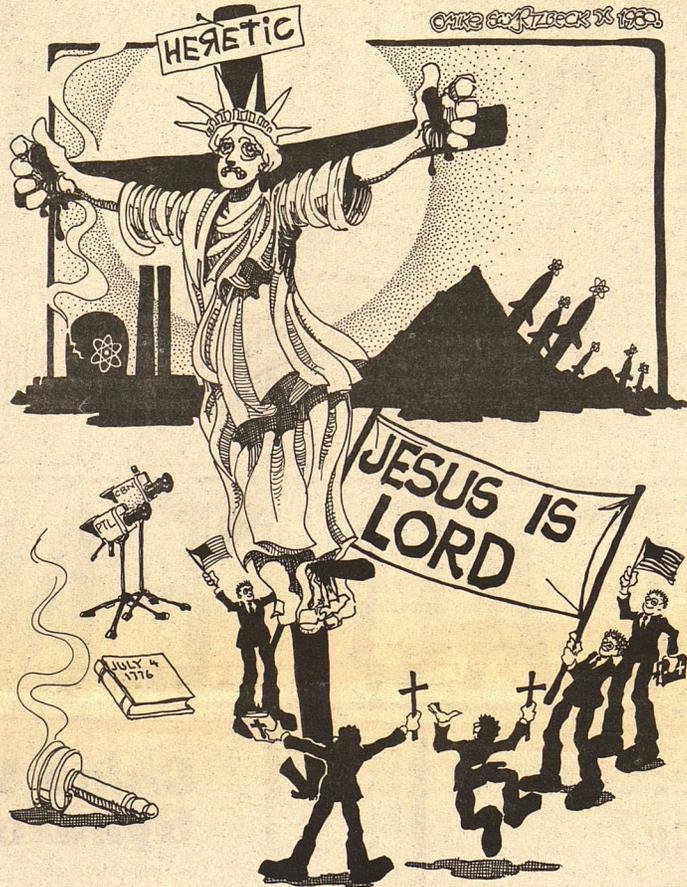
12. For it is written (in about five different places) that the Beast (666) will be permitted to rule or 42 months or precisely 1260 days:

13. The 1260th day of the Reagan Administration will be July 4, 1984:

14. This will be politically convenient because after a monetary collapse & war, the only way the Republicans will be able to maintain the White House will be through a huge sympathy vote for President Bush (but only if he hasn't had a chance to screw things up yet).

15. Look: prophecy, and for that matter numerology, stand outside any requirement for belief in any specific system of religion or concept of God or Goddess; prophecy is known in every religion and has frequently proven accurate, especially when enhanced by eating little scrolls:

16. Furthermore & most importantly, the



world operates on the principle of the self-fulfilling prophecy. Look, if I've figured this out, all over the western world evangelical Christians are sitting up nights with calculators and the book of Revelations:

17. Born-again Christians are really into Revelations, they search the skies constantly for signs, they think there's going to be a nuclear war, but they can levitate their way out of it, and they're all Survivalists, so they've got guns:

18. And the C.I.A., which killed Kennedy keeps a stable of experts like Peter Blatty, author of the Exorcist, to flash weird and dehumanizing T.V. messages to society's crackpots:

19. So somewhere out there, I guarantee you, there's a Jack Hinckley or a Mark David Chapman counting the days:

20. January 20, 1981 - July 4, 1984.

21. I went to the Beast's coronation. What remained after the horsemen passed by? Horseshit. All up and down Pennsylvania Avenue. Horseshit. Horseshit.

February 16, 1981

ABBIE GETS 1-3

Abbie Hoffman, a founder of the YIPPIES, driven underground for 6½ yrs on a cocaine bust, was handed 1-3 years by Manhattan Judge Brenda Soloff April 7th. Hoffman had hoped to be sentenced to probation doing community-service at a heroin treatment center. But the New York Post nixed the deal.

After sentencing, the media massed in the hallway staged a tug-o-war over the dazed defendant, and supporters chanted "Free Abbie!"

Abbie's sentence was the heaviest meted out to any of the 4 people busted with him. But Abbie was really burning over the 30 day sentence given the same day to John Phillips of the Mamas and Papas for dealing a million dollars worth of synthetic heroin: "I guess he could sing better than me. He even snitched on Mackenzie."

An appeal to Governor Carey for a pardon was refused this weekend as the Governor of New York State married an heiress. Yuppies will keep pushing him. (Abbie & the Yippie Confab, see page 29.)

BLACK HILLS OCCUPATION

Citing a federal law allowing any town immediately adjacent to a federal forest to take one acre thereof for a Church, or 2 for a school, the Lakota Sioux have occupied a strategic defile which is the only access to bring heavy equipment in to strip-mine uranium from the Black Hills. They could cut off uranium mining (for effects, see pic and related story, page 12) at any time. Federal authorities can do nothing without a complaint from the State, and since the convergence of conservative ranchers with the Sioux against uranium mining, there's no one left to complain.

A Gift of Prophecy

by Hohner Jones

In the last issue of *Overthrow* the editorial stated that "middle elements" which are alarmed by the Klan will be amenable to special Anti-Terrorist Legislation and that "9 out of 10 victims will be leftists." This seems to be exactly the case in California where a bill has been introduced into the State legislature to 'Outlaw the Klan.'

Diane Watson, a Black Democratic State Senator, held a press conference on January 29th in L.A. to announce she would be introducing a new law to banish "violent extremist groups" and make it illegal "for any group to exist in this state if it can be shown in a court of law such group advocates, teaches, or encourages acts of violence or force." The bill would also increase the penalties for certain types of threats and acts of vandalism, including cross burnings and painting swastikas on private property. Maximum penalties would be raised from \$500 to \$5,000 in fines and from six months to one year in county jail. California's Republican Attorney General, George Deukmejian, and Robert L. Harris of the National Bar Association (a Black Bar group) and spokesperson for the California Association of Black Lawyers, who helped draft the legislation were also at the press conference.

Robert L. Harris was confident the proposed bill will "meet all tests of constitutionality and of recent U.S. Supreme Court Decisions." Harris said, "For more than a hundred years the Ku Klux Klan has been hiding behind the First Amendment. But, the First Amendment is not absolute, and it was never meant to protect

the advocacy of violence." Deukmejian also praised the bill and announced that he was creating a task force on "extremist violent groups" that will provide "analytical and investigative services to local agencies on the identification and method of operations of such groups and persons connected with them."

Watson's Imminent Lawless Action and Terrorism bill (S.B. 267), introduced February 11 in the Calif. State Senate, states: "(a) It shall be unlawful for any group, association, organization, society, or other assemblage of two or more persons to meet and to advocate, promote, or encourage the commission of an unlawful act or acts of violence or force which may result in death or great bodily injury to another person, if such advocacy, promotion, or encouragement is directed to and likely to incite or produce the imminent and unlawful infliction of serious bodily injury or death of another person, (b) Whenever it reasonably appears that any group, association, organization, society, or other assemblage is about to engage in any act made unlawful by subdivision (a) any private citizen or any district or city attorney or the Attorney General may bring a civil action in the Superior Court to enjoin such acts. Upon a proper showing, a permanent or preliminary injunction, restraining order, or writ of mandate shall be granted."

Watson described herself as "a natural advocate for this kind of legislation. As a Black woman and an ex-member of the L.A. school board which decided that busing was the best way to comply with desegregation orders, I was personally

threatened by the kind of people we're talking about today," she said.

But many anti-racist and human rights groups are opposed to the bill. The Southern California American Civil Liberties Union director Ramona Ripston called the legislation "clearly unconstitutional," and a dangerous precedent that could be used to limit the freedoms of others to organize and associate. "We are shocked that someone like Diane Watson would introduce this kind of bill" Ripston said, "While it might be used against the Ku Klux Klan, it also might be used against the Black Panthers or the Diablo Canyon No Nuke people." Northern California's A.C.L.U. director, Dorothy Ehrlich, said her group would definitely oppose the bill as unconstitutional. "Violent activities are already illegal," she said, and the new law "will give police the power to infiltrate any group to see if they were advocating violence... They could infiltrate the P.T.A..."

Klan and Nazi activity in California has had a sharp rise in the past two years. Cross burnings, defacement of temples, and physical assaults by racists are reported almost every week in the California newspapers.

Klan official and T.V. repairman Tom Metzger (308 Sunbeam Lane, Fallbrook, Calif. 92028-714-728-6224) got national press coverage when he managed to win a Republican primary for state senator in San Diego County. He dismissed the legislation as "nonsense, a waste of taxpayers' money. He (Deukmejian) is just getting ready to run for governor, that's all."

Indeed the Attorney General recently raised \$500,000 in one night at a \$500 a plate dinner in L.A. for his bid to become the Republican's law'n' order candidate for governor.

As for the bill's chances of being passed by the legislature, no one seems to be able to tell at this point in time, but it looks as if black and white are fighting with each other over a piece of legislation that will be thrown out by the courts if it ever does get passed.

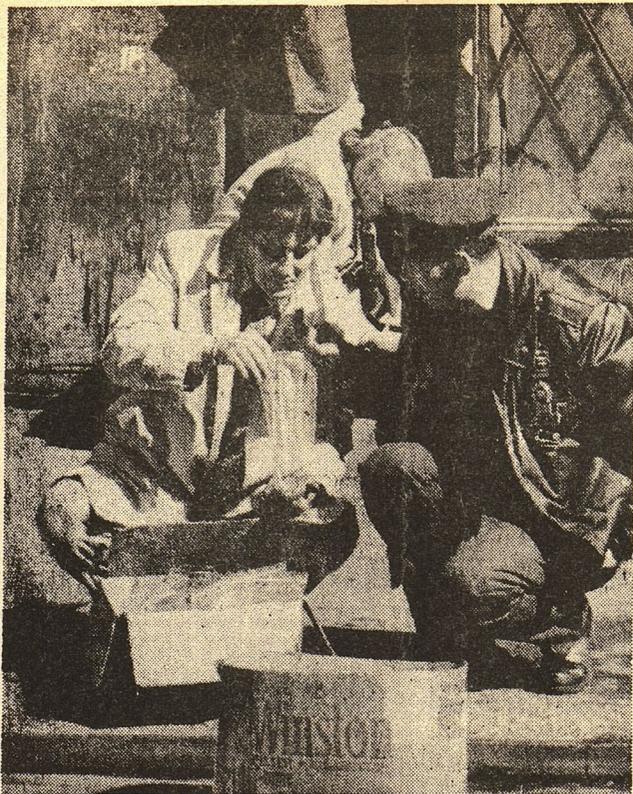
Meanwhile George Deukmejian will campaign as the benevolent champion of the victims of racism. In fact many people believe he is intentionally not using the prosecuting powers the state does have in hopes of getting more laws to go after the people that "terrorize" him and his wealthy Republican bankers. Those "terrorists" of course are the Direct Actionists, defenders of the earth, freedom fighters, and rainbow warriors, who live on the land the politicians call the "State of California."

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Cops pick up pieces after early morning bomb blast disrupted production of this paper, defacing two bomb squad detectives. Many questions about police cover-up remain unanswered.

NO. 9 BOMBED

Bombed on St. Patrick's Day

The St. Patrick's day bombing of the offices of **Overthrow** at 9 Bleecker Street, sent shock waves throughout the city, as well as the offices of every alternative journal in the country. Although neither the staff nor the premises suffered injury or damage, two New York City bomb squad officers were seriously injured.

Speculations as to who perpetrated this violent act were rampant, with that oracle of mis-information, the **New York Post**, leading the pack. Banner headlines, screaming "Mad Bomber Out to Kill Cops", followed by a bogus story linking the F.A.L.N. to the bombing, were quickly discounted. Finally the hysteria of the press was eclipsed, but only by an attempted Presidential assassination.

The N.Y.P.D., either unable or unwilling to catch a suspect, continued in its long standing smear campaign of the YIPPIES, intimating that the Yippies themselves had planted the bomb for 'publicity.' Fortunately, only one with the brain of a retarded oyster would buy that story. Still, the police persist in a campaign to discredit Y.I.P. by fabricating information and leaking it, most notably thru Heather Bernard of Channel 4, who gloated during her spot on the Studio Ten Eviction that "police expect to prove that electrical tape and plastic pipe found during the eviction were used to make the bomb."

As we go to press, police efforts have made little headway in obtaining information leading to the identity of the party or parties responsible. It is surprising, in view of the fact that two police officers were so seriously injured, that the investigation itself appears to be both lax and ineffective. This is, however, not inconsistent with theories which claim the police have little interest in catching the culprit.

Many questions about police misconduct have gone unanswered. Questions such as...

—Why was the office staff of **Overthrow** not notified or evacuated during the 30 minutes after the bomb was first discovered, but before it blew up?

—Why did the police change their story about the warning telephone call? (Originally, it was claimed that the bomb threat was received at the 911 emergency number. 911 maintains a taped record of every call. When **Overthrow** staff reporters sought to listen to the tape, the cops changed their story, stating then that the call had been received at the precinct, which is not recorded.)

—Why have bombsquad investigators been unable to obtain information from, and the cooperation of, other law enforcement such as agencies as the DEA, which routinely taps **Overthrow's** phone to monitor smoke-ins?

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Studio 10 Evicted

By Frank O'Flynn

On Thursday morning, April 4, the forces of repression struck a devastating blow to Rock Against Racism. City Marshal Andre Vidal, backed up by upwards of 75 police, succeeded in evicting the occupants of the Tom Forcade Media Center at # 10 Bleecker. A protracted legal struggle, ascending from New York's Landlord-Tenant Court to the upper reaches of the Federal Court System, had failed to stave off the landlord's rapacity.

At 10 AM, officers from New York's infamous 9th precinct began to cordon off Bleecker Street with barricades. As police reinforcements arrived, a group of dedicated volunteers inside Studio Ten were manning their own barricades, determined to continue holding out, to resist and repel any assault. Outside, Marshall Vidal huddled with a group of police brass, looking nervous, inept and impotent. Video crews and supporters of 10 arrived, the air began to hum.

Finally, the Marshall made his move. Approaching the door, he urged the occupants, under penalty of law, to remove themselves from the premises peacefully. Their reply was the finger of resistance.

Stepping aside, Vidal scanned the crowd till his eye found its mark, Joe. Joe's name was embossed on the left side of his blue denim overalls—the name of the locksmith he worked for on the right. An enormous man, he cradled in his arms a 50 lb sledge.

Beckoning the bearded giant, whose black hair and full beard caused him to resemble a hooded executioner, the Marshall stepped aside as he lumbered to the door. Silence gripped the crowd, as he raised the giant sledge. Carefully, he took aim upon the lock which secured the gates, which protected the door and main entrance to Studio Ten...

The crowd hushed, and the only audible sounds were those of clicking cameras.

The mighty blow which followed shattered the morning calm with the clanging of the stricken steel gate, but was immediately followed by a mixture of cheers and laughter from the crowd, for the mighty marksman had missed his target. The lock was intact.

Thus began the epic eviction. The locksmith toiled for over an hour, determined to break the lock. While onlookers laughed at the spectacle, the frustrated giant exploded in a rage of sledgehammer blows. Finally, the lock removed, he then proceeded to assault the front door. But the door itself held, and again it appeared that the holdouts were victorious.

However, after the commitment of so much manpower and police, the marshal was not about to go home without completing his mission. Surrounding the building, he searched for an avenue of entrance. The rear entrance to Studio Ten proved to be a weak spot, and the door was

removed.

Cops, marshals and movers swarmed into the club, like locusts into a valley. Bomb squad detectives made sure the main auditorium was not boobytrapped. But at the entrance to the lobby, they found their way blocked by yet another locked door. The hold-outs had barricaded themselves in the lobby and the print-shop!

Once again the sledge was brought to bear. It took 15 minutes to get thru the steel-reinforced inner doors. Once in the lobby, cops had to climb thru a bewildering mass of lumber and old waterheaters to get to the next, print shop, door. This only held for a few minutes. But when it was flinders, Vidal complemented the hold-outs within on their tenacity.

Trucks arrived to remove the contents, and the city proceeded to evict the hold-outs inside physically.

Resisting to the bitter end, an impromptu sit-in was staged on the street, blocking the moving truck from leaving, but police quickly removed the peaceful demonstrators and charged them with disorderly conduct. As the sun set, the last of three moving trucks drove off.



HETERO SHOOTS PREZ!

Pervo Freak on "Love Spree"

Was John W. Hinckley, Jr., 25—the man arrested in connection with last week's shooting of President Reagan—motivated by bizarre heterosexual tendencies? Was the assassination attempt actually a sick man's effort to act out a sordid fantasy: in short, a heterosexual murder?

This paper has uncovered startling evidence to that effect in the form of Mr. Hinckley's heterosexual love-letters to actress Jody Foster. They indicate what experts have called an "obsessive preoccupation with attracting the attention of the opposite sex."

"Such longings are common in today's increasingly degenerate heterosexual underworld," say our reporters, who have managed to uncover the shocking truth about the heterosexual subculture.

"Encouraged by the media, it's possible for an impressionable youngster to cross the line into sordid and violent areas," says a specialist familiar with the dangers of adopting a heterosexual lifestyle.

"Often heterosexual behavior begins early in life, starting with the subject's relationship with his mother," says our expert, a noted authority on psychopathic behavior. In Hinckley's case, the problem might also have included feelings of jealousy and inadequacy inspired by a father who was highly successful according

to the exotic values of the heterosexual world.

Hinckley's parents have lived together for years in what is rumored to be a heterosexual relationship. Were it not for this fling, we might have been spared the existence of Hinckley, Jr. By being overtly heterosexual in his presence, moreover, the Hinckleys provided role models for their son, starting him on a course toward his twisted life of heterosexuality.

The elder Mr. Hinckley is a wealthy oil executive. His statement that he would "stand by" his son raises questions of whether Hinckley, Jr.'s feelings of alienation and inadequacy stem from the notorious standoffishness that often pervades social life among successful male heterosexuals.

Difficulties such as these—peculiar to heterosexual life—crop up often, though not usually with such severe consequences, in the dark corners of the heterosexual subculture. The Hinckleys, afflicted with the hardships brought on by their difficult lifestyle, have understandably been reluctant to comment on these most recent bombshells.

It is also speculated that Mr. Hinckley might have been inspired in his weird mentality by the song "Mama Tried," which is about a sociopathic drifter trapped in a weird matrix of conflicted feelings of heterosexuality and futility.

The suspect had also been a member of the American Nazi Party, a notoriously heterosexual group bent on eliminating all deviance from their perverted norm. This is clear evidence of the link between right-wing subversion and the hetero deviants in our midst.

Public officials familiar with this stubborn public problem have said that the time has come to find alternate ways of channeling abnormal feelings of male inadequacy. It has even been suggested that many people can be helped to rid themselves of the problems of heterosexuality if they truly want to change.

We are reminded that, in an assassination attempt on former President Ford, a citizen well known to be homosexual was credited with deflecting the gun aimed by Squeaky Fromme at the chief executive, thereby saving Ford's life.

A source close to the problem said today, "We shall have to explore further the moral and legal implications of these frightening developments. These people have always been with us. They must be provided with a place in our society."

"It's just a shame that Hinckley was once so cute, and that he had to come to this."

The preceding is adapted from an article in the **New York City News**, one of a number of lesbian and gay community newspapers that have sprung up around the country in recent years. The paper is distributed free to its readership.

FALN: Tried. Convicted. Undefeated.

YIPIS—Chicago

On April 4, 1980, 11 Puerto Ricans, alleged members of the FALN (Fuerzas Armadas de Liberacion Nacional), were arrested in Evanston Illinois, and charged with illegal possession of weapons, robbery, and possession of stolen vehicles. Ten were tried in Chicago Criminal Court and were convicted. One was extradited to New York, tried for murder and convicted. Ten of these same Puerto Ricans were convicted in Federal Court for seditious conspiracy, i.e., conspiracy to overthrow, put down, or destroy by force the government of the United States. They received sentences ranging from 55 to 90 years.

Throughout the proceedings the prisoners refused to recognize the jurisdiction of the courts or to cooperate with them in any way. They did not attempt to establish their innocence or to provide a political defence. Without the opposition of defence attorneys, or the threat of legal appeal, the prosecution and judges abandoned 'legal' standards of fair and impartial hearings. Potential North American supporters are confused and frustrated.

The Puerto Rican Independent Movement's challenge to continued US domination has been met by violence in combination with overtly political judicial proceedings, particularly the use of sedition charges and of the federal grand jury hearing. As the strength of the Nationalist Party, dedicated to the liberation of Puerto Rico, reached its peak, its leadership was indicted in 1936 on charges of seditious conspiracy. They were tried in Federal court and judged guilty by a hand-picked jury merely for having advocated revolution. The second blow dealt to the Nationalist Party was the following year when an armed demonstration in Ponce was attacked by the police who killed 21 people and injured 100s. Friends of the dead were immediately indicted on charges of conspiracy to commit murder.

As pro-independent activity increased again after WWII, the colonial legislature,

under strong pressure from the United States, passed law 53. A clear attempt to persecute the most radical sectors of the independence movement, the "law of the muzzle" made it a crime to speak, write, distribute literature, or organize groups to advocate independence. The Nationalist Party reacted by staging an armed insurrection, but poorly equipped, and badly outnumbered, they were defeated. Thousands of people, writers, poets, communists and nationalists were arrested. Many were sent to prison on the strength of writings or recordings of speeches in police archives. Nationalist Party members in the United States, including the two who attacked the US Congress in 1954 were tried and convicted for seditious conspiracy.

More recently the US has used federal grand juries in NYC, Chicago and Puerto Rico to collect information about, discredit, and disrupt the Puerto Rican independence movement. Although the grand juries are convened allegedly to investigate specific acts, the proceedings clearly demonstrate that the government has little or no evidence, but seeks to investigate the entire independence movement. Activists who have refused to cooperate have been jailed without having been accused or convicted of any crime.

Clearly the courts are part of the bullshit authority oppressing the Puerto Rican movement. The use of the laws and the courts has historically been to repress the efforts of the Puerto Rican people to gain their freedom. The prisoner of war stance taken by the 11 Puerto Ricans reflects this aspect of their history, but also an entire strategy for national liberation including the leading role of the armed clandestine movement and the role of internationalism. It provides an example which Puerto Rican people can understand and which can have a profound effect on the liberation movement. The 11 are using the courts to organize their people and to gain international support.



When the Ejercito Popular Boricua la Macheteros destroyed 9 U.S. fighter bombers and damaged two others on the ground at Muniz US Air National Guard Base, adjacent to San Juan International Airport in January, they focused world attention on the Puerto Rican Independence struggle.

The EPB communique stated that the action was taken to oppose U.S. control of Puerto Rico, and in particular, the operation of US draft registration in Puerto Rico, the occupation of Puerto Rican soil by U.S. military bases, and the use of Puerto Rico by the U.S. to develop military moves against the revolutionary democratic struggle in El Salvador. The EPB also called for the freedom of the 11 POWs.

The macheteros also videotaped the preparations for the action, about two minutes of which was aired on Puerto Rican television by a reporter, Carmine Jovet, who then became a target of FBI and grand jury harassment. The macheteros reported that several women were among the participants in the action. The destruction of the military aircraft,

captured in dozens of widely publicized dramatic photos in the U.S. and world press, was the costliest attack on a U.S. military base since WWII, with over \$45 million in damages. U.S. and Puerto Rican authorities fear the infiltration of the national guard by elements of the armed clandestine independence movement. Governor Ramiro Barcelo, saying that the colonial regime is unable to deal with the situation, has called for direct U.S. intervention against the revolutionary movement. In recent weeks, Barcelo has been in the Panama Canal zone for meetings with US military counter-insurgency experts and in DC for a series of meetings with Reagan and his top cabinet people.

The first sign of this new involvement in both Puerto Rico and the US seems to be a pattern of complete fabrications to provide excuses for the arrest of public independentistas who have been identified as supporting the revolutionary underground movement.

This dispatch was electronically transmitted from our Chicago Bureau

Finnegan's Wake

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—Prior to the bombing, **Overthrow's** offices had been under continual surveillance by the local 9th Precinct; its staff members had for several days been subjected to police harassment, intimidation, arrest and detention. How, under the watchful eyes of a 9th Precinct squadcar which had been there for hours, was a person or persons unknown able to plant a bomb and walk away unnoticed, leaving 2 patsies from the bomb squad to take the blast?

—Groups ranging from Nazis to Right-to-Lifers are fond of phoning in harassing threats to the **Overthrow** office. Was there any truth to one anonymous caller's promise that "innocent people will be hurt" if we didn't move, and that he "could cause a lot of trouble" for us because he "had the Ninth Precinct in his pocket.?"

—And what was the role of Det. John Finnegan of the Red Squad, notorious for managing the bomb-planting activities of his paid provocateurs over the years, who was mysteriously present the night before and the day after the bombing?

These, as well as a host of other questions, remain unanswered. No one here at the paper will ever be able to make a case against our persecutors. Time after time, when the rights of a dissident group are threatened, a police coverup is inevitable.

The Reagan landslide, which set the tone for repression, both here and abroad, also provided America with the moral justification to "look away." Instead of upholding the First Amendment, the press assured them that dissenters were few and "only out to get attention."

The Greensboro Massacre, coupled with the subsequent acquittal of those charged, evoked little outrage or national shame, for America had looked away. Nazis Klansmen, Birchers, La Rouchies, and

born again Wackos from around the country got the message. Violence by those who espouse intolerance had been sanctioned, because America wasn't looking.

While mothers weep for Atlanta's slain children, and police function merely as statisticians for the ever-mounting toll, America is looking somewhere else. Attacks on Blacks, Hispanics, Native Peoples, Gays, and American dissidents have become daily occurrences throughout the nation. In New York, Buffalo, San Francisco, Atlanta, or Pine Ridge, South Dakota, it makes no difference, for America is looking elsewhere.

The social sickness afflicting America in the 80's continues to grow like a cancer, eating away at the conscience of the country. A similar national climate was created in Germany in the 30's, and enabled Hitler to first dispense with the political opposition then later, the Jews. Following the war it was revealed that most Germans had no knowledge of the death camps, mass murder, and the extermination of millions. They too, were looking elsewhere...

Look out, America. Look up Wake up.

Maybe then, the Atlanta police will have their killers, and the New York police will have their bomber.

The NYPD refuses to drop charges stemming from the arrest outside their 9th Precinct of Overthrow staffers Alice Torbush, Ben Masel, and Dean Tucker. They were arrested for checking out suspicious characters parked in front of #9 the day before the bombing. A Manhattan criminal court judge ruled against their lawyer's motion that charges of harassment, resisting, and obstruction be thrown out because of inconsistency with what police said happened.

Alice did get her phonebook ordered returned after the cops denied even having it; it was checked into the property clerk three days after the arrest—enough time for the Red Squad to Xerox it, and then return it to the 9th Precinct.

China White

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be derived from a lovely blue flower. But the DEA is certain that China White is a synthetic. Initially, Anaheim, California police didn't know what was going on when the collapsed bodies of junkies began cropping up there—their autopsies revealed no trace of morphine, the key ingredient in heroin. Finally the DEA lab in Washington ran tests that disclosed the presence of a chemical similar to Fentanyl, a powerful hospital anesthetic and painkiller.

The name China White came from an extremely pure, but rare, strain of heroin from Southeast Asia's Golden Triangle. Buyers usually think they're getting schmagoo when the pusher is really selling them the Fentanyl-related drug.

"To get connected with China White—the heroin—is sort of a fantasy for addicts," says Darryl Inaba, director of the Haight-Ashbury Free Clinic in San Francisco. As many as half his addict patients have copped Fentanyl's chemical cousin in hopes of getting that rare grade of heroin. One OD victim in Anaheim miraculously survived to tell this tale: "I bought it as heroin, used it as heroin—and went out like a light."

Fentanyl is strictly controlled by Federal law. But the closely related synthetic being passed off as China White is not illegal at all. Anaheim police have even had to release one pusher whom they'd with selling heroin.

And the DEA doesn't really know where to look for the renegade chemist—*A Scanner Darkly*—believed to be the sole source of China White. They suspect the lab's in San Diego, but that's only because San Diego has long been the heroin capitol of the West Coast.

Authorities fear this devastatingly deadly drug will spread across the country this

summer, much the same way Substance D did in *A Scanner Darkly*. If it does, the "China White Syndrome" may prove to be the most macabre example yet of a science-fiction writer's prediction come true.

Peyote on Trial

A New York State man faces 15 years to life for possession of Peyote despite a federal court ruling declaring him bona-fide for its use.

Last year, in a suit brought against the U.S. government by Alan Birnbaum of the Native American Church of New York, federal district Judge Milton Pollack ruled that any person who worships Peyote as their God has the legal right to commune with it in their religious ceremonies.

Unlike the Native American Church of North America which accepts only ¼ Indian blood members and has been, up to this time, solely recognized by the government as exempt for the use of Peyote, Mr. Birnbaum's church accepted non-Indians and was in fact mostly non-Indian.

While the federal ruling was still pending New York City narcotics agents arrested Birnbaum, who was charged with an A-II felony—the same as for murderers.

A New York judge has already denied a religious freedom defense, mistakenly declaring that the federal court had not found Birnbaum bona-fide. The case thus is forced to go to a trial and juries are not allowed to decide on constitutional questions. To worsen matters, in A-II felonies, jail without bail is mandatory on appeal.

However, the Lord Is with us, in the interminable wait for trial in clogged N.Y. courts, Birnbaum's arresting officer fell down a flight of stairs and retired to California. If the officer cannot be brought back the charges will be dismissed.

Trial is now set for April 28 at 100 Centre Street, Part 70.

El Salvador Deathtrip

from combined sources

Javier Bray, the man who popularized guayaberas in Miami, brought the Cuban ballgame of quimbombia to the streets of Little Havana and founded the Spanish American League Against Discrimination (SALAD), is going to violence-torn El Salvador to help carry out agrarian reform.

Bray, administrative assistant to Dade School Board Chairman Paul Cejas, has been granted leave without pay for about six weeks by the board.

He is part of a six-to-eight member team of experts hired by Practical Concepts Inc., an organization that specializes in management training. Bray said he has worked before for Practical Concepts, which is under contract to the U.S. Agency for International Development.

For Bray, a man used to doing a little of everything, the job in war-torn El Salvador offers a welcome change.

"I have always taught myself to be a generalist instead of a specialist. It's part of the fun life," said Bray, who will return to his job with the school when he leaves El Salvador.

This is not a first for Bray, 52. He has worked for the American Institute for Free Labor Development in Asia and in Latin America.

In El Salvador, Bray's group will be trying to teach peasants and government officials how to divvy up 263 large estates so 5,000 farmers' families can live off the land "in something more than subsistence farming," he says.

Bray, who holds bachelor's and master's degrees in political science and Latin American studies from the University of Michigan, said he is not worried about the violence in El Salvador. Last year, 9,000 people were killed in political strife. This year, the death toll is more than 500 as leftist guerrillas undertook what they call their "final offensive."

"Of course, there is always reason to be concerned," Bray said. "The situation there is not a bed of roses, but it will be an enormously challenging job."

Bray, will be working from the capital, San Salvador, and travel to the countryside to teach the campesinos (farmers). His co-workers on the Practical Concepts team include men from all walks of life - a farmer from New Mexico, a social anthropologist and a New Yorker who's done other development work in Central America.

He laughingly discounted any reputed connections between the CIA and the agency for Aid for International Development, the U.S. group that has contracted with his boss, Practical Concepts.

"I have dealt with that perception in two ways," Bray explained. "One, I'm not aware of it and two, I cannot conceive that my work has any value for covert type of action. I'm a very open person about my working relationships. I don't know how the CIA or any other type of agency would be involved with me."

"The troops came and told the workers the land was theirs now. They could elect their own leaders and run the co-ops. The peasants couldn't believe their ears, but they held elections that very night. The next morning the troops came back and I watched as they shot every one of the elected leaders."

Since the Reagan administration entered office, the US ambassador has been replaced; military aid has been expanded and now includes approximately 54 military 'advisors.' Mexico, which the US is courting, has been slapped on the wrist editorially by the *Washington Post* for its support of the guerrillas; Nicaragua has seen last year's aid package withdrawn by the new Administration.

The civil war in El Salvador is largely about land reform. The U.S.-sponsored land reform has stirred violent opposition from wealthy Salvadorean landlords and hardline sectors of the military. All six Americans killed in El Salvador were murdered by these right wingers; two of them, Michael P. Hammer and Mark David Pearlman, were land reform advisors to the Salvadorean Junta. They were killed along with Rudolfo Viera, head-Salvadorean land reform official. Viera's deputy, Lionel Gomez, went into exile. Hammer blamed the right wing for 80% of the bloodshed in a *Washington Post* interview one week before his death.

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Enthusiastic beneficiaries of the Salvadorean land reform applaud Junta's policies.

The Great Eggplant Plot

The Purple Ribbon . . .
Until They're Released
fresh fruits and rotten vegetables

Written in 9th St. Tunnel to Interstate 395
Washington, February, 1981

Ice bags cramit down your throat
More and more ice bags
Did you get it?
The ice bags have something to say
Why don't you let them say it?
Ice bags
Ice bags to bloody fuck
Iced

What do eggplants, ice bags, fishermen, Thomas Jefferson, detectives and cops from Washington D.C., Metropolitan Police mobile and special tactics units, scuba divers, bomb defusers, federal agents from Interior Department's Park Police, Amtrak, dead babies, me [the writer] and you [the reader] all have in common?

We are all under the influence of a bizarre international conspiracy perpetrated by unknown people against unknown people. The story is as follows...

On February 20, 1981, three longtime District of Columbia residents fishing in the Tidal Basin by the Jefferson Memorial reeled in a plastic bag containing what they believed to be dead babies.

Being slightly tipsy and squeamish, one of the men kicked the bag back under water and notified the authorities who arrived at Alice's Restaurant with all kinds of cop equipment: the SWAT team, scuba divers, the bomb squad, and officers from 5 branches along with insta-cams and a host of reporters. Hours later, after a thorough search by the Harbor Patrol,

several interesting items were recovered: plastic bags containing eggplants.

"These eggplants were unusual," said the police report, "as they had been cut open and sewed together again with white thread laced through sewing needles. Two of these eggplants were opened by an MPD Lieutenant, and each one contained a slip of paper with a name listed several times. The names were Williams and Lancelot Collender."

Upon further investigation it was found that bigger, more detailed police files were in existence, as well as photos of the evidence. Also it was found that all 17 eggplants had been opened by a federal detective who is investigating Haitian Voodoo.

The problem is this: all further files and information have been sealed by the feds on this victimless, suspectless, non-crime. Freedom of Information inquiries have been rejected. We do not have the names.

Now that you too are under the spell (the hottest spell in town—more co-conspirators than Bob Avakian) there are 4 things that you can do.

1) Write a letter utterly demanding your rights as a concerned resident to the information contained in the additional files. Address it to:

US Park Police
c/o Dick Spag
PO Box 21071
Wash. D.C. 20009.

2) Wear a purple ribbon until the eggplants are released, or a purple, red and green ribbon for release by Christmas.

