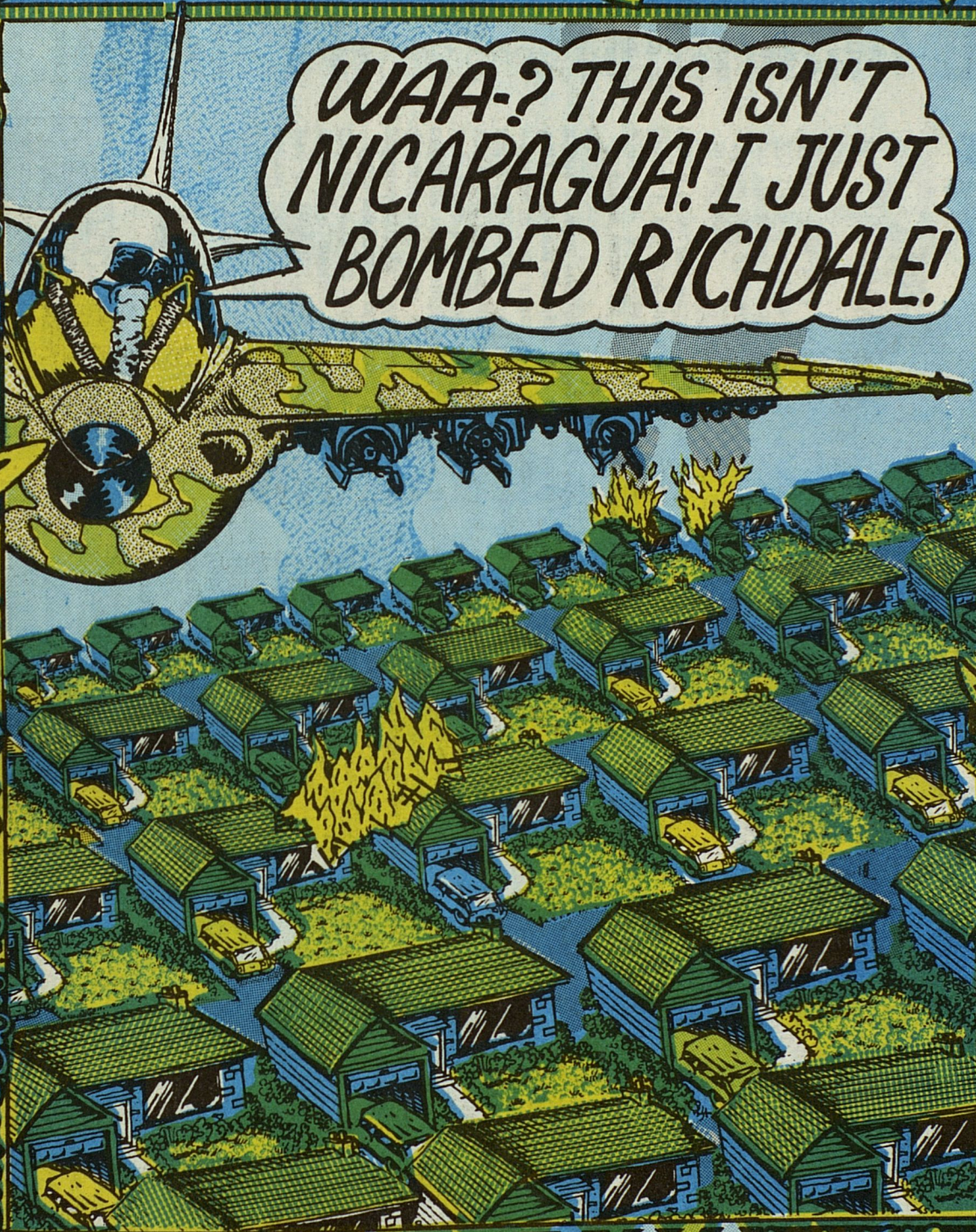


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by Susan Olan

MARION, IL, Oct. 27—On the one year anniversary of the beginning of the first permanent lockdown in the history of the U.S. prison system, forty people, several of them representing national organizations, stood in vigil at the gates of the U.S. Penitentiary, Marion, Illinois.

The prison is not visible from the gates. It remained hidden by the colorful trees of a middle-American fall. The pastoral beauty and the cows grazing up the road were in stark contrast to reports of torture and loss of civil and human rights that have come from Marion since it was deadlocked on October 27, 1983.

A report issued by attorneys for the Marion Prisoners Rights Project and a suit filed by three other attorneys on behalf of 18 Marion inmates describe such treatment as inmates being held in chains for days at a time, of forced rectal probes being commonplace, of prisoners being beaten, often severely by groups of guards. According to the MPRP report, one inmate was raped by guards using a 3-foot steel club.

Freedom of religion is denied under the lockdown for any inmate whose religion includes a commandment to group worship, purification rituals, or to the use of any religious objects. In short, freedom of religion is forbidden any inmate whose religion falls outside mainstream Christianity, in spite of the fact that such rights have been upheld by the courts.

On April 10, 1984, three inmates: political prisoner and American Indian Movement Leader Leonard Peltier, A.I.M. member Standing Deer (both practitioners of Native American Religion), and Albert Garza, a Sephardic Jew, began a lengthy fast as the only means of practicing their religions available to them under the lockdown and to expose the conditions in Marion. All three were removed to the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners at Springfield, Missouri in late May where they are still being held under strict lockdown conditions. After months of fasting, all three have taken some nourish-

## LOCKDOWN!

ment under threat of painful and dangerous forced feeding.

At the One Year Vigil, David Baker of the Leonard Peltier Support Group said that it was Peltier, Deer and Garza who, "in solidarity with other inmates are responsible for bringing this situation at Marion to the public's attention, at great personal risk to themselves." Baker said also that the Marion lockdown was being used to drop standards of treatment for all prisoners throughout the entire prison system—at a time when prisons are being constructed at an unprecedented rate.

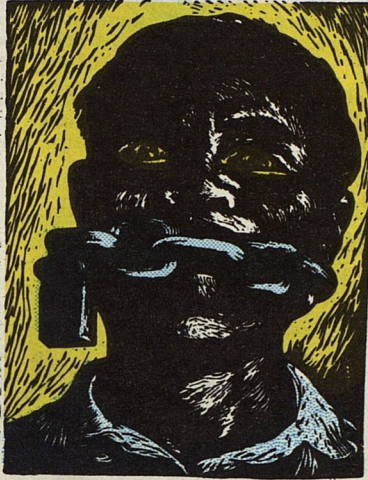
Susan MacManus from the National Committee to End the Marion Lockdown called the deadlock "part of an over all pattern of repression as economic conditions worsen in this country and as the government prepares for war in Central America."

She called the lockdown "part of a campaign to isolate and terrorize the new political movement...part of the same repression we are seeing all over, including at least 5 grand juries that are rounding up people for no reason at all except that they were activists in the '60s and '70s, or to stop the new underground railroad that is bringing refugees from El Salvador."

MacManus announced that the National Committee to End the Marion Lockdown has coordinators in several major U.S. cities and "will carry the campaign for humane and constitutional treatment for Marion prisoners to an international arena if necessary."

Toni Martinez read a statement from Leonard Peltier in which he thanked participants in the vigil "from the depths of my heart for your continuous and brave support for me and my brothers and for your willingness to face and challenge the opposition perpetrated by the Bureau of Prisoners... Ironically, these policies created a wonderful coalition of support by folks

who might never have worked together otherwise. So even out of the desecration and brutality perpetrated by the BOP, the Great Spirit works its purpose, to unify us and strengthen our resolve."



The Marion Lockdown is unprecedented. Usually a lockdown is of short duration and is in response to an emergency situation. This lockdown is admittedly permanent and, in fact, prison administrators now refer to its conditions as "operating procedure."

According to Marion Warden Jerry T. Williford, to whom David Baker of the Leonard Peltier Support Group referred as the "prison's public relations expert... brought in in an attempt to gloss over atrocities that are occurring inside that prison," the lockdown was in response to the deaths of two guards in two separate incidents in the Marion Control Unit on October 22, 1983.

The Marion Control Unit is an entirely separate "prison within a prison" and neither inmate involved in the deaths of the guards was ever in the general prison population. According to a statement sent by Albert Garza and read by Midge O'Brien, the coordinator of his support group.

There never was an "emergency situation" in October of '83 at Marion. When the prison administration reaped the bitter fruit of their corrupt and ineffective policies, they sought to cover their actions by shifting the blame to the general population prisoners. They compounded their mistakes by reacting with vicious retaliation seeking a warped sense of retribution on prisoners who were not involved in any of the administrations' problems.

Everyone has forgotten that only two prisoners were held responsible for the deaths of the guards. Everyone has forgotten that the guards died in the most isolated segregation unit in the federal prison system and not in the general population section of Marion.

In an absurd twist of irony it should be fully noted that neither of the two prisoners involved in the incident had ever set foot in Marion as a general population prisoner. And that immediately after October 22, 1983 they were transferred respectively to Atlanta and Springfield, never to return to Marion under any conditions.

The bottom line is that none of the Marion prison population did anything to deserve the beatings, mistreatment and deprivation that followed the deaths of the guards.

Standing Deer, in a statement read by his attorney Margaret Gold contends that, far from being the response to an emergency the lockdown had in fact been long in the planning.

One year ago a dream Norman Carlson had been nurturing in his heart for many years began to move to fruition. The dream was to turn Marion into a gigantic Control Unit where prisoners would be subjected to

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## U.S. PROBES FEAR OF NUCLEAR POWER

### 1/2 of Public Have Distorted View

by Howard Kurtz

reprinted from the *Washington Post*

WASHINGTON D.C., Oct. 30—The Department of Energy, on the theory that people who oppose nuclear power may suffer from an irrational phobia, is paying a Rockville psychiatrist \$85,000 to find out if their fears can be overcome.

The man who convinced the government that fear of a nuclear accident could be a psychiatric disorder is Robert L. DuPont, president of the Phobia Society of America and a frequent guest on television talk shows on subjects ranging from fear of flying to the dangers of marijuana.

DuPont, a former District of Columbia and federal official who operates a phobia treatment clinic, has thrust himself into the national nuclear power debate by arguing that people who fear nuclear power—an estimated 40 to 50% of the public—have a distorted view of the facts.

"This fear is widespread, irrational and aggressively exploited by the political opposition to nuclear electricity," DuPont wrote in the *New York Daily News* last year.

"Fear persists despite the remarkable safety record of the nuclear power industry."

DOE spokesman Jim Merna said the non-competitive grant suggested by DuPont Associates is for "a legitimate scientific in-



ROBERT L. DUPONT

... "fear is widespread, irrational"

quiry... There is a lot of opposition to nuclear power, and a lot of that opposition is based on fears. This is high-quality research being done by someone who is a pioneer in this field. We don't apologize for the study."

DuPont said yesterday that his study is not aimed at opponents of nuclear power, but at understanding whether "fear on anybody's part" is comparable to such phobias as fear of flying. He said it is "a paradox" that more people fear nuclear plants than more dangerous activities such as cigarette smoking.

"We want to understand what aspect they're afraid of, to see who thinks [nuclear plants] can blow up like a bomb, and to see whether information changes their level of fear," DuPont said. "I don't know how anyone can criticize the study when it's not finished."

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## NICARAGUA VOTES SANDINISTA DESPITE U.S. INTERFERENCE

by Steve Watrous

The first free elections in Nicaraguan history, November 4, were greeted by U.S. threats and acts of war. No sooner had the Nicaraguans rejected U.S. attempts to divide them from the Sandinista Party than a crisis was manufactured over non-existent MiG jets and U.S. spy planes began creating sonic booms which sounded like bombing attacks to the war weary Nicaraguans.

Over 400 international observers scrutinized the voting process and could find no evidence of fraud. They remarked about the fairness, orderliness and secrecy of voting, and noted the access to media and freedom to debate.

That Nicaragua elections at all just five years after a revolution was a major accomplishment under the circumstances. Nicaragua lacks a democratic tradition, is fighting a war with the U.S., half the population became literate only in the past five years, the election was expensive (20 million) when money is scarce and is needed to pay a huge international debt (over 3 billion). Furthermore, the leading party had been forced by the war to institute an unpopular draft and food distribution system.

The people of Nicaragua voted overwhelmingly for the organization which led the revolution in 1979 and the reconstruction since then, the Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN). Voters marked two ballots, for President/Vice President and for the 90 member National Assembly (legislature). FSLN Comandante Daniel Ortega, now head of the government junta, will become President. They and the Na-

tional Assembly will take office January 10, 1985.