3) Dig up any information and tips on the situation in Haiti, Baby Doc, blood letting and Caribbean voodoo.

4) Join the conspiracy! You've got the scoop and materials are readily available.

KiK Bust

LONG ISLAND CITY, NY—With its model anti-paraphernalia law floundering in the nation's courts, the Drug Enforcement Agency has apparently launched a new attack on the smoking accessories industry, this time aimed at distributors and manufacturers of items more obviously intended for illicit use. The new project, titled 'Operation Firebase,' came to light when *Accessories Digest* called the agency for details on the recent seizure of 650 KIK machines in a local warehouse.

The surprise raid, involving more than a dozen agents from the US Marshall's Office and the DEA, took place in the late morning hours of March 4 at a well-established container factory that had recently purchased the rights to KIK from the federal bankruptcy court. KIK's original owner—Klandestine Research Labs of Rosalyn, L.I.—went out of business on November 11, 1980. The new owner asked that his name and that of his firm not be published. Mr. X said he asked the US Marshall about the legality of his prospective purchase in December, but was told the court is "not responsible" for guaranteeing the legality of the enterprise. He said that at the time of the seizure he had placed ads only in *High Times* and *Accessories Digest* and that neither had yet appeared. He said the only KIK machine he had sold was to "a guy who strolled in here one day asking for one." The customer had called back to ask about the advertising and distribution of the machine which is described in promotional literature as an 'isomerizer' selling for \$69. The 'customer' turned out to be an undercover agent for the DEA which obtained a warrant for the marshall on the basis of his observations.

The papers served by the marshall stated that KIK machines were in violation of 21 US Code 881, which provides for the civil forfeiture of "all raw materials, products or equipment which are used or intended for use in the manufacture, compounding, processing, delivery, import or export of a controlled substance." According to New York DEA spokesperson Jim Judge, the KIK machines were intended for use in "compounding or processing" marijuana into 'hash oil.' He said there are no other

known uses for the machines, which look like a cross between a popcorn machine and a Mr. Coffee. Judge said he had no idea whether the machines worked or not, but told *Accessories Digest* in elaborate detail how they were supposed to work. The warehouse from which the machines were seized belonged to a manufacturer who made part of the item for Klandestine and was owed more than \$20,000 when the firm went under.

The raid was publicized locally on CBS-TV and in the *New York Post*, which erroneously stated that "authorities" had told the *Post* the warehouse was being used by "dope dealers." Judge said no criminal charges were made and no drugs were seized. Mr. X said he had plans to fight the case, and pointed out that his name does not appear in the documents served.

Judge said the KIK machines were the first of several targets around the US under the law, which he said was seldom enforced since it was enacted in 1968.

1 Man Kent State

Garden City, NY: "That cop McNulty was like a one-man Kent State National Guard attack," an Adelphi University student described the city policeman who shot a local student in a scuffle outside the Student Activity Center after a night-time Valentine's Day party. Two hundred students backed up the accusation by marching to Garden City police headquarters to protest the slaying of Edward Fonseca—pride and joy of the school soccer team. "We don't know how we're gonna win a game this season without him," moaned one of Fonseca's team-mates, while bludgeoning a goalie from the Famous Alcoholic Writer's School soccer team.

A Nassau County grand jury ruled that McNulty feared his life threatened by a group of students who were incensed that he'd just beaten an emotionally disturbed student with his blackjack. McNulty claims Fonseca took it away from him and attacked him with the policeman's own weapon. Students who witnessed the tragedy insist Fonseca never so much as touched the blackjack. Fonseca had never been arrested for cocaine in his entire sports career, or even accused of snorting the old nozzle nullifier in his entire life.

SNITCHES: The Merchants of Deceit

Terrence Brown is one of the editors of the prisoners' paper at WAUPUN STATE PRISON in Wisconsin, where he is incarcerated.

by Terrence Brown

The main police tool used today to solve crimes is not all the electronic gadgetry, the experts or the sophisticated communications networks, but rather the informer.

The following case exemplifies the paid, professional snitch: A few years back a family in Virginia had unknowingly made friends with a paid police informer. The informer had claimed to be destitute so the family took him in. They fed and sheltered the man for several months. Their children got to know him as one of the family. The parents were soon busted on marijuana possession and delivery charges. The undercover agent said he had grown close to the family but busting them was his job.

The drug scene and political activism of the 60s have been instrumental in ushering in a new informer wave. Along with middle-class dope-smoking, coke-snorting and sexual kinkiness has come suburban snitching to protect careers, family and the new car.

For some, inevitably, informing becomes their career, as they discover the lucrative opportunities of professional snitchery. Informing now permeates our society to the point of danger. The 70s have seen the rise of massive federal budgets to enlist paid informers. The Drug Enforcement Administration budget for informers is close to 5 million dollars, while the FBI informant funds run to about half that. About 6,000 informers ply their trade for the DEA, FBI, IRS, Secret Service, Customs, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the Immigration and Naturalization Service and even the Securities Exchange Commission. These figures do not include the political informers that infiltrate every left wing, right wing and waiting-in-the-wings group in America.

The IRS offers a 10 per cent bounty on income seized through an informer's testimony. Local authorities trade court room leniency for names rather than cash. A cop may keep some heroin to trade to a sick junkie for a few names. In a recent case in central Wisconsin, the Sheriff's Dept. allowed its informers (called 'agents' in the local press) to use heroin and to 'deal' it (both major felonies) for a period of 6 months without police interference. In the process of violating the drug laws countless times themselves, they nabbed a single man for delivery of a single gram!



Chic Eder popularized 'informer chic'



Greg Allman saved Carter's ass in '76



E. Howard Hunt was marked for death

In New York State an informer can call a toll-free number to the capital to collect a thousand dollar bounty for information that could put a junkie in jail for life. There is a federal welfare hot line that thousands use to inform on welfare cheats. Illegal aliens pay millions in blackmail so they won't be informed on.

Informing in all its aspects is vitally important to the criminal justice system.

G. Gordon Liddy, the Watergate defendant and former NY State prosecutor, used informers daily as a prosecutor but has nothing but contempt for them. He states, "Informing on friends is the lowest act a human being can undertake." He was prepared to kill his former friend Howard Hunt for informing during the Watergate case.

"A Reign of Terror"

Historically, periods of informing have been characterized as "reigns of terror" where people are afraid to trust "friends" or neighbors. The heroic few with the moral integrity not to inform on others have generally been overwhelmed by those that are all too willing to talk. This causes fear and distrust which can unravel the political, social and personal relationships of a society. Some prime examples of informer hysteria would be the Inquisition, Salem witch trials, various revolutions of the French and Russian variety, Nazi Germany, Stalin's purges, Pol Pot's Cambodia and to a lesser degree the McCarthy era.

Currently there are plenty of countries either under communism or repressive dictatorial regimes that thrive on informers to keep "order".

If we look closely we can see that the healthiness of a society can be gauged by the number of people willing to inform on their fellow citizens. This number directly correlates to how a society views that information. For example, a healthy society is generally one where a person's word is "solid" and his honor is valued highly. In such a society informers are few because people believe that to betray one another is the highest form of dishonor.

Various sub-cultures and close-knit ethnic groups still believe that the sheer depravity of someone who deliberately acquires the confidence and intimacy of the person they intend to betray, even to save themselves from certain death or imprisonment, far outweighs the theoretical benefits of catching heroin traffickers, gangsters or political dissidents. These peo-

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ple see informers as "insects" eligible only for ostracism, if not extermination.

Because of these beliefs, the stigma put on those who inform, for whatever reason, kept the number of informers down.

In the last fifteen years America has seen a steady decline in this loathing of informers and a huge increase in the actual number of "rats" in our midst. A good example of informer hysteria can be seen in the 'Son of Sam' case in New York. While he was being sought, 10,000 citizens rushed to turn in their friends and neighbors.

Superficially, "criminals" may be breaking the law and the police arresting them for it. But what are the deeper implications here? Aren't people like the Virginia family who were set up by some one they befriended being punished for traits like compassion, good Samaritanism, trust, generosity, humanitarianism—ideals our society expounds? And isn't the snitch being rewarded for lack of compassion, betrayal of friends, cold devotion to duty, phoniness, the ability to fake friendship—qualities our society is supposed to detest?

In the Bible, citizen Judas obeyed Man's law by turning in a wanted man, but to this day the expert opinion is that his actions offended a Higher Code.

As society, in the form of a judge and jury, punishes the snitch and rewards the snitcher, it suicidally extinguishes those traits that it so desperately needs while reinforcing those that will eventually lead to its demise.

Snitching for Immunity

Society has developed a dangerous dependency on snitches, and now, like the addict, discovers how dependency can determine everything. It happens every day, all over the country.

In actuality, there could be no arrests for victimless crimes (prostitution, gambling, drug possession, etc.) without informers, because those involved are willing participants. Informers are so crucial to getting convictions that most cases are resolved during "let's make a deal". The game usually involves one partner informing on the other for freedom or less prison time.

In most cases, they were involved in the

HOW TO BEAT COP COMPUTERS

One of Carter's last moves—a budget cut the Reagan team must perforce carry out—was to stop funding the Law Enforcement Administration (LEAA). The reason for doing it was not some high-minded concern for civil liberties. The reason was that the LEAA had completed its mission: federalizing all state and local police by hooking them up to one master FBI computer (the NCIC computer).

Every cop, every snitch, every DA in the country is now eyes and ear for that computer. Computers are the new way in which cops communicate about you, identify you and mark you. The more you know about these computers, the more you realize that big brother really is watching you. However, computers have their limits, and the more you know about them the more easily you can hide from the rude remarks that they might have entered on your record.

Basically, all data in the computer is linked to your motor vehicle record. So, if a cop has your license plate and/or driver's license, he can find out:

1. your name
2. your address
3. date of birth
4. physical description—height, weight, color of hair, color of eyes and any scars marks or tattoos.
5. description including serial numbers of all vehicles registered in your name.
6. your insurance status
7. your driving record in that state
8. any outstanding warrants

Retrieving all the above information from the computer is a very simple procedure—enter plate number or motorist ID and press two buttons. Furthermore, a sergeant, detective or anyone with a little authority can dig deeper and find out your past criminal history, including arrests for which you were not convicted.

However, in order to get the correct information the computer needs certain key info—as stated before, your license plate or motorist ID number. If, therefore, you are not driving your own car and are not carrying a license, you can remain anonymous with only a small amount of non-cooperation. For example:

1. If you have no felony warrants and give a wrong middle initial or birthdate, the computer will say it never heard of you.

2. If you claim to be from another state, the amount of time for an answer can lengthen to anywhere from 4 minutes to never. California and New York have efficient systems, but for example, New Mexico has not yet installed a computer system at all.

3. Warrants are coded in according to their severity. Consequently, while a wrong middle initial can hide you from an out-of-state shoplifting charge, a violent felony offense will show up on your name with any middle initial, on your last name, and in the case of federal warrants of a severe nature will actually even show up on a correct birthdate or a name that sounds like yours!

4. Don't pick a very common name such as Smith or John Doe as an alias. The last time I checked John Doe he was wanted on over twenty warrants and the FBI called to see if we had him in custody.

5. Don't give your social security number to anyone that you even remotely think may be a cop (same goes for your birthdate). With your SS number there is an extra program which opens up the federal NCIC files so that any outstanding warrant anywhere for anything will be immediately communicated to the terminal.

None of the above methods is foolproof. There do exist programs which can do a more thorough search than the ones I mentioned. However, the methods listed above can be very useful in a situation where you are being hassled by the cops, but are not under arrest, because it is not likely that the computer operator is going to spend a lot of extra time on a "routine check". Obviously if you are using this method it is necessary to appear as though you are cooperating to the best of your ability so as to be able to leave as quickly as possible.

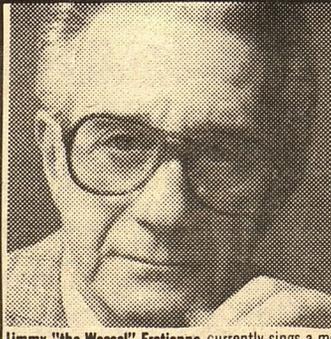
This article was written by some one who actually used to run a police computer, but came over to our side.



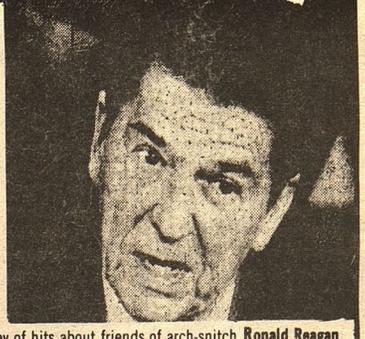
Frank Serpico turned the tables on the cops.



Judas Iscariot turned in a wanted man.



Jimmy "the Weasel" Fratianno currently sings a medley of hits about friends of arch-snitch Ronald Reagan, who debuted himself before the House UnAmerican Activities Committee in 1950



same crime and are thus equally 'guilty' but one gets 'jammed' and the other doesn't because the court feels one conviction is better than none and without the snitch the prison would get neither. In cases with no witnesses except the defendants the 'sale' of immunity gets tricky. The D.A. is not sure who did what but uses the informant out of necessity and convinces the court that the snitch was less involved.

But how reliable is the testimony of the partner who turned state's evidence to save himself? He or she obviously has a vested interest in convincing the courts that the 'other guy' was 'the main perpetrator of the crime. How many men or women are in prison because they were set up by a 'partner' who got to the F.A. first? This divide and conquer technique has no bearing on fairness or justice but is implemented solely for a conviction.

In many cases the defendant is a victim of the media's and the public's need for a scapegoat. After the media drapes the scapegoat in guilt through 'objective' reporting, he is sacrificed by the high priest from the D.A.'s office on the judicial altar. With the public and the media satisfied, the snitch, though equally guilty or in some cases more involved in the crime, slips out the back door unnoticed.

Frank Serpico added a new twist to snitching when he informed on the corruption in the NYC police department. He became a national hero but was despised by his fellow officers for informing. Oddly enough these same cops spend their days and nights trying to turn citizens into informers just like Serpico.

In reality, society has less to fear from the non-violent criminal than it does from a vile character who gathers trust and confidence from others only to betray it.

Toward a 'Society of Snitches'

A just-released state report has concluded that the stage was set for last February's bloody riot at the New Mexico State Penitentiary four years ago, when corrections officials began pitting inmate against inmate in an organized system of "snitching".

Prisoners had long tolerated dismal conditions at the prison, including bad food and poor health care, the report found.

But when they were stripped of their self-esteem by this snitch system, trouble began brewing, it said.

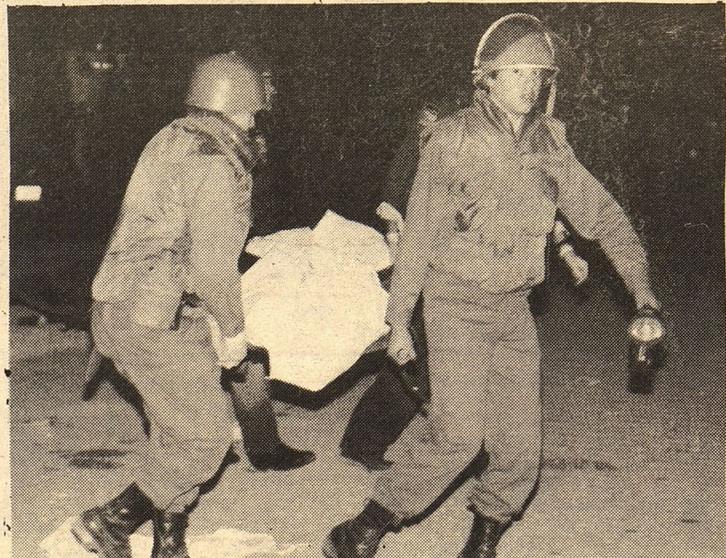
Resentment burst into flames on Feb. 2-3 when inmates took 12 guards hostage. None of the guards were killed, but 33 inmates, many of them 'snitches', died in the rioting.

The dwindling number of prisoners who 'did the crime and are doing the time' without taking a partner down with them or snitching on someone to try and get a deal, may feel as old Art Pepper did: the 55 year old jazz saxophonist, infamous doper and occasional thief commented that the one thing in his life he was proudest of wasn't his musical accomplishments but the fact that through many years of prison and numerous busts he never snitched on anyone.

Just as a person must maintain his or her integrity, so must a society. Victor Navasky warns us about government agencies in his recent book *Naming Names*, about the McCarthy era. "The House Committee on UnAmerican Activities" (HCUA) was like a national parole board that insisted people name names in order to prove their loyalty. The committee's demand for names was a test for character rather than a quest for evidence." In studying the informers of that era he found them weak, opportunistic individuals who knew they did wrong and could offer no adequate excuses to explain the lack of moral integrity that allowed them to inform on friends and colleagues.

Informing for HUAC marked the political Watershed of Ronald Reagan's life.

As our "society of informers" drifts towards George Orwell's cataclysmic year 1984, there are a few suggestions that might help delay but not alleviate the fact that we may all be informed on sooner or later for something. Try not to get involved with anyone outside your immediate circle of trusted and tested friends. Avoid all discussions, gestures, greetings, glances and candy from strangers. Don't use the phone or the mail. Generally, just withdraw from the world. Otherwise some one, somewhere will approach you when you least expect it and say, "Smile, you've just been informed on."



Not all snitches become rich & famous. Some wind up like this one, being removed here from New Mexico State Penn following the Feb 2-3, 1980 riot, which eliminated 35 incorrigible snitches.

TAKE OVER AFFINITY FILES DISCLOSE INFORMER PORTRAIT OF A PORKER



Jerry Rubin pours out his troubles to "Fat Julie" Maynard, the FBI's biggest snitch.

Commissioner Woodhouse said, "If one person is thumped, it doesn't mean a conspiracy exists among the Berkeley Police against Earth People's Park." But Berzon countered with, "If 50 people get thumped then it's something else."

Conspiracy

Conspiracy and intent on the part of the police is hard to define, and even harder to prove (as was repeatedly pointed out by many of the commissioners). The sweeping motion that was passed means, however, any officer named in the complaints, case by case, must testify, according to Berzon. This will be "quite a book!" pointed out Ron Barkin, attorney for the commune. He said that by "naming only the Police Department, the officer called is not accused of the incident."

Berzon replied, "You had better make offers of proof."

Barkin presented a shopping bag full of

evidence. "There are 40 to 60 people living at the commune. Why pick on only one?" He was referring to the case of Paul Seagal. "In this bag are 52 citations against him."

Segal is an activist with and for the commune. This is just the beginning of proof, according to Berzon, with more to come.

Commissioner Bach had wanted all the complaints subject to penalty of perjury. He felt the commune was on a "fishing expedition". This died the usual way of Bach's ideas.

So, what is coming down is a long series of hearings on Complaint No. 476 by the Police Review Commission. Among the police named in the complaint are: Berkeley Police Department, Capt. T.W. Johnson, Lt. B.J. Miller, Lt. J.G. Polk, Sgt. M.A. deLatour, Sgt. S.A. Engler, Officers F.D. Torrence, R.K. Kihara, R.C. Brown, A.R. Lui, and unknown(s).

(& BEAT COPS)

Statement of Kathy Dietrich, 935 Addison, Berkeley, Sept. 30, 1980:

"Without warning, the Berkeley police kicked my door in, smashed me on the leg with a police-stick. I had nothing on but a T-shirt and was putting diapers on my baby. I was not allowed to see the warrant, to call my attorney, put on my pants until I told them my name. When I did so, I was permitted to finish putting the diaper on my baby."

Dietrich belongs to the Earth People's Park commune.

In the raid in 1979, which became a cause celebre because of the beatings and other summary molestations administered to the commune's population, over 30 officers pulled up all the pot plants at the commune because, after chasing the "suspects" who were "drinking beer from an open container" which is "violation of the law", the police found the plants in the back yard.

Last month the Berkeley Police Review Commission (PRC) voted to look into the commune's charges of harassment against the Berkeley Police Department while dismissing all other charges "without pre-

judice." A disappointingly liberal performance.

Arch-conservative Commissioner Leo Bach voted against this resolution while all the other commissioners voted for the motion of Steve Berzon, leading "liberal" amongst the Commissioners. Bach declared that the PRC "was sitting around a table, drawing up charges for Earth People's Park. This is not right."

Commissioner Guy Jones asked acting chief of police Capt. T.W. Johnson, "How are we going to find out who these officers were?"

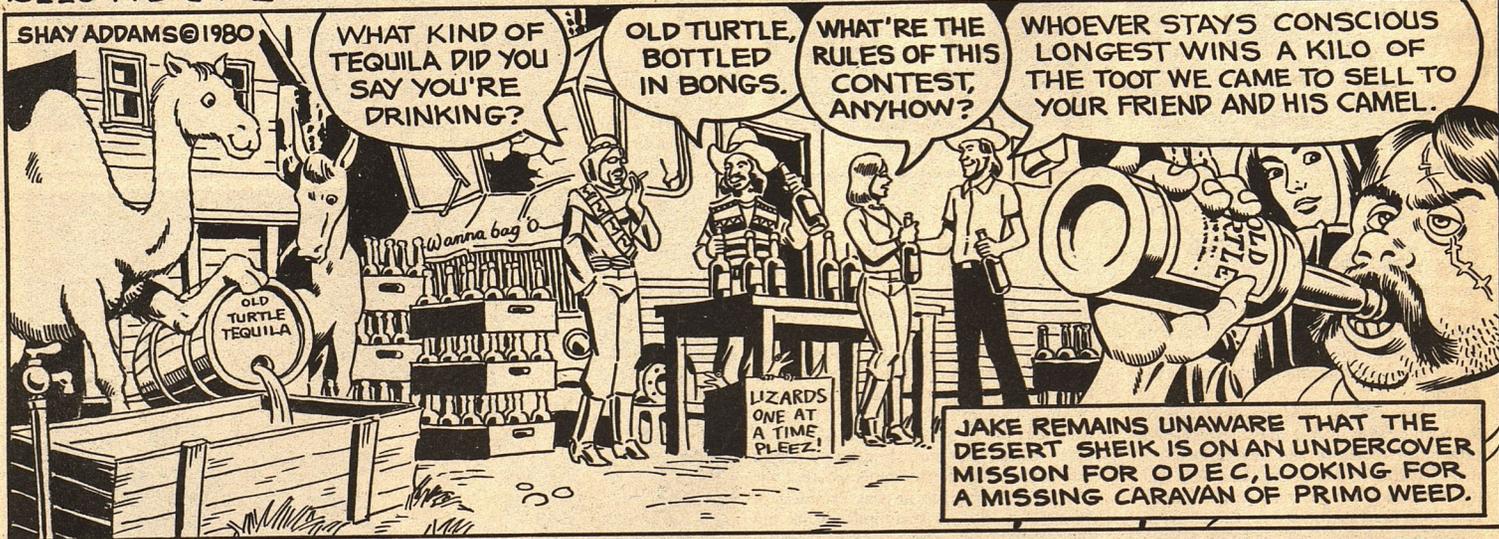
Johnson replied, "This is the first I have heard of this complaint [of Dietrich]." Nonetheless, he told Jones, "I know who the five officers are, and if you want photos to identify them, I will supply the photos."

No Badges

The problem of identifying officers who made the raids on the EPP becomes difficult because "some times they take off their badges", a member of the audience pointed out. Another voice said, "when you're getting beat up you don't have time to look for a number."

LAWRENCE OF COLOMBIA IN HASHABLANCA PART 3 SHOWDOWN AT THE O.D. CORRAL

LAWRENCE OF COLOMBIA AND SCHEMIN' MIMI HAVE FINALLY ARRIVED AT THE HOLE-IN-THE-BONG, HIDEOUT OF GANJA DIN'S GANG, TO FIND THEM KICKING OFF THE ANNUAL TEQUILA-DRINKING AND LIZARD-EATING CONTEST.



SHAY ADDAMS © 1980

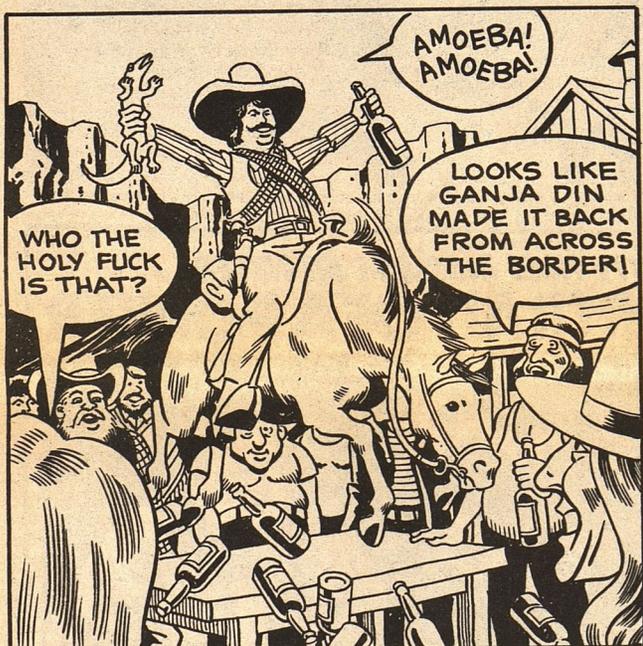
WHAT KIND OF TEQUILA DID YOU SAY YOU'RE DRINKING?

OLD TURTLE, BOTTLED IN BONGS.

WHAT'RE THE RULES OF THIS CONTEST, ANYHOW?

WHOEVER STAYS CONSCIOUS LONGEST WINS A KILO OF THE TOOT WE CAME TO SELL TO YOUR FRIEND AND HIS CAMEL.

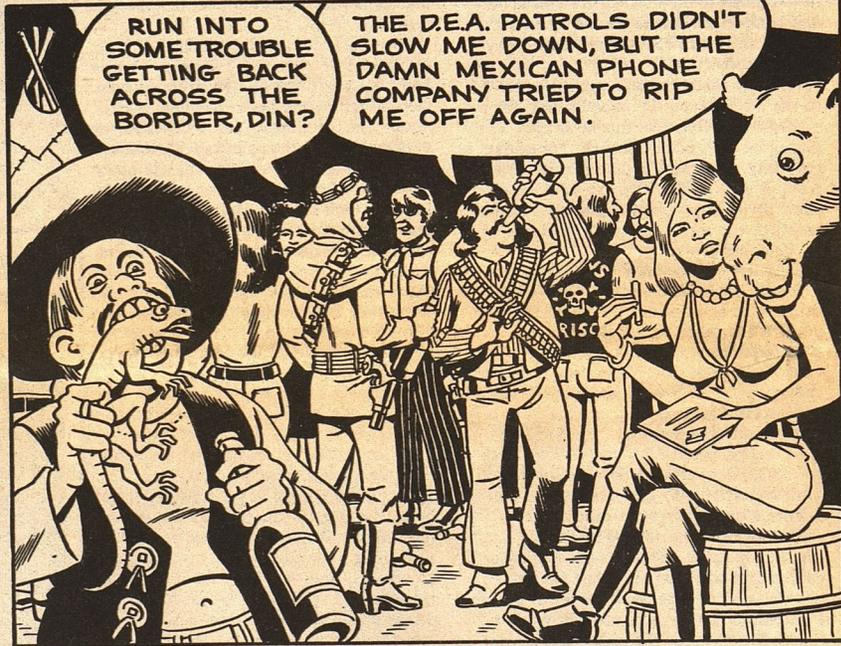
JAKE REMAINS UNAWARE THAT THE DESERT SHEIK IS ON AN UNDERCOVER MISSION FOR O.D.C., LOOKING FOR A MISSING CARAVAN OF PRIMO WEED.



AMOEBIA! AMOEBIA!

WHO THE HOLY FUCK IS THAT?

LOOKS LIKE GANJA DIN MADE IT BACK FROM ACROSS THE BORDER!



RUN INTO SOME TROUBLE GETTING BACK ACROSS THE BORDER, DIN?

THE D.E.A. PATROLS DIDN'T SLOW ME DOWN, BUT THE DAMN MEXICAN PHONE COMPANY TRIED TO RIP ME OFF AGAIN.



WHAT WAS THAT CREDIT CARD NUMBER AGAIN?

I TOOK CARE OF THAT SNOTTY OPERATOR, ALL RIGHT.

THEN WE LET OUR TRIGGER-FINGERS DO THE WALKING OVER TO TACO-BELL'S MAIN OFFICE, WHERE WE CLEANED OUT THE VAULTS.

TACO BELL

THREE DAYS AND NIGHTS LATER...



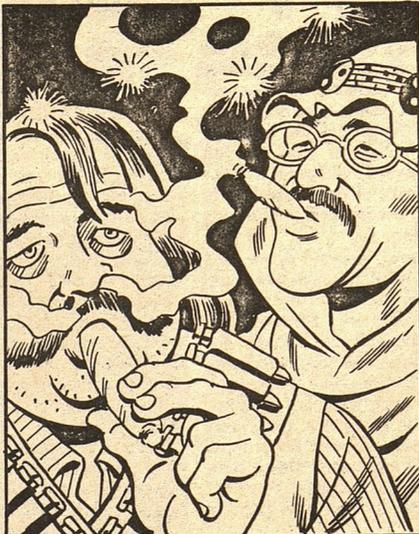
MORE TEQUILA!

WE JUST RAN COMPLETELY DRY FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF THE CONTEST, BOSS!

WHY DON'T WE SWITCH TO A POT SMOKING CONTEST? WE'LL NEVER RUN OUT OF POT.

ALRIGHT, AMIGO, I'LL TWIST UP SOME OF THIS PANAMA RED CANAL REEFER FOR YOU TO SMOKE AND YOU ROLL UP SOME OF YOUR BEST STASH FOR ME. WHOEVER PASSES OUT FIRST LOSES.

YOU CAN TASTE SOME OF THIS "GOOD GRIFA" I HAND PICKED UP IN GUATEMALA LAST MONTH!



THE TWO DEMI-GODS OF THE DESERT TOKE UP, WHILE THE FEW SURVIVING LIZARDS AND CONTESTANTS WATCH IN AWE.

AS THE SUN RISES OVER THE PASSED-OUT PAIR, MIMI STRIVES TO AWAKEN LAWRENCE BEFORE GANJA DIN AND THE GANG RECOVER THEIR SENSES.

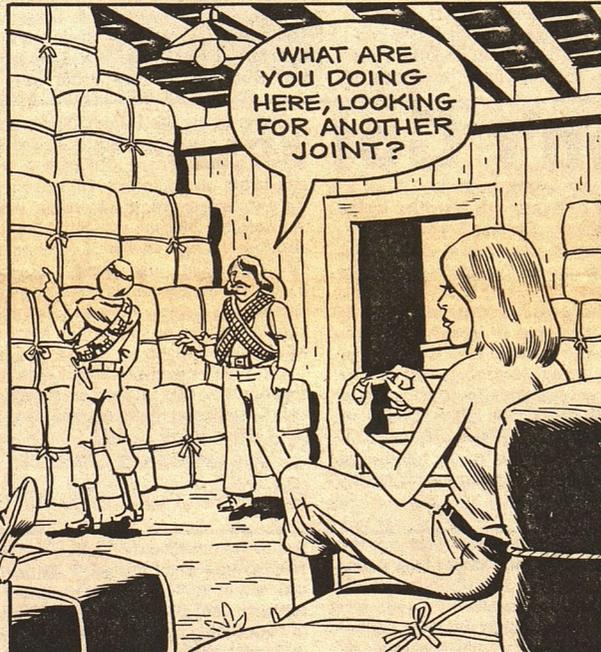


WAKE UP, LAWRENCE, I FOUND THE ODEC POT, IT'S IN THAT BASEMENT OVER THERE.

YEAH, WELL I HOPE YOU FOUND SOME MORE PAPERS, TOO. WE RAN OUT LAST NIGHT.

LOOKS LIKE I MUSTA WON, AGAIN; EVERYBODY HERE'S OUT OF IT, AS USUAL. GUESS I'LL CHECK OUT THE STASH.

ENTERING THE MUSTY BASEMENT, GANJA DIN IS SURPRISED TO SEE LAWRENCE COUNTING THE TOWERING STACKS OF BALES.



WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, LOOKING FOR ANOTHER JOINT?

YOU SHOULD HAVE KNOWN YOU COULDN'T HI-JACK A TON OF ODEC'S POT AND GET AWAY WITH IT.

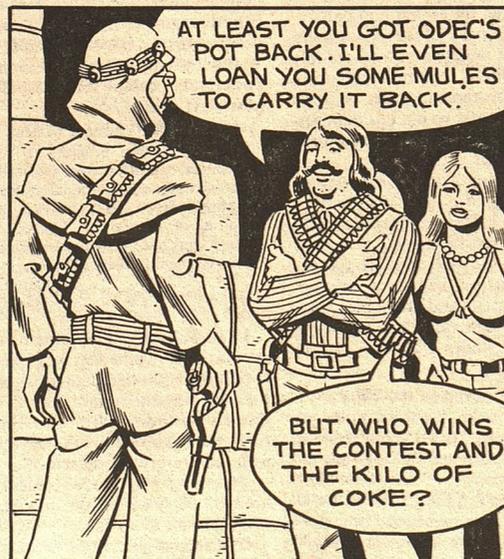
ODEC, SCHMODEC, WE RIPPED THAT SHIT OFF FROM TACO BELL. THEY HAD BALES STACKED TO THE CEILING OF THEIR VAULTS IN TIAMARIJUANA.



ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY THE MEXICAN PHONE COMPANY IS DEALING POT THESE DAYS?

NAH, THEY MADE A DEAL WITH THE FEDERALES TO STASH THE CONFISCATED POT IN THEIR VAULTS UNTIL THE D.E.A. PLANES COULD ARRIVE.

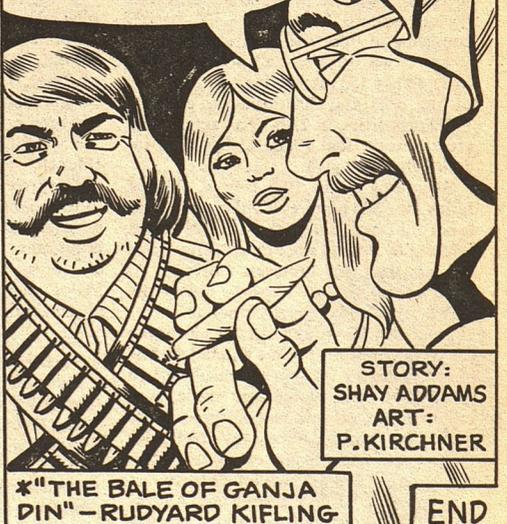
RETURNING THE PISTOLA TO HIS SIDE, LAWRENCE SMILES WHEN HE REALIZES THIS IS PROBABLY THE BEST ANSWER HE'S GOING TO GET FROM GANJA DIN.



AT LEAST YOU GOT ODEC'S POT BACK. I'LL EVEN LOAN YOU SOME MULES TO CARRY IT BACK.

BUT WHO WINS THE CONTEST AND THE KILO OF COKE?

LOOKING BACK ON THE LAST THREE DAYS, THERE'S NO WAY I COULD WIN— YOU'VE GOT BETTER DOPE THAN I DO, GANJA DIN*.