Communication and vote-counting procedures are rather primitive, so not all votes have been tabulated as of this writing, but the general outlines are clear. 93.7% of eligible voters registered in August, and 84% of them voted in the election. Approximately 8% of the ballots were improperly marked and thus nullified.

The results were basically as expected. The low vote for the right's program, as represented in the election by the Democratic Conservative Party, showed that the claimed majority support for the right is non-existent.

Nicaragua has a proportional voting system, with seats in the National Assembly allocated by percent of vote. While the distribution of seats has not yet been announced, it appears that all seven parties won at least one seat. Just for participating, all parties losing the presidential race can have their presidential candidate join the National Assembly as a voting member. This device ensures that minor parties will have a voice in drafting the constitution.

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## Oregon Marijuana Initiative Disqualified

We would like to thank the Oregon Marijuana Initiative supporters very much for their help over the past year. We submitted 85,003 signatures on our petition to allow growth and possession of marijuana for private personal use.

The Secretary of the State denied our measure a place on the ballot claiming that a record high 28 per cent invalid signature rate was a reason for rejection. Thousands of hours of investigation documented signature disqualification errors sufficient to qualify OMI for the November ballot.

We took our case to the Oregon Supreme Court which ordered the Secretary of State to recount and verify the sample, correcting legal errors previously made. The recertification resulted in nearly enough valid signatures to put OMI on the ballot.

A supreme court refused to address the issue of 53 county signatures just plain missed after registration filed. We filed the suit on behalf of the signers of Marion County Circuit Court. No action was taken.

Legal expense and the cost of investigation drained OMI's resources. We need money and volunteers to continue and ultimately win this fight. Thank you.

Your humble chief petitioners and state coordinators, Sandee Burbank, Frederick J. Auffer, Greg Mohallick and John Sago.

## Cops Murder Delinquent Tenant

On Monday, October 29, 1984, five NYC swat pigs broke down the door of Eleanor Bumpurs' Bronx home. The 67-year-old black woman was being evicted from the \$96-a-month city-owned apartment because she was late with her rent.

The cops claim that Mrs. Bumpurs, who suffered from arthritis which forced her to give up her pastime as a baby sitter to other families in the building, attacked them with a kitchen knife. One pig levelled two shot gun blasts at the woman's chest, killing her instantly.

The pigs who carried out this bloody execution of Eleanor Bumpurs were armed with shotguns, teargas, mace and a u-shaped restraining bar on a long pole; they've been exonerated in her death because, the police claim, Bumpurs was mentally disturbed. However, Mrs. Bumpurs had no record of any mental illness and her daughter and neighbors considered her responsible enough to babysit their children on a regular basis.

These venomous statements, blaming the victim for her own murder by the state's hired assassins—the police have contrasted with the silence coming from the city Welfare Dept., the agency responsible for paying the rent on the apartment if she was unable to. For reasons yet to be explained the welfare agency did not follow their regular procedures which would have prevented the eviction. It also remains unknown why the city began eviction proceedings with the rent less than a month late.



Whether these questions are answered or not it's clear that the Police Dept. sent a message to Black people about the housing situation in the city—pay your rent on time—or die!

## S.F. Squatters Busted

The SFPD are bringing the meaning of police protection to new heights. They are outdoing themselves in harassment & intimidation of street youths. In the wake of the beatings of two 15-year-old girls by the police, at least 4 known squats have been closed in one week, with 30 arrested within 24 hours.

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## FLEET STREET DEMO

Reprinted from The Daily Lobe by Frank

The Fleet Week demonstration on Monday October 15th began as a staging event for a coalition of groups on the dogmatic left. Many people at the demonstration felt fettered by the limited "legal" forum and were unwilling to accept the expected protester role. In response to old approaches and worn out slogans, some chanted, "a slogan exhausted should never be repeated." After the scheduled events, including the ritual burning of a cardboard warship, the "vanguard" departed leaving a core of people who were dissatisfied by performing for the power elite. Most of these people felt that an allowed protest is a hollow protest since, after all, what we object to most is the control which others wield over our lives. These people decided to continue the demonstration, but on their own terms in places of their choice.

"This new 'illegal' demonstration took the form of a moving protest with people staging die-ins from City Hall up Market Street and into the financial district. Protesters wound their way through downtown shouting their anger at the growth of fascism in San Francisco and the rest of the country and disrupting "business as usual."

In the end, though, the cops came down hard; breaking up the protest after only half an hour—leaving as casualties two 15-year-old women, one with a broken elbow and a bloodied face, and twelve people in jail with charges ranging from misdemeanor rioting to felony assault on an officer.

Was Monday night's "illegal" demonstration a real, viable alternative? Several people were hurt, many more ended up in jail. Our actions were wild and unfocused and our message was often unclear. Still, we expressed ourselves freely on our own terms. Many of us felt empowered and free for the first time during the entire demonstration. We were careless and made some mistakes in allowing ourselves to be trapped by the cops, but we were autonomous and strong. Let's do it again, but let's do it better.

One worthwhile thing did happen during the rally: someone broke into the reception (for the Admirals) at City Hall and dived into the cake. Hew was shown on T.V. that night covered in icing.

## CIA COMIX

Hey kids! Seen the latest in underground comix? It's the colorful 16 page *Freedom Fighter's Manual*, complete with 38 proven ways to smash the State.

For a start, try reporting late for work and then sloughing off when you arrive, leaving lights and water on, clogging toilets, spreading rumors, damaging books and office equipment, and pouring sand into engines.

Off the job, make false hotel and plane reservations, set fires, call in false alarms, cut telephone lines, smash windows, slash tires, and paint anti-government slogans.

Soon you'll discover that the 'essential economic infrastructure that any government needs to function can be easily disabled without the use of armaments or costly equipment and with a small investment of resources and time.'

Want a copy for your very own? Better hurry, Uncle Sam is trying to give them all away to peasants in Nicaragua. Order direct from the publishers: the CIA, and be the first kid on your block to start an insurrection.

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## Out of Jail & Into the European Parliament

by Michael Southeiner

West Berlin isn't Hollywood, even though the most scandalous political trial of this year in the "Wall-City" had a happy ending. Instead of ending up in jail, Benny Harlin and Michael Kloeckner landed in the European Parliament in Strassburg. In April '84, the two radical journalists were sentenced to 2½ and a years in jail for promoting and supporting a terrorist organization.