STORY: SHAY ADDAMS
ART: P. KIRCHNER

*"THE BALE OF GANJA DIN"—RUDYARD KIFLING

END

ANTI-DRAFT CONFERENCE

by Dean Tuckerman

I knew something was wrong when I arrived at the bus. I was going to what was billed as the **First National Anti-Draft Conference** and there were only a handful of people on the bus I recognized. Being an active member of the **New York Coalition Against Registration and the Draft (NYCARD)** and the **Coalition Against Conscription (CAC)** something was weird. Surely, if they weren't at our meetings, I would have recognized them from the six local and two national demonstrations I've been at.

I get on the bus, sit down with two friends, and an ominous voice comes over the loudspeaker: "Nothing will be smoked on this bus except cigarettes." Who were these anti-pot apostles? Were they the neo-Nazi NCLC trying out another front group? Were they Moonies getting revenge for our attacks on them for disrupting our rallies? They surely weren't the kidz who were burning draft cards and flags last March 22nd in D.C.? The answer to these questions is: No, No, and definitely not.

The answer is the ultra-legalist cadre organization of "Worker-Bolsheviks" known as the **Socialist Workers Party** and their youth group, the **Young Socialist Alliance**. Yes folks, the organization which brought you the do-nothing rallies during the 60's and 70's, the pro-gay then anti-gay changes during the mid 70's and the break-up of the Northeastern Anti-Apartheid movement, has brought their brand of organization-chart socialism to the anti-draft movement.

The entire conference seemed to have been dominated by this one group in many guises. Both Detroit CARD, the hosting organization, and, a hosting high school group from Detroit, Cass Tech CARD, seemed to have membership dominated by cadre of the SWP and the YSA. The role of host to the conference and of a major high school grouping in the city where the conference took place gave them a great deal of undeserved credibility. They also came in the role of "union members", from unions like: the UAW, the Machinists, the Miners, the Steelworkers. Most people at the conference didn't realize this. (Not to say all union members in the anti-draft movement are SWP.)

Now we get to the Conference in Detroit, and we go to this long-winded rally where before they even say "Greetings" they tell us we are at Wayne State University where no smoking or imbibing of illegal substances is permitted. Here you have a gathering of draft resisters and some who

aid and abet them and these people are worried about some pot and beer. Perhaps the primary reason people go to these conferences is to meet people from other areas doing the same things they do, exchange info, and form networks. How can you relax and meet anybody without a little pot or maybe some wine or beer, especially in the midst of hectic and frustrating parliamentarianism.

So what happened, anyway? A few good workshops were held, although most Sunday ones weren't, because of the press of bullshit—oops—business. Principles of Unity were gerrymandered through different constituencies and ideologies, with some very good sections, like Women and the Draft, and some mediocre portions, like their stand on Resistance. None were totally objectionable because the purpose was to appeal to everyone's lowest common denominator. So you get support but not encouragement for resistance and civil disobedience.

There were two other plenaries, one on Action and one on Structure. The new structure of National CARD ends up with top down decision-making by whoever staffs an expanded national office. A simple, regional and non-bureaucratic confederation-type structure was proposed by the people from Boston Alliance Against Registration and the Draft, but it lost because none of the power elites could manipulate it to fit themselves in the leadership role. We did get into the structure that any body including any staff position created by National CARD should include 50% draftage youth and 25% third world participation. It is important that good young activists come forward to fill

these spots.

As for action, there was a joint proposal [no reference to pot intended] presented by the SWP, SANE, and YWLL. Since they controlled the arrangements committee, through Detroit and Cass Tech CARDS, they could get their proposals on the floor first, allegedly in the interest of not wasting time. This proposal had several parts including endorsement of the Harrisburg 3-Mile Island March called by the unions—passed overwhelmingly; to endorse the National Days in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador called by CISPES—passed; and to call for a National March on Washington. There were several points debated on demands for the March: Since obviously this is CARD, the first should be No Registration, No Draft—Don't laugh, with all the debate and writing committees there is no mention in the Principles of Unity that CARD is against registration. The second, is U.S. Out of El Salvador. People raised questions about "U.S. out of" other hotspots, and the answer was it was covered in the Principles of Unity, and should not be part of this demonstration.

The question of "other demands" was raised and debated. The basic controversy was the "Money for Jobs, Not for War" demand. The fact that this demand was supported by the conference caused a non-endorsement of the demo by the Libertarians. Many people, especially the most virulent anti-capitalists among us, might say "good riddance." But why should we alienate any group which is against the Draft, no matter what their view on economic issues? As the Libertarians themselves stated, they could have in-

troduced, as an economic plank, "Government out of the economy." Radical socialists and anarchists could have said "Take over the factories." But instead we end up with a liberal demand of "Money for jobs, not for war".

March Against the Pentagon—May 3rd
The NCARD conference also settled on the date of May 9th for the big anti-war/anti-draft demonstration. This date was basically chosen arbitrarily. People knew about the May 3rd Demo initiated by Workers World Party/Youth Against War and Fascism, but it never sank in as to how similar they were. It took a little bit of time and effort for some people to realize that the marches were basically the same, with similar good and bad points. The major difference is a plus for May 3. People are marching against everybody's favorite target—the Pentagon—not lobbying or begging for something from Congress. The organizing is working out well and estimates of 100,000 plus turn-out are not unreasonable.

In New York, a motorcade will be leaving directly from the site of the RAR Concert at Central Park the evening of May 2nd. St. Stevens Church has been secured for folks who need a place to stay overnight when they get to D.C. Join the Rock Against Racism contingent or I'll see you at the Reeper Tokers Against Registration and the Draft (REETARD) banners.

REETARD (POB 87254, Chi, Ill. 60680) began as an organization at this conference, to get the anti-draft movement to realize that youth, those who take reefer, are their biggest drawing card, and to get those who take reefer to realize that in order to get freedom to smoke pot you got to organize for freedom on all fronts especially freedom from having to kill or be killed. Besides, our resolution, which was voted down, got laughs from what was otherwise a tedious conference.

Don't Go!

by Joseph Zackelle

If I were to be properly classified by the Selective Slavery System, I would be 4F. Not because of any mental defect. But because I'm morally unacceptable to the Army.

The Military has Moral Standards for its personnel. You must fit these Moral Standards (however, the AFES Commander or the U.S. Army Recruiting Commander can make an exception in your case), or you can't be one of their killers. Commonly used reasons for unfitness are: men convicted of two or more 'minor non-traffic offenses'; one or more 'non-minor misdemeanors', or a felony.

So far in my life I don't fit into any of the above categories. But if I'm ever up before a draft board, I'll have a felony conviction on my record. I'll be convicted for a victimless 'crime'. A 'crime' where I did nothing! No one was hurt, but I will also lose the right to vote. I will lose up to five years of my life, where I could have been a productive member of a war-gear society. But instead, I'll spend time in jail. I could be fined up to \$10,000. Many jobs will be closed to me.

Yet, I didn't steal anything. I didn't mug anybody. In fact, I refused to conspire with Selective Service to murder many people. I refuse to register!!!

DRAFT COURT UPDATES

GOLDBERG vs. U.S.—This is this suit

that charges registration is illegal since it discriminates against men on the basis of sex. The arguments are being presented now and the decision is expected to be handed down in June.

WOLMAN vs. U.S.—This case states the Social Security numbers cannot be required for registration by Selective Service....To do so is a violation of the Privacy Act. This is a class action suit. If you have refused to give the SS your social security number you may claim to be a part of this case and they cannot prosecute you until they receive a decision in their favor and have given you time to reply. So far the courts have ruled in favor of Wolman but the U.S. has filed an appeal.

Deathtrip

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At the same time, the land reform has failed to satisfy the Salvadoran left. The Democratic Revolutionary Front (FDR) is still fighting to overthrow the Junta. More than 10,000 Salvadoreans were killed in 1980 alone.

The land reform decreed March 6, 1980 was divided into two phases: Phase I affects all properties over 500 hectares (one hectare equals 2.47 acres)—376 parcels consisting of 16% of all agricultural lands. Phase II was to affect all properties between 100 or 150 (depending on the quality of the soil) and 500 hectares, covering 1,739 properties, or 23% of all agricultural areas—except that Phase II has been indefinitely postponed.

According to the 1971 census, 69% of farms over 500 hectares is either pasture or is not cultivated. Only 9% of coffee land is affected by Phase I since most coffee farms are less than 500 hectares. Coffee is El Salvador's major export crop—the backbone of the oligarchy's power.

Landlords also found ways of subverting the Phase I reforms. Some liquidated their assets by driving tractors and machinery to Guatemala, slaughtering their cattle, even removing barbed wire fences from pasture land. The government reacted slowly, not even prohibiting removal of assets for two months after Phase I was announced.

As many as 45 estates have been returned to their former owners by the government. Although some had been improperly

listed as over 500 hectares, others got the kind of sweetheart deals long commonplace between the military and wealthy Salvadoran families.

Fear has been perhaps the most important factor limiting participation in reforms. Local paramilitaries and collaborators count heavily among the beneficiaries.

The Illusion of Reform

On May 4 1980, Colonel Abdul Gutierrez announced there would be no reforms beyond Phase I. This, cut the agrarian reform announced on March 6 in half.

Phase II would have cut deeply into the oligarchy. Large landowners and military hardliners strongly opposed Phase I reforms. The government needs support of Phase II landlords, so it's less than surprising that more radical re-distribution has been postponed.

The initial *New York Times* report (March 7) stated, "El Salvador's military/civilian junta expropriated 60% of the country's best farmland..." Actually, over half of the 16% eligible for expropriation is pasture, woods or uncultivated, not prime agricultural land. Less than 5% of intensively cultivated land is subject to expropriation under Phases I and II both.

Decree 207: Land to the Tiller

On April 29, 1980, the third junta announced that Phase III (now upgraded to Phase II since the original Phase II was not scuttled) would consist of institutionalization of the "minifundia," converting all present tenants into owners of the plots they were farming, no matter how small. The former owner would be compensated, but the junta stressed that Decree 207,

would "immediately convert 150,000 families into small owners." As one AID official put it, "There is no one more conservative than a small farmer. We're going to be breeding capitalists like rabbits."

Decree 207 has hardly been implemented. Many tenants are reluctant to claim their land; the government lacks the capability or the desire to carry out the law. Many tenants rent land from relatives or others as poor as they are, and aren't inclined to dispossess their neighbors. Owners of large tracts are hostile. They've forced tenants to renounce their claims. If they refuse, they're simply evicted. Without access to credit, without political power, the peasant remains indebted and powerless as ever.

The Vietnam Model

"For the reform program to succeed, the government needs to reduce violence by the extremes as well as institutional violence. To accomplish this, it must increase the professionalism of its security force... Our small military assistance program is designed to help the government in these efforts..."

William G. Bowdler
Ass. Secy. of State for Inter-American Affairs

In El Salvador, as Vietnam, the US is supporting a regime that lacks support and is fighting rural-based guerrillas who enjoy the wide peasant support. As in Vietnam, the US has responded with coordinated rural pacification and counter-insurgency, with land reform being critical.

According to Robert Komer, the first head of the pacification in Vietnam, the program had two goals:

1) Sustained protection of local population from insurgents, which deprives the insurgency of its rural base; and,

2) Generating support for the regime via programs meeting rural needs and cementing the rural areas administratively to the center.

In Vietnam, "protection of the rural population" was carried out by the Phoenix program: 30,000 Vietnamese peasants were killed as alleged Viet Cong sympathizers. Land reform was the second aspect of the strategy—"generating rural support." A key aspect of rural pacification is the combining of civil and military operations under one management. Military counter-insurgency and the civilian land reform were part of a unified strategy whose sole purpose was to defeat the enemy. Land reform was the carrot; counter-insurgency was the stick.

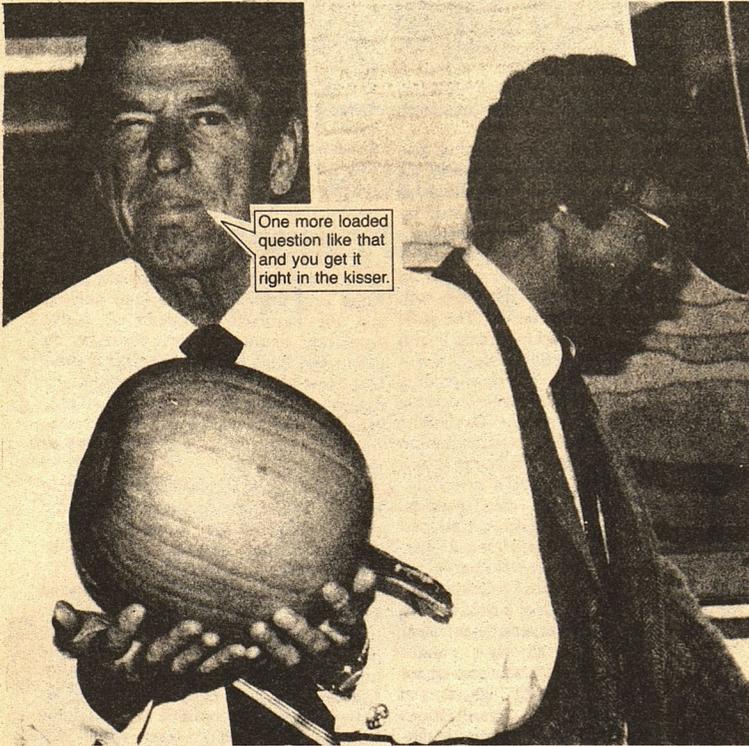
Transplanting of the Vietnam program to El Salvador is undoubtedly the work of Dr. Roy Prosterman, a law professor at the University of Washington in Seattle. He has long been a proponent of land reform to combat rural insurgency. Prosterman's involvement in Vietnam began with an article he published in the *Cornell Law Review* in 1967 entitled "Land Reform in South Vietnam: A Proposal for Turning the Tables on the Viet Cong." This article outlined his Land-to-the-Tiller program and was eventually presented to Thieu. It was not until the shock of the Tet offensive in January 1968 that both Washington and Saigon recognized the need for land reform and stepped-up pacification.

Prosterman has taken a leave of absence from teaching at the University of Washington and is an unpaid advisor to the Salvadoran Junta. He is also consultant to the American Institute of Free Labor Development (AIFLD).

El Salvador

BANANA REPUBLICANISM

by Mitchell Cohen & the Red Balloon



President displays to reporters explosive bullet removed from his left side

As the US government and weapons merchants have distributed many billions of dollars in arms to totalitarian governments around the world, it is the utmost hypocrisy for Haig, Bush, Reagan and others in the US ruling circle to complain of 'outside' aid to El Salvador. But the US, those condemners of outside agitators, admitted to five 'military advisors' in El Salvador on Sunday, 12 on Wednesday, 15 on Thursday, and 20 on Friday—they're sending in 5 to 7 new 'advisors' a day (I use the term advisor advisedly), or suddenly it began raining military advisors in El Salvador after a presumed drought. On the other hand, the Democratic Revolutionary Front, composed of all opposition forces in El Salvador (including the Church), cites 500 US military advisors, 800 Marines, and assorted corporate, banking and mercenary personnel. And no Russians, Cubans, or Nicaraguans.

The myth of the outside agitator has been used so many times to rationalize death squads, arms sales and 'police actions' (Vietnam was, if you remember your history, not a war but officially a 'police action', since Congress never declared war, and Presidents Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon unilaterally sent in troops to protect the American 'advisors' and corporate interests), that one would think the government could cry wolf just so many times before the people of this country woke up! The US government is the outsider; the corporate and banking interests raid Latin American nations (like Chile, and pre-liberation Nicaragua) for natural resources and cheap labor. Like shoplifters in a bloody international supermarket, they sweep the resources of other peoples into their shopping carts and, under the protection of US-armed assassins, wheel them out the door into their waiting airplanes, trucks and helicopters, to be exported to other right-wing dictatorships (like the Philippines, Hong Kong, Taiwan and South Korea) where labor under the gun is cheap (rarely these days are resources transported to the US, except for special highly capital-intensive industries), and are molded, weaved, manufactured and assembled into items sold to the people of advanced nations to toast their bread, light their rooms, fur their coats, wheel their cars.

In the face of exploitation and repression a people has a right to turn for aid to anyone willing to give it. Freedom is not a commodity sold on the open market—but

some of the implements needed to achieve it are! Should the Soviet Union, Cuba, Roumania, West Germany and other nations sell arms to El Salvador's mutilated people? Who are the American arms manufacturers of death and merchants of holocaust to complain? Didn't GM and Ford build tanks for the Nazis in WW II, as well as for the US? Aren't those companies still receiving yearly reparations, to the tune of \$27 million annually, for the 'accidental' British and American bombing of their Nazi plants? Perhaps they simply resent competition in what was once an exclusive American monopoly of the world armaments market. Ah, pity those poor beleaguered capitalists, selling F-14 fighter bombers to both Israeli and Arab, profiting from war by arming both sides.

The myth of the outside agitator has several other dimensions as well. If only it were true that the Soviet Union would arm and provide support for the people's liberation struggles around the world!! If only Che Guevara didn't have to plead in despair for Soviet military aid to Lumumba in the Congo (before he was assassinated in 1960 by the CIA), for agricultural and financial development of Cuba with no strings attached (in '65 and '66), for Bolivian peasants (in '67), before Che himself was murdered on Oct. 9, 1967 by the CIA. The US gives the Soviet Union too much credit by claiming Soviet support for freedom struggles around the world, and thus simply perpetuates and reinforces that which it would oppose. The war in South Vietnam, for example, was fought not with Soviet weapons, but with arms captured from American soldiers; it wasn't till the end of the war that Soviet-made tanks we used in the final offensive in South Vietnam. And even then, the Soviets (like the Chinese) threatened to cut off military and economic aid (as they did in Cuba in '66 & '67—read Fidel's and Che's denunciatory speeches of that period), in an attempt to drag the Vietnamese people to negotiate away their military and political victory again (as they did over the French in 1954). If only Haig's wolf-calling over this huge liberation-arms conspiracy were true! The people of the world would be grateful!!!

But, in general, it isn't. This is not to say that the Soviet Union doesn't supply military equipment to already-established guerilla struggles, because it does—with strings, and never enough. Most people

fighting for their own liberation have no desire to trade the strings of the Soviet Union (which are, albeit, not as brutal or resource-raiding) for the brutality of the US-backed juntas and ruling class. People fighting for liberation, for freedom, as are the El Salvadoreans, as were the Nicaraguans two years ago, are as wary as they are grateful. Victories come not in military putsches or coups, even with the most advanced weaponry, but through the mass mobilization and support of a whole people, the working class and its allies—the peasantry, the Church (in EL Salvador and Nicaragua). In El Salvador, the case is simple (if extremely bloody). It is exploited against exploiter, oppressed against oppressor, masses against imperial-backed state. There is no middle ground to support. There is no Centrist democratic government trying to strike a balance between right wing terrorism (that has left 120,000 dead this year alone) and left wing rebellion against torture and murder, in spite of the US government's attempts to manipulate the American people into believing otherwise. In El Salvador, as in Vietnam, the US government is not supporting the wrong side—it is the wrong side.

What is necessary is an immediate and total cessation of US military and economic 'aid' to the government of El Salvador; a withdrawal of all US personnel; a commitment to refrain from interference in the internal affairs of other nations, and of the right of all peoples to self-determination; and an end to the corporate plunder of resources and labor of Latin America and all other nations of the Third World.

I do not believe the corporate and financial institutions, in collaboration with the military might of the US state, will stop being imperialist, either through legislation or through appeals to the morality of arms merchants, corporate magnates and financial brokers. Their interest is anything but moral, and their willingness to exploit knows only one color—green—the color of their profits.

However, I do believe that the people of the United States can and must construct a mass movement to oppose US military and economic aid to the junta in El Salvador—and to aid, in our numbers, actions and demands, the people of El Salvador in their struggle for liberation. We are far wiser than we were at the beginning of US involvement in Vietnam; we understand the interests behind the promotion of US domination of the Third World. And, to a great extent, we understand what needs to be done here at home, in the belly of the monster, even if at the moment we are unable to effectuate that understanding on a mass scale. Thus, we have tools available now that were unavailable at the start of the US war on Vietnam. This is reflected in the large-scale distrust, even in Congress, for US statements on El Salvador, a distrust that has led to House Bill number 1509—to cut off all aid to the junta—and sponsored, as of this writing, by more than 40 members of Congress, a bill we should all support.

But it would reflect a very limited understanding of the how's and why's of accomplishing an end to the brutality that by necessity accompanies corporate expansion into and plunder of other countries, if we are to constrain ourselves to the legislative/electoral arena, as though we were all many Sisyphuses, chained to the same boulder. Imagine if the people of Nicaragua, Vietnam, or South Africa (Azania), let alone El Salvador, spent the major part of their time lobbying the capitalists not to be capitalist, instead of concentrating on the organization and mobilization of their own people into being able to resist and defeat those capitalists who could not be convinced not to be capitalists! This same task faces us in the US of A.

The victory for us in the United States: to have an abundance of work at wages reflecting the full value to society of our labor; the complete reconstruction of our

urban areas, their educational systems, mass transit, and housing; the development of a less wasteful and more nourishing agriculture; the need for alternative energy resources owned and controlled at the community level; the resurgence of non-decadent art, music and American culture celebrating the joy of being alive and the drawing out of human interaction and, in a non-religious sense, deeply spiritual human feelings; and the obliteration of the distinction and division between town and country, labor and play, socially meaningful work and leisure time—this will never come about if we cage ourselves in the legislative arena, stick our heads in the mouth of the Congressional lion, slam the gates shut, and expect the lion not to snap off our heads! El Salvador is one issue in a long chain of issues concerning US imperialism. It is but a symptom of a very deeply rooted historical cause.

We can succeed in curing the symptom, through mass mobilization, strenuous effort, putting our bodies on the line and shouting "Hold it bub!" And it is vitally important that we do this. But we also must, at some point in each of our lives, decide we are simply treading water trying to treat each symptom as it appears; simply running in place over a soupy quicksand by not trying to overcome the disease that produces such symptoms over and over again.

Band-aids are so important because, in El Salvador, peoples' lives depend on what we do here to help them. Their fate is in our hands—and in a sense ours is in theirs. It is often said that a capitalist is so greedy and so unaware of his own self-interest that he will sell you the rope you need to hang him. Most of the weapons used by the people of El Salvador are American-made. They have been 'liberated' by the oppressed from the oppressors. If all oppressed people are united in the world in fighting against oppression, then there is no such thing as an outside agitator, or we are all outside agitators. What we must do here is treat the symptom, since it is so vile and so barbarous; but we must do it in such a way that leads not to the reinforcement of our customary subservience to corporate, military and financial governmental authority, but to the mass mobilization of us all—with the El Salvadorean people at the moment being the hub of the matter—to achieve a society where we'll never have to worry about military juntas, mass murders, poverty, symptoms and cures, again.

Appeals to Congress, to governmental authority to be moral are only fruitful when such Congress, government or authority has no other choice but to act in a moral way or be dismembered. That is our freedom, our right in a real democracy. To act in any other way but to rocket our common antagonism to oppression to the fore is to forego our birthright, our words, our Declaration of Independence, our class. We demand the same right for ourselves that we demand for El Salvador—the right to be free, to determine its own destiny, to live as its people—and not its corporate masters—decide, to own and government, housing, energy, transportation, and whatever else there is; the right to be free human beings, and to have effective say over everything.

Support the people of El Salvador! Oppose US government aid to fascist governments, including the El Salvador junta!! Fight for El Salvador—fight for ourselves!!!



NATIVE AMERICANS

...STRIP-MINED OUT!

When the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) decides what level of radiation people should be exposed to, it makes certain assumptions about the nature of the population to be effected. As a study by the Skagit System Cooperative states, "It should be emphasized that assumptions are made by the NRC concerning behavior of a general population which simply do not apply to the Indian population..." Some of the reasons the NRC ideals do not describe native Americans include the group's special relations to energy resources, ways of life, population size, and position at the bottom of the United States' socio-economic scale.

The most easily perceivable difference between native American lands and most US land is that the former contain a much higher percentage of the energy resources of the continent. The estimates vary, according to the definition of 'Indian land' but approximately four percent of the nation controlled by Indians contains about 55 per cent of the uranium and 40 percent of the Western, low-sulphur coal. These are the two resources most sought after under the Federal program for "Energy Independence". These and resources combine to make native lands within the US rank sixth in the world in energy reserves. In addition, uranium mining employs many residents of the Navajo nation, Laguna Pueblo, and Spokane nation and may soon affect the Ute, Sioux and Chipewewa. Many of these groups have also been affected by coal mining, along with the Crow, Cheyenne, and Hopi.

This means, for a start, that native Americans are the people most likely to be affected by radiation and the problems of the 'front end' of the nuclear fuel cycle. Coal is included because burning it emits 'sizeable quantities of low-level radioactivity.' The stages of the mining cycle that most affect native Americans are exploration, mining and milling, to which we now turn.

EXPLORATION AND MINING

Even if no mining takes place, exploration activity can release radiation into the biosphere. Exploration holes drilled into radioactive rock can cause contamination from penetration of aquifers or from contact of samples with the air. Although the holes are supposed to be 'capped' to prevent post-drilling contamination, the experience in South Dakota and other places has been that holes are not properly capped. Livestock fall into the holes, and aquifers are further endangered.

But even if exploration holes are capped to Federal standards, modern capping methods have only been tested over a 25 year period. Radiation is dangerous for many times that long.

In the mining portion of the nuclear fuel cycle, the most noticeable effect on native Americans has been the high lung cancer rate among Navajo workers of the 50s and 60s. In general, local non-whites are hired for the most dangerous, unskilled mining jobs, while skilled jobs are filled by im-

ported worker. Non-miners are affected by gases from mine ventilation that are spewed over the countryside. The population thus exposed to radiation, because of the locations of uranium mines, are mostly "poor rural farmers and native Americans, many of whom do not use the electricity" generated by the uranium.

Besides the air, uranium mining also contaminates the water. In-situ mining, the newest method of recovering uranium, is particularly dangerous in this regard. In-situ mining requires pumping chemicals through deposits to leach out uranium. A Westinghouse Electric in-situ project in Wyoming recently began to penetrate both aquifer and non-aquifer waters. The same problem was encountered in a Texas in-situ operation. A local resident said, "we're afraid that they may be downgrading Wyoming's groundwater while working the bugs out of their system." Depending on underground patterns, contamination of an aquifer can spread over large areas.

Water contamination has a disproportionately high effect on rural peoples. Federal regulations cover contamination to water supplies serving more than 25 persons, which excludes most wells and many reservation water supplies. According to the 1979 Interagency Task Force on the Health Effects of Ionizing Radiation, "Studies have indicated that potable ground waters contain measurable quantities of radiation...and that high, and in some cases extremely high, concentrations exist in some waters used for domestic supplies." Because of their resource-laden reservations, native Americans will probably suffer most from water contamination.

In addition to the large amount of uranium on native American lands, leases for uranium mining are most often on Indian land due to lack of political power and ignorance of the effects of mining. For example, in 1975 the Federal Trade Commission reported that 380 uranium leases had been taken on Indian lands, compared to 4 leases on public and acquired lands. So, all aspects of uranium mining place a particularly high burden on native Americans. But the effects of mining are only part of the danger from the nuclear fuel cycle.

URANIUM MILL TAILINGS

In order to be used in fuel reactors or for weapons, uranium ore must be milled into 'yellowcake.' Uranium mills are usually located near mines for economic reasons. The wastes from mills, called tailings, were noted by Dr. Victor Gilinsky of the NRC as "the dominant contribution to radiation exposure from the nuclear fuel cycle."

Tailings are fine-grain particles that retain 85% of the radioactivity of the original uranium ore. According to a report for the Department of Energy, "there are approximately 500 million cubic feet of tailings at 22 inactive sites," including Shiprock, New Mexico, and Edgemont, South Dakota. The reason that tailings are so dangerous is that they are too big to put in containers and bury, and attempts to keep them from blowing and leaching into the biosphere have been unsuccessful.

The 1979 Interagency Task Force reported that tailings pose four kinds of radiation danger: inhalation, whole body doses, ingestion of contaminated food or water, and use of tailings for building materials and fill. Persons living within 50 meters of tailings piles are estimated to receive 8 rem of radiation to the lungs annually, i.e., "high level" radiation.

Dr. Walter H. Jordan, one of the foremost authorities on radiation, explained the long-term danger from tailings piles:

Since the radon continues to seep from the tailings piles for a very long time, the total dose to people over all future generations could become very large. Deaths in future generations due to cancer and genetic effects resulting from the uranium required to fuel a single reactor for a single year run into hundreds.

And most of the deaths and genetic damage will happen to native Americans.

The Department of Energy recently studied tailings disposal sites and concluded that "none of the sites can be considered in satisfactory condition from the long term standpoint..." Even if tailings could be stabilized in the short run, "No discussion is made of just how six feet of soil and appropriate contouring will protect the tailings from erosion during the 80,000 year hazard life of the piles..."

OTHER PROBLEMS PARTICULARLY AFFECTING NATIVE AMERICANS

Besides the problems faced by any group living near uranium mining and milling, and the particular problems of native Americans because of their locations on resource-rich lands, there are other reasons that low-level radiation is especially dangerous to Indian peoples. These reasons relate to population size, socioeconomic status, and relationship to the land.

Socioeconomic status has been shown to heighten the effects of low-level radiation on a population. Dr. Ernest Sternglass' study of cancer rates near the Millstone nuclear plant demonstrated this point.

When Sternglass' statistics were divided between white and non-white populations, the 5-year increase in cancer for the white population was 14%. For the non-white population, the increase was 51%. This effect has been observed in other studies. As native Americans continue to live at the lowest socioeconomic level within the United States, the effects of radiation exposure will continue to strike them disproportionately.

One of the most frightening effects on any population from radiation is genetic. Studies on genetic risks, however, assume a large heterogeneous population that moves often and does not intermarry to appreciable degree. The Indian population, particularly on reservations, is relatively isolated and stable and tends to marry within itself. Genetic damage has been shown to be particularly common for radiation at low levels and, considering the high incidence of exposure among native Americans, a rise can be expected in club foot, subluxated hips, mental retardation, diabetes, heart disease, rheumatic fever, and sterility, "which might be manifested as late as ten generations from radiation exposure." When the relatively small size of the native population and the other pressures on Native Americans are added to these genetic defects, the overall result is slow genocide.

In addition to the reasons for high exposure to radiation already cited, the greater use of products of the land, such as plants, berries, game and fish, are an additional source of radiation for Indian peoples. As the Interagency Task Force noted, "Foods reflect the radioactivity in soils." The uranium activity on reservations guarantees that there will be plenty of radioactivity around.

But the accumulation of radioactivity affects more than people who eat from the land—it also affects other living things. Plant life becomes less diverse, causing a loss in nutrient flow, bound water and species density. Jack Miller of the Uranium Information Project explained:

Warm blooded animals are more susceptible to radiation effects than the lower animals. Land areas exposed to radiation show decreasing numbers of animals in a very short time. Radionuclides related to uranium mining have been shown to concentrate in field mice, chipmunks, rabbits, sheep cows, and other species/.

So those who eat most of their diet directly from irradiated land will take in the highest doses of radiation, and reservation native Americans are a prime example of such people.

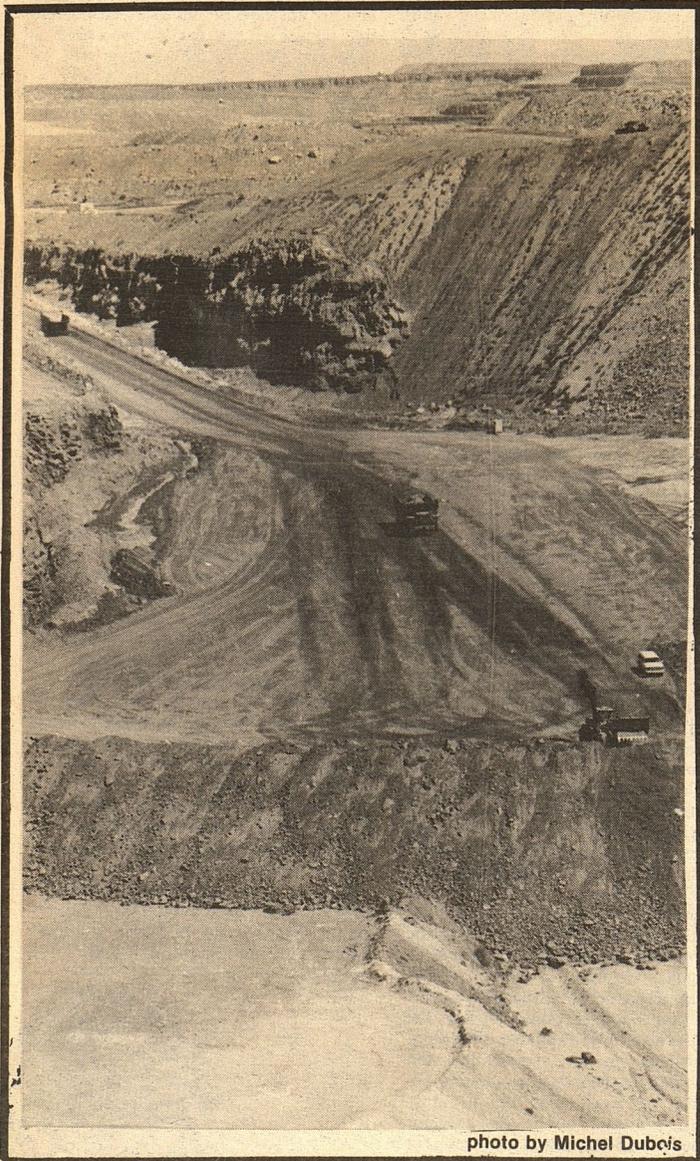


photo by Michel Dubois

Raping Mother Earth: In the interest of 'energy self-sufficiency' (at the expense of Native Americans) strip mining goes on unabated by opposition. Washington has clearly linked the final solution of the energy crisis with the "final solution of the Indian problem."



MAY 2 CONCERT GAINS SUPPORT



After two years of virtually working on our own, the Rock Against Concert in Central Park on May 2nd put on by Manhattan RAR has gotten some unprecedented endorsements. The MOBILIZATION FOR SURVIVAL, a coalition of anti-nuclear and peace activists has decided to become a sponsor of this concert. This includes posterizing for the concert during their posterizing blitz for the Emergency El Salvador March to the UN on April 18 and the May 3rd National Anti-War March on the Pentagon, as well as help with obtaining speakers and stage crew. There has also been an outpouring of support from the Black, Jewish, and Gay Communities with the likelihood of other mainstream endorsers.

The concert itself promises to be an event rivaling the first London RAR carnival. Besides headlining attractions like the Dead Kennedys, organizers of this year's gig have responded to criticisms that last year's gig had too many white punk bands by booking more reggae, etc.