The trial, which lasted over 5 months,

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revolved around the monthly magazine, *Radikal*, founded by the two defendants in 1976. The *Radikal* was originally a socialistic forum that later developed during the squatter movement with the ideas of the militant wing of the movement. The State Attorney used the fact that the two defendants printed letters from the terrorist group "Revolutionary Cells" who sabotage with bombing and propoganda.

The fact that Harlin and Kloeckner had left the *Radikal* collective a long time before these letters had been published, didn't seem to interest even the highest court. He was

satisfied with the formal responsibility. The support from the Social Democratic Party and the Liberal press didn't help, until the Green Party came up with a brilliant idea. The Greens nominated the two journalists as candidates for the European Parliament, and after a fantastic result for the Greens (8.6%) Harlin and Kloeckner were immune.

Meanwhile, Harlin and Kloeckner are organizing an alternative european wide computer network to build up the ten thousand cooperatives and collectives which have formed in the last few years.

## Hot Packages Leave Couriers Cold

Dangerous things can come in small packages—as Federal Express Corporation (FEC) couriers are learning.

More than 100 nuclear customers regularly use FEC, including Lawrence Livermore Labs, Bechtel, and universities and other private corporations involved in weapons testing. They often send radioactive parcels in "nothing but a cardboard box," which may enable radiation to freely escape and expose workers, according to former FEC courier Walter Mansfield.

Mansfield has organized a boycott, which he hopes will pressure Federal Express to improve its monitoring of packages. So far, 50 businesses have joined the boycott, costing FEC up to an estimated \$60,000 in lost revenues.

Mansfield, who worked as a courier in San Francisco for five years, became alarmed after a shipping clerk at the General Electric Vellecitos Nuclear Facility in Pleasanton, California, came to his shipping station

to inform him that a package Mansfield had picked up from GE had leaked radioactive xenon gas. The gas was shipped in glass vials that had broken inside a cardboard box. GE now ships the gas in tin cans.

Mansfield asked his managers to investigate. After badgering them for four months, he received a radiation badge to wear while he worked. A doctor as a consultant to FEC said Mansfield had not been exposed to a dangerous level of gas, but his personal doctor disagreed.

After he left FEC in 1979, the company installed a Geiger counter in its main shipping center in Memphis, Tennessee, and offered badges to employees who requested them. Though no leaks have been reported since, Mansfield contends that FEC still has a long way to go to ensure its employees are safe. "Not every shipping station is monitored," he reports, "and less than half the workers wear badges. Badges should be mandatory."

Federal Express should also reassess its honor system for accepting packages from customers, Mansfield says. "Right now, a courier can go pick up a package that has 'Box of Grandma's Cookies' scrawled across it, and there's no way of knowing what's really in there," he says. "Federal Express depends on the customers to be honest, but not everyone is."

Mansfield says he will call an end to the boycott only when FEC agrees to install radiation-monitoring equipment in all of its vans and shipping points and to provide adequate information to current and former employees about shipments they've handled in the past.

Mansfield, who now lives in Lexington, Kentucky, may have a long fight ahead, since FEC seems to be shrugging its shoulders. "I'm not aware of the boycott, and we have no problem—none whatsoever—relating to the shipment of nuclear wastes," Armand Schneider, senior manager for media relations there, insists.

—Clara Silverstein  
To learn more: Walter Mansfield; Boycott Headquarters; Box24565; Lexington, KY 40503; (606)272-1647

# MICHAEL STEWART

by Ronald L. Kuby

Manhattan District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau must be the happiest man ever to lose a case. On September 29, 1984, New York Supreme Court Justice George F. Roberts threw out an indictment that charged three white transit policemen with "reckless homicide" in the beating death of Black artist Michael Stewart. In ruling that one grand juror had gone too far in investigating the case, thereby "tainting" the entire panel, Justice Roberts handed prosecutors a potent new weapon with which to control future grand juries, while shifting the blame for the defective indictment away from the District Attorney's office and onto the grand juror Manhattan public school teacher Ronald P. Fields.

Michael Stewart was killed only days after Mayor Koch and police officials derided the notion that police brutality existed in New York. Stewart was arrested on September 15, 1983, for allegedly writing graffiti on a subway wall. While in police custody, he was viciously beaten for over an hour. The police deposited him in the Bellevue Hospital Emergency Room, where it was discovered that he was in a coma, and suffering from cardiac arrest and possible brain death. Stewart died thirteen days later without ever regaining consciousness.

From the beginning, the District Attorney's treatment of the Stewart case sharply departed from the way homicides involving Black or Hispanic suspects are typically handled. Community activists had to occupy Morgenthau's office physically before the D.A. agreed to act. Even then, a sitting homicide grand jury was forced to demand that the case be presented to it.

The grand jury probe lasted over eight months. Witnesses swore that they had seen Stewart being hit on the head, beaten with billy clubs while his hands were cuffed behind his back, choked with a nightstick, "hog-tied," and thrown into a police van. Medical experts testified that Stewart had been severely beaten, and ultimately died of strangulation. Even City Medical Examiner Dr. Elliot Gross, who first claimed that Stewart had died of a heart attack, reversed himself and admitted death was caused by a neck injury which cut off the blood supply to the brain.

Despite this evidence, the District Attorney's office never sought a murder indictment. Instead, they opted for a unique interpretation of New York's manslaughter law, arguing that the failure of the police to adequately protect Stewart "recklessly" caused his death. In addition to being far less serious than a murder charge, the manslaughter indictment, because of the novel premise on which it rested, was widely believed to be invalid.

Why was there no murder indictment? Community leaders, Black activists, and civil rights lawyers have charged that the D.A.'s office which, after all, relies on the police, never wanted a prosecution in the first place. Therefore, the D.A. presented the case to a grand jury, in order to prevent the appointment of a special prosecutor, but proceeded under a legal theory which in-

sured that the indictment would be dismissed.

The District Attorney's office countered by claiming that while there were eye witnesses, no one could identify the specific officers who administered the blows. To experienced observers of the criminal justice system, this explanation, far from dispelling notions of a coverup, reinforces the allegations of misconduct.

At least eight police officers, who were witnesses to or participants in the Stewart beating, were called before the grand jury, thereby gaining complete immunity for any of their acts which may have contributed to Stewart's death. It is inconceivable that not one of these eight officers could identify which of their colleagues actually beat Stewart. And if the officers honestly could not make positive identification, the D.A. never should have arranged for them to get immunity. In cases where Black civilians are in the dock, immunity is dearly bought—the witness cooperates fully, or is indicted himself. In the Stewart case, the D.A.'s office handed out grants of immunity like Bible tracts at a fundamentalist rally.

Another method commonly employed by the D.A., in cases where the evidence shows several persons acted in concert, and at least one of them committed intentional homicide, is to indict all of them for murder. Then, one of the defendants who was minimally involved comes forward and offers to testify against the others in exchange for leniency. The prosecution thereby gets their star eyewitness. In the Stewart case, however, the District Attorney was unwilling to play hardball with the cops.

Following the return of the indictment, grand juror Fields took the unusual step of filing a motion before Justice Shirley Levittan, who presided over the grand jury, alleging that the District Attorney's office had dominated the panel, interfered with its independent function, and obstructed its investigation. Fields sought an order releasing him from his oath of secrecy (unauthorized disclosure of grand jury proceedings is a felony in New York), and a public hearing in which he could give testimony about the District Attorney's conduct. The D.A.'s office vigorously opposed any public hearing, and, despite a New York Civil Liberties Union amicus brief favoring disclosure, Justice Levittan denied the motion on October 15, 1984. The judge did allow Fields to contact the Governor and inform him of the specific facts underlying the allegations of misconduct, but her decision insured that the public will be forever barred from scrutinizing the D.A.'s conduct in the Stewart case.

Whistleblower Fields, meanwhile, was himself the target of allegations. Dissatisfied with the progress of the grand jury investigation and the way in which the case was being presented, Fields visited the crime scene and photographed it, brought news accounts into the grand jury room to convince his fellows that material witnesses to the crime had not been called, and urged the grand jury to investigate the possibility that one of the indicted officers was a racist and



had a history of psychological problems.

These actions, if undertaken by a trial juror, would be grounds for a mistrial. But the jury is, first and foremost, an investigative body, with a duty to seek out and obtain evidence. The District Attorney is the grand jury's legal advisor, not its supervisor.

Despite these principles, thought to be well-settled for at least two centuries, Justice Roberts became the first judge in American history to dismiss an indictment based on the alleged misconduct of a grand juror. In so doing, Roberts installed the District Attorney as the sole arbiter of what the grand jury will and will not hear. And because he dismissed the indictment based on Fields' conduct, Roberts did not reach the thornier question of whether the indictment was defective on its face. Morgenthau expressed sorrow that the indictment had been dismissed, and quickly announced that he would not appeal.

For the nonce, Morgenthau, with some help from Justices Roberts and Levittan, has emerged from the muck of the Stewart case cleaner than anyone would have thought possible. The conduct of his own office has escaped serious and informed scrutiny, because of the secrecy provisions of the grand jury law. The Governor supported Morgenthau by refusing to appoint a

special prosecutor, despite demands by the Stewart family, Fields, and the NYCLU that the case be put in independent hands. And henceforth, prosecutors will be able to exercise even greater control over grand juries and their members.

Looking to the future, however, the Stewart case has raised disturbing issues which will follow Morgenthau and the District Attorney's office for some time. Both friends and foes of the District Attorney have agreed that no D.A. should be in the position of prosecuting the very people on which he depends—the police. They argue that cases of police brutality should automatically be referred to a special state prosecutor. And the recent dismissal of the indictment has raised new accusations of widespread police brutality, protected by official connivance. Morgenthau, who has announced that he will seek a new indictment, is under heavy pressure to dispel these allegations by getting an indictment that will result in a conviction. Most importantly, the public has been taught a long lesson as to how judges, prosecutors and the police, so efficient in locking away poor people, conduct themselves when it's time to prosecute one of their own.

Ronald L. Kuby & William Kunstler are attorneys for Ronald P. Fields.



## PELTIER HEARING ADJOURNED

### FBI TO PROVIDE MEMOS

by Paul DeRienzo

A hearing into allegations that the FBI falsified evidence to convict Leonard Peltier in the shooting deaths of two FBI agents was adjourned by the original trial judge, Paul Benson after a bureau firearms expert was apparently caught in a lie.

The expert, Evan Hodge, had testified that he and an assistant were the sole authors of a ballistics report which linked a .223 caliber shell found at the scene of the killings with the firing pin in an AR-15 rifle attributed to Peltier. According to Peltier attorney, William Kunstler, this evidence was the only difference between Leonard's trial and that of two other Native Americans charged in the same incident but acquitted after a jury trial.

This conflicts with a second document, an FBI teletype dated Oct. 2, 1975. The

teletype stated that the AR-15 rifle which the FBI claimed belonged to Peltier contained a "different firing pin" from the rifle used in the shootout.

When Hodge was confronted under oath by Kunstler during the hearing he stated that he was the author of the document. The attorneys then requested that the FBI turn over handwriting samples to confirm Hodge's statement. However after an unexplained delay the FBI stated that in fact Hodge was not the author of the ballistics report. Hodge himself testified that he had "forgotten" that in fact he was not the author of the report.

Judge Benson expressed disgust with the FBI gaff and in an attempt to divorce himself from the government's troubled case ordered the hearing adjourned and directed the FBI to comply with a defense motion to produce all documents, including memos and records of phone conversations.

#### Benson's Role

When 12,000 pages of FBI files were released to Peltier's attorneys it was discovered that the Bureau was terribly dissatisfied with the first trial in the reservation murders. That was the case of two Native American men Robert Robideau and Dino Butler. They were tried in Cedar

Rapids, Iowa, separately from Peltier because he was a fugitive in Canada undergoing extradition proceedings. After they were acquitted the FBI, in a revealing memorandum pointed out faults with the judge in Cedar Rapids. They asked for a new judge because they felt that the Cedar Rapids judge was favorable to the defense. So, the government moved the case without any consultation with the Cedar Rapids judge and sent it to Fargo, North Dakota—a state known for its intense racism against Indians.

Benson was the new judge and he went on to run the trial in a way more favorable to the FBI. In fact, the FBI met with Benson on several occasions and he was told that he should fear demonstrations and acts of terror by Native activists as well as other things that remain undocumented.