Buses to Sunday's anti-war march will be leaving about 8:30PM from near the Tavern on the Green to D.C., where overnight space has been arranged. If you have a vehicle and can help folks with little money go down, too, call 212-533-5028 about the motorcade

Tucker's crew has even named their training camp "My Lai." Robinson was defending his family from Tucker and his para-military Klan guard while other Blacks were being shot in the head and beaten senseless.

The Southern Poverty Law Center should be able to appeal this case to Supreme Court, and win. But more important, rock 'n' rollers everywhere should rally behind Robinson; he deserves a medal! When law 'n' order break down under assault by hooded thugs, armed and vigilant citizens like Robinson are the last line of defense for the rights of their families.

Contributions to his defense, and messages of support, can be sent to:

Curtis Robinson
c/o Southern Poverty Law Center
1001 South Hull Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36101

CURTIS ROBINSON: "Why's Everybody Always Pickin' On Me?"

Curtis Robinson, bass singer of the Coasters from 1950 to 1960 is facing 20 years in jail for defending himself, his wife and five kids against the KKK. In Decatur, Alabama, they call it "assault with intent to kill". Robinson, who's been a maintenance worker at Decatur city hall since he left the music business, is best known for his singing on records like the Coaster's "Charlie Brown" ("Why's everybody pickin' on me?").

Decatur has been the scene of much racial violence lately. Bill Wilkinson, leader of the fastest-growing Klan organization in the country, has organized rallies there numbering in the thousands. When Tommy Hines got thirty years from an all-white jury, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference called a protest. On May 26th, about 60 Blacks began a march to the Morgan County (Decatur) courthouse.

Curtis Robinson and his family were behind marchers in their car. Suddenly the march was confronted by armed KKKers. Fighting broke out. The Klan started shooting.



Robinson, licensed to keep a gun in his car for protection for 5 years, drew his weapon after his front tires were shot out. While his wife, Eva, sat terrified and his five little children shrank down in front of the back seat, hooded Klansmen started beating his car with clubs.

Robinson opened his car door, got out, and shot one of the Klansmen as they rushed him with raised clubs. After a few seconds, the streets began to clear. Eva drove the disabled car to safety. Curtis ran for cover. Three marchers and two bleeding Klansmen stumbled to the ground.

Two days later, Robinson was charged with shooting one of the KKK members. No one was ever charged in the shootings of the three Black marchers.

Curtis' Southern Poverty Law Center lawyers knew he couldn't get a fair trial in Decatur. In this town of 45,000, one KKK rally drew 10,000, another one 5,000. When Robinson gathered 70 witnesses to testify during his preliminary examination, the district attorney quickly called a special, secret grand jury instead and indicted him.

Curtis's attorneys tried valiantly for a change of venue. They wound up defending him before an all-white Decatur jury. The trial was a flashback to the famous Scottsboro Boys case of the 1930's, ironically held in the same city.



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STUDIO TEN

Community Resistance Widespread

Resistance to the eviction of Studio Ten received the support of a broad base of community activists. The occupiers sought to bring to light certain factors involved in the critical housing shortage faced not only in New York, but other great cities, worldwide. Indeed, the problems encountered at 10 Bleecker are the problems faced everywhere by those who are pitted against wealthy landlords who seek to manipulate the real estate market for fun and profit. In seeking greater profits, these landlords extract a heavy penalty from tenants who are continually burdened with escalating rents, little or no service, and finally, forced displacement.

Loft residents of Soho and Noho have been particularly victimized by unscrupulous landlords, who rent out raw space promising a long lease in exchange for tenant renovations. Upon completion of extensive work, often costing thousands of dollars and taking years, the tenant finds he is being summarily evicted based on some technicality used as a pretext by the landlord to effect this legal rip-off. Each tenant is just a pawn in the game. After a number of floors have been refurbished, and the tenants gotten rid of, the landlord can then seek to sell his empty building [worth far more than a tenanted building] to a large cooperative loft developer at a whopping profit.

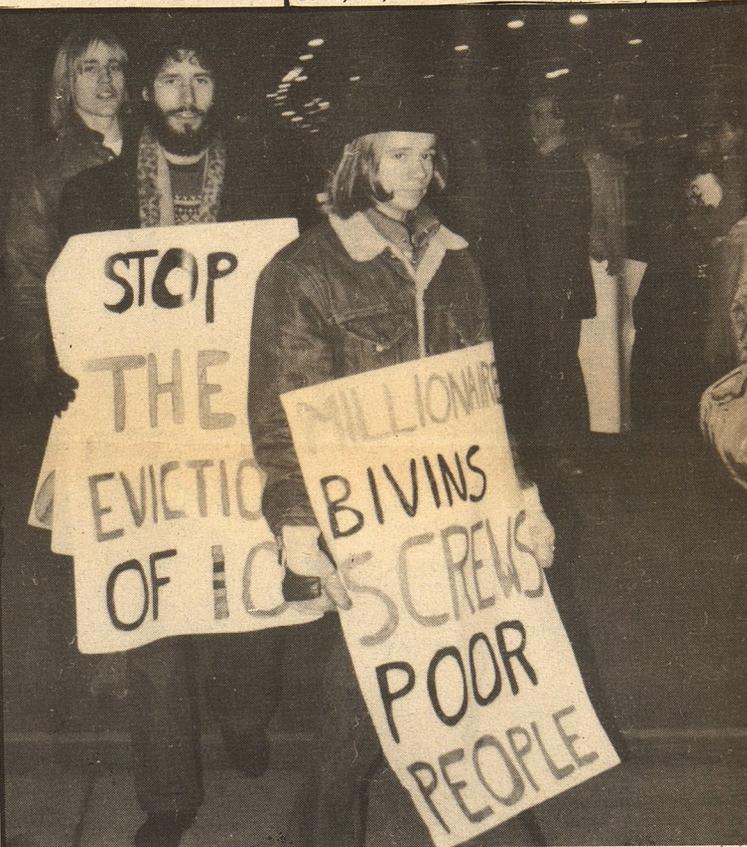
This scenario has been carefully followed by Lorna and Oliver Bivins for over a decade. They have begun their final offensive against the last remaining tenants standing in their way, who are blocking the development of "luxury co-ops off the Bowery," and huge profits for the Bivins's.

Some Background on #10

Their involvement with 10 Bleecker Street began on September 1, 1967, when Oliver Bivins loaned the Fredern Corp., then owner of the giant loft building, the sum of \$10,000, and took back a 4th mortgage on the property. Unbeknownst to the owner, Bivins then sought to buy out the third mortgage holder, which he succeeded in doing 4 months later, on January 3, 1968. Less than 1 month later, he loaned Fredern Corp. an additional sum of money, and took back a 5th mortgage.

By now, he owned mortgages numbers 3, 4, and 5. Just 4 days later, he tightened the noose around Fredern, and bought out the 2nd mortgagee. He now owned 4 mortgages on the building [nos. 2-5]. Later that year, he lent Fredern an additional \$25,000, taking back a 6th mortgage, and began negotiations for an assignment on the first mortgage, which he procured from the City Savings and Loan Association. Finally, the cat was in the bag, and Bivins owned 1-6. He then forced Fredern Corp. to capitulate, and relinquish all title to the property.

Whereas there was nothing illegal about any of these transactions, they demonstrate that he actively brought about



Studio 10 supporters picketed Lorna Bivins at 25 Central Park West for 2 months

precisely the set of circumstances which enabled them to procure the property for a fraction of its true value. Phase one of the overall plan was completed, and the second phase had begun.

Ripping Off the Tenants

The second part of the overall plan required time and patience. It involved renting the floors to industrious individuals who were ready, willing and able to make capital improvements. Over the years, the tenants reclaimed the vacant warehouse space, and converted it to light, airy, habitable environments. One by one, they started to receive their eviction notices.

That Lorna Bivins, or any landlord for that matter, would deliberately vacate a habitable building when we as a city are collectively faced with a housing crisis of gigantic proportions, is criminal. That she should displace countless people, as well as a Community Center, in her relentless quest for even greater profits, is unconscionable. Such profiteering is indicative of the criminality of capitalism, as well as an indictment of the legal system which fosters and condones such activities. Had Lorna and Oliver Bivins hoarded another commodity, such as food, during a time of severe shortage, and then resold it at huge profits, they would be thought of not as prominent socialites, but branded as blackmarketeers and bandits.

It's time to recognize that food and housing are essential commodities needed by all people, and that those who intentionally withhold these commodities for the purpose of manipulating the marketplace, creating a shortage, and reaping windfall profits as a result of their ill deeds, should be held criminally and civilly accountable.

Rock Against Racism renovated and ran #10 Bleecker for just short of 4 years. Dozens of radical groups were able to use the space to do benefits to raise crucial cash—among them the Longest Walk, CARD, the Seabrook Coalition, the Black Vets, and many others. It was a vital base for protests at the Democratic Convention last August; and a national Yippie! Conference was held there just before the eviction.

Looking back, the thing that seems most to have hastened the eviction, even though we had an appeal pending in Federal Court, was the mysterious bomb-blast across the street at #9 Bleecker where two cops were injured. The blast, falsely located at #10 itself by the Soho Weekly News, definitely emboldened the authorities to evict Studio 10 as a threat to tranquility and order. Once again, the victims have been made to pay for the violence perpetrated against them. Robert Mitchell, agent of the coalition of groups that ran #10, is bringing a \$2,000,000 suit against Lorna Bivins for damages.



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Brownie Mary Sez:

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(SAN FRANCISCO)—The case of a 57 year-old, Grandmotherly denizen of San Francisco's Castro district, "Brownie Mary" Rathbun, who was busted for selling her "magically delicious" sensimilla brownies January 14th, is causing police here acute embarrassment.

Local marijuana legalization advocates like Dennis "Miracle Ounce" Peron are having a field day campaigning for the defense of a little old lady with a disability who baked health-food brownies and looks like somebody's mother.

The cops who busted her may even feel a touch guilty. One of them, Steve Bosshard, recognized Mary during the bust as the waitress who served him many a morning at the International House of Pancakes until last summer.

Mary worked as a waitress for 43 years: "I'm the best goddamn hasher in town. I worked graveyard for six years with all the stoners and drunks, and I know how to handle them. Whatever I do I'm good at. I seem to be pretty good at getting busted, too."

She was forced to quit last summer after a fall which injured her back. She started selling the brownies some months ago because, as she said, "Workers' disability is scarcely enough to live on." Now she has not even this small income: on Jan 27 one of the doctors employed by the Department of Industrial Relations said he could find nothing wrong with her. Said Mary: "I don't know how he could even see to do the examination. He looked a thousand years older than Christ."

Describing her arrest, Mary complained, "The cops left my house looking like it had been hit by a whirlwind. They took a photo album and some personal papers that weren't even mine—they belonged to my roommate. They took my food blender, baking pans, butter, eggs and sugar. But they didn't get my recipe, because it is in my head."

They also took 54 dozen of Mary's magical brownies, which were baked with a potent measure of superior quality sensimilla marijuana.

It was not your normal narcotics raid.

The seizure list included 35 pounds of margarine, 25 pounds of sugar, 25 pounds of flour, 22 dozen eggs, and 21,000 square feet of plastic wrap—along with with 20 lbs of high grade sensimilla, half an ounce of psilocybe mushrooms and medicinal quantities of cocaine and seconal.

She greeted narcs at the door of her neat Victorian flat at 84 Walter St in response to their knock, a grandmotherly woman in a simple shift, brushing flour from her hands, exchanging a neatly made-up brown paper bag for \$50.

Narcotics Officer Bullard proffered a badge, and other narcs stepping out of the shadows had the search warrant. "Oh Shit!" said Mary.

She had been busted in the midst of baking. Her neat old kitchen was stacked with cooling trays of fresh goodies. Other trays were out on the back porch to cool; still others, individually wrapped in plastic, sat ready for sale in the refrigerator.

Upstairs, a bottle of bourbon at her side and glass in hand, she waxed philosophic, looking longingly at the sacks of sensimilla police were setting aside for transport to the Hall of Justice. "I just made a buy. I was anticipating a good month. . ."

Her phone continued to ring. Answered by police, orders continued to pour in, as did customers at the front door, including the sister of a SFPD motorcycle cop and the dean of a local acting and modeling school. All were invited in by cops, checked for warrants, and told Brownie Mary was out of business.

Mary agreed that she was. "I thought San Francisco was cool. Who's going to mess with me—a little old lady who fell on her butt and baked health food to supplement her income? I figured you wouldn't even notice. All I wanted to do was make a few dollars. . ."

But the cops are trying to hang charges of grossing \$1 million a year on her. The



magically delicious brownies sold for \$20 a dozen. Lists of mail order clients were found, along with shipping materials, records and other materials suggesting extensive sales.

"Mary's operation was so blatantly open," said narc Joe Dutto, "it was almost impossible to keep a straight face when you were making a buy."

Mary, who had no known previous criminal record, admitted doing a brisk business out of her home, selling what she slyly calls "health food cookies."

"I put out a good quality product. Good goods. Eating dope is a lot better for you than smoking dope. I was smoking dope before you were born," she said, looking at Dutto. "You show me the food, and I'll show you how to cook it with dope." Dutto should try, she suggested, her spaghetti sauce, or her powerful pecan pie.

Narc claimed they were forced to get Mary because flyers listing her phone

number were stapled up in the Castro District. "Call Brownie Mary or Steve," they said. Cops say Steve is Steven Wilder, 27, Rathbun's adopted son and partner, for whom they're still looking.

Narcs Dutto and Bosshard both made preliminary hand-to-hand buys of brownies and mushrooms from Mary after phoning the number on flyers they'd been handed on the street, obtaining the search warrant on that basis.

"She was so open, selling without question to total strangers, that we just couldn't believe it.

But her supporters feel this is designed to portray Mary as a "threat." Mary herself objects: "It is not true that I fastened flyers to telephone poles or distributed to the general public. I gave these only to customers with deliveries. I may be blatant, but I am not stupid."

Her supporters feel police really decided to get her after she openly sold benefit

brownies, proceeds given to the Gay Freedom Day Parade, at one of the Parade concessions. She also marched in the parade decked out in her Brownie Mary beanie, passing out flyers.

Dennis Peron, tribune of the San Francisco marijuana movement, put on a defense benefit for Mary at the counter-cultural Roxie theatre after she was forced to sell off her furniture and her collection of iridescent carnival glass to raise money for the "cause"—the legalization of marijuana—and to pay for a lawyer.

"They could send me to jail for 15 or 20 years," she said. "Everything I own is gone except the bed."

Dennis, who helped pass San Francisco's Marijuana Initiative with a 57% majority, wonders if the Prosecutor can find a jury who will convict. "They were good brownies," he said.

Mary, interviewed the morning after the bust, wondered if one of her brownies would have helped her sore back. "The police wouldn't let me eat one before I went to jail. I might have slept better if they had."

A divorcee, she worked hard as a waitress and made enough money to put her daughter, Peggy, her only child, through the University of Nevada. "In 1974, my daughter was killed in an automobile accident," Mary said, her eyes suddenly filling with tears. "I was a mess for three years after that. All I did was work and drink.

"Peggy's all right now, though. She didn't have half the problem handling death as I did handling life after she died.

"I can feel her up there now, riding on my shoulder, saying 'Good for you, mom. You had the power of your conviction. You went ahead and gambled.'"

The only thing they didn't get was her recipe. "It's all in my head. Nobody's going to get it until marijuana is legalized and I sell it to Twinkies."

"I made the best brownies in the whole country."

Donations can be sent to the **Brownie Mary Defense Fund; 470 Castro St, Suite 270; San Francisco, or call 415-626-7513.**

EUROSQUAT RUMBLES

by Kurt Hill

The squatter's movement has become a central political issue in a growing number of West European countries, as militant youth describing themselves as "The No Future People" continue to seize and occupy unused buildings in an effort to ease the serious housing crisis.

Perhaps the vanguard of the squatters movement is centered in West Germany, where students, artists, street youth, and immigrant workers have clashed with police several times in recent months. The most serious confrontation to date occurred on March 13, when dozens of youth demanding the release of hundreds of arrested squatters set fire to the Reichstag (parliament building) in West Berlin. Nearly half a century ago, the Nazis burned this building and blamed it on the communists as an excuse to begin their reign of terror. The Reichstag has subsequently been seen as a symbol of the myth of "democracy" which masks the rule of the rich.

In West Berlin, the district of Kreuzberg is the scene of the most widespread building takeovers in the country, and nearly 120 structures have been seized and occupied. In a city of 2 million, the government's own figures show that 20,000 families require apartments (many informed observers place the real figures at nearly 80,000 people).

Following the Reichstag fire, squatters and their supporters staged 39 separate attacks against police, and clashes with the authorities erupted in 18 West German cities.

The occupation movement has received widespread support among the general population, and has spread throughout the country. For example, in Nuremberg,

located in the conservative state of Bavaria, the squatters movement has squared off in a head-on confrontation with the neo-fascist forces. Bavarian Premier Franz-Josef Straus, the ex-Nazi who was defeated in his bid for Prime Minister by Helmut Schmidt in last year's national election, has taken a "get tough" policy.

The confrontation in Nuremberg heated up earlier this February when a number of abandoned buildings were occupied by young people, backed up by militant support demonstrations. In response to a massive show of force by the cops, demonstrators attacked several banks and other "targets" which they consider responsible for the housing shortages. Following clashes with the authorities, the state police surrounded a youth center in the city where a number of protesters had taken refuge from rampaging cops; and staged a massive arrest of the 141 people inside.

For a number of days, the Nuremberg authorities refused to release any of the arrestees. In fact, detainees were scattered to separate jails throughout Bavaria, to make it difficult, if not impossible, for relatives and friends to contact them. In response to this provocation, a massive nationwide outcry erupted. At this juncture, the protests have not been able to force Straus and his state interior minister Gerald Tandler, to back down. In fact, they have responded with demands for even greater repressive powers.

In Freiburg, a university town, the controversy centers around a large building called the Schwarzwaldhof, which has been scheduled for demolition. The city government is presently cooperating with a

police occupation force of 4,000, which has been drawn from all over the region. The Schwarzwaldhof is presently occupied by the cops who are preventing anyone from entering the building except the remaining tenants who are scheduled to be evicted this summer.

The over-reaction by police has won the squatters widespread sympathy, and demonstrations took place in over 30 cities protesting police brutality. In addition, the squatters movement has begun to elicit support from a growing number of ordinary working people who believe that the current housing policy and manipulations by private banking interests have withdrawn too many housing units from the market for purposes of land speculation. Older low-rent buildings which could easily be renovated, stand empty, tax losses to the communities. Much of this affordable housing is being demolished by private speculators who then sell the land for expensive upper-middle class housing, or nonresidential commercial construction.

When buildings are seized, they are typically made habitable and occupied by lower-income families which include foreign "guest workers" and youth, who then set up communal living arrangements.

While recent events have centered attention on the West German occupations, the squatters movement has had a growing impact in a number of European countries.

In Amsterdam, Holland, six serious riots occurred during 1980, as thousands of national guardsmen with bulldozers, armored trucks and helicopters, surveillance planes, police dogs, and tear gas were thrown

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THE FUNGUS IS AMONG US

by Shay Addams.

From the murky depths of a freighter full of Colombian cannabis it crawled, then a mere microscopic fungi barely capable of inflicting lung damage on a flea. But by the time the ship reached the Florida Keys, the entire crew had been stricken by the ghoulish creature. The vessel ran aground on an isolated beach 200 yards from the palm-fringed home of Jimmy Buffet, first American pot-head attacked by the hideous fungi that quickly devoured Miami and choked off the marijuana and cocaine supply of half the nation.

The "fungus among us" initially came to the attention of Boston's Dr. Steven K.K. Kagen, who headed a reefer research team at the Medical School of Milwaukee. Kagen's tests revealed that *all* marijuana contains a common household fungi—*doebius aspergillis*—that causes asthma, lung cancer and, according to Kagen's consultant Carl Sagan: "billions and billions" of life-threatening infections. Evidence that pot-smoking introduces these deadly spores into the body was originally published in the *New England Journal of Quack Medicine*.

But even the Good Doctor was shocked at the latest AP bulletins describing a virulent form of the fungi—apparently mutated by exposure to radioactive waste secretly dumped in Colombia's Guajira province in the '50s—that has not only in-



fect but overtaken the bodies of helpless hemp-heads from Miami to Malibu.

Eerily reminiscent of the Pod People who roamed the screen in *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*, the fearsome fungi's spores mushroomed throughout the nation after DEA agents seized the two tons of infected weed and sold it on the black market as "oldie but moldie." Early symptoms of infection are a hacking cough followed by increased amounts of phlegm and a repugnant, tainted spittle. Then the victim's complexion fades to a pale gray, ashen shade and the eyes turn lackluster and lifeless. The fungus-ridden victim finally falls into a zombie-like trance and stumbles out into the night to load up on Donny & Marie albums and to register Republican for the next primary.

Even worse, the fungus, once contracted, is extremely communicable and can be passed person to person by simply speaking to a Fungoid on the phone. Already the entire population of Florida is mumbling about in the dark searching for fresh lungs to feed on. The CDC [Center for Disease Control] in Atlanta reports outbreaks of the fungus there, in California and New York; signs point to a predicted national epidemic within days. Only inhabitants of New Jersey appear to possess natural immunity to the fungus. And pot-heads and phone-free everywhere are warned by the CDC: "The Fungus Is Among Us!"

SEARCH FOR THE FLOOR

by Shay D. Addams

HOSTAGE MANIA

Not since the Beatle's first U.S. tour has the American public's infatuation with a new group hit such hysterical heights: "HostageMania" is the BeatleMania of the 80's. This comes as no surprise to perceptive observers, considering the parallels between the two groups.

Each got its big international break in Germany—the Beatles in Hamburg, the Hostages in Weisbaden. Just as every American fan once picked a favorite Beatle, every patriotic citizen has now chosen a favorite Hostage. Young girls across the land are itching to get Jimmy Lopez [the new Paul] between them and their Calvins. More mature women [such as Jean Harris] are lusting after Morehead Kennedy, the one who looks like a cross between Walter Mondale and William Buckley. And don't forget Barry Rosen, the Ringo of the group.

From Boardwalk to Bourbon Street, barbers have been besieged since the "mop-top" look was eclipsed by the "Hostage Hairstyle." And though the "Fab 53" has only been Stateside a matter of months, professor Carl Sagan reports "billions and billions" of members in the newly-formed Hostage Fan Club.

Many of these same fans are now on the verge of suicide since the Hostages announced plans to break up after their upcoming gigs at the Hollywood Bowl and Shay Stadium. *Don't jump!* Promoter Sid Bernstein plans to get the "Tehran-pudlians" back together this summer to do a benefit concert for Iraqi war bonds. And they still have a 10 lp contract to fulfill with Warner Brothers, which is determined to capitalize on the phenomenal success of their first album—*Meet the Hostages*.

Until the myriad of Hostage books becomes available, Hostage fans can keep up with their favorite Hostage by subscribing to *Hostage Magazine*, to be published by the *People* people. True devotees will

naturally flock to join the Hostage Book-of-the-Month Club. New members will receive a free "Expanding Hostage Book Shelf," according to NYC Hostage aficionado Deanne Stillman.

The *Hostage Handbook* will offer advice from the "Fab 53" for Embassy personnel in the future, with tips on: hostage etiquette; how to conduct a press conference while blindfolded; covert note-passing to clergy; and recipes for exotic dishes that can be prepared with powdered milk and maggots. Many additional recipes will form the basis of a subsequent title: *The Iranian Cookbook*.

Other Hostage books in progress include: *Feigning Muscular Dystrophy* by Richard Queen, *How to Win Friends & Influence Captors by Speaking Farsi* by "Lenny" Bruce Laing, and *I Panicked, I Ran* by Kurt Waldheim.

Waldheim may have panicked, but Reagan certainly didn't—when the Hostages played to an SRO crowd at the White House, Reagan introduced them to the TV audience as confidently as Ed Sullivan first did the Beatles. They were a decade too late for the *Ed Sullivan Show*, but don't be surprised to see Barry Rosen guest-hosting *Saturday Night Live* soon—and singing a cover of Ringo's "They're Gonna Put Me in the Movies."

In Hollywood, Warren Christopher's been offered his own game show by Goodson-Todman. They want the former negotiator to host a 14-month version of *Let's Make A Deal*. Charlton Heston will soon star in a new film called *Planet of the Hostages*, in which he lands on a planet inhabited solely by people who look like Barry Rosen. But the pinnacle of "HostageMania" has to be the TV sitcom being shot by Sirrocco Productions: starring John Ritter and Suzanne Somers, it's called *53's Company*.



POLISH LIGHTBULB CHANGERS STRIKE—Lech Walesa leads Solidarity march protesting new government regulations limiting number of Poles required to change a lightbulb.

NO NEWS

JFK ASSASSIN CONFESSES!

(NNS) Tarnower Heights: Jean Harris broke down in her cell today and confessed to shooting JFK accidentally while attempting to commit suicide in front of the Dallas Book Depository in 1963. Though she'd been an undisclosed FBI suspect since November 21, 1963, Ms. Harris didn't crack until confronted with photos of herself—disguised as a nun on the grassy knoll.

NOcademy Awards

(NNS) Hollywoodn't: Hollywood coke dealers are lining up to place bets that the Oscar for Best Film of the Year will go to TKO's Production's black-and-white boxing flick about Muhammed Ali—*Aging Bull*.

Guns and Oleo

(NNS) Washington, D.C.: President Reagan—two weeks after giving Haig the green light to reactivate two Navy battleships—says he's also considering plans to reactivate Gatling guns, flintlocks and medieval catapults.

NO MORE POLISH POPE JOKES!

(NNS) Rome: In a Papal decree today, the Pope said that though the Catholic Church remains opposed to Birth Control, he personally supports Mirth Control. "Too many Polish Pope jokes are circulating around the Vatican water-cooler of late," a gathering of clergymen and media heard The Pope decree in 14 languages. A No News Agent spotted The Pope glancing down intermittently at a hand-held electronic language translator.

He'd Rather Not Say

(NNS) No York City: Dan Rather refused to comment on rumors that a "Cold War" had developed between himself and Walter Cronkite. "No comment," Rather told a No News Agent asking if the "Cold War" was related to an earlier NNS dispatch reporting that Rather asked Cronkite to leave the CBS Evening News a few weeks early so he could get in and redecorate the newsroom. And that's the way it isn't...

THE CLASH SANDINISTA!

by Tony Smart

This should sell a few copies in Nicaragua, at least to those fortunate enough to possess record players. It was Clash's Xmas present to fans and fellow travelers, released this past January in the U.S. Thirty-six tracks, 33 originals, with barely a turkey among them.

Trying to remain objective and earth-bound after hearing "SANDINISTA!" is difficult. I'm on my fifth trip through the six sides and I'm still finding hidden gems with each new play.

"The Sound of the Sinners" for example, which revealed itself yesterday. A gospel song? From the Clash? Yeah, the Harrow Road Revivalist Church of Armageddon lifting the roof on a Sunday night, chorus led by the Reverend Joseph Strummer.

Or the calypsoed "Washington Bullets" in which the Clash launch an all-out, full-frontal assault on SuperPower Imperialism "As Every Cell in Chile Will Tell/The Cry Of The Tortured Men/Remember Allende And The Days Before..." With tribute in passing to one musician less fortunate than those pampered rock stars of the West—"Please Remember Victor Jara/In Santiago Stadium." But the Clash's venom isn't just aimed in one direction: "If You Can Find An Afghan Rebel/That The Russian Bullets Missed/Ask Him What He Thinks Of Voting Communist".

And that's only one song on an album filled to overflowing with lyrics full of biting social, political and economical comment. If you can find a moon'n'june love song on here, you must have an extra track. "The Magnificent Seven," "Ivan Meets G.I. Joe," "Rebel Waltz," "The Crooked Beat," "Somebody Got Murdered," Eddy Grant's "Police On My Back," "Charlie Don't Surf," "Junkie Slip," "Kingston Advice," and a couple of dozen others take us on a hyperspace drive through the seamier side of global life as the Clash push their almost lone campaign into overdrive.

Eddy Grant's "Police On My Back" shocks the brain and body to attention. Those singing guitars and Strummer's runaway vocal deliver an aural injection of pure amphetamine before giving way to the equally frantic "Midnight Log," a fusion of all your worst paranoid fears about modern society. In passing, perhaps, a major source of Clash-lyrics these days is revealed—"I Don't Believe In Books/But I Read Them All The Time/For Ciphers To The Riddles/An' Reason To the Rhymes." Dangerous ground, you never know what you might catch reading books.

Then, a solution. "The Equalizer" is a dub production that reflects the heavy influence, found elsewhere on this album, that Mikey Dread has had on the Clash, over the course of the year. As echoes and fadeouts float between the speakers Strummer hauntingly issues the call—"Till Humanize is Equalize-Put Down The Tools/Every Face on Every Side-Throw Down The Tools...We Don't Want No Gangboss/We Have To Equalize."

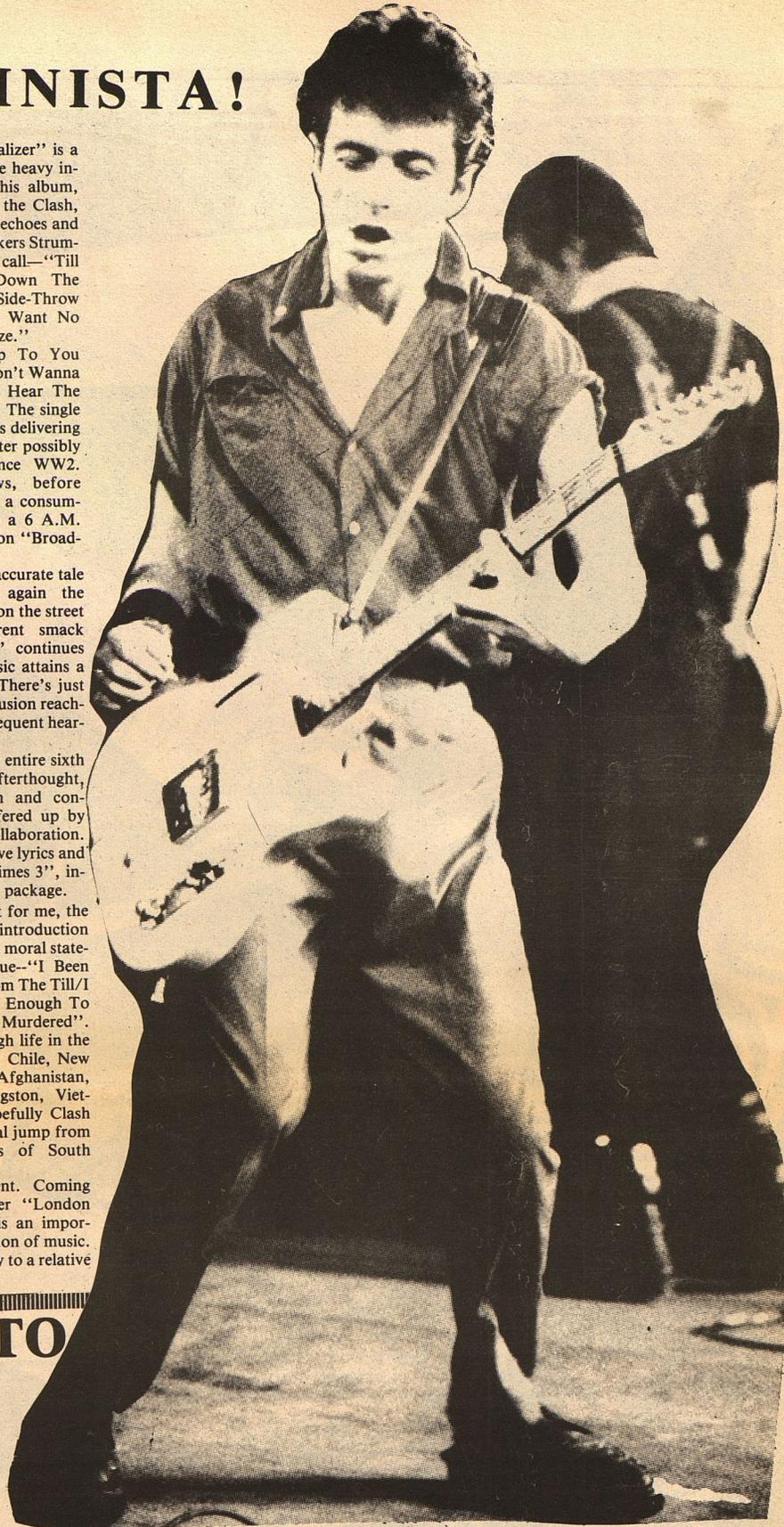
Another solution—"It's Up To You Not To Heed The Call-Up/I Don't Wanna Die/It's Up To You Not To Hear The Call-Up/I Don't Wanna Kill." The single from the album, Christmas bells delivering a timely cry for peace as we enter possibly the most wartorn winter since WW2. "Washington Bullets" follows, before Strummer's ethereal voice and a consummate arrangement conjure up a 6 A.M. meeting with a penniless bum on "Broadway."

"Junkie Slip" is a sordidly accurate tale of heroin addiction, once again the Strummer-Jones finger firmly on the street pulse in view of the current smack epidemic. "Kingston Advice" continues the documentary, as rock music attains a new level of communication. There's just no other way to put it. A conclusion reached over and over again on subsequent hearings.

The dub mix that covers the entire sixth side comes as a beautiful afterthought, providing time for reflection and contemplation of possibilities offered up by this cosmic Clash/Dread collaboration. Time also to peruse the extensive lyrics and cartoons on "Armageddon Times 3", included in this value-for-money package.

Rebel Joe's voice is, at least for me, the hook. Barely whispering the introduction to "Broadway", spitting out a moral statement from the Welfare queue—"I Been Very Tempted/To Grab It From The Till/I Been Very Hungry/ But Not Enough To Kill"—on "Somebody Got Murdered". Cruising and carousing through life in the real world, Angola, England, Chile, New York, Cuba, Washington, Afghanistan, Moscow, Tibet, China, Kingston, Vietnam, and Version City. Hopefully Clash fans can make the geo-political jump from Guns of Brixton to Guns of South America.

An undeniable achievement. Coming almost exactly one year after "London Calling", "SANDINISTA!" is an important landmark in the progression of music. Hear it, buy it, and give a copy to a relative that you trust.



JAM A STICK INTO THE GEAR

by Gail Wms

It's a cold, crisp evening at Yale. Knots of tastefully dressed students are walking between stone feudal buildings. Inside one of these academic fortresses is a classroom packed with students and New Haven community people beginning to join in on the chorus of a rollicking song: "Everybody shout, everybody give a yell, Nelson Rockefeller has gone to hell!" A cluster of students marches out in indignation. Outside they relate that they know one of the Rockefeller offspring and he's "an allright guy." Inside, the chorus salutes the banker who is one of America's secret heads of state:

*Plundering the planet with money from the Shah...
David Rockefeller will go to hell.*

A throng of people presses up against the embankment which is the stage for the 10th Annual Yippie Halloween Smoke-in in New York's Washington Square Park. They yell for the promised free pot and rock n roll. A shopping cart full of speakers and microphones is assembled by a small gang of bizarre Halloween characters. Soon a furtive figure in grey pinstripes and mirrored shades picks up a guitar and plays. The crowd, mobilized by the promise of Free Pot and the call to defy the spread of heroin culture in the City, stares and listens open-mouthed. Soon

people are laughing, cheering and clapping to hard-hitting political songs, about issues far broader than marijuana laws.

*No draft, no war, no aggression no more
No nations made poor by the oppressor
next door.*

*Colonizing criminals don't just disappear:
You've got to stop their war machine,
Jam a stick into the gear, stick into the gear.*

The singer and songwriter in these scenes is Dave Lippman, an artist with a rare combination of musical talent, political insight, humor and adventure. "Stick into the Gear" and "Nelson Rockefeller," along with the satirical "San Salvador Sweepstakes" have just been released on his first record. Unlike the scores of submediocre songs with good politics, and the good songs with fuzzy or bad politics, Lippman's songs are both musically and politically enticing. "Stick" could well become an anti-draft anthem for the 80's.

"Stick Into the Gear" is a rock n roll number that goes beyond "we won't go" and tells why. Listen to community radio coverage of the anti-draft movement, with Vietnam-era music relics continually dredged up for frosting on the dialog, and you'll know why this music is needed.

"Stick" is "foreground music", recorded in the drums, bass and lead guitar of some friends from a band called Shedoni. It rocks, and the lyrics are clear. This is something singers and audiences need to demand from political music. Just to be sure, the lyrics are printed on the sleeve.

Walking down grim, concrete streets in some ominous American city, when you turn up the private music in your head, it's a relief to hum something more substantial than "Nobody can do it like corporate jingles can." We need living political art if we want a living movement which will sustain us and not burn us out. You can help it happen - make your own songs. And you can help with this record - take copies to record store managers, radio stations, progressive political functions, and singers who might want to learn the songs.

Dave Lippman has been taking his provoke-rock, minus the rock band, to the barricades for a long time. Within the year he's sung himself hoarse out the window of an occupied ROTC building at Berkeley, performed on top of a trash can in front of

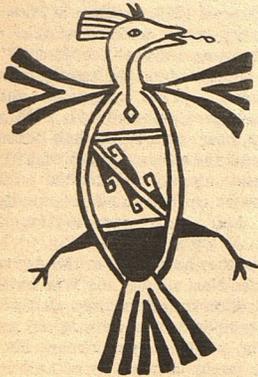
the El Salvador consulate in San Francisco, done innumerable benefits and rallies, and toured as George Shrub, singing CIA agent, with the Plutonium Players in the Reagan for Shah Campaign. Some of the confrontational adrenalin was lost in the studio with "Nelson Rockefeller", but "Stick Into the Gear" shines, and the chorus and sound effects on "San Salvador Sweepstakes" give the perfect ironic jolt. Hopefully, this is the first of many records from Lippman, and the inspiration for better political songwriting from others, in serious or humorous musical assaults on the Gears in the Amerikan war machine

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Setting aside for the moment the effects of radiation, it must be noted that any mining or processing on native American lands will have an adverse effect on the people's way of life. The unique relationships between Indian nations and their lands are born of long occupation and an emphasis on what popular writers now term "appropriate technology." The preservation of the special knowledge native peoples hold on the appropriate ways of life in North America is now being recognized as critical to survival here. The International Treaty Council states:

The removal of Indians from their traditional homes, the physical corruption of their ceremonial grounds, the industrial pollution of their natural habitat, all render impossible the continuation of culture, not only because its physical basis is destroyed but because such acts do violence to the system of values possessed by the Indians.



CONCLUSION

The threats to native American existence from nuclear proliferation and low-level radiation are substantial and varied, effecting everything from the foods people eat to what happens to their genes. Native Americans are becoming greatly alarmed at the effects of low-level radiation and uranium mining on their peoples. In the same way that mining eats away at the earth, radiation eats away at the future of native Americans. Water, land, animals, air, and vegetation become contaminated and, in turn, contaminate people. Indian peoples would be affected more by low-level radiation even if their lands were not over much of the continents uranium and coal.

It is easy to see how mining eats away the earth - it is visible. Radiation is invisible, but its effects will mean the end of native American peoples just as surely as mining will destroy the environment. It may be too late already, but an immediate end to uranium mining and milling could save the Indian peoples.

On the Road Again

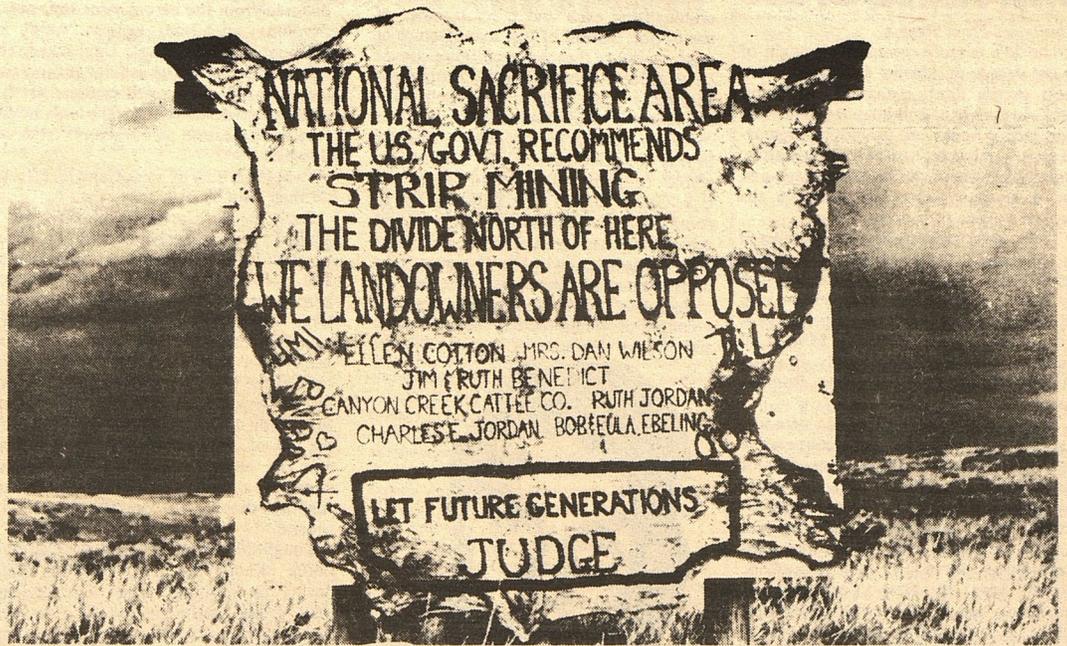
(ZNS) In January new rules expected to be issued by the Department of Transportation may pre-empt local regulations banning the shipment of nuclear or radioactive cargo through certain areas of the US.

Several cities and towns throughout the nation passed ordinances prohibiting the shipment of radioactive materials through or into their municipalities, except for small amounts destined for medical, research, educational, or industrial purposes. However, small shipments from nuclear power plants and nuclear weapons are usually forbidden under these bans.

If the Dept. of Transportation rulings go through, it apparently would be illegal for a municipality to even require pre-notification of atomic shipments, or police escort for such cargo.

As a result, several cities, including Missoula, Montana, which enacted a ban on the shipment of radioactive materials last year, may seek a declaratory judgement in court against the federal regulations.

One Missoula official said this would "at last establish in court that a community has the right to make its own regulations free of federal pre-emption."



SEABROOK RESISTANCE FAILS

Jimi James Marshall

The reactor pressure vessel (RPV) of the Seabrook nuke arrived at the site March 4, amidst a crowd of approximately 250 demonstrators.

Amongst the demonstrators were representatives of Boston Clamshell Alliance, Yippies, Portsmouth NH Clamshell, and a student anti-nuke group from Boston U. Also represented were the New Hampshire State Police, Seabrook local police, Massachusetts State Police, the New Hampshire National Guard, Seabrook site security personnel, and several police dogs.

The demonstration was planned for the most part by Boston Clamshell. An alert had been in effect for approximately one week prior to the actual demo, as the action was "only effective as a response to an action at the nuke site" itself.

The entire action was marked by the cops' repeated attempts to find an excuse to bash heads. The demonstrators refused to give them a chance. This is as good, although it amounted to obeying police commands with minimum resistance. The police were allowed to separate the crowd into two groups, and drive the RPV right down the middle.

Had the groups been willing to participate in a stronger form of direct action, it is my opinion that there would have been a much more successful demonstration. The closest we came was shouting 'nuclear police state' while being physically shoved around by the pigs. The few people that did attempt to enter the road were dealt with in an extreme and brutal matter. There were two arrests for this, and Boston Clamshell reports both people were beaten.

The RPV had been sitting on the dock waiting to be moved to the nukesite for about two weeks. The dock area was under constant observation by local anti-nukers. When the death engine was moved, these fine brothers and sisters were able to issue warning in time to allow others to join in the attempt to stop the Seabrook nuke.

By the time the RPV was moving there were already 75-100 people participating in a demo at the main entrance, the South Gate. An attempt was made to form a picketline which lasted about 20 minutes.

As the RPV moved on, protestors broke into two groups, one escorting the RPV, one staying, picketing the entrance.

After the RPV entered the site the police tried to close the gate. They were met with swift resistance resulting in smashed fingers.

A woman's face was cut by her being dragged under the cyclone fence when the cops charged to "clear out the scumbag commie" demonstrators. Another round of general hassling by both sides ended with no real violence.

Shortly after, the plant was securely locked up and most people had left when the cops struck again. The Seabrook cops tried to arrest one person for allegedly slashing some police car tires—right on! This time the demonstrators remaining exercised direct action and forcibly freed the would-be captive. For payback five cop cars surrounded and isolated one lone demonstrator, beat the shit out of him and arrested him. People attempted to respond but were unable to get through the ring of cars.

All in all I feel the demonstration a failure. All indications were that passive resistance only gets your head bashed in. I predict this as the last essentially non-violent confrontation at Seabrook.

Next time I'm not bringing a banner, I'm bringing a helmet and a club. The only way to shut 'em down is by doing it..... physically.

MARRIOTT? MAYBE NOT

People are constantly trying to civilize this planet, abusing unspoiled land to pave the way to corporate profits. Lake Minnewaska is 90 miles north of N.Y.C. on the outskirts of New Paltz. It was formed by departing glaciers over 100,000 years ago. The lake as well as the areas surrounding it house a rare kind of ecosystem: a pine barren. There are dwarf pines bordering the lake that are well over 350 years old.

On May 24, 1979 the Marriott Corp. declared its plans to purchase 500 acres of the Minnewaska property, including the lake. Along with this they announced their intent to build a 400 room luxury hotel, 300 condominiums, an 18 hole golf course, swimming pools, ski slope, tennis court, casino gambling (if it is eventually legalized in N.Y. State) and the inevitable parking lots to accommodate a predicted 1200 cars.

Dynamite would be extensively used to landscape the golf course. The resulting rubble, shaped into fairways with unforeseeable effects on the water table, would require vast quantities of polluting fertilizers to maintain lawns and trees at all.

Marriott stood firmly by the contention that all the water necessary for the construction and maintenance of their monstrosity could be supplied by the fragile, primarily rain-fed lake. This contention brought fierce opposition from

groups such as a "Friends of the Shawangunks" and the "Citizens to Save Minnewaska".

The first round of environmental impact hearings took place in late August 1980 at which hydrologists Stephen Egemeier and Chuck Liff proved that the lake could not withstand Marriott's demands, which implemented would turn it into a swamp by the year 2000.

The figure which the Marriott scientists quoted as the lowest level the lake could possibly reach in peak hotel season was reached this August by the lake in its natural state. After their ridiculous claim was refuted Marriott got a postponement of the hearings for an indefinite amount of time in order to collect further water data. During December 1980, Marriott pumped millions of gallons of water from the lake and dug two wells, much to the outrage of environmentalists.

After adequate opportunities for Marriott public relations specialists to wine and dine relevant public officials, the hearings reconvened on February 17, 1981. Despite what Marriott labeled as "new" data from the pump and well tests, hydrologists Egemeier and Liff argued that there was a connection between the lake and the wells and that Marriott's water usage plan was unacceptable. They also concluded that the pump tests were falsified given the fact that

the pump used was smaller than was necessary for the volume of water they claim to have removed. Consequently there were air pockets and backflow where there should have been water.

Judge Drew is presently deliberating the case. In an interview following the end of the hearing he said: "It is unlikely that Marriott's plans will be approved in full, and conditions may be set that Marriott will be unable to meet." The implication is that his ruling will be a compromise allowing Marriott to proceed with some of its plans though dismantling others.

Neither the "Friends of the Shawangunks" nor the "Citizens to Save Minnewaska" are willing to accept this. Their demands are clear and firm. They want Marriott to retreat and turn the Minnewaska land into a public park.

Should Judge Drew's ruling be a compromise it will be challenged in a higher court. Support is imperative to continue the struggle.

MARRIOTT GO HOME! MAKE MINNEWASKA A PUBLIC PARK!

Boycott Marriott hotels and send contributions or requests for information to:

Citizens to Save Minnewaska
P.O. Box 871
New Paltz, N.Y. 12561

SMACKSCAM

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The 20's is more commonly thought of as the decade of Alcohol Prohibition, but most people don't realize that Prohibition—just as it had unintended effects of glamorizing booze and promoting organized crime—made it possible for one man to monopolize smack during those years, and for a small group of officials in the Treasury Dept. to become rich.

Today Arnold Rothstein is remembered as "the man who fixed the 1919 World Series" and inspired Meyer Lansky, but his real claim to fame is that, with the help of insiders in the Treasury Dept, he protected a monopoly controlling 85% of all smack in the U.S. by skillfully diverting enforcement efforts into Alcohol Prohibition.

Trunk-loads of pure schmagoo were forwarded to Rothstein by cooperative Customs Officials under the protection of higher-ups in Washington, while machinegun-wielding G-men routinely executed "wets" apprehended brewing beer in their basements. The whistle was eventually blown, not in D.C., but when a U.S. Grand Jury in New York became suspicious, and Arnold Rothstein was shot before he could testify. Before the uproar died down, the papers found out Rothstein had retained a lawyer who happened to be a nephew of Colonel McNutt, chief of Narcotic and Prohibition Enforcement for the Northeast Region, to defend himself against Income Tax Evasion.

Everyone knew this was just the tip of the iceberg. The resulting furor, as ordinary people realized that the Common Man's booze was being persecuted to protect dope fiends, marked the turning point in public attitudes against Prohibition. But more immediately, it caused the breakup of the Treasury's enforcement operations into separate alcohol and narcotic divisions, with the son-in-law of then-Treasury Secretary Mellon, Harry J. Anslinger, being elevated from bureaucratic obscurity to become new U.S. Chief Narc.

With these 'reforms', and the end of Alcohol Prohibition, you might expect that concentrated enforcement would've

finished off heroin in America. But Anslinger's particular contribution was to push for marijuana prohibition, and by criminalizing each and every instance of use of pot, instead of just manufacture or sales, to insure that pot prohibition would be so labor-intensive that it absorbed the energies of all 3,000 agents slated for layoff with Repeal of Alcohol Prohibition.

As for barring further extra-curricular profits by Treasury Dept, higher-ups who'd collaborated with Rothstein, the U.S. Grand Jury in New York was left to complain in 1929 that none of their recommendations had been implemented, that none of the agents who they'd suggested be transferred or dismissed were dismissed....

Rothstein's scam was soon taken over by a couple of young Turks: Meyer Lansky and Lucky Luciano. Control of U.S.



heroin—and later 1947, World heroin—stayed in their hands or their successors' up to this day, with inestimable historical effects.

1978: Genesis of a Heroin Epidemic

The U.S. drug policy hardliners who, in the 40 years since, have never been able to shut Mob heroin operations, have instead protected their bureaucratic turf by obscuring the central truth about heroin: like a cold virus, it is *always* present in the body politic. Some one is *always* trying to bring it in, because it's so profitable. That is why the history of smack busts is full of police or intelligence agents caught

redhanded dealing it themselves. A heroin epidemic occurs when society's immune-system—enforcement—is weakened or diverted from the heroin virus (by, say, a frivolous witch-hunt against 'wets', or marijuana connoisseurs). Unchecked, the virus multiplies in the cellular protoplasm (profits) until the growth medium itself is used up and destroyed...or the body politic reacts in time, and manufactures fresh antibodies.

People get sick of smack and its effects. Of their own accord, they reject it.

Early in the Carter Administration, a general reassessment seemed to offer possibilities of abandoning prohibition, and even a more rational treatment of heroin, on the British model. Presidential Drug Advisor Peter Bourne felt cocaine could be controlled by making it "too expensive for the middleclass." But by the time of the Dec. '77 conference of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML)—even before the loss of influence by Dr. Peter Bourne and the NORML liberals—it'd become clear that a hard line Washington consensus was shaping up against *smoking* in general.

Tough-talking HEW Secretary Califano (more recently counsel to General Haig during his confirmation hearings) decided that further marijuana liberalization was inconsistent with efforts to tighten up tobacco regulation, and the way was opened for Peter Bensinger and the DEA hardliners to crack down on weed.

But "Bournegate" in July '78, besides ending the liberals' cozy arrangement with the centrist "drug rehab professionals" (hired by the government to get kids off pot and on thiorazine), had the unforeseen result of strengthening rightwing elements that NORML confidently dismissed as "lunatic fringe" even as they shared with Bourne the coke that lost him his job.

The "War on Drugs" front organization, soon to be launched by the neo-Nazi U.S. Labor Party in conjunction with the Black Muslims (who dropped out when they found out just how wierd fuehrer Lyndon Hermyle LaRouche really is), was blessed by a singular international development which was to make them partners with U.S. Drug Enforcement for reasons of state.

The overthrow of the Shah of Iran in January of '79, besides affecting oil supplies, completely disrupted business-as-usual in heroin. As authority disintegrated in Iran, the one guarantee against turbulence for the peasants was to plant some poppies. During the wanting months of '78, while the Shah teetered, another, better-heeled class frantically converted their wealth into easily portable opiates.

In the U.S., where no less than the New York Post had described the Shah's sister Princess Ashraf as the "Dragon Lady" of dougee, the largest network outside Iran of her secret police, SAVAK, was already in place to peddle the millions of dollars worth of smack necessary to reinstate the Peacock Throne. Cheap, pure stuff flooded New York, overdose deaths skyrocketed. Pot was out, coke was passe. The New Wave was infatuated; in Soho Salons, lines of pure Persian replaced lines of Peruvian flake.

Meanwhile, unregenerate U.S. ruling class interests of the Kissinger/Rockefeller stripe moved to confer legitimacy to an anti-pot hysteria deliberately designed to divert attention from SAVAK's fundraising efforts.

In June of 1979, facilities at New York University were made available to a "prestigious, medical conference" on "new findings about the health hazards of marijuana." The cream of anti-pot pseudo-science gathered with DEA sponsorship hear reports on half-baked experiments and research, much of it 10 years old and already discredited. Flitting everywhere in their nondescript suits and short hair were coordinators from LaRouche's War on Drugs.

While they have never to this day erased their neo-Nazi stigma, the War on Drugs organization found the mass media amazingly compliant in picking up on antipot hysteria, while focusing remarkably little on the fascist antecedents of LaRouche's personal war on potheads.

Figures just released by HEW show that for the first time, marijuana use is down slightly among high school students; news reports about the "health hazards of marijuana" were cited as the reason by students who'd quit. But alas for HEW, use of coke, etc. was up among these same

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The Great Heroin Coup

DRUGS, INTELLIGENCE, & INTERNATIONAL FASCISM

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In "The Great Heroin Coup," Danish journalist Henrik Kruger begins his original material with one of the lasting images of "The Politics of Heroin in Southeast Asia"—Heroin Kingpin Santo Trafficante Jr. boarding a jet in the summer of 1968 to seek his fortune...

Trafficante liked what he saw in his Southeast Asian tour. With enough trained chemists, his Mob could be supplied with heroin at a fraction of what it was then paying out to the Corsicans. But first the smuggling networks had to be worked out and the Corsicans had to be eliminated. That was a job for President Nixon and his White House staff, the BNDD/White House Death Squad, and the Central Intelligence Agency. [page 149]

The Role of Nixon

Control of this effort was placed in the hands of a relative unknown, a young and inexperienced newcomer, Egil Krogh.

Egil Krogh was less than satisfied with existing narcotics efforts, especially those of the CIA, whose intelligence reports, according to [the-Federal Narcotics head] Ingersoll, were decisive for the work of the BNDD. Krogh wanted the White House instead to handle the BNDD's intelligence work. Nixon's staff would then decide which drug traffickers to pursue. Krogh's dissatisfaction was expressed to Hunt, who immediately proposed an Office of National Narcotics Intelligence (ONNI) where all narcotics intelligence reports would be analyzed and follow-up actions decided.

Hunt told Krogh he could enlist for the office experienced CIA figures, starting with Lucien Conein at its head. Nixon, however, chose William C. Sullivan instead. Once second to J. Edgar Hoover in the FBI, Sullivan had managed Division Five, which investigated espionage, sabotage, and subversion. He also directed Operation Cointelpro, the bureau's vendetta against dissident political and cultural groups (such as the Black Panthers), and had been Nixon's choice to direct the Huston Plan's elaborate surveillance of U.S. citizens.

Hunt nevertheless, found a niche for his friend. Conein was assigned to the BNDD as a "strategic intelligence officer," and came to control overseas narcotics intelligence, originally the domain of ONNI, while Sullivan concentrated on domestic affairs.

The White House now controlled narcotics intelligence at home and abroad. But that still wasn't enough. Nixon's staff also sought to control enforcement itself, and that required effective strike forces. In January 1972 the White

House set up the Office For Drug Abuse Law Enforcement (ODALE) according to a plan conceived by Gordon Liddy. It became the domestic strike force under Myles Ambrose—whose government career ended with news of his pleasure trip to the ranch of a Texan indicted for narcotics and gun-running. ODALE soon became notorious for its record of illegal raids, no-knock entries into private homes, and beatings of innocent people. Some called it the American Gestapo. [pps. 161-62]

U.S. narcs proceeded to wipe out the Corsicans' Turkey/Marseilles/U.S.A. pipeline, especially in South America, ignoring S.E. Asia.

In Vietnam, meanwhile, in 1969-70, pot-sniffing dogs banished grass from the barracks and 90% pure heroin suddenly became available. 14 year-old girls stuffed it in GI's pockets for peanuts. By 71, Congress found that 15% of all GI's returning from Viet Nam were addicted. Thus, when agents of French intelligence were compromised bringing in loads welded into Mercedes bodies, and New York's finest bragged of bagging the French Connection, the only heroin shortage came from there being 4 times more junkies on election day 1971, than when Nixon was inaugurated.

Kruger explains:

"That Nixon might have been involved... is lent credence by the following quote from Dan Moldea's... The Hoffa Wars: "A former Nixon aide, not privy to the Haig investigation, says that one of his associates in the White House mentioned to him sometime 'during the impeachment summer, that someone high up, maybe [White House chief of staff, General Alexander] Haig,' was interested in Nixon's possible 'organized crime involvements.' That conversation involved 'a massive payoff' from those in 'Army service club scandals in Vietnam' during 1969 or 1970. The aide says that the service club scandals ripoffs 'involved the Mafia and millions of dollars' and that the main focus of interest by 'someone high up' in the White House was on whether 'the top Mafia guy' who ran 'all these things in Southeast Asia' had made payoffs to Nixon. The crime figure, he says, was 'the one who was apparently known as the so-called mastermind or architect of the Southeast Asian drug trade... who was very powerful and very well known as a mob

leader... According to government narcotics experts, the central figure in the Indochina-Golden Triangle narcotics traffic was Santo Trafficante."

In my opinion the central manipulator in the whole narcotics scheme was the CIA, or rather a faction within it. It is erroneous to treat the agency as a monolith. Various lobby groups have their own agents in the company, generating internal power struggles that reflect political polarizations external to the CIA... Equally certain is the fact that one should take the agency's new, outwardly benign face with a grain of salt. Within the agency there remain powerful groups promoting continued support of "old friends" in Latin America and Southeast Asia. The China/Cuba lobby has traditionally been one of the most influential within the CIA, and there is little reason to believe that the situation has seriously changed...

In addition to, or rather behind, the CIA's new official policy there is also an unofficial one. It manifests itself in such matters as the manipulation of the DEA to perform what previously had been CIA dirty work, and in the toleration, if not encouragement of a large, apparently independent army of Cuban exile terrorists, available for action in Latin America at the request of the presiding dictators.

The evidence suggests that the forces behind the unofficial policy were able to place many of their loyal CIA agents in the DEA, and in such private intelligence agency covers as Intertel and Wackenhut, where they continue their tasks while letting the agency wash its hands. Intelligence is still gathered by the CIA, but some of the dirtiest operations are now performed by "former" agents.

We cannot, of course, discount the possibility that the unofficial policy is in fact executed by former agents who had either been purged from the agency, or left in protest against its more moderate line. However that implies that a renegade CIA faction now runs an independent service, aided by lobby interests—i.e., not Intertel, but an even more powerful "third force." If that is so, I can come up with only one lobby group with the relevant motives as well as the power to back them—the World Anti-Communist League (WACL). WACL can mobilize CIA agents closely associated with the China/Cuba/Chile/ lobby, especially the large contingent of former agents of the Gehlen/Vlassov organization (the intelligence agency run by Hitler's masterspy Reinhard Gehlen, which became the BND, the West German equivalent of the CIA). [pps. 191-192]

CIA 'Old Boys' Work DEA Scam

According to Kruger, it was E. Howard Hunt and Lucien Conein who pulled off the great heroin coup. Hunt secured Cuban exiles including Barker and Manuel Artime to kidnap and assassinate the independent French Narcotics-for-guns traffickers in Paraguay, etc; while Conein focused White House attentions exclusively on Corsicans.

Creation of the DEA was intended not to consolidate, but to obfuscate, writes Kruger, who quotes Ron Rosenbaum quoting an unnamed Customs official:

"BNDD and Customs are finally getting somewhere, they break up the French Connection, they're getting big conspiracy cases. Suddenly they [the White House] step in and there's this big shake-up, and by the time people get back to work the Mexican Connection is set up, protected and doing big business. What's this say to you?" [pps. 193-194]

"Mexican" heroin included not just the brown mud locally produced to provide cheap stuff for new users in the States; it included regular shipments of No. 4 White from S.E. Asia for the veins of the most discriminating users. Kruger continues:

The emergence of the DEA was the next to the last phase... Hunt and Conein's CIA agents moved into DEA intelligence and operations, Conein locating twelve Latino CIA agents in his Special Operations Group alone...

...Conein's forces were apparently directed, for the most part, against small-time independents... The biggest Cuban network, Santo Trafficante's, went untouched...

That brings us to the last, the political phase of the heroin coup, which began with the DEA's 1974 takeover of the CIA's Latin American torture apparatus, and ended with the formation of CORU, Bosch's terrorist army... The brutalities financed by the heroin coup continue. The DEA... protects major narcotics dealers. The latter... support—financially and through gun-running—anti-Communist paramilitary groups which work hand in hand with Latin American police and military forces, whose death squads and torturers are supervised by agents of the DEA. [page 194]

Kruger believes there are two "wings" of the DEA—one of them "clean" and out to bust the other, crooked one—and dates this split right from the formation of the Agency under Nixon.

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students, perhaps in sympathy with more liberal views on the health hazards of white powders established under Carter.

LaRouche Admires II Duce

Dramatic new evidence has surfaced that LaRouche is not crazy, that his "War on Drugs" is in fact a revamped strategy for calculated totalitarian takeover of America, involving 1) creation of a mass, fascist political cadre, 2) virtual control over the policies of a federal police agency, and 3) a coherent attack utilizing a chink or gap in public regard for civil liberties, so as to apply secret police terror to a scapegoat group sufficiently large to have a chilling effect on society as a whole (Everybody knows potheads—there are 40 million of them).

Only in the past few months has it further become clear that the "War on Drugs" was deliberately fabricated in conjunction with top Nixon-era narcs and a neo-Nazi heroin and arms-smuggling network stretching from Miami and Central Europe to Santiago and Bangkok. Or indeed that creation of a fifth column "public pressure group" to vociferously support fascist elements in the DEA was almost certainly high on the agenda at LaRouche's super-secret 1976 strategy sessions in West Germany with the neo-Nazis and in Italy with representatives of a "Fascist International."

With formation of the "War on Drugs," LaRouche, who has studied fascism in all its historical and present-day forms, has placed his bets on the fascist potential of heroin. Heroin fascism, though less well-known than the Nazi, Phalangist, or pure Italian kind, is a definite historical variant first explored in the book, "The Politics of Heroin in South East Asia."

This study, published in 1972 by Alfred McCoy, suggests that fascism, despite 40 years of ups and downs in France, failed to crystallize there into the classic mass, totalitarian movement of Spain, Italy or Germany, precisely because of the role of heroin, and the Corsican underworld that dealt it, as shocktroops of reaction in the place of blackshirted *fascisti* or storm-troopers. (See Box, Right)

Marseilles, the 30's: Fascism

The first link between the Corsicans and the political world came about with the emergence in the 1920's of Marseilles' first "modern" gangsters, Francois Spirito and Paul Bonnaventure Carbone (the jolly heroes of 1970's popular French film, *Borsalino*). Until their rise to prominence, the *milieu* was populated by a number of colorful pimps and gunmen whose...most stable form of investment was usually two or three prostitutes....

Carbone and Spirito changed all that....Their twenty-year old partnership permanently transformed the character of the Marseilles *milieu*.

This enterprising team's first major venture was the establishment of a French-staffed brothel in Cairo in the late 1920's....Upon their return to Marseilles, ...they proceeded to organize prostitution on a scale previously unknown. But more significantly, they recognized the importance of political power in protecting large-scale criminal ventures and its potential for providing a source of income through municipal graft.

In 1931 Carbone and Spirito reached an "understanding" with Simon Sabiani, Marseilles' Fascist deputy mayor, who proceeded to appoint Carbone's brother director of the municipal stadium and open municipal employment to associates of the two underworld leaders. In return for these favors, Carbone and Spirito organized an elite corps of gangsters that spearheaded violent Fascist street demonstrations during the depression years of the 1930s. All across Europe fascism was gaining strength: Mussolini ruled Italy, Hitler was coming to power in Germany, and emerging French Fascist groups were trying to topple the republic through mass violence. Communist and Socialist demonstrators repeatedly rushed to the defense of the republic, producing a series of bloody confrontations throughout France. In Marseilles Carbone and Spirito were the vanguard of the right wing. In February 1934...., several days after an inflammatory speech by a Fascist army general, massive street demonstrations erupted on the Canebiere, Marseilles' main boulevard. The thousands of leftist dock workers and union members who took to the streets dominated this political confrontation until Carbone and Spirito's political shock force fired on the crowd with pistols. The national police intervened, the workers were driven from the streets, and the wounded were carted off to

the hospital.

After four years of battling Sabiani's underworld allies in the streets, the left settled its political differences long enough to mount a unified electoral effort that defeated Sabiani and placed a Socialist mayor in office. Although the leftist electoral victory temporarily eclipsed the Fascist-Corsican alliance, the rise of fascism had politicized the Marseilles underworld and marked its emergence as a major force in city politics.

Although they had lost control of the municipal government, Carbone and Spirito's economic strength had hardly declined. The emergence of organized narcotics trafficking in the United States provided Carbone with the opportunity to open a heroin laboratory in the early 1930s, while the outbreak of the Spanish civil war enabled him to engage in the arms traffic.

Carbone and Spirito found their political influence restored...in 1940, when German troops occupied Marseilles... Faced with one of the more active resistance movements in France, the Nazi Gestapo unit assigned to Marseilles became desperate for informants and turned to the most prestigious figures in the underworld, who were only too willing to collaborate.

On July 14, 1942 the Resistance showed its strength for the first time by machine-gunning the headquarters of a pro-German political organization in downtown Marseilles (the PPF, whose regional director was the Fascist ex-Mayor Simon Sabiani). The following afternoon Carbone and Spirito handed the Gestapo a complete list of all those involved. For these and other invaluable services, they were lavishly rewarded. This prosperity was short lived, however, for in 1943 Carbone was killed en route to Marseille when his train was blown up by the Resistance, and following the Normandy landing in 1944 Spirito fled to Spain with Sabiani.

In 1947 Spirito came to the United States where he enjoyed an active role in the New York-Marseilles heroin traffic. However, he was arrested in New York three years later on a heroin smuggling charge and sentenced to two years in Atlanta Federal Prison. Upon his release he returned to France, where he was arrested and tried for wartime collaboration with the Nazis; however, after only eight months in prison he retired to manage a restaurant on the French Riviera...while he remained active in the heroin business....[pps.33-35]

Not only did the gangster taint keep fascists from winning elections, dependency on a shock troop that was not interested in taking power on its own, but in sharing with bourgeois politicians in order to protect various rackets, was fatal from a fascist point of view.

Reign of the French Connection

If Heroin Fascism precluded the emergence, at the cross-roads of fascism in Southern France, of true Nazi-style brownshirts or a *Phalange*, it's less-specialized, more traditional gangster style enabled it to survive the debacle of 1945 to continue its "anti-communist" work with the post-war sponsorship of the CIA.

For during the war operative of the Office of Strategic Services, fore-runner of the CIA, had worked successfully with heroin Kingpin Lucky Luciano in the invasion of Sicily. And not all Corsican mobsters aided the Gestapo. In fact a significant group emerged from the War and Resistance on the side of the French Socialists. It was the Socialists and their gangland connections that the CIA turned to in 1947 to break the Communist unions in Marseilles. It was with the Mafia customers, international CIA sponsorship, and political protection first from the Socialists and then the Gaullists that the "French Connection" controlled heroin manufacture and traffic until the late 60's.

Then Vietnam and the accession of Richard Nixon produced, according to McCoy, a revolution in World Heroin, although he and others like E.J. Epstein [*Agency of Fear*] left us unsatisfactorily in the dark as to who came out on top for the rest of the 70's. Late last year a freelance Danish journalist named Kenrik Kruger published *The Great Heroin Coup* and largely filled in the blanks. [See Review, below]

The Great Heroin Coup

What he'd found was the original rabidly far-right tendency, back in control, facilitated by the CIA and aligned with the Mafia!

The alliance was comprised of the China Lobby, OSS China hands, Cuban exiles, the Lansky syndicate, and CIA hawks pushing for all-out involvement in Indochina and against Castro's Cuba. It coalesced between 1961 and 1963, and

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Final Consolidation of the DEA

In July of 1973 Nixon's narcotics forces were essentially consolidated according to Reorganization Plan Number Two worked out by former CIA agent Walter Minnick and Egil Krogh. The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) was formed out of the BNDD, ODALE, ONNI and Customs Intelligence. Four thousand operatives, including fifty CIA agents (many of them Cubans from the ODALE hardcore), five hundred customs agents and most of the BNDD staff made the DEA a powerful new agency.

No bureau has been as plagued by scandal as the DEA has in seven years of existence. The exposes and charges run the gamut from trafficking in drugs, teamwork with the Mob and protection of major traffickers, to thievery, gunrunning, torture and assassination of drug traffickers.