When Benson was presented with the new evidence in the case this year he refused to hear oral arguments, much less an evidentiary hearing. It was the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals that considered the new findings important enough to require the hearing. According to attorney Bill Kunstler this was an indication that they were dealing with a judge who was "prosecution, anti-Leonard Peltier, and pro-

bably anti-Indian".

#### Peltier Waits

Leonard Peltier is presently waiting at the Federal Prison Hospital in Springfield, Mo. for the hearing to resume in Bismarck, North Dakota. Meanwhile the lockdown at Marion Prison in Illinois marked one year of torture for the men imprisoned there. This is where Leonard will be sent back to serve out a double life sentence if the courts rule against him.

However Leonard does not wait alone. This summer the District Court in Fargo reported receiving 3,000 letters addressed to Judge Benson expressing concern and support for Leonard. By now the amount of letters is much higher. Letters have been reported from every state and at least nine European countries. In the face of this public support Benson issued a gag order preventing reporters from interviewing Peltier and he has restricted visitors to his parents, siblings, and attorneys.

Leonard Peltier is a symbol of Indian resistance and has become a symbol for millions fighting this oppressive society. His struggle has been a continuing thorn in the side of all imperialists and when his freedom comes it will be a great day for the oppressed—through out the world.

# NICARAGUAN ELECTION

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Holding free elections with open debate and participating by the poor and voting for a party not supported by the U.S. interrupt a pattern set with U.S. intervention in 1847. Neither internal manipulations nor the contras' threats and the assassination of election officials could prevent a massive turnout and vote for the party with the program supported by most Nicaraguans, the FSLN.

The Nicaraguan and most of the rest of the world consider elections a step in legitimizing the Nicaraguan revolution and its leadership, with the main dissenter being the Reagan administration.

With the FSLN winning overwhelmingly in both the presidential and National Assembly races, it could govern itself but this is unlikely. For over five years, it has been committed to political pluralism and working with other groups, and the new cabinet will likely include non-FSLN members.

In the past year, the Council of State debated and passed two laws preparing for elections: the Political Parties Law and the Electoral Law. The first defined parties, including that they participate in elections, and established the Supreme Electoral Council as a temporary fourth branch of government.

In passing the Electoral Law for the National Assembly, the Council of State rejected proposals that would have created difficulties for smaller parties and passed provisions making Nicaraguan elections among the most formally open in the world:

- Public financing of 9 million Cordobas per party (320,000 dollars).
- Proportional representation, applied on a national basis, so that a party winning one-nineteenth of the votes cast would gain a seat in the National Assembly.
- The state and private electronic media were opened for election ads. The parties divide equally 30 minutes of TV time and 45 minutes of radio time daily.

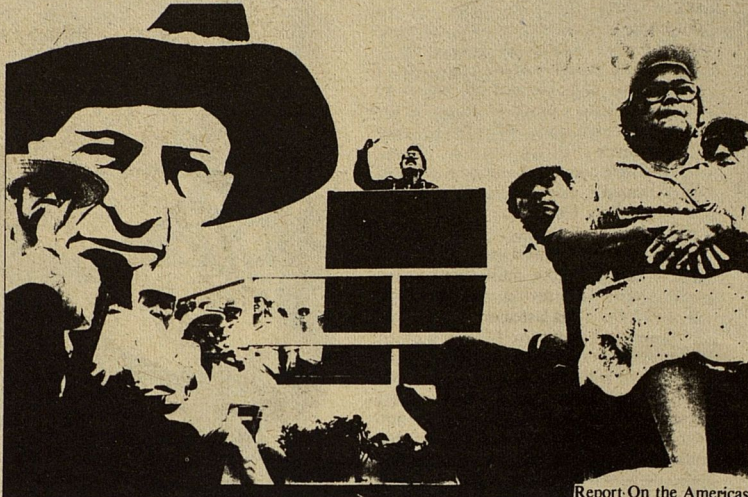
The conservative opposition coalition, the Democratic Coordinating Committee (CDN), is composed of four parties: the Social Christian Party (PSC), Constitutionalist Liberal Party (PLC), Social Democratic Party (PSD), Nicaraguan Conservative Party (PCN) and two trade unions [the Nicaraguan Workers Federation (CTN) and Trade Union Unity Federation (CUS)] and members of a business federation [the Superior Council of Private Enterprise (COSEP)].

The CDN parties demanded a high price for their participation in elections which they knew could only give further legitimacy to the likely winner, the FSLN. The CDN made numerous demands as preconditions for their election participation, demands which would negate the progressive change of the last five years.

The FSLN has responded to some CDN demands, such as formally separating the TV stations from the FSLN by turning them over to the state. All media and assembly restrictions not narrowly related to military defense were lifted for the opening of the campaign period in August.

The FSLN has invited the Contadora group (Mexico, Venezuela, Panama, Columbia), the Socialist International, and many other international organizations to observe, but not legally supervise the elections. The CDN demands amnesty for all the U.S. supported counter-revolutionaries (contras), and the government has offered

Fifty years of Sandinismo. Daniel Ortega announces the November elections.



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amnesty since last December 1 to non-leadership contras who surrender.

Other demands, such as negotiation with the contras or allowing them to participate in the elections, are rejected by the FSLN as a return to Somocismo (ex-dictator Somoza's system). The Sandinistas unwaveringly oppose such demands and an insult to the 50,000 who died overthrowing Somoza and the over 10,000 Nicaraguans killed by the contras since 1979.

The CDN made its demands as preconditions rather than as part of a platform put before the voters because the demands are not popular within Nicaragua. The CDN speaks to an international audience and would lose most political influence if it ran on these demands and were rejected by the voters. It retains credibility with some outside forces by abstaining from the elections and avoiding a real test of strength. The rightist parties are small, with no more than a few hundred members each and are referred to in Nicaragua as "sofa parties" because party conventions could be held on a couch.

The campaign of international banker Arturo Cruz for President on the CDN ticket was set up to gain international attention but was not a serious electoral bid—the CDN knew its preconditions could not be met and simply followed through on several month's threats to abstain from the elec-

tions. To the CDN, the only "fair" elections would be the defeat of the FSLN, a near impossibility. Cruz, who has lived in the U.S. most of the last 15 years, has little internal popular support but good relations with contra groups and the U.S. government. Through such contacts, he is essentially forming a government in exile.

The CDN kept claiming it wanted to enter the elections, and the Sandinista government bent over backward by extending or reopening candidate registration five times and even flying to Brazil for discussions. However, it became more clear that the main influences on the Nicaraguan

presidential candidate, so the Party remained on the ballot.

The rightist groups faced severe conflict when they had to finally decide on participation, leading to several splits. A faction of the Conservative Democratic Party (PCD) forcibly took over the party offices in early 1984. This faction, led by Miriam Arguello (a Jeane Kirkpatrick-like figure adamantly opposed to anything Sandinista), formed the PCN and joined the CDN, which is boycotting the elections.

The Trade Union Unity Federation (CUS), a member of the CDN, also had their office taken over in August by dissident members who objected to the CUS leadership's decision to support the CDN boycott.

The conflicts within the conservative camp revolve around two basic choices.

**1. Pressure Within The System:** To recognize that the Sandinistas are the government with popular support and are likely to remain in power. Rather than standing apart from the process of the new government, these groups would enter into peaceful co-existence, attempting to bend government policies to their interests through a more cooperative approach. National sovereignty is an important goal. The PCD and some factions within the CDN member groups lean toward operating as opposition pressure groups within the government.

**2. Counter-Revolution:** To gamble all on outside intervention, "representing an alternative to Sandinismo" and the "normalizing option" to form a new government after a military intervention." The rest of the CDN takes this stand.

These choices mirror factions within the U.S. foreign policy making elite. The trilateralist camp tends toward accommodation and influence through more subtle pressure—it favored aid channeled to conservative groups within Nicaragua.

The Reagan-right camp is more prone to military adventures and has channelled all aid to the contras.

Like the Nicaraguan parties, the Reagan administration was all for elections until they finally arrived. After such bombastic criticism of Nicaragua for delaying elections and trumpeting of imperfect elections in neighboring countries, the Reagan administration was forced into some fancy footwork.

Secretary of State George Shultz prepared the way in early 1984 when he criticized the decision to let 16-year-olds vote, called for outside supervision and announced that "with or without elections, we will continue our policy of pressuring Nicaragua." Henry Kissinger insisted that participation of the contras in the elections is necessary. The U.S. government did not object to Somoza's perversion of elections, but uses the issue now to fan internal conflict in order to justify intervention. Despite Congressional decisions, supplies continue flowing from the U.S. to the contras.

The overthrow of Somoza brought a rush to organize Nicaraguans into parties, unions, and groups of all kinds. Nicaragua had perhaps the most widely supported

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## National Assembly Candidates Kidnapped

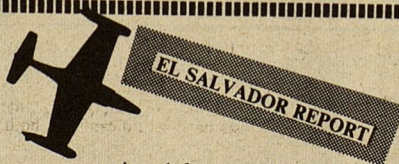
On September 5, National Assembly candidates Ray Hooker and Patricia Delgado, along with Capt. Santiago Mayorga who was ferrying the unarmed civilians across the Rio Grande River to Karawala on Nicaragua's Atlanta Coast, were kidnapped by 82 *contra* guerrillas.

The most recent of some 80 kidnappings since July 1984, the abduction has focused attention on CIA-backed *contra* attempts to undermine the Nicaraguan elections.

A Creole of African-European descent, Hooker has been instrumental in improving conditions on the Atlantic Coast in southern Zelaya and in fostering better relations between Managua and the region.

Currently serving as government liaison to the area's health and education ministries, Hooker is running for a National Assembly seat on the Sandinista slate, although he is not a member of the FSLN. Patricia Delgado, also a candidate for the 90-seat Assembly, works with the South Zelaya Sandinista regional organization.

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The war has changed. Hemmed in by the FMLN and unable to move on the ground, the Salvadoran military and its US advisors have moved the war to the air. While the air war has been growing for the past year, we are only now coming to realize the impact upon the rural civilian population.

Throughout El Salvador bombing runs increased 70% in the first six months of '84 while increases over 500% have been reported in certain areas. An estimated 1,300 civilians have died in these bombings. According to the *L.A. Times* these deaths now form a significant portion of the civilian death toll.

Given the lack of significant military targets (fixed command stations, barracks, or artillery), the targets have been overwhelmingly human. Anti-personnel and fragmentation bombs make up the bulk of weapons used.

Numerous reports of the use of incendiary bombs, especially napalm and white phosphorus, have become widely available. The military claims to have stopped using napalm in 1981. The Salvadoran government admits to having a stockpile, but refuses to comment on its size or location.

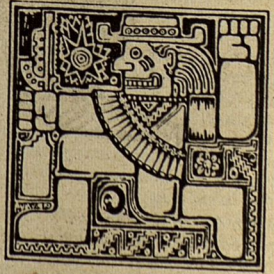
Given the mobility of opposition forces, bombings target those least able to move—peasants living in small villages. US involvement in target selection is obvious. According to the Salvadoran military, US OV-spotter planes operating out of Honduras provide "instantaneous" intelligence on population concentrations.

Due to increasing awareness of the impact of the air war, both US Ambassador Thomas Pickering and President Duarte have been forced to respond.

Duarte reacted by announcing guidelines for aerial bombardment on September 12th. From now on the pilots must be informed if civilians are in the target area. Each air strike must be authorized in writing by the high command (apparently bombing civilian targets is acceptable if the pilot is informed and has permission.)

Pickering, in clear violation of the Geneva Convention, justified the targeting of civilians by calling them "something more than innocent civilian spectators". In

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revolution in history, and this activism continued after the triumph. For example, union membership grew from 27,000 in 1979 to 207,000 by December 1983. One group overwhelmingly out-organized all the rest—the FSLN, which demonstrated the popularity of its politics, energy of cadre, close ties with the populace, and the benefits of holding the state power.

The FSLN has enough popular support to institute a one party dominated state without banning the others, following the path of Mexico's Institutionalized Revolutionary Party. Instead, the Sandinistas have bent over backward to enable political diversity in the new legislature. The form itself, in changing from the present Council of State to the elected National Assembly, is a concession to rightist forces who wanted a parliamentary system with geographic representation (rather than by organized sector) where only parties would be represented directly.