When Lucien Conein became the head of the DEA's Special Operations Branch he allegedly carried out an assassination program after setting up the DEA's Special Operations Group (DEASOG) under cover of the B.R. Fox Company...housed on Connecticut Avenue in Washington....

DEASOG shared its Washington office with an old friend and colleague of Hunt and Conein's from OSS China, the weapons dealing soldier of fortune and specialist in assassination, Mitch WerBell III. WerBell...had been a business partner of Conein's as late as 1974, and...he and Conein had worked together on providing the DEA with assassination devices. Among WerBell's other associates were Frank Sturgis, Cuban exile leader; and Robert Vesco, who, like WerBell himself, has been charged with bankrolling narcotics smuggling....

Assassination, it can be argued, became a *modus operandi* under Richard Nixon. The CIA carried out...extermination campaigns in Vietnam, Guatemala, Argentina, and Brazil—aided in Latin America by the local Death Squads. The White House appears to have sponsored a secret assassination program under the cover of drug enforcement. It was continued by the DEA, which seemingly overlapped with the CIA in political rather than drug enforcement.

Until 1974 the training of torturers and members of Latin American death squads came under the auspices of the CIA and USAID's Office of Public Safety. Some 100,000 Brazilian policemen, for example, were trained and 523 of them were chosen for courses in the U.S.A. They were trained at the International Police Academy in Georgetown, Washington D.C. and at a secret CIA center in the same city on R Street, under cover of International Police Services, Inc. When school was out the prize pupils returned home to...moonlight with the Death Squads.

After Tupamaros guerillas kidnapped and

killed U.S. police advisor Dan Mitrione in Uruguay, Washington's schools for foreign police came into the limelight and Congress cut off their funding. Nonetheless, the training program and direct assistance and supervision continued. A 1976 investigation authorized by Senator James Abourezk revealed that the U.S. torture academies had not in fact been completely closed down. According to Jack Anderson, Abourezk found such a school had been in operation since 1974 in Los Fresnos, Texas at the site of a former "bomb school." Another journalist, William Hoffman, later confirmed the existence of a school for torture in Los Fresnos, which had since moved to Georgia, where it was known as the Law Enforcement Training Center. Interestingly, Conein's friend WerBell runs his own large training center in Georgia, The Farm. It's used for, among other things, the training of law enforcement officers.

Much of the old police support apparatus was simply transferred to AID's International Narcotics Control program (INC), which really spelled DEA. In 1974 the DEA had some 400 agents in Latin America, or roughly the number of advisors recalled from the OPS program. INC's budget for technical equipment abroad, meanwhile, jumped from \$2.2 million in 1973 to \$12.5 million in 1974.

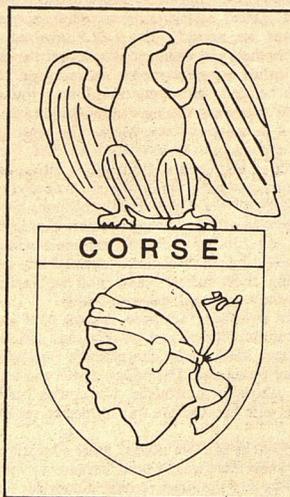
The politics of the new drug effort were exposed when, in 1974, the man behind Argentina's death squad (the Argentine Anticommunist Alliance), Social Minister Lopez Rega, appeared on TV with U.S. Ambassador Robert C. Hill to publicize the two nations' antinarcotics collaboration with the words, "Guerillas are the main users of drugs in Argentina. Therefore, the anti-drug campaign will automatically be an anti-guerilla campaign as well."

It's striking how close the various extermination and repression campaigns have been to the narcotics traffic. The Meo Army deployed by the CIA in Laos smuggled large quantities of opium. Lopez Rega and his Argentine AAA henchmen were eventually exposed as keys to a cocaine ring. One of the chief AAA hatchet men, Francois Chiappe, was a lieutenant in the Ricord/David heroin network...[pps.163-165]

Francois Chiappe had excellent connections in right wing Peronist circles. A former OAS Commando Delta member in Algeria, he had remained in touch with other OAS figures assembled in the Paladino group, a Fascist terrorist combine founded in Spain by the Nazi war criminal Colonel Otto Skorzeny. It was among the organizations to which Juan Peron's grey eminence, Jose Lopez Rega, allied himself when he formed the dreaded terrorist group, the Argentine Anticommunist Alliance (AAA).

When the Peronist Hector Campora became president of Argentina in May 1973, Chiappe was released and immediately recruited into the AAA. When Peron himself returned a month

later from eighteen years of exile in Spain, an enormous crowd gathered at Ezeisa airport on June 20 to greet him. Among them was a large contingent of Montoneros and other leftists. Security police were well aware of their presence. Police and AAA terrorists led by Colonel Jorge Osinde attacked the demonstrators with machine guns and hand grenades. Some 100 were killed and 300 were badly wounded. The AAA's prisoners were dragged to the airport parking lot and tortured. Two of the more zealous hatchet men were Chiappe and former OAS colonel Jean Gardes. [pps. 112-113]



Many of the barbouzes booted from SAC fled to Spain to join the Paladino group, where they learned to work side-by-side with their former arch enemies, the OAS terrorists. [page 114]

Paraguay's most ruthless high-ranking officers were exposed as heroin profiteers... And finally as we go to press we learn that the dictator, Pinochet, assumed control of Chile's cocaine trade, then turned it over to his secret police, DINA, which shared the profits with its Cuban exile henchmen. [pps. 165-166]

Mitch WerBell & The Mexican Connection
Kruger really establishes the degree to which fascists have taken over with a couple of examples where chance busts, like flashes of lightning, have illuminated the radically altered terrain: WerBell and Sicilia Falcon.

Alberto Sicilia Falcon, "the Mexican Connection" who was not even Mexican but a Cuban Exile Bay of Pigs veteran, turned up in Mexico in 1973 at the hub of a

gigantic heroin and marijuana establishment. He would not even have been arrested, except that he was trading China White for guns to destabilize—among others—Eschevarria.

On 2 July 1975 Sicilia-Falcon was arrested. Under rough interrogation he claimed to be an agent of the CIA, and that the drug ring had been set up on orders from and with the support of the agency. Part of his profits were to go towards the purchase of weapons and ammunition for distribution throughout Central America for the destabilization of "undesirable" governments. If true, U.S. heroin addicts were again footing the bill for clandestine paramilitary operations and anti-Communist terror campaigns. And Sicilia-Falcon and his Syndicate associates were not short of funds. In his possession police found two Swiss bank books to the tune of \$260 million. [page 178]

In the Sicilia-Falcon case the DEA and CIA struggled bitterly against one another. It was symptomatic of a split within the DEA's own ranks, a split rooted in the effective control of its narcotics intelligence division by transplanted agents of the CIA.

Since the DEA's emergence many of its agents have resigned in disgust... [page 179]

WerBell, as former number 3 White House Narc under Hunt, Conein and Nixon, has always operated with impunity.

In August 1976 Lucien Conein's chum Mitch WerBell III (whose B.R. Fox Company had shared a Washington office with Conein's DEA Special Operation Group) was brought before a Miami federal court on charges of conspiracy to smuggle 50,000 pounds of marijuana a month from Colombia to the United States... [page 181]

WerBell was found innocent and released, just like the Thai opium smuggler/CIA agent Puttaporn Khamkhuan before him in 1973. He went home to Georgia to pursue his weapons business and law enforcement training camp. According to writer Hank Messick, in 1978 he was involved in far Right politics with the likes of Major General John K. Singlaub (who had been relieved of his command in Korea after outspoken criticism of President Carter) and members of the American Security Council—the key U.S. link to the far Right's international umbrella organization, the World Anti-Communist League (WACL). As reported recently in the *New York Times*, the beneficiaries of his anti-terrorist training have included members of the far Right, anti-Semitic U.S. Labor Party.

WerBell owns eight companies, most of them dealing in firearms used by law enforcement and intelligence units. One of the firms, Studies in
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Heroin Fascism

its members had three things in common: a right wing political outlook, an interest in Asian opium, and a thirst for political might. The last factor led to another common denominator in which the alliance invested heavily: Richard M. Nixon. [page 131]

The instrument of great heroin coup was Nixon's creation, the DEA; but it was this larger coalescence of fascists who already dominated poppygrowing and stateside sales that considered further Corsican control over the traffic intolerable. Whether it was nationalist Cubans, Chinese or Italian mafiosi veterans of late-40's vendettas against Communists in Sicily, they felt the politics of the Corsicans, with their links with Gaullist intelligence and its flirtation

with Third World Non-alignment, to be unforgivably soft on Communism, especially Castro.

Starting with Chinese Nationalist KMT money gleaned from enforcing heroin as a cure for opium on 20 million Chinese before Mao's takeover, in 1966 they formed the World Anti-Communist League (WACL) as a counterfront to Castro's Tri-Continental Congress of 3rd world revolutionaries. Later the same year "Aginter Press" was created in Lisbon as a front for Portuguese and Spanish secret police, the CIA and the *Organization Armee Secrete* (OAS). Together they redoubled efforts to wipe out the whole infrastructure of *Service de Documentation Exterieur et de Contre Espionnage* (SDECE—the French CIA), the Gaullist para-police *Service d'Action Civique* (SAC), and the bar-

houzes, the Corsican gangsters who actually ran the heroin.

For full satisfaction, WACL and its offshoots had to wait til DeGaulle was out and Nixon was in. And in fact, Kruger believes Pompidou never would have traded off his Corsican capabilities for better relations with the U.S., if he'd known how much it would curtail the capacity of French espionage to swap drugs and guns for information without it showing up in the budget. When it came in '72-'73, though, the fall of the French Connection was utter and complete. Kruger's accomplishment is to have documented its replacement in every theatre by fascists connected with WACL—in Europe, S.E. Asia, and Latin America.

What he omits—the importance of the Iranian SAVAK, for example, or more

recently, of LaRouche's war on marijuana in diverting heat from the Cuban Exile/ex-CIA/heroin dealing nexus—lies precisely in areas where the French Connection never operated, or in aspects that would be lost on European investigators.

Far more crucial is his insight that the fascists who took over heroin aren't just anti-communist. The inevitable trend in the business of heroin, the ultimate neo-colonialist commodity, has been to generate outright fascist consciousness—not just callousness, but the special rage to extirpate all non-aligned tendencies that afflicts traumatized reactionaries reeling from revolutionary defeats. The DEA soldiers of fortune that Nixon left in power, the Cuban smugglers carefully crafting their web of couriers,

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Inside NCLC

To find out what goes on inside the USLP, it is necessary to talk to former members who have left the group. One former member agreed to talk, but only if his name was not used and even the east coast city in which he lives was not mentioned. Most former members fear reprisals.

A nervous walk up several flights of stairs, through a hall filled with competing smells from last night's dinner for the four or five ethnic groups that share the building. Finally, we come to the door that opens to reveal the person we will call Mark.

Mark joined the National Caucus of Labor Committees in the early 1970s after graduating from a prestigious eastern university. "I was attracted primarily because of the economic perspective, a holistic approach, when the rest of the left saw things on an issue-by-issue basis," explains Mark, who left the party last year.

LaRouche was an incredibly good speaker, he still is, and he used the good parts of the program almost as a carrot to lead us into the paranoid part of his thinking," says Mark. "He's brilliant, but he has gone absolutely bonkers." Mark views his years with the NCLC and the USLP as a time when he existed in suspended animation, cut off from reality, and he thinks it will take him years to readjust. Before joining the party he had successfully pursued an academic career in the social sciences; now he works nights at odd jobs.

"I never thought I could be brainwashed," Mark says ruefully. "I was known for my independent thinking, but I was sucked right in." At first, morale in the NCLC was high, and new recruits were common. NCLC was expanding, setting up a telex information network between its branches in various cities, and founding the U.S. Labor Party to run in local and national elections.

Things started going sour in 1973 says Mark. First there was "Operation Mop-Up," designed to physically destroy other leftist groups that LaRouche saw as holding back the preeminence of the Labor Party. LaRouche announced the USLP would lead a worldwide revolution in five years. "We shall be cruelly ruthless in carrying out those duties which are necessary to build the kind of mass force required." The "ruthless" duties under Operation Mop-up included a series of assaults on leftists; NCLC cadres would invade political meetings swinging baseball bats and lead pipes, sending some people to the hospital.

A particular target of Operation Mop-up was the Communist Party, and Mark remembers that one night he found himself with a band of other white USLP stewards marching down a street in black Harlem to attack a Communist Party meeting. "We were wearing hockey helmets covered with ski hats to try to disguise them. We had on knee pads, and we were carrying sticks, trying to hide them under our coats. Imagine, it was the middle of summer, and here we were marching through Harlem dressed like that. I remember seeing the blacks on the stoops looking at us in amazement, and thinking 'My God, we are going to be made into mankind.' But instead, for blocks ahead, people were going inside and locking their doors."

A locked door was what the squad of Labor Party thugs found when they reached the Communist Party headquarters, so that attack was a failure. Other assaults were successful. Mark recalls feeling alienated and confused about his

role as a goon. "Our hearts were not in it. We were all intellectuals, only LaRouche was up for it. We knew it was an aberration but it was all or nothing. The attacks were supposed to be necessary to harden the membership. Most of us now find the whole thing was crazy."

By forcing Labor Party members to engage in violent acts that most found repugnant, LaRouche was setting the stage for the psychological control that turned the group into a cult. It was during this period that LaRouche began to use twisted Freudian psychoanalytical techniques to intimidate members during weekly meetings. According to the research study "Brownshirts of the Seventies," "The 'self-consciousness' sessions that LaRouche introduced were ostensibly to train the 'leadership' to withstand psychological terror. In fact, they were designed to create psychological terror and destroy opposition within the leadership—and eventually within the whole organization."

Mark reluctantly broaches a topic usually avoided by people investigating the Labor Party. "You really can't separate the political and the sexual in terms of the psychological manipulation inside the party," he admits. Many defectors have described the grotesque sexual imagery used in verbal attacks on party members who step out of line; and USLP leaflets frequently use antigay rhetoric, or make charges of sexual deviation or impotence in attacking the party's enemies. According to Mark, party members develop strong fears of becoming homosexual or impotent as a result of USLP-style psychological conditioning, which is part of the party's attempt to increase anxiety, and therefore obedience, within the organization.

"Brownshirts of the Seventies" reveals the text of an internal USLP memorandum circulated during the 1973-74 period of weeding out non-believers. In the memo, LaRouche links the political with the sexual: "I am going to make you political organizers—by taking your bedrooms away from you.... What I shall do is to expose you to the cruel fact of your sexual impotence, male and female.... I shall show that your pathetic impotence is a mere aspect of your political work such that you will know that you cannot cure one without solving the other."

During the institution of the psychological manipulation techniques, "LaRouche began to move away from the issues," Mark recalls, "and instead started saying everyone who opposed him was an agent." The USLP evolved a paranoid theory in which Nelson Rockefeller led a worldwide conspiracy bent on assassinating LaRouche and destroying the Labor Party. "People who disagreed were called brainwashed and put in isolation," says Mark. The evidence that they had been brainwashed was that they opposed LaRouche's policies. LaRouche, naturally, possessed the unique skills needed to "deprogram" the Labor Party members who had been led astray. The unfortunate dissidents would be subjected to lengthy sessions in which they would be psychologically coerced into renouncing their former views and embracing LaRouche's paranoid vision of reality.

After LaRouche achieved control over the organization, "There were no economic policies left," says Mark, "only conspiracies. Everyone hated everyone else. The person above you was only a vehicle for LaRouche. You couldn't talk to your wife because she was trained to rat on you."

"LaRouche said we needed more education, but he knew there wasn't time, because we were being sent into the street to raise money for the telex. We had less and less time to think about

what was happening to the party because we were totally exhausted," Mark explains. "We were all pushed to do such crazy things.... it was very much like a Moonie operation." LaRouche began to predict imminent nuclear war, and the entire organization adopted a crisis mentality that still pervades its activities. Since Rockefeller was at the heart of the nuclear war threat, according to LaRouche's conspiracy theories, the USLP began to initiate contact with other anti-Rockefeller forces, primarily extreme right-wing elements such as the Minutemen and the Liberty Lobby.

These ties to the right should have been difficult to explain to early NCLC members who had joined the group because of its socialist viewpoint. According to Mark, however, "by 1976 the demoralization was so bad that when LaRouche told us we had allies in the capitalist class, we were so happy to find out we had allies anywhere we just accepted it."

With bizarre conspiracy theories at the heart of the USLP ideology, it was often difficult to bring people closer to the party. "The problem was that you knew when you were trying to organize somebody that they would eventually have to read the newspaper (*New Solidarity*), so you had to immunize people by giving them dribs and drabs of the conspiracy," explains Mark. The USLP still uses this technique of recruiting support for LaRouche and the party. At public meetings the conspiracy rhetoric is subdued, and at the meetings of the various front groups it is barely alluded to. "They lie about everything," Mark adds. "It would make Hitler blush."

Almost totally absent from public statements is the curious fact that the USLP leadership apparently still claims socialism as its goal. According to a memorandum circulated last year by a group of former members, LaRouche at first explained the ties to the right as a "policy of tactical alliance" with "progressive industrial capitalists" against the "monetarists" (bankers). This tenuous rationale lasted for about a year, until LaRouche concocted another excuse to explain his increasingly bizarre activities. According to the former members, LaRouche announced in the fall of 1977 that socialism would be impossible for at least a generation, and that a "humanist capitalist alliance" was now the goal. At the same time, LaRouche announced another in an endless series of assassination attempts against himself, and hired a former OSS spy with close ties to the CIA to provide protection: right-wing extremist Mitchell WerBell, who operates a security firm and an arms company that sells silent machine guns.

In 1976, LaRouche began to phase out Rockefeller as the archenemy of civilization, replacing him with an assortment of real and imagined "conspiratorial" organizations including the Knights of Malta (remember the Maltese Falcon?) and the "Zionists." According to LaRouche, the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League was the American control group for the conspiracy, and he charged the Jewish human rights organization with controlling the heroin drug trade in the U.S. Behind the worldwide conspiracy, said LaRouche, was the British oligarchy; however, a careful reading of U.S. Labor Party material reveals that virtually all the British conspirators are Jews, and that the entire current ideology of the party is virulently anti-Semitic.

The party's anti-Semitism appeared shortly after the ultra-right Liberty Lobby began praising a 1976 USLP pamphlet titled "Carter and the Party of International Terrorism." The pamphlet outlined the "Rockefeller-CIA-Carter axis," which was supposedly trying to "dein-

with illicit weapons sales—was involved in a "conspiracy among the CIA, Robert Vesco, and various corporations to finance clandestine guerrilla activities in Latin America." Vesco wanted to purchase WerBell's stock of 2000 silenced M10 machine pistols. When WerBell failed to secure an export license, he devised a plan to smuggle the weapons to Vesco. The two later negotiated the construction of a factory in Costa Rica which would be licensed to fabricate the pistols.

Intriguingly, in that same period someone was negotiating with a U.S. firm for rights to fabricate, in Mexico, fully automatic weapons for clandestine guerrilla actions in Latin America. That someone was Mexico's Cuban exile heroin czar, Alberto Sicilia-Falcon, and among the weapons he was inspecting was the Ingram M10, 9mm Parabellum.

Although the M10 and M11 could be acquired legally only with the special permission of U.S. officials, large numbers of silenced M10s turned up in the hands of European fascist terrorists in 1976-77. When Pierluigi Concutelli, a leader of

the Italian terrorist group Ordine Nuovo, was arrested in Rome in February 1977, police found in his apartment the silenced M10 which he had used to murder the Rome magistrate Vittorio Occorsio. Occorsio had been shot down on the streets of Rome in July 1976 after announcing he would expose the close collaboration between Fascist terror groups and the Mafia.

However, it was among Spanish terrorists in particular that WerBell's machine pistols appeared in quantity. Most notably, a sizable consignment of M10s, sent to Spain under license from U.S. authorities, had been purchased by Spanish intelligence agency DGS, which has allegedly coordinated the actions of Fascist terrorists.

The fugitive IOS billionaire Vesco employed a large contingent of Cuban exiles in his Costa Rica sanctuary. Moreover, his weapons negotiations coincided with the efforts of the fanatic anti-Castro Cuban leader Orlando Bosch to assemble Cuban exile groups into an army of terror, CORU, that would later carry out assassinations and other dirty work for several

Latin American regimes. During Bosch's 1974-75 drive, a wave of murder struck Miami's Cuban exile haven. Most victims had been opposed to Bosch. With the obstacles to his plan removed, CORU was established in June 1976.

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No one seriously expects that the USLP can stage a military coup, but given the fanaticism of the cadre and the distorted perception of reality evidenced by the group's printed material, a violent confrontation, albeit short-lived, cannot be dismissed so easily. Operation Mop-Up has shown that LaRouche is capable of ordering assaults against his real and imagined enemies, and that the cadre has been willing to carry out LaRouche's orders even against their better judgement.

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Heroin Coup

the Operational Negation of Insurgents and Counter-Subversion (SIONICS), specializes in the production of M10 and M11 silenced machine pistols. The latter two weapons, designed by Gordon Ingram and WerBell, are about the ultimate weapons for terror and extermination. Their sales agent was WerBell's Military Armament Corporation.

Together with the anti-Castro Cuban arms dealers Anselmo Alliegro and the mercenary Gerry Hemming, WerBell founded the Parabellum Corporation in 1971 in Miami. Parabellum was licensed to sell arms in Latin America. It was also the firm from which Watergate burglar Frank Sturgis planned to obtain weapons for Cuban exiles who were going to (but eventually did not) disrupt the 1972 Miami conventions.

In 1974 WerBell—according to a motion filed by his own lawyer when WerBell, his son and his company Defense Services, Inc. were charged

both had come to see the wisdom of eliminating all political risk of being shut down. But it had to be sanitized. To operate politically, they'd need a special organization to mobilize their rightwing base. LaRouche's War on Drugs.

Connections with organized crime no longer seem unlikely for LaRouche, now that NCLC periodicals describe elements like the regular Teamsters as an organic part of the Grand Fascist Coalition they foresee. And Kruger's detailed investigation of the European fascists with whom LaRouche started meeting in '76 leaves little doubt that they can only be working together to bring a police state to America.

Werbell: Master of the Coup

An interesting thing happened to LaRouche at a meeting at Weisbaden in 1977. The Baader-Meinhoff gang tried to blowhim up. In the paranoid aftermath, he accepted WerBell's standing offer to re-design NCLC security. With this development, LaRouche's closest collaborator became Mitchell Werbell 3rd, identified in *The Great Heroin Coup* as one of the principals, the contact man who trained the Cuban exiles who replaced Italians as heroin 'mules;' whose silenced machineguns end up in the hands of Spanish Nazis; who acquired legitimacy in Labor Party eyes as the conduit to the Liberty Lobby and WACL.

Kruger notes:

...Among other antiterrorism trainees at WerBell's camp in Powder Springs have been several members of U.S. presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche's U.S. Labor Party. The Marxist turned extreme rightist and anti-Semitic U.S. Labor Party has voluntarily sent the FBI and local police forces "intelligence" reports on left wing movements, and regularly exchanges information with one Roy Frankhouser, the self-proclaimed Grand Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan in Pennsylvania and active member of the American Nazi Party—see the *New York Times*, 7 October 1979. [page 168]

According to Dennis King, LaRouche's links to WerBell's scene may date back to Lyndon's OSS days as a med-corpman in Burma, and action together under Lou Conien in Marseilles after the war. Their friendship definitely preceded contacts with Frankhouser and Willis Carto—founder of the extreme rightwing Liberty Lobby—which began in late '75 and continued thru '76, marking a turning point (See *Chip Berlet, Box, Left*) for the LaRouche's followers.

In 1976-77, LaRouche settled on the language and the approach of the European branch of his organization, centered in Germany, which had already initiated contacts with the electoral offshoot of the neo-Nazi Hoffman 'sport' group, and adopted code words (such as "British" for "the Jewish conspiracy"), designed to get around West German laws prohibiting Nazi rhetoric and paraphernalia.

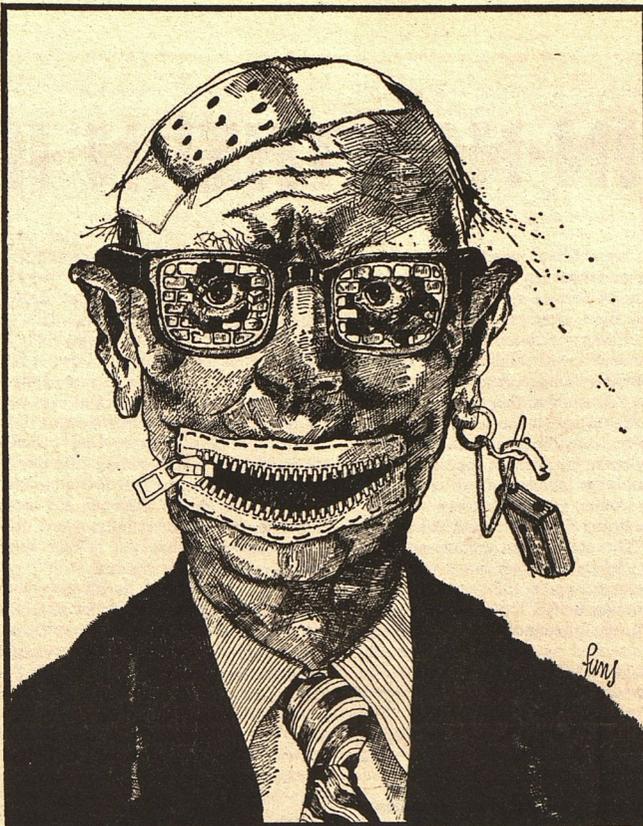
Sessions with Frankhouser and Carto, while important for coordinating the ideology of the NCLC cadre with the far right, also kept his followers in the dark as to the actual purposes for which their anti-marijuana hysteria was being manipulated. The CIA had been acutely embarrassed when it was discovered that a good proportion of those arrested in Operation Eagle in 1970 (the last big Justice Department operation against the International Fascist/Mob/Cuban exile heroin network) were all Bay of Pigs veterans. Indeed, keeping enforcement focused on marijuana from 1978 on has provided a magic margin of safety for the smack dealings of various proteges of WerBell, former No. 3 narc under Nixon. (WerBell is always presented in War on Drugs propaganda as "a good narc; on our side—not a corrupt narc...")

... An SS-like Elite to Run Things...

From the standpoint of building up a mass fascist cadre in this country capable of shaping and directing events, development of the War On Drugs organization solved a number of problems of the earlier Corsican model of heroin fascism.

1)It keeps things compartmentalized. Having to use actual gangsters to battle it out with Leftists (a la Marseilles in the 30's) means a constant threat that exposure of their rackets will compromise the fascists' leadership among the very middle class elements LaRouche is seeking to attract. Heroin fascism requires that the political managers of the liquidation of the pot-identified counter-culture be buffered from the disillusioning truth...

2)Keeping the Cuban exile drugs-for-guns network distinct from the War On Drugs (via ex-CIA interfaces like WerBell) means that the Federal government, DEA, etc. can "respond to the dominant public pressure group" without having to worry about being embarrassed.



with structured hierarchical black-uniformed SS officers, has an additional benefit beyond replacing crude, primitive gangster/fascist politician collaboration with the more articulated, specialized Cuban exile/DEA/War on Drugs triad.

Growth of the War On Drugs cadre gives LaRouche the highly disciplined group of shock troops—many of them - *Judenrat* and brainwashed Third Worlders—with basic fascist attitudes already conditioned thru their *Pogrom* against potheads and their collaboration with that federal police force most contemptuous of civil rights, the DEA. These cadre are slated to be the disciplined nucleus to which the Klan, the right wing brawlers, and the nazified punks can rally when the going gets heavy in 1982 and 1983.

The widely-held but mistaken belief that LaRouche is another, albeit wierd, leftist... or a creature of the Rockefeller... or of Reagan, ignores all the work he's put into forming this elite corps of shock troops. The War On Drugs organization was designed specifically to prepare America for takeover by the forces of international fascism, with which LaRouche is affiliated.

Into The International Fascist Web

Kruger presents a frightening picture of the extent of their subversion of democracies to be bases for fascism:

Internacional Facista is the outgrowth of many years of planning in Madrid by the late Nazi, Otto Skorzeny, who in the fifties had worked for the CIA. On its rolls are former SS agents, OAS terrorists from Spain's Fuerza Nueva, Argentine and Italian Fascists, Cuban exiles, French gangsters from SAC, and former CIA agents hardened by terror campaigns in Operation 40, Guatemala, Brazil, and Argentina.

SS Colonel Skorzeny was the kingpin of the Paladin mercenary group until his death in 1975. Dr. Gerhard Hartmut von Schubert, formerly of Joseph Goebbels' propaganda ministry, was its operating manager. Headquartered in Albufera, Spain, its actual nerve centers were Skorzeny's Export-Import offices and cover firm M.C. located at a Madrid address shared with a front for the Spanish intelligence agency SCOE under Colonel Eduardo Blanco, and also an office of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency. The cozy relationship of Spanish right wing terrorists with U.S. and Spanish intelligence is further underlined by the SCOE's purchase in the mid-seventies of WerBell's silenced M10 machine pistols, prior to which the ideal terrorist weapon had been unavailable in Europe. Shortly thereafter, the M10 turned up in the hands of Spanish and Italian terrorists. [pps 209-210]

Skorzeny had infiltrated the Spanish intelligence agency DGS, and effectively controlled it single-handedly. [pps 205]

Internacional Facista was a crucial first step toward fulfilling the dream not only of Skorzeny, but also of his close friends in Madrid exile, Jose Lopez Rega, Juan Peron's grey eminence, and Prince Justo Valerio Borghese, the Italian Fascist money man who had been rescued from execution at the hands of the World War II Italian resistance by future CIA counterintelligence whiz James J. Angleton. They, and other Nazi and Fascist powers throughout Europe and Latin America, envisioned a new world order built on a Fascist Iron Circle linking Buenos Aires, Santiago, Lima, La Paz, Brasilia and Motevideo. [page 210].

In 1976-77 Internacional Facista made its presence felt often in Europe. West Germany's Fascist and neo-Nazi groups doubled. [page 212]

Information about meetings between these people and LaRouche is highly sensitive, even in Europe. When the *International Herald Tribune* printed a story about meetings of LaRouche and his disciples with West German neo-Nazis and various neo-fascists in Italy, he was so upset he sued for libel in French court. Because of a flaccid defense, he won.

The Rise of the War on Drugs

We do know that after spending most of the summer of '76 in Weisbaden, etc, he returned home with the line that drug traffic is propagated by Jews and controlled here by the Anti-Defamation League.

Still, he did not start the War on Drugs immediately. Dennis King has supplied a vivid anecdote about the Shah sitting in his palace during the revolution reading a report printed on scented pink paper by Larouche's 'security consultants' on "how to stop Khomeini." The role of SAVAK in smuggling opium and opiated hash into the U.S. was an open secret to serious investigators from *High Times* by the mid-seventies. Persons now connected with **OVERTHROW** were even mentioned in a federal indictment after probing too deeply into a Persian connection who wound up naming everyone he knew so that his SAVAK uncle could get him off an importation bust.

The general public in the U.S. never sufficiently appreciated the outright Nazi character of the Shah's Aryan Supremacist regime. Since LaRouche got the 'contract' to protect the Shah, however, the War on Drugs effort has grown in direct proportion to the increasing desperate situation of the Peacock Throne.

In August of '78, LaRouche coalesced with Wallace D. Muhammed's Black Muslims to form the first War on Drugs group. Beginning in Detroit, making a blatantly antisemitic pitch, they used the Black Muslim's contacts to access conservative Black politicians, masons, labor leaders, educators, and community activists. When LaRouche's people precipitated a split with Muhammed by running his picture on some publication (a blasphemy in the eyes of the faithful), the by-this-time national War on Drugs organization was able to retain all the peripheral contacts they'd picked up.

They'd already published their book, *"Dope, Inc."* and started a glossy monthly magazine. Also, the big N.Y.U. "doctor's symposium" in June, '79, was their break-thru with major media, who came out in favor of re-criminalization of marijuana because of the supposedly harmful effects to health. Co-sponsor of the conference was one Dr. Gabriel Nahas, who'd worked with the Office of Strategic Services in the French Resistance, and against the communists after the war. There he met Conein, WerBell, and according to Dennis King, even LaRouche. To believe these men, thirty years later, just lucked into a good thing together without conscious planning, strains all credulity.

Heroin and the Strategy of Tension

Their great innovative leap beyond they Corsicans they displaced is that they are prepared to fully utilize the heroin traffic, not just to make money, but to promote a *strategy of tension*. The 'strategy of tension' was a concept invented by LaRouche's mentor, Mussolini, as a way of turning around the Marxist idea of class struggle. Although Mussolini preached collaboration between worker and capitalist, in capturing power he welcomed class struggle because his 'strategy of tension' was to exploit turmoil and chaos to win over weary middle elements who just wanted peace and quiet. When his black shirted *fascisti* legions attacked the reds, it only created demands for more severe law and order measures from the regular police, which he also controlled.

Unlike Hitler, it took Mussolini about 5 or 6 years to come to power. In his final stages of consolidation, this pincers-like action was turned against liberal newspapers and all voices of dissent, so that locking them up became a 'moderate' alternative to continued violence by the "extreme" fascist Mussolini claimed he had to pacify.

This would never go over today.

Yet by maintaining the plausible deniability of complicity between the distinct parts of the War on Drugs/narc/heroine triad, today's fascists are again riding to power on a rising tide of violence. The beauty of it is while 85% of drug busts continue to be for grass, none of the heat for diverting enforcement from heroin or muggers backfires on the narcs or the LaRoucheoids.

To visualize this complicated interaction better, imagine a handglider in flight—except that underneath the handglider is not a man but another handglider, and underneath it is yet another handglider. All 3 catch and explore the air currents together. The top airfoil (War on Drugs) directs the next level down (the DEA) against penny ante independents and non-conformists, while keeping bothersome outside factors like the press from focusing on the bottommost wing (the protected Cuban exile/SAVAK /mobster conglomerate dealing heroin and influence in the entertainment and media worlds).

Instead of it compromising fascist reputations or upsetting their strategy, the very smack traffic they're protecting fosters the street crime which new right politicians can in turn use to get re-elected, by calling for more police, more prisons, more law 'n order.

Heroin fascism, which was supposed to be far away, confined to Iran or the Golden Triangle of Burma, has come home to New York's Lower East Side with vengeful economic super-exploitation, and the increasingly cavalier repression visited upon the populace. Not only does it eliminate nonconformists and undesirables, the whole triad sets up sympathetic vibes in widely separated scenes, so that people who would never listen to the War on Drugs, and disparage the DEA, end up being conditioned into surprisingly fascist attitudes in order to "get ahead in the system."

The ex-Empress of Iran, Farah Diba, is quoted by Dennis King as saying, "If the Shah had only listened to Lyndon LaRouche, he might still be in power." When we look at the flood of heroin now coming in from the Iran-Afganistan-Pakistan crescent, which is said to be ten times more than the early '70s flow from the Golden Triangle, and a hundred times more than the Corsican flow from Turkey... when we consider fairly constant reports of cases like the nephew of Shahpour Baktiar, last Prime Minister to the Shah, who was sentenced to minimum time for bringing ten pounds of pure heroin into the U.S.... we cannot help but conclude that Larouche and Co are still providing "security services" for Farah Diba's U.S. SAVAK network and its sleazy DEA accomplices (SAVAK is the largest spy operation in America, after the agencies of the federal government) as they relentlessly squeeze from our cities the millions needed to restore the Peacock Throne. According to *The New York Times* the Imperial Family maintains as many as 45,000 mercenaries just over the border in Iraq ready to invade Iran should the political situation there destabilize sufficiently.

The situation has passed the breaking point. How long the great heroin scandal to consolidate, but to obfuscate, writes covered up depends on the sincerity of mainstream investigators and reporters who are supposed to print the truth.

(Next Issue, Heroin Chic and Politics in Manhattan)

WOMEN IN NORTHERN IRELAND

by Judith Ezekiel

The train from Dublin to Belfast is never stopped at the border, a Republican bastion; it halts further on, in the loyalist stronghold of Portatown. About thirty British soldiers run onto the platform and the tracks in a disciplined military formation, surrounding the train in a matter of seconds. The soldier posted outside my window looks about eighteen and very nervous. My travelling companion, a Republican, pulls out a newspaper and whispers to me, "You don't know me." Soldiers and members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC) come through the train, selecting passengers, asking name, address, occupation, and destination. My companion is questioned twice. I wonder what to do if he is "lifted". Then everyone is searched thoroughly, the men by a soldier and the women by a female RUC.

The four young Irishmen seated across from me are slightly drunk. Attempting his search, the soldier asks, "Would you mind standing up, sir?"

"Yes I would mind!"

Trying hard not to act frightened, the soldier glances around, but nobody seems to be watching. He repeats his request.

The Irishmen do not cooperate. "Are you asking or ordering?"

The soldier calls his superiors. After questioning and passport checks, the four finally give in. One of them mutters softly, "Why don't you go back to England?" As the soldier leaves, he looks up gingerly to my four neighbors, smiles and waves goodbye, as if to say, "Gosh, fellow, it was only a joke, wasn't it?" The Irishmen curse out loud.

As the train pulls out of the station, an old man gets up and brings over four beers for the men. Several passengers smile openly. My traveling companion puts his newspaper down and says, "Welcome to the six counties."

I went to Ireland "just to look around", and not wishing to be only a political tourist, I took my camera, promising photographs to a radical news magazine. I had also heard about the development of a Republican feminist movement, and hoped to investigate it. I was accompanying a male journalist—an "Ireland expert"—who opened many doors and introduced me to a lot of people. On our first day in Belfast, we found ourselves in a living room drinking with two couples, and having a "heavy political discussion". I have rarely felt so invisible. I suggested to the other two women that we go into the kitchen and talk. Despite the constant noise of the helicopters passing overhead, the television playing, and the babies crying, the discussion that took place was extraordinary. For the rest of my stay (which I am told was during an extremely quiet period) I spent nearly all my time talking to various women in the Republican ghettos.

Republicans refer to the "six counties" refusing to recognize the North-South partition as legitimate. The partition was imposed by the British government in 1920, as a result of the successful mobilization by the Protestants of the northern part of Ireland. Partition created the "Free State" in the South, while retaining the six counties—Northern Ireland—within the United Kingdom. Without this division, the British would certainly have lost control of all of Ireland: in the 1918 general election, Sinn Féin candidates, partisans of total independence, won 75 percent of the vote. Through the partition, the British created a state with a two-thirds loyalist majority, thus maintaining control of the vast majority of the industrial regions. Today one-third of the North's 1.5 million inhabitants are Catholic. The South, with a population of 3.2 million, is 93.9 percent Catholic.

One of the women I spoke with was Mary, a Republican feminist. Mary receives \$28 family allowance per week and her husband gets \$82 in unemployment benefits; they have three children. "It's a continual struggle for everyone here to make ends meet. The only way to manage would be if two people were working." She explains why this is nearly impossible for most people. "You must consider the attitudes towards women working, and the fact that they get the worse paying jobs.

There's no minimum wage law here, and the Equal Opportunity Act and the Sex Discrimination Law haven't done anything. Lots of women are working for a dollar an hour." Salaries in the North are 12.5 percent lower than the average for Great Britain, while prices are 6 percent higher. "And then there's the lack of childcare." There are no fulltime, state-run childcare centers in the six counties.

Mary considers all these conditions to be responsible for the high rate of drug abuse among women in the ghettos. "Women bear the brunt of this. They eat Valium like candy. The government encourages this. You can see the way they hand out pills in the prisons to subdue the prisoners."

Downtown Belfast looks like a fortress. It is entirely surrounded by barbed wire fences attended by numerous police and soldiers, who thoroughly search all who enter. It is a relatively neutral zone, where both Catholics and Protestants go. The rest of the city is segregated along religious divisions, with large Protestant and Catholic working-class ghettos.

Whereas there is little evidence of military presence in the loyalist neighborhoods, the helicopters droning overhead, checkpoints, armored cars, and foot patrols are all parts of daily life in the ghettos.

At first glance the inner-city Protestant neighborhoods seem as depressed as the Catholic ones: broken glass, derelicts, bombed out houses and poverty. But there are differences. The highest official unemployment figure for a Protestant neighborhood in Belfast is 18 percent in Highfield, as opposed to 35 percent in its Catholic counterpart, Whitecross. The overall unemployment rate in the six counties (July 1980) is 11.8 percent, or twice the British average. These statistics are misleadingly low as many people do not or cannot register with the unemployment bureau. For example, women in the North whose husbands are employed cannot receive benefits. Many estimates place real unemployment in the ghetto at 75 or 80 percent.

The jobs that exist are mainly located in loyalist areas, making it impossible for all Catholics, and impossible for known Republicans to get work. Anne, a Catholic who is not a political activist, had worked for nine years in a factory in a loyalist area. "When the troubles broke out, everyone was frightened for me and told me to get out. But I had to feed the kids, and besides, I wanted to prove that I wouldn't be intimidated." She held out for three more years, the last Catholic to stay. "During that time, no one ever talked to me. I finally quit when they started stoning me at the entrance of the factory."

Deborah was a hairdresser in a loyalist neighborhood. When she was seventeen, her fiancé, an IRA volunteer, died when a bomb he was carrying exploded prematurely. After that her family was afraid for her and she had to quit her job.

Deborah apologizes for not having a bathroom in her house. In urban Belfast, 40 percent of the houses lack basic amenities and 19.6 percent are considered unfit for human dwelling.

Deborah lives in Short Strand, a small Catholic enclave about five hundred yards across. I was told not to walk to Short Strand, as you have to go through heavily loyalist parts of Belfast. "I'm not saying you'll definitely get shot, but you have been seen going into Republican houses..." In Short Strand the level of tension is high. When there is knock at the door, you ask if anyone is expected, peek out the window, and ask "Who's there?" before opening. Deborah is a nervous wreck. "I get the shakes for nothing. Last week the washing machine broke down and made a kind of explosion. I thought, 'God, it must be the kid!'"

Whereas there is little evidence of military presence in the loyalist neighborhoods, the helicopters droning overhead, checkpoints, armored cars, and foot patrols are all parts of daily life in the ghettos. One night, walking down a dark street in West Belfast, I was suddenly illuminated by an intensely bright light coming from a helicopter. The following day, I walked out of a shop to find a British soldier aiming a self-loading rifle directly at me. I later learned that it is a standard procedure, so that if there are any armed Republicans in the vicinity, they don't shoot, knowing that the soldier might shoot an innocent bystander.

Living with fear takes its toll on personal relationships. Liz is an Englishwoman who has lived in Belfast for eight years. "It puts a real strain on relationships concerning things people really take for granted. If you go out and want to stay out late, or have a drink after a meeting, you think twice. The man I live with would be frantic, and vice versa. And you can't call the army, because if they haven't already lifted him, then they figure you must have a reason and they go out looking for him."

Suzanne and her husband, Ronnie, live in West Belfast, and are among the rare Protestant Republicans. "Ronnie's very active and every time he goes out the door, I'm afraid it's the last time I'll ever see him. I always ask him where he's going and with whom so that if he doesn't come back I have some way of checking. He calls me 'nagging wife.' What I do now is make him take a child with him. The army theoretically has to send the child back and then I'd know what's happened." Her six-year-old daughter, Fiona, has been arrested twice. "The other day I told her that when I was young there weren't any Brits. She couldn't believe it."

Suzanne and her husband, like many middle class Protestants, were involved in the civil rights movement in the 1960s. But they continued living in a loyalist area until Ronnie was interned. "When your husband's hauled off because of his Republican activities and you're a Protestant, you don't have much choice but to get out of your neighborhood. I can't go back now. I've burnt all my bridges behind me." Suzanne explains another difficulty for Protestant Republicans. "There are no state schools in this area and it would be dangerous for me to send my kids to school in a loyalist neighborhood. So they're in a Catholic school. The other day my little girl came home and said she wanted to be a nun when she grows up! I was horrified." She was also a little worried when her daughter asked for a machine gun and not a doll for Christmas.

Raids are a common occurrence. Over the past eight years, there have been approximately 200,000 searches in a population of 1.5 million. It is the equivalent of 30 million searches in the U.S. Mary describes a raid, "I've had a lot of raids, but it is still a frightening experience. You get woken from a sound sleep by all these strange men usually in the middle of the night. They order all occupants downstairs, regardless of age. Depending on who it is they search differently. Some slash curtains, take up the floorboards, pull down the tiles in the bathroom." The British give out a form to request reimbursement of the damages. "Some people have been lucky enough to get it. But you have to fill it out before they leave and you're so glad to get them out of your house, you'd say anything. Sometimes you don't even notice until afterwards. There are all these armed men coming in, and some of them just put their guns down in the hall. You're so busy watching the kids, you can't keep an eye on them." In one raid they stole some handkerchiefs made by the Armagh prisoners. Mary complained, but the answer was that they "like to take home souvenirs."

Mary has been arrested several times. "Any mother who's been arrested," she says, "will tell you that the first thing they use against you are your kids, threatening to take them into care if you don't sign a confession. And there's sexual abuse. They ask, 'How many IRA men have you been

screwing around with?' If you don't answer they say, 'Don't you like men? Are you queer?'"

Mary's 17 year-old niece was arrested. "Her interrogator kept pushing his penis up against her saying 'I've got a hard-on. What are you going to do about it?' I could take that. I'm thirty-three and I'm not going to let the bastards intimidate me, but a young girl who's led a sheltered life isn't prepared. In Ireland a lot of things aren't discussed, particularly sexual abuse. That's why it's so important for women to come out and talk to other women."

THE PRISONERS

Before the beginning of the "troubles" in 1969, there were five hundred people in the prisons of Northern Ireland. Today there are three thousand. The prisoners' struggles have long been a central part of the Irish resistance. In 1976 the British government abolished the status of political prisoner for anyone convicted of a crime after March 1, 1976. Republican men imprisoned under the new regulations have refused to wear the uniform of the common criminal, and so have been thrown naked into their cells. To protect themselves from the cold, they wrap themselves in their blankets. Today there are four hundred men "on the blanket" in the H-blocks of Long Kesh prison.

The women prisoners also joined the protest movement, though until February 1980, their conditions were less brutal than the men's in the H-blocks. (All women prisoners wear their own clothes, therefore they are not "on the blanket".)

The protesters are punished in many ways. Physical and verbal abuse is frequently reported. Women are allowed only one hour of exercise at best, the men are allowed none. They are refused all remission of their terms. Prison authorities acknowledge that a problem exists, but they claim that all conditions are self-induced. Nevertheless, outside organizations such as Amnesty International have repeatedly been refused access. Cardinal O'Flaich, after his visit to the H-blocks in 1978, compared the conditions there to the sewers of Calcutta.

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The protesters at Armagh, as women, are subjected to additional forms of degradation. Pregnant women are denied any "privileges" until the final weeks of pregnancy and must live on a diet that has caused considerable weight loss for all the women. Not enough sanitary napkins are provided, and often on a fixed day that might not correspond to their periods. The napkins are thrown into the cells and usually land on the floor, now covered with urine. Medical care is atrocious. One prisoner was moved back to her cell four hours after having a cyst removed; despite repeated vomiting, she was not allowed to see a doctor during the first week.

The "no wash" protest at Armagh began in February 1980. A statement smuggled out of the prison in May reported:

"Every girl on the wing has lost weight and everyone of us is a very bad yellow colour... Many girls are finding out that their hair is falling out and the majority of us have infections, which obviously through time will worsen.

"We are all brought to mass one at a time. This is the day we all look forward to because it is the only time we are all together.

"Morale is 100 percent. We are confident that status will be ours in the not too distant future. Let me thank you for your support to us and our brave comrades in the H-blocks (who have suffered these conditions for years) in our struggle for our right, that being political."

Very little attention was paid to the women prisoners until the Republican feminist group Women Against Imperialism (WAI) called a protest in front of Armagh prison for International Women's Day, March 8, 1979. Out of the sixty women and children who attended, eleven were arrested. Suzanne, a member of WAI, comments, "We had contacted some of the prisoners, who had said they didn't want to detract from the struggle of the men in the H-blocks, since they felt their conditions weren't as bad." Liz, one of the Armagh Eleven, disagrees, "The statements in *Republican News* always said that the women who were fighting for political status were doing it in support of the men and not in their own right. Which just is not true—as you can see when you read their letters... The reason we went to Armagh was because of the women's conditions, but also because their situation had never been highlighted before."

The Armagh eleven were not charged until eight months later, when they received charges ranging from disorderly behavior to assault. The case went before the court in November 1979 and January 1980, and both times the court was adjourned. The second time WAI had packed the court with feminist supporters, and at the last minute the prosecutor "fell ill." The women held an impromptu protest in front of the prison. Encouraged by shouts from the women inside, they decided to call another protest for March 8, 1980. This protest was a huge success, with six hundred women from all over the thirty-two counties, England, Scotland, Wales, France, Italy, and Australia. It marked an important step in the development of Republican feminism.

After important demonstrations it is customary to hold socials, but this one was different from anything anyone in Belfast had ever seen. Although men were not excluded, the organization planned it "for the women," and four-fifths of the crowd were women. Also, many of the two hundred British feminists who had traveled to Ireland for the protest were lesbians. Liz comments, "You must remember that homosexuality is illegal here. Gays are harassed. One guy was beaten to death about two years ago, and the police said he fell over, but it was gay bashing. The social really freaked people out. What solidarity! Women dancing together—political women who are really 'into women.' West Belfast had never seen anything like it!"

For Suzanne it was a very intense experience. "We were all happy and gay - I mean in a good mood! Half of us climbed up on the stage and we all sang 'The women's army is marching,' including working class girls from the estates (housing projects). The feeling was indescribable. It was one big family and you were a part of it. That was the first time I really felt solidarity."

"A lot of men came along thinking, 'with all these British women, we'll get a good screw.' They were told to fuck off. They couldn't believe what was happening to them. One man complained about the lesbians to the committee who had lent us the hall. He said he and some of the other men had been 'rebuffed.' That's putting it mildly! And he didn't add that most of them were married men." Although many of the reactions to the presence of the lesbians were hostile, the actions on Armagh gained considerable respect for the republican feminists. One leading figure of the Sinn Fein said in response to a complaint, "I don't care what those women are. They had the guts to come over from England and face the Brits!"

After organizing for two trials which were adjourned, the Armagh 11 decided that "the farce had lasted long enough," and that following a Republican tradition, they would refuse to appear before a court which they considered illegitimate. Instead, they held a women's tribunal on April 9, the same day as the hearing, in order to expose the conditions of the prisoners.

The Armagh Eleven were charged in absentia for a total of \$660. Several of the women, refusing to pay their fines, were sentenced to prison. In May of 1980, playwright Marguerita D'Arcy was sentenced to four months, and Liz Lagrue to two. They immediately joined the protesting prisoners in Armagh in the "no-wash protest."

The meeting between the feminists and Republican prisoners will certainly prove to be fruitful. On arrival, Marguerita and Liz were asked to give weekly lectures on Women's Liberation, yelling from cell to cell. In a letter smuggled out of the prison, Liz writes, "We had the first lecture last Tuesday night, and there was a lively debate afterwards. The main arguments being over abortion and why don't we allow men in our group. Everyone seems to enjoy them and a few actually agree with us!... The sisterhood in here is something to be experienced, and we have a hell of a lot to learn from them... God help the girls I'm leaving behind."

The prison struggle has played a major role in the development of many women's consciousness. There is a long tradition of women's participation in prison support groups. The Relatives Action Committee (RAC) is actually made up of women. Formed in 1976, the RAC works primarily for political-prisoner status, but also against repression in general. Though women's participation has often been considered, both by men and women, to be "a necessary evil growing out of the war situation," it means that women leave their traditional sphere. They go to meetings, speak publicly, get out in the streets, and fundamentally challenge their roles. One of the few local RAC groups in which there are more male members than female recently staged an all-women's protest. One woman explained that she was "not a feminist, but..." the women were being overwhelmed by the men and they needed encouragement to move to the forefront.

THE NEW FEMINISM

On another level, many women are learning independence out of necessity: one-parent families are quite common, often when husbands are in prison. After a man spends time in prison, he comes out to find that the woman he left is no longer the same. Ilene's husband has been in prison for seven years. Married at fifteen, she claims to have been a weak person, and totally dependent on her husband, though she alludes to having done things which require considerable courage. Her husband doesn't like her to be politically active, so when she joined the RAC she had to keep it a secret from him. He is very apprehensive about returning home. He often tells Ilene, "You don't need me anymore. You can take care of yourself." She sighs, "Doesn't he realize that if I want him, even though I don't need him as a crutch, it's even more meaningful!" She avoids thinking about when he gets out, joking her way out of it. "He's a male chauvinist pig, but he's wonderful."

Ilene has three children. It is common to hear young women say, "I only have two, three, or four children." It is more common to hear of their mothers who had eight, nine or ten, Mary's mother had ten children, two stillborn, and a couple of miscarriages. "She's a great woman, but I wouldn't want to live the way she did." Mary, age thirty-three, only has three children. "When I got married at twenty, I thought that babies just spaced themselves out naturally. After realizing that it didn't work that way, I went on the pill."

Another change that has occurred in the last couple of years is that more and more people are living together, and it is becoming far more accepted. One woman who has lived with a man for over two years says that, until recently, she and her children felt like outcasts, even in the Republican community. She tells an anecdote. She was discussing childraising with a fellow Republican. He started to talk about "married couples with kids." She cut in and said "Why don't you just say people with kids?" He blushed and said, "You're only saying that to embarrass me!"

There has been a women's liberation movement in Ireland for many years, but until the last two years there has been little meeting between Republicanism and feminism. One Republican woman complained, "The feminists would pass motions about Zimbabwe, but they would refuse to talk about the national question." On the other hand, most of the Republican movement was not receptive to feminism. *Republican News*, the weekly newspaper put out by the Sinn Fein, wrote in 1976 that "for men and women to allow themselves to be split into male and female liberation movements is to play into the hands of the class enemy."

One major step towards the resolution of this split has been the emergence of two Republican feminist groups in recent years. The Belfast Women's Collective (BWC) came out of the Socialist Women's Group when it dissolved in 1977. The BWC has a perspective of linking up the struggle for women's liberation with the struggle against national and class oppression. Women Against Imperialism (WAI) was set up in April 1978 when some women from the BWC decided to form a new group which would concentrate on organizing women within the anti-imperialist community. While WAI and BWC continue to function as separate groups, they do support each other's activities and initiatives.

Liz continues, "We've been trying to get it across that there's a link between the na-

tional question and the women's question, and that you must work hand in hand, and not after the revolution. We must learn from the mistakes of 1913-14 when there was a split between the suffragists, who worked only for the vote, and the Cumann nam Ban which at that time worked in support of the men. That same split occurs in Belfast. Women's groups wouldn't get involved. WAI came out of the SWG to raise the question of women's oppression amongst the left (which we have done). We split over our analysis of women in the Republican struggle. We feel they are the most progressive and the most receptive to our ideas. They are involved in a war of national liberation."

Suzanne, as a protestant Republican, feels particularly vehement about this. "The attitude was that they still want to appeal to Protestant working class women, which is why they won't ally with us. It's ridiculous! Women in the loyalist areas don't organize like the Republican women do. **The Brits don't go in their areas; they aren't harassed. The troubles have bred politics into the Catholic women.**"

WAI is a small group, with not more than twenty active members, but it has had considerable impact. Liz considers the Armagh actions to be a turning point, "I think since the Armagh thing we have won a lot of respect from people in the Republican movement. For the moment we're concentrating on it but we have other things to do, too."

Their other actions have been far more controversial and received less support from Republicans. In March 1979, they called the first anti-rape march ever held in West Belfast, which was attended by thirty five women and several men. It is common to hear Republicans, including some feminists, claim that there was no rape problem until the British arrived.

Another, even less popular action which WAI has organized, is the picketing of clubs (community pubs) which restrict women's admission. The first was a Republican club and "one of the best," chosen because they felt that discrimination there was even less tolerable than elsewhere. In the second case, WAI supported local women in a picket of a neighborhood "workingman's club." In both cases the antagonism was intense. At one point, Mary relates, "They actually sang a song making fun of us, one we usually sing against the Brits!" The Republican club still has not changed its rules to admit women. In the second case, the local women have decided to take it to court under the Sex Discrimination Act. Mary would prefer to see community cor

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Laplanders Fight Back

by Joanie Freedom

Norway, known to the world as one of the most peaceful, harmonious, and ecologically aware countries, has been shocked by vociferous protests by its Sami minority, known elsewhere as Laplanders.

The Sami are distressed by government plans to dam the far northern Alta River for hydro-electric power.

The Sami are the indigenous peoples of the Arctic. Their traditional lands are mostly lost through hundreds of years of colonization by Norway, Sweden, Finland and Russia. Great numbers of people have lost their own language and ways through a policy of assimilation and compulsory learning of Norwegian in schools the children must attend. This is because the Sami are not recognized as an independent ethnic and cultural group, or nation.

In recent years more than one hundred rivers in the Norwegian part of old Sami land have been hydro-electrically developed, posing a grave threat to the continuation of the traditional economy, based on reindeer herding and fishing.

Now the Alta, last of the large rivers in unspoiled Sami territory, is threatened by dam construction. The power plant roads, power lines, flooding, etc. will seriously change the ecology of this area that is vital to the survival of the Sami. They struggle to save the last remaining part of the once vast Sap'mi (Sami land), a culture, and a lifestyle.

The Sami people and Norwegian supporters first tried to block the project with a sitdown involving a thousand people, some of whom chained themselves to rocks at the site—under mid-winter arctic conditions.

After six weeks the demonstrators were finally removed by a police force of 600 which had to be transported a thousand miles by boat.



Native people facing extinction: Sami women dressed in native costume appeared at the U.N. to alert the world to Norway's genocidal practices against their people. Enlisting support from the International Treaty Council, they petitioned for a halt to further damage to their homelands.

Due to the importance of the matter and in keeping with the tradition of old Sami society, where women have a leading position, two Sami women, Ellen Marit Dunfeld and Inger Anne Guap, left their homeland to draw world notice to the Sami nation's survival struggle. Accompanied by their interpreter, Sigmund Kvaloy, a professor at the University in Oslo, they went to Rome and asked the Pope for help.

A petition was delivered to the United Nations in New York, where the Sami also enlisted the support of the International Indian Treaty Council.

Construction at the Alta River Project has been halted temporarily as contracts are being renewed with construction workers. The future of one of the world's last true wilderness areas is in the balance...

Five young Sami men then began a hunger strike to the death against the government to stop the plant. As of this writing they have fasted for 34 days.

Sami women, fearing for the lives of their hunger-striking relatives, went to Oslo, many of them seeing a city for the first time. They presented the case of the Sami people to Bishop Andreas Aarflot, Bishop of Oslo, and got support of some churches which held day and night prayer services in support of the struggle. They also went to see Norway's new woman Prime Minister, Gro Harlem Brundtland.

Speaking to her not only as a politician but as a woman and mother, they said the matter was so urgent they could not leave until she promised to stop the construction work in Alta. After a day and a night in her office the Sami women were taken away by police leaving a sympathetic but unyielding Prime Minister in tears.

To support the Sami people by stating the Alta River Project must be stopped, write to:

Prime Minister of Norway
Dep Oslo-1, Norway
and

Permanent Mission of Norway to the UN
825 Third Avenue, 18th floor
NYC, NY 10022

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trol. "I think it's wrong in our areas to have appeal to the so-called law that we are totally opposed to. We should be able to run our own lives. Also when you take people to court, there is a lot of bitterness. But good luck to them!"

The second important development towards the creation of a Republican feminist movement was the creation of the Sinn Fein Coordinating Committee on Women's Affairs. Sinn Fein, by far the largest Republican organization, had virtually never discussed women's issues. A group of Sinn Fein women began discussing informally in 1979, called a series of all-women meetings (in September and November), and then chose delegates to go before the January 1980 congress of the party. At this congress the women demanded that an official policy be formed, and that the Coordinating Committee be delegated to draft the proposals. This was unanimously adopted, in spite of what some describe as a tense silence on the part of many male members.

In March 1980 the Coordinating Committee held a conference open to all Sinn Fein women in order to discuss the proposals. Topics for discussion included violence against women, childcare, family law, equal pay for equal work, contraception, sexuality, and, (though not publicized) abortion.

In this conference, as well as in local spin-off groups recently created, the participants describe the experience as liberating. Breige, who took part along with her mother, recalled her first meeting. "It was really nice. We talked about our own experiences—and I never talk in meetings!" Rita had been discussing "these kinds of things" with friends but, "this was the first time we really got together and talked about what to do concretely. And I am confident it is growing fast." Rita, age thirty-seven, was one of the first women in the IRA, and not the auxiliary, because "I thought people should be judged on their ability and not their sex." During the two years that she was in the IRA, from 1969 to 1971, the only difference between Rita and her male comrades was that she could never be on twenty-four hour standby, having to juggle her schedule to be home when her children came home from school. Nevertheless, many of the men thought that a woman, particularly a married one with children, had no business participating in the Army. "Once I made it clear that I was not going to wait for

their return and have their cups of tea on the table, they accepted me somewhat more." In 1971, during heavy street fighting, Rita was shot in the head, leg and stomach. A soldier was about to "finish her off" when he realized she was a woman. Rita was let out on bail and she fled across the border. Later in the South, she served a two year prison term on trumped-up charges. She says that at that time feminist groups not only didn't support her, but they actually condemned her for fighting "a man's war." Today, however, she is part of the women's discussions within the Sinn Fein.

One of the fears of many Republican leaders is that Republican feminists will raise the question of abortion and alienate the rank and file. The 1967 Abortion Act, which legalizes abortion in England, does not apply to the North of Ireland. In 1979, two thousand women who had abortions in England listed Northern Ireland addresses. Many of the Republican feminists themselves are not clear on the issue. Rita explains what she considers the general feeling of the women in the Coordinating Committee: "We can't say we'd recommend abortion in a New Ireland. Most of us would never have one ourselves, but we feel we can't condemn other women for having them. It's a pity that it would ever have to happen."

Deborah, who also attends meetings of the Coordinating Committee, does not avoid the question. She says proudly that there will be proposals not only on contraception, and abortion, but also on "free choice of sexual orientation. A lot of very Catholic men won't stand for it. We'll have to be very tactful, but we'll shove it through."

Liz explains the position of Women Against Imperialism. "It depends on how you put an issue across. If you haven't talked about contraception, you can't talk about abortion. But we will! We all agree with abortion on demand. What we hope to do is open a women's center, and that will broaden out the issues. The center could act as a referral for women having abortions in England. Word will get out and a lot of people aren't going to argue with it. That will promote discussion."

Although the Republican movement calls itself secular, there is considerable amalgamation of catholicism and nationalism within it. But as women become radicalized, many are

revising their views on religion. Mary left the church three years ago. "It was difficult. People here cling to religion." She found the church to be inconsistent. "Take the example of contraceptives. One priest will allow them and another will say 'no.'" She is also tired of all their talk about human rights. "They talk so much and do fuck-all about it. They won't even take a stand on prison issues. I think it's better to just be a Christian."

In Ilene's house there are the typical paintings of Jesus, pictures of the pope, and a large cross carved by the prisoners. There is also a holy-water basin in the hall, but it is dry. Ilene has left the church and she feels quite bitter about it. After her husband was imprisoned, she had to find a job, which at one point required that she work on Sundays. "There were a lot of problems, but the final straw was when the priest told me that if working meant that I would miss mass, then I should quit my job. I asked him who would feed my children, and I walked out."

The combination of Catholicism and nationalism has led to the belief that one of the aspects of British imperialism is an attack on Irish morality (representing motherhood and purity) by British morality (abortion, contraception, and divorce). In a letter to the editor of



Republican News, March 1980, seventeen year old Nora Ne Chochlain writes, "What is the point of seeking total freedom from England if we are just going to turn around and adopt BRITISH MORALITY?" (emphasis her own) Mairead Connolly, writing several weeks later, adds, "I am certainly not going to stand by and allow a small section of Sinn Fein to drag the good name of the vast number of Irish women in the gutter...My family has participated for generations and while some of the present day

'Women's Libbers' were not even born they were giving their lives, not for prostitutes, pill pushers, or the destruction of family life, but for an Ireland healthy in body and soul."

Maeve McLoughlin of the Armagh Prisoners Solidarity Committee tries to put this into perspective. Criticizing a letter on British morality, she writes, "(the author) is under the delusion that the British ruling class has generously handed out to its subjects—contraception, abortion, tolerance for gay people, etc. What unforgivable ignorance...of the desperately painful struggles of thousands of British women against the same imperialists who oppress in Ireland."

McLoughlin goes on to cite a much quoted line by the Irish revolutionary James Connolly: "The worker is the slave of capitalist society; the female is the slave of that slave." (The second part of this line, less often quoted is, "In Ireland that female worker has exhibited, in her martyrdom, an almost damnable patience.") She goes on, quoting Connolly's *Re-Conquest of Ireland*, "None so fitted to break the chains as they who wear them, none so well equipped to decide what is a fetter. In its march towards freedom the working class of Ireland must cheer on the efforts of those women who, feeling on their souls and bodies the fetters of the ages, have arisen to strike them off, and cheer all the louder if in its hatred of thralldom and passion for freedom the women's army forges ahead of the militant army of labour."

To what extent they will be cheered on remains to be seen, but it is clear that their patience has worn thin, and they are forging ahead fast. The Coordinating Committee is currently in the process of opening a battered wives' shelter in West Belfast. Women Against Imperialism has just found a space for its women's center. A feminist friend who was in Ireland in November 1979, was amazed when she returned six months later. "Last time I was there, women, including many Republican feminists, didn't want to openly criticize Republican men and the Republican movement for fear of being divisive. That seems to have changed enormously."

All of the Republican feminists agree that furthering the discussion is important, but concrete organizing in the present is what will assure their future, though their conceptions of organizing differ. This future, intimately tied with the future of the resistance, is difficult to predict. The Republican movement is made up of very different, sometimes contradictory elements. Liz comments, "When the Brits leave, the Republican movement will split. What happens to women will depend on who seizes power." It will also depend on the present and future struggles of the Republican feminist movement.

Resistance Confab Big Blast!

By Steve and Marla
Fri. March 20, 1981.

The conference got off to a good start with more than a hundred people showing up for Paul Krassner, despite the threat hanging over the evening from the bombing 4 days before. He spoke of his experiences with the movement, the press, sex, and life in general. Greetings were exchanged between old and new friends.

Sat. March 21 1981.

After a healthy breakfast, the first workshop, "Draft in '81...Nuclear Holocaust in '84?" got under way. Dr. Michio Kaku spoke of widespread anti-nuclear and anti-military sentiment not only in the left, but in the scientific community, the business sector and the population at large. He also called for broader outreach into these areas.

Mustafa, of Brooklyn's Black Vets for Social Justice, dealt with third world involvement in the anti-war/anti-draft movement, saying that the third world community, and blacks in particular would "fight no war but our own," and called for more unity in the movement, lest the third world community not "take us seriously, or mistrust our motives in wanting to work together."

Margery Coffey gave a quick overview of pending draft laws and how to counsel against them. She talked about the anti-war/anti-draft movement as a whole, and denounced splits over side issues.

The basic points of agreement of the workshop were: No U.S. intervention! Stop any and all splits in the anti-war/anti-draft movement! More outreach into the scientific, working class, and third world communities.

The second workshop was scheduled on 'Native Americans and the World Ecological Crisis.' Wally Feather spoke of the world-wide, corporate power systems which are systematically wiping out indigenous peoples. He talked at length of the US government's callousness towards the Indian peoples' survival, and of their struggle for recognition in the UN and throughout the world as nations.

In dealing with what he termed "Land Based Struggles" the emphasis was not only on confronting the U.S. government, but on a planetwide approach through

every method from grass roots organizing to lobbying to the U.N., to force the United States and its multi-national corporate leeches to stop systematically ripping off and exterminating the indigenous peoples of North America.

Most people at the workshop agreed that our strategy should be one of educating ourselves and others about the goals and problems of the Native American movement, so that we can better understand our own strategy. A specific priority is to organize support for native american political prisoners.

The third workshop, "Rock Against Racism," started with reports from R.A.R. chapters represented at the conference including: Dayton, N.Y.C., Chicago, Chapel Hill, N.C., and others. After some discussion on strategy, we found that different cities have different problems and needs, making one standard strategy impossible. Also discussed was a national tour this summer, but no actual dates were set. The idea of a bus with stage and P.A. attached, and a windmill to power the system, traveling cross-country was talked about, but nothing was finalized. An R.A.R. conference was called for to be held in the midwest; the date is to be announced soon.

After dinner we saw a movie on South Africa called *Six Days in Soweto (The South African Experience)*. Two speakers answered questions about the movie and the South African rebellion. Again emphasized was the need to fight in this country against the racist policies of the apartheid system and its multinational corporate financiers. Then, a videotape called *El Salvador—Another Vietnam?* talking in frank terms about the junta, and the "rebels" and the role of the U.S.

David Lippman played some original tunes, especially noteworthy was *San Salvador Sweepstakes* followed by rousing political rock and roll by the Fourth Wall Band.

... For The Immoral Majority

Sunday Mar. 22 was devoted to building a "Strategy for the Immoral Majority". The first workshop, "Smoke-Ins," showed that there are a wide range of strategies for legalization of pot. It was noted that 'a friend' in the California State legislature

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"... Become A Thumbtack In The Heel Of Fascism ..."

We the members of the Youth International Party, faced with a threat to everything we've known and worked for, call on the *Real Majority*, the majority in this country who *did not vote for Ronald Reagan*, to embark on a course of total obstinate non-cooperation with Haig, Reagan and the Moral Majority, wherever and whenever they strike. We believe that anyone that does not actively encourage resistance is in fact *discouraging* resistance, and for this reason we are setting forth the basic points of agreement the *Real Majority* have in common—to draw the line, past which we cannot compromise.

1. The greatest threat is not just war abroad, but regimentation at home. De-militarize America! Unionize the Army. We deplore the splits in the anti-war, anti-draft movement which are fostered by the attempt of one left-wing faction or another to take over the whole thing. And we feel that anything less than one hundred percent encouragement to draft resistance is doing the work of the Government.

2. We vow to stop Ronald Reagan from stealing from the poor to give to the rich. If he wants less government, snooping and intrusion, let's start with the Feds, and the Defense Department. We will protest. We will demonstrate. We will haunt Reagan's footsteps wherever he goes.

3. Uptight, upright bigots are the natural constituencies of the Haig-Reagan War Junta. Today's attacks on the sexual freedoms we wrested from their control are the bigots' payoff. Youth has a right to define their own sexuality! We demand full and equal rights for all people, gay, straight, and bisexual, to make love uncoerced.

4. We believe that any erosion of a woman's right to choose contraception or an abortion is an attack at the underpinning of all sexual liberation. It was this right, more than any other, that cut the chains which bound us to a life of early, unwanted pregnancies, and a lifetime of working in factories to pay for it. Keep the government out of women's wombs—stop forced sterilization of poor and Third World women!

5. The rising tide of racist incidents and murders shows that the Nazis, Klan and their friends amongst the authorities, have brought home to America the death squads of El Salvador and Soweto. We deplore any attempts to solve this problem by abolishing the Bill of Rights. We are working to build Rock Against Racism in this country to fight the fascists. We believe that these sick racists ought to be recognized as the genocidal maniacs they are, and treated accordingly. However we can no longer trust the government. We support neighborhood vigilantes like those in Atlanta.

6. Though we feel Nazis should be dealt with like "crazy people," at the same time we oppose the use of phenothiazines against prisoners and dissidents in general. Nobody should be forced to take drugs to "cure them" that are more unhealthy than drugs they are already taking. No drugs should be forced on people at all.

7. The main drug that is being foisted off on our communities is heroin, by means of subtle media campaigns and deliberate and calculated diversion of enforcement by Reagan and such groups as the so-called War on Drugs. As long as 85% of all drug busts are still for pot, anyone who spouts the "War on Drugs" line is doing their work. Heroin is the ultimate commodity—the perfect instrument of neo-colonialist exploitation of our cities by the Mob, CIA Cubans, and neo-Nazis abroad. Both as a long-recognized tool of counter-insurgency, and because smack is controlled by World Fascism, we call for the formation of a new group, *Citizens against Heroin*, to struggle and educate around this issue.

8. At this moment, for the Indians of Dakota to the coal miners of West Virginia, people are being dispossessed by the energy barons and their cancerous conglomerates. The planet belongs to the people! We demand housing for the squatters, living wages and control of the workplace for the workers, respect for Native American Treaty Rights, land for all the dispossessed, and legal pot for the farmers. Multinationals out of North America now!

We will put out this call for resistance everywhere: throughout the whole counterculture, throughout the schools, through the factories and neighborhoods, in the countryside, in the media, and the System itself—to all free-thinking people who are debating whether to go along or resist, wondering whether or not the Moralizing Majority is the majority, we call on you to rise up and become a stone in the jackboot heel, a thumbtack in the foot of fascism!

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May 1
Univ. of Maryland Smoke-In
contact: Syd Barrett c/o Md. Food Coop, Rm. 80-203 Student Union Bldg., U. of Md., College Park, MD., 20720. 454-5868. Smoke-In Eve Party the night before.

May 1
Fayetteville Smoke-In

May 2
Miffin St. Block Party
Madison, Wisconsin

May 2
NYC Smoke-In & Rock Against Racism
Washington Sq. Park & Central Park
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May 3
People's Anti-War March on Pentagon
Begins at Lincoln Memorial 11 A.M.

May 16
International Day of Action for
Reproductive Rights
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July 3rd & 4th
March on Drug Enforcement Agency & Annual
White House Smoke-In (Ronnie's First) in
Washington, DC

LETTERS

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A group calling itself Citizens for Space Demilitarization has announced a national campaign to oppose plans favored by leading Reagan administration officials to place a laser anti-ballistic missile system in outer space. Describing the planned weapons system "destabilizing and contrary to international law," CFSD spokesperson Jon Alexandre said that the rapidly growing group is now organizing chapters across the country to lobby against laser weapons. The recently announced 1982 fiscal year Defense Department budget request includes 263 million dollars for the development of laser and particle beam weapons, and the Reagan Administration is expected to submit a budget amendment hiking this figure sharply. Some Reagan supporters are demanding a Manhattan Project-scale effort to place laser battle stations in space within five years.

The 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty bans anti-missile stations in space, but Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger has called for a re-examination of that ban. But skeptics question whether deployment of a space-based laser anti-ballistic missile system could upset the strategic nuclear situation and lead to an increased threat of nuclear war. Support has been growing for an initiative by prominent scientists and experts in strategic weapons such as Richard Garwin of Harvard and IBM, and Kosta Tsipis of MIT, who oppose laser weapons in space. These scientists have called for a new treaty between the US and the USSR "to ban destructive attacks on satellites, and to forbid the emplacement of instruments in space capable of projecting damaging levels of radiation."

As weapons systems increasingly dominate the US and USSR space efforts, CFSD organizers report encouraging response to the idea of an organization which supports peaceful uses of space technology for the benefit of humanity. Already, US policy allows for civilian missions to be bumped from the Space Shuttle, if a military mission demands the flight.

Citizens For Space Demilitarization
1476 California No. 9
San Francisco, CA. 94109

Dear Overthrow,

We have gone off, unsure of our direction.

Head on into a New Wave ERA.
We have no cause to fight for.

We are peons who avoid collision, Toy soldiers avoiding confrontation.

Our brothers died in a battle of meaningless brutality.

Our sisters stayed home selling flowers to those who were willing to pay. You, Me, We all watch TV and mourn the death of our king

Sid Vicious—who OD'ed rather than veg in prison.

Toy soldiers carry rifles with no ammunition.

Rockers use intuition in the areas of Politics and War.

You can keep your Police.

Pro-lice, Pro-Nuke power hungry fiends off our streets.

We've committed no crime.

We don't owe a penny, don't count on that dime.

We've got the bullets and the guts to use them as you do.

Yet why challenge our brothers in a meaningless and endless war?

If they killed us all they'd rot in Hell.

The price paid for an off-balance system of justice.

Marian Cassidy

Howdy Again—

Well, they set my release date for this grass bust as October 4, 1982. However I can get two days credit for one day's time if I work so I'm trying to get into the car tag plant here. The feds just recently inspected this joint and rated it the highest in

the state (population 470 or so). It was completed last year. They allow us to have radios and TVs in our cells, our own key (one man cells) and the food is a little better. I'm goofing off right now—and they let us have 2 free letters a week so I thought I'd honor you all with a word or two. Looking back this bust could have been avoided if I had stashed the grass (2 keys) other than the apt. where I was sitting. We shouldn't have let people come up to the house and score and we shouldn't have been getting so wasted while we were doing it. I had a connect-number in my pocket when the narcs came thru the door that I had shined on calling up due to the fact that there were half a dozen people getting wasted that morning. I should have paid more attention to many senses—I had a 'feeling' I was gonna get raided—the party broke up and everybody split about half an hour before the narcs came. I should have stashed the money in the bank instead of carrying it around because when they confiscated that they never gave it back. Oh well, here I am. Don't forget to drop a line or two—

Stuart Wiggins
Conner Correctional Center
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Dear Overthrow,

Clarence Montague-13283 and I haven't had a chance in awhile to write you or the YIPPIES, but by any stretch of the imagination we haven't forgotten about ya.

Just received the recent *Overthrow* and I hope that sometime in the near future *Yipster Times* with every issue an extra 5is given back to the people. I mean what's better than a *Yipster*?

But I'm really shocked to see that the paper has never told people about the Price-Anderson Act (a secret law passed which makes the taxpayer liable for all the lawsuits which are inevitably coming when radiation poisoning starts to affect the masses. And people should now be pressing their legislators for repeal of this Act so we can shut down the nuclear power plants, etc.

I'm now inside Jackson and Clearance is outside the the walls. Look, can do a favor for me? I wrote *Open Road* in Vancouver many times with no response. Could you tell them that?

I hope something is said about this Price-Anderson Act, none of the other papers carry it—not even the Nuke people say anything about it

Resist to exist,
Michael Crossman

Dear Overthrow—

In the January issue of *Overthrow* a reprinted article from the DC Gazette by Marie Claire Blakeman appeared. The Article entitled "The New Pro-Lifers", reflected how the thinking of the Moral Majority has effected some young anti-nuke activists. There is no possibility of forming an effective coalition between other groups and pro-life groups, as they are too single issue. The Human Life Amendment (HLA) is the prime interest of the pro-life movement at this time. Rev. Jerry Falwell recently addressed Congress to urge the passage of this Constitutional Amendment.

The HLA may sound like an honorable thing, after all who is against human life? This Amendment would ban all abortions, as well as the IUD and the pill. The HLA is a killer!!! By denying women proper means of contraception and legal abortions, this amendment will kill women, or doesn't that matter any more. Stand up for a women's right to stop a pregnancy, before we lose our right to birth control.

Margie E. Van Kirk

4-Inch Italians Squelch Demo

New York, March 15—Cops hauled off protesters outside a Little Italy eatery moments before Reagan spoke here. Sgts. Peterson & Abramson of Manhattan South barred Citizens Against Heroin from the mafia enclave, telling them to stay at least 3 blocks away, citing orders from a source they refused to identify.

PEOPLE'S INAUGURAL

As Ronald Reagan acted out his oath of office, 75 demonstrators in Chicago performed their own people's inaugural.

A dozen Moonies attempted to disrupt this by chanting "get the red out," by singing "God Bless America" and marching with sandwich signs under police orders in the circle around the anti-Reaganites. When the coalition for the people's inaugural representatives tried to speak to the crowd, Moonies tried to drown them out chanting "Reagan is hope for our nation's salvation." One terrorist in a ski mask stood behind them chanting radiation nation and raised for the ready news photographers a US flag with a radiation symbol instead of stars. After non-compliance with a warning to move along he was arrested for disorderly conduct. After protests from the crowd, police clubbed one woman, grabbed her by the hair and arrested her and one man who got in the way, and knocked another to the ground. The woman was released when cops were threatened with charges of brutality. The disorderly case of the other two was dismissed in court later, but in the police report to the wire service, one of the arrested was identified with a local anti-nuke group to try to discredit the group. The local daily papers published the arrest victim's addresses for later use by the Moonies. The next day the Yippee van was stolen.

PRETZEL LOGIC

by Richard Reddick

Pretzels are hard, dry, salty and always twisted. And no one can survive on pretzels and beer (except *Shay D. Addams-ed.*)

Ronald Reagan is presently in the process of twisting our country into a state of Republican Conservatism. Budget cuts and other proposals stated by Reagan are obviously racist and directed against the entire struggling class. Reagan's plans for a larger military budget—and budget slashes in programs for the people—were devised by a mind whose thought patterns (recent EEG tests have established) bear a remarkable resemblance to a pretzel: an excellent example of Pretzel Logic. The Salvadoran situation is only the first of many convoluted problems the Reagan regime will have to contend with.

Ronald is preparing to star in his final flick. He'll play the role of the Great Pretzel Maker, using ingredients produced by the corporate structure and the Moral Majority. By using innovative marketing concepts, he is attempting to prevent the Giant Pretzel from crumbling by putting more salt in the wounds of the pretzel makers. He is adding preservatives to prevent the hard brittle giant from collapsing.

Who said that about 'twisting slowly, slowly in the wind'?

To Overthrow:

ON THE DEATH OF JOHN LENNON

Never again will I be able to listen to "Imagine" without thinking of his body crumpled on the ground at the ceremony in the park political and musical people embraced each other after many moons like factions at a homecoming a beautiful young woman released a white dove into the air someone said next week he was going to march in a picket line of Asian workers oh sure he gave money to the police vest fund once but the part of him who wrote "a working class hero is something to be" spoke to us forever in our prisons that's why they killed him like Fred Hampton and the CWP 5 to make the world safe for Trilateral Commission "democracy" tragic says the *New York Times* deplorable says the *Daily News* how stupid do they think we are "lone nut" CIA assassin strikes again.

What's the matter with you guys? Can't you see that Lennon's assassination, like all the major political assassinations since 1963 was CIA engineered and government approved? Shame on you!!

Kit Sutter

More than twenty Sonoma County Sheriff's deputies—including a SWAT team armed with Mack-10 sub-machineguns outfitted with silencers—converged by helicopter and trucks on Sea View and Gualala ranches in the coastal mountains of California on the morning of September 3. The deputies had five warrants for search and seizure, and made five arrests on three of those warrants.

John Hubiak, Ed and Sandy Pittman, and Bob and Gunnell Lynn were arrested and charged with cannabis cultivation and possession of marijuana with intent to sell, though no paraphernalia, dry marijuana, or other evidence of intent to sell was found. Approximately 89 plants ranging from 4-6 feet were seized. The Sheriff's Office claims 300 plants were taken, but many of the plants were seized from neighboring farms without warrant, apparently to justify the outrageous employment of manpower and county tax dollars expended in the raid.

We are asking you to help as you can with donations for the legal defense of the SWAT raid victims, and to circulate this information and solicit help among your friends and people you know to be sympathetic to this issue. Checks or money orders can be made payable to:

SRV Legal Defense Fund

Please indicate if:

1. You wish to be informed of the outcome of this defense.
2. You are interested in supporting further legal steps (i.e. civil suits) to define and prohibit illegal search and seizure practices in cultivation cases
3. You are interested in supporting further legal steps toward legalization of cultivation of marijuana for personal use.

4. You would like more flyers sent to you for circulation among your friends.

Please exercise your right to vote when marijuana initiatives are on the ballot, and support that avenue in the legal process whenever you can.

Please write your congressthings and senators and inform them of your outrage at this waste of public funds and discriminatory harassment, and ask them to support Willie Brown's marijuana bill. "the average marijuana bust costs the taxpayers \$3,000.00 (not including investigation and surveillance) and costs \$20,000.00 to prosecute." *SF Chronicle*
Please mail checks and money orders and return this questionnaire to:

SRV, POB 410, Cazadero, Cal. 95421

Dear YIP!

I have been receiving a number of letters referring to my article recently appearing in your fine paper. The letters went to Terre Haute prison and were forwarded to me.

I am poverty stricken and in the hole at this lovely prison, and therefore without bucks to send you for a subscription to your excellent rag.

I am curious as to what article it is. Keep on truckin'.

In the Spirit of Crazy Horse,
Standing Deer

President Reagan has stated that he will appoint a woman to the US Supreme Court.

Except for political pull, all it takes to sit on the federal bench is a law degree.

Phyllis Schlafly, leader of the anti-ERA movement and Grand Lady of the Let Them Eat Cake Society, has a law degree.

Could it be that dear Phyllis will soon be Justice Schlafly?

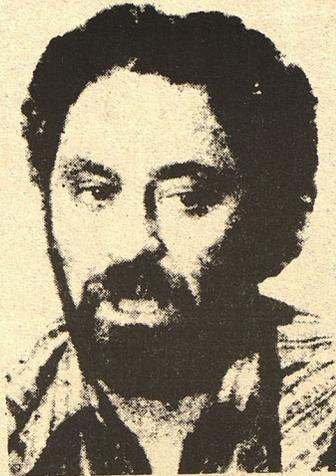
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would introduce a bill which basically says that the penalty for pot should be the same as that for tobacco. We condemned psychiatry as a dehumanizing, debilitating tool of the more repressive Amerikan elements. We demand no one be given phenothiazines to 'cure them from smoking pot.' Also, the focus of psychiatric attention should be on racism and fascist tendencies of groups such as the K.K.K. and Nazis. Other strategies discussed were, national and regional smoke-ins, lobbying, and education about the and how establishment media uses pot laws to divert police and drug enforcement activities away from the heroin trade and how this benefits the heroin traffickers.

After lunch the second workshop, "Abortion and Reproductive Rights," got off to an explosive start. A sexist male who had insinuated himself into the gathering for the express purpose of harassing and abusing women at the conference was ejected. Sexism in the movement was then discussed and it was decided our best strategy would be one of "education through action," i.e. more involvement by men in the women's rights movement, however also allowing women their 'space', and support of women's right to choose safe, legal abortion under any circumstances. The group as a whole spoke out against forced sterilization, the exploitation of women in the home and in the workplace, and the inroads of right-to-lifeism among the New Age culture. When the topic of women and the draft came up the unanimous decision was that nobody should go to war for this government anyway, or any other.



One important facet of the discussion that carried over into the next topic "Gay Rights Vs. the Reagan Administration" was the discussion of why and how persecuting those who wanted abortions or those who came out for a non-heterosexual orientation benefitted those in power. It was decided that any "deviation" from the supposed norm of man and woman getting married at an early age and then having children, tying all three into the economic system—job, mortgages, etc.—would allow for people to challenge the system more easily. Besides, one participant noted, (quoting a state legislator) if people didn't have enough babies, where would 18-year-old soldiers come from?

The Gay and Lesbian workshop moved onto 'the movement', where it was noted by a member of the Gay Academic Union

that, the RCP notwithstanding, Lenin never said 'Gays were a product of decadent society,' and that Lenin was ignorant on the subject and looked toward forward-looking education/health officials to advise him on these matters. Also discussed were matters that some label as the "man-boy love question" which developed into a whole discussion of child-adult relationships, where it was decided by the group that it was not really a question of removing the age-of-consent laws, but of empowering young people with the wherewithal to say yes and no. As one participant noted, "When you're dependant upon only two people for everything, even your food, it is very hard to say no if that person wants to 'get it on' with you."

Abbie Speaks

Abbie Hoffman was supposed to speak on "Manipulating the Media", but he said he thought it was "silly—I'm an organizer, not a manipulator". So instead he gave his views on organizing. He believes anyone can be talked to, so long as you understand and speak their language, use small simple words, and use humor. He said he organized in his "Save the River" campaign, people who were so "right-wing" they never forgave Ronald Reagan for being a union member. But once he spoke their language, they could understand the 'ecology movement'.

Abbie said he thought Central America would be THE issue, and we should start fighting the Reagan/Haig war in El Salvador. He said, to the disagreement of many of those present, that we should leave other issues aside to stop this Central American War.

Although Abbie didn't feel we should take on an issue "so complicated" as

heroin trafficking, it seemed to be the consensus of the next workshop on **Citizens Against Heroin** that there is both good reason and wherewithal to take on the cops, organized crime, the DEA, and as Dana Beal revealed in dramatic telling, South American dictators, the Pahlavi family [of the late Shah of Iran], and Lyndon LaRouche's National Caucus of Labor Committees.

The conference wasn't 100% successful, though. The planners had hoped more participants would stay and help keep the landlord from evicting the community space where the conference was being held, but almost nobody did. This helped the marshalls enter the space and eject everyone a week and a half later, as noted in a story elsewhere in this paper.

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EUROSQUAT

against thousands of demonstrators. Hundreds of people were injured and arrested during each confrontation. Dutch public opinion has begun to change in favor of the occupiers as police brutality, spying and media cover-ups become common knowledge.

There are presently 10,000 squatters in Amsterdam, and Dutch authorities are becoming increasingly terrified by the movement.

In Zurich, Switzerland, rioting has been occurring on-and-off for a year around demands for a youth center. Government authorities claim there is "no money" for such a center and refuse to allocate resources for youth, while Zurich abounds with banks, boutiques and operas. Swiss youth have responded by trashing the banks and boutiques.

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| 9 | 8 |
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If you are calling from abroad, precede the credit card number with 1-5 instead of the area code.

Remember, bandit calling is easy, if you observe the following:

1. Do not use the same number or pay phone more than a few times.
2. Do not reveal on the phone how you are calling—the operator may listen in. Learn to tell when they have clicked off.
3. Don't spend long periods of time on any one phone or call.
4. Try to use a number from the area you are calling so it looks like you are a businessperson calling home.
5. Do not call anybody who might reveal your name to the phone company or who does not wish to be hassled by them. If they call back later, tell them you don't know anyone in Topeka, or better yet complain about the heavy

breather who's been hassling your wife. It is not illegal to receive an incorrectly billed call, only to make one. YOU CAN'T BE BILLED FOR AN INCOMING CALL UNLESS YOU AGREE TO PAY.

6. USE CREDIT CARD ONLY FROM PAY PHONES!

Remember, Free Long Distance Calling is the next best thing to being there!!!

| City | Area | RAO |
|----------------------|------|---------------------------------------|
| New Jersey | 201 | 691,693,694,701 |
| District of Columbia | 202 | 632,633 |
| Hartford | 203 | 620 |
| Winnipeg, Manitoba | 204 | 456 |
| Alabama | 205 | 653 |
| Seattle | 206 | 764 |
| Maine | 207 | 603 |
| Idaho | 208 | 639,720 |
| Stockton | 209 | 254 |
| Fresno | 209 | 289 |
| NYC | 212 | 612,617,618, 621,622,623, 624,627,674 |
| Los Angeles | 213 | 646,666,782, 783,784,787,332,537 |
| Dallas | 214 | 749 |
| Philly | 215 | 641,643 |
| Santa Monica/Venice | 216 | 537 |
| Springfield, IL | 217 | 681,314 |
| Duluth | 218 | 726,236 |
| Maryland | 301 | 611 |
| Delaware | 302 | 610 |
| Colorado | 303 | 753 |

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| West Va. | 304 | 634 |
| Miami | 305 | 644,780 |
| Saskatchewan | 306 | 457 |
| Wyoming | 307 | 737 |
| Nebraska | 308 | 237 |
| So. Illinois | 309 | 203,260,277 |
| Chicago | 312 | 686,697,698 |
| | | 796,234 |
| Detroit | 313 | 683,783 |
| Detroit Suburbs | 313 | 696,913 |
| St Louis | 314 | 777,743,251 |
| Syracuse | 315 | 303 |
| Wichita | 316 | 740 |
| Indianapolis | 317 | 680 |
| Shreveport, LA | 318 | 651 |
| Dubuque, IA | 319 | 312 |
| Rhode Island | 401 | 619 |
| Omaha | 402 | 739 |
| Alberta | 403 | 454 |
| Atlanta | 404 | 635,663 |
| Georgia | 404 | 622 |
| Oklahoma City | 405 | 748,215 |
| Montana | 406 | 754 |
| San Jose | 408 | 629,293 |
| Pittsburgh | 412 | 630,642 |
| Western Mass. | 413 | 609 |
| Milwaukee | 414 | 688,689 |
| San Francisco | 415 | 758,759 |
| Berkeley | 415 | 767 |
| Toronto | 416 | 476,478 |
| Springfield, MO | 417 | 757 |
| Quebec City | 418 | 505 |
| Toledo | 419 | 657,248 |
| Arkansas | 501 | 747 |
| Kentucky | 502 | 550 |
| W. Kentucky | 502 | 648 |
| Oregon | 503 | 731 |
| Louisiana | 504 | 646 |
| New Mexico | 505 | 705 |
| New Brunswick, Can. | 506 | 451 |
| Rochester, MN | 507 | 310 |
| Spokane | 509 | 728 |
| San Antonio | 512 | 746,752 |
| Cincinnati | 513 | 677 |
| Dayton | 513 | 785 |
| Montreal | 514 | 470,472 |
| Des Moines | 515 | 734 |
| Long Island | 516 | 727 |
| Lansing, MI | 517 | 695 |
| Albany | 518 | 624 |
| London, Ont. | 519 | 484 |
| Mississippi | 601 | 659 |
| Arizona | 602 | 664,665 |
| New Hampshire | 603 | 604 |

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| Vancouver | 604 | 493 |
| So. Dakota | 605 | 738 |
| Louisville | 606 | 317 |
| Binghamton | 607 | 625 |
| Madison | 608 | 201,329 |
| So Jersey | 609 | 701 |
| St. Paul | 612 | 726 |
| Ottawa | 613 | 473 |
| Columbus, Ohio | 614 | 679 |
| Nashville | 615 | 647 |
| Grand Rapids | 616 | 684 |
| Boston | 617 | 601 |
| East Mass. | 617 | 606,607,608 |
| So. IL | 618 | 204,205,547 |
| N. Dakota | 701 | 733 |
| Nevada | 702 | 271,776 |
| No. Virginia | 703 | 633 |
| Charlotte, NC | 704 | 319 |
| North Ontario | 705 | 477 |
| Santa Rosa, CA | 707 | 223 |
| County Bluffs | 712 | 311 |
| Houston | 713 | 705,751 |
| San Diego | 714 | 764,782 |
| East Claire, WI | 715 | 202,330 |
| Buffalo | 716 | 626 |
| Harrisburg | 717 | 627,628 |
| Utah | 801 | 755,383 |
| Vermont | 802 | 802 |
| So. Carolina | 803 | 769 |
| Richmond | 804 | 257 |
| Santa Barbara | 805 | 252,255 |
| Amarillo | 806 | 703 |
| Thunder Bay, Ont. | 807 | 481 |
| Hawaii | 808 | 461 |
| Puerto Rico | 809 | 490 |
| So. Indiana | 812 | 321 |
| Tampa/St. Pete | 813 | 752,531 |
| Altoona, PA | 814 | 208,307 |
| Rockford, IL | 815 | 687 |
| K.C. MO | 816 | 744 |
| Ft. Worth | 817 | 750 |
| Sherbrooke, Que | 819 | 474 |
| Memphis | 901 | 787 |
| Prince Ed. Is. | 902 | 452 |
| Jacksonville | 904 | 656 |
| Midland, MI | 906 | 295 |
| Alaska | 907 | 492 |
| Savannah | 912 | 716 |
| Topeka | 913 | 345 |
| Lower NY State | 914 | 669,741 |
| El Paso | 915 | 221 |
| Sacramento | 916 | 160 |
| Tulsa | 918 | 741 |
| Raleigh, NC | 919 | 636 |

1981 Credit Card Code

It is easy and fun to charge your long distance calls to big corporations. Dial "0" and the area code and number you wish to reach. When an operator comes on give your Credit Card Number, and the bill will go to the phone you have made up a Credit Card for.

The numbers are good for a couple months from date of publication. After that make up your own using the instructions below. The 1981 Credit Card Number is made up of 14 digits as follows:

Area Code—phone no.—RAO—check digit (eg: Con Edison-212-473-6262-621-5)

The RAO (revenue accounting office code) corresponds to the area code while the check digit is keyed to the 4th digit in the phone number.

We missed an important change in the last issue. RAOs that formerly began with a 0 should now read '6', those beginning with 1 now read '7'. On your phone bill the Accounting Office code will still begin 1 or 0. The RAOs below have all been corrected.

(NS)Anti-draft, anti-nuclear and anti-war groups on the East Coast may have been victims of telephone harassment aimed at countering their organizing efforts.

At least three groups, including the Women's Pentagon Action, the Boston Clamshell Alliance and the Boston Alliance Against Registration and the Draft, say callers attempting to

reach all three offices during key protests last year repeatedly encountered tape-recorded messages saying the numbers had been disconnected. (This has been happening to Yuppies for years.)

Spokespeople with all three groups tell virtually the identical story: they say people weren't able to get through to them during periods in which demonstrations were

scheduled to take place and when large numbers of protesters were expected to call.

They report that both before and after the actions the phones were fine, but that during peak periods, when extra phones were installed to handle the expected barrage of calls, people would either reach wrong numbers or be told by an operator that the line had been disconnected.

| OPPRESSOR CORPORATIONS | Area Code | RAO |
|-------------------------|--------------|-------|
| Amerasia Home | 212-997-8500 | 6723 |
| Marathon Oil | 212-397-0840 | 672-2 |
| Rochwell Int'l. | 212-675-5667 | 674-4 |
| Cities Service | 212-949-0380 | 674-2 |
| Monsanto | 212-764-5000 | 672-4 |
| 3M Co. | 212-883-9300 | 672-1 |
| Gulf & Western | 212-333-4447 | 672-1 |
| Firestone | 212-432-2700 | 672-0 |
| MacDonald-Douglas | 212-682-1515 | 674-7 |
| W.R. Grace | 212-764-5555 | 672-4 |
| Georgia-Pacific | 212-755-7860 | 674-9 |
| Coca-Cola | 212-689-0300 | 674-2 |
| Colgate-Palmolive | 212-751-1200 | 674-7 |
| Aluminum Co. of America | 212-880-7200 | 674-0 |
| Consolidated | 212-751-3330 | 674-6 |
| Greyhound | 212-971-6321 | 672-5 |
| Int'l. Paper | 212-490-6000 | 674-5 |
| TRW | 212-953-9500 | 674-8 |
| Allied Chemical | 212-391-5000 | 672-4 |
| American Can | 212-686-0303 | 674-2 |
| Weyerhaeuser | 212-687-2392 | 674-0 |
| Cent. Group | 212-551-7000 | 674-9 |

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| Borden | 212-573-4000 | 674-1 |
| Charter | 212-935-3442 | 674-6 |
| Honeywell | 212-398-6400 | 672-5 |
| Sperry | 212-956-2121 | 672-5 |
| Liton Ind. | 212-661-1111 | 672-7 |
| Lockheed | 212-371-3838 | 674-6 |
| Gen. Dynamics | 212-682-0440 | 674-2 |
| Exxon | 212-398-3000 | 672-6 |
| Gen. Motors | 212-486-5000 | 674-4 |
| Mobil | 212-833-4242 | 674-1 |
| Ford | 212-265-2790 | 672-0 |
| Texaco | 212-573-5700 | 674-4 |
| Gulf Oil | 212-397-1300 | 672-7 |
| Gen. Electric | 212-750-2000 | 674-0 |
| ITT | 212-752-6000 | 674-5 |
| ARCO | 212-644-6820 | 674-5 |
| Shell Oil | 212-975-9500 | 672-8 |
| US Steel | 212-826-8472 | 621-3 |
| Dupont | 212-826-8472 | 621-3 |
| Chrysler | 212-687-7766 | 674-9 |
| Western Elec. | 212-571-2345 | 621-0 |
| Occidental Oil (Love Canal) | 212-586-4444 | 672-1 |
| Phillips 66 | 212-344-4620 | 621-1 |
| Procter & Gamble | 212-581-3750 | 672-6 |
| Union Carbide | 212-551-3763 | 674-6 |

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| United Tech | 212-935-2580 | 674-0 |
| Int'l. Harv. | 212-760-7550 | 672-9 |
| Goodyear | 212-582-3939 | 672-6 |
| Eastman/Kodak | 212-262-7009 | 672-9 |
| Union 76 | 212-582-5200 | 672-0 |
| NCA | 212-598-5900 | 674-2 |
| Westinghouse | 212-692-3211 | 674-6 |
| Bethlehem Steel | 212-558-9400 | 674-8 |
| Xerox | 212-586-5130 | 674-4 |
| Union Pacific | 212-826-8200 | 674-3 |
| Republic Steel | 212-355-5885 | 674-4 |
| Champion Int'l. | 212-972-2300 | 674-0 |
| Bendix | 212-841-8000 | 674-3 |
| Amer. Brands | 212-557-2000 | 674-9 |
| C.I. Indust. | 212-644-9292 | 674-8 |
| LCS | 212-975-4321 | 672-1 |
| Owens-Illinois | 212-953-1520 | 674-7 |
| United Brands | 212-397-4000 | 672-1 |
| Dresser Ind. | 212-699-2800 | 674-0 |
| Amcor Home Products | 212-986-1000 | 674-7 |
| Enron | 212-689-7500 | 674-9 |
| Raymond | 212-567-8900 | 674-9 |
| Texas Inst. | 212-246-8165 | 672-5 |
| Warner-Lambert | 212-644-0170 | 674-2 |
| Amer. Cyanamide | 212-489-5516 | 674-4 |

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| Colanese | 212-764-7640 | 672-9 |
| PPG Ind. | 212-682-1203 | 674-7 |
| NCR | 212-399-8622 | 672-3 |

| OPPRESSOR CONSULATES | Area Code | RAO |
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| S. AFRICA | 212-838-1700 | 674-7 |
| ARGENTINA | 212-397-1400 | 672-7 |
| | or 212-688-6300 | 674-5 |
| BOLIVIA | 212-586-1607 | 672-7 |
| BRAZIL | 212-832-6868 | 674-5 |
| CANADA | 212-586-2400/672-0/212-751-5600 | 674-4 |
| CHILE | 212-687-7547 | 674-9 |
| EGYPT | 212-679-6300 | 674-5 |
| EL SALVADOR | 212-889-3608-674-5 or 212-679-1616-674-7 | |
| | 212-689-8338-674-3 or 212-940-9200-674-8 | |
| W. GERMANY | 212-752-8400 | 674-3 |
| GT. BRITAIN | 212-986-9686 | 674-8 |
| HAWAII | 212-697-9767 | 674-8 or 212-986-9686-674-8 |
| HONDURAS | 212-889-3858 | 674-6 |
| ISRAEL | 212-697-5500 | 674-4 |
| S. KOREA | 212-752-1700 | 674-7 |
| PARAGUAY | 212-687-3490 | 674-6 |
| SPAIN | 212-355-4080 | 674-1 |
| TURKEY | 212-247-5309-674-4 or 212-687-8395-674-3 | |
| URUGUAY | 212-755-8193 | 674-3 |

| Nazis in AmeriKKA | Area Code | RAO |
|-------------------|-------------------|--|
| Harold Covington | 919-934-0063-6362 | (responsible for murdering the Greensboro 5) |
| Bill Wilkinson | 504-665-1018 | 646-7 |
| David Duke | 504-835-7959 | 646-9 |
| Tom Metzger | 714-728-9817 | 764-9 |
| Liberty Lobby | 703-546-5611 | 633-4 |
| National Alliance | 202-525-3225 | 632-6 |
| Arlington Nazis | 703-524-2175 | 633-0 |

| Other Rightwingers: | Area Code | RAO |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-------|
| NYPD Red Squad | 212-741-6464 | 621-3 |
| LAPD Red Squad | 202-546-4400 | 632-1 |
| Moral Majority | 202-484-7411 | 532-9 |
| National Right-to-Work Committee | 703-321-9820 | 633-8 |
| Heritage Foundation | 202-546-4400 | 632-1 |
| Conservative Digest | 703-893-1411 | 633-7 |
| Conservative Caucus | | |



“What—you say your newspaper is late—you say you sent your money in and nothing happened yet—well, we’ve only been bombed, arrested, ripped-off, and intimidated by people who want to keep us from coming out at all. So, if you ever want to see us come out again, send in another 10 bucks right away!”

- Here's the money. Get those presses rolling!
- I'm interested in hearing about demonstrations, free concerts, & smoke-ins.
- I'd like to be put in touch with other people in my area.
- I'd like to distribute **Overthrow**.
- Here's my story & photos about what's happening.

OVERTHROW, pob 392, canal street station, nyc, 10013

name _____

address _____

phone _____

comments _____