The FSLN has spoken of "institutionalizing the revolution," which means establishing laws and a judicial apparatus, setting up state agencies and procedures, and having elections which will establish a body with national (and internal) legitimacy to write the Constitution. The Nicaraguans speak of these measures as "the rules of the game," which are an advance over the turbulent early days when small group decision making and arbitrariness were necessary.

Perhaps the most significant accomplishment of the FSLN five years after the triumph is the sustaining and deepening of mass participation in the revolutionary process. Without the spontaneous support for the FSLN leadership, there would have been no insurrection leading to the triumph in 1979 nor the wide ranging social process since then. The literacy, health and defense campaigns have all depended on millions of hours of volunteer energy. While virtually the whole population was united in overthrowing Somoza, the FSLN has convinced the majority to support its radical program only through careful leadership.

A major issue in the campaign was the illegal acts by over enthusiastic supporters of the FSLN and the other parties. Disruption of campaign rallies was the main complaint, and both the police and the Electoral Council took some measures against it. Such energy at the base is what won the revolution in 1979 and made possible accomplishments in literacy and health campaigns since then. The top FSLN leaders do not discuss or approve everything done at the base, and they were slow to restrain their most militant supporters.

The FSLN slate of 180 representatives and alternates for National Assembly included 34 women, many of them leaders or members of Women's Association (AMNLAE). Other candidates are involved in unions, Sandinista Defense Committees (CDS), business or professional organizations. Not all of the 180 candidates were FSLN members.

It is clear that the Nicaraguan elections are a qualitative improvement over the "demonstrations elections" in El Salvador,

and that the FSLN has gone the extra mile in encouraging participation by all parties in governing and in the elections.

The elections in Nicaragua and El Salvador are compared by many, yet in El Salvador a lesser percent registered or voted despite force of law. The government death squads have killed approximately 50,000 civilians since 1979, including anyone who speaks in opposition to the government. A million have fled their homes, and many live in zones not controlled by the government.

In Nicaragua, it is legal to refuse to vote and there is no voter identification card which can be checked. All the parties could say whatever they liked about the Sandinista government, including calling for overthrow of "totalitarian dictatorship."

Pluralism as practiced in Nicaragua by including the organizations of conservative big business may prove to be an effective means of diminishing the influence of the conservatives and their ideas. As the other 95% of the population become politically sophisticated and fully literate, they are likely to see more clearly that the old parties and ideas are not in their interests.

The Nicaraguan elections offer the potential for a competing multi-party political system within the revolutionary process, a situation which has lasted only briefly in existing socialist countries. In such a system, different parties would represent the various sectors and tendencies of the population, including those among the popular classes, all accepting the need to develop the country with a focus on the poorest but with tactical differences for attaining this goal. Such a

multi-party system within the revolution could be one sort of "check and balance" on FSLN leadership, which is capable, but not infallible.

Nicaragua will move to a new structure of government, with representation by party and geographic region in the legislature, yet with large and active mass organizations at the base making some decisions and implementing national policies. This dynamic tension provides another sort of check and

balance to make sure that the needs of both the nation and the grass roots are articulated.

Nicaraguans desperately want peace to develop their country, and they made a big compromise in signing the Contadora peace treaty in October. The Reagan administration, which supported both elections and the Contadora negotiations in the abstract, now refuses to recognize the election results or the treaty.



"Voting is a duty; choosing is a right!" A February rally in Masaya.

### Here's a list of the parties involved in the election, with the percentage votes obtained (partial results):

**Popular Action Movement (MAP: Marxist-Leninist)... 1.0%**

Supports the organization of the proletariat as a social class and its assumption of political power to do away with capitalist production relations by force. Opposes the mixed economy and the private sector having a voice in government; criticizes the government for primarily benefitting big business. Calls the Sandinista process "bourgeois." Expressly Marxist-Leninist, it advocates building socialism as the way toward establishment of communism. Considers the agrarian reform program too moderate.

**Communist Party (PC de Nicaragua)... 1.4%**

Expressly Marxist-Leninist, it seeks the establishment of a democratic, patriotic government led by communists whose basic function would be to create conditions for the construction of socialism as the path toward communism. Proposes a new judicial and political system that would bring greater benefits to the working class. Favors more radical agrarian reform. Calls the FSLN "petty-bourgeois." Opposes paying international debts left by Somoza.

**Socialist Party (Nicaragua)... 1.4%**

Favors national economic planning in accordance with existing economic and human needs and resources; ridding the state administrative apparatus of bureaucracy; independence and non-alignment; developing and deepening of popular, democratic and revolutionary unity. Critical of housing shortages and promises more construction. Expressly Marxist-Leninist, it is this party, not the Communist Party (PC de N), which is closest to the Soviet Union.

**Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN)... 66.9%**

The Sandinistas offer continued progress in the field of health, education, land reform, economic development, and promotion of popular democracy focussed on the poor. Maintain political pluralism, the mixed economy, and international non-alignment. Defense of the country against a return to Somocismo.

**Popular Social Christian Party (PPSC)... 5.7%**

Seeks a socialist-Christian society; favors Christian education and more Christians in government. Critical of FSLN conflict with Catholic hierarchy, policies of social control, special privileges for party activists or sympathizers, totalitarian signs, and "heavy Cuban influence." It would close down certain satirical radio shows and the private weekly humor magazine, "Semana

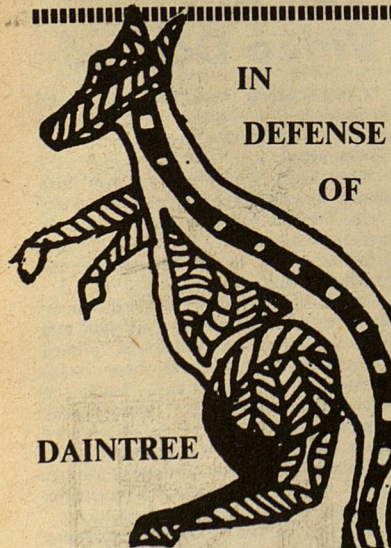
Comica," for disrespect toward Catholic bishops. Favors replacing CDS with neighborhood councils independent of FSLN, worker participation in management of enterprises, mixed economy, independence from both U.S. and Soviet Union. Expressly non-Marxist. Favors religious instruction at parental request in state schools.

**Independent Liberal Party (PLI)... 9.7%**

Considers itself a third way between the conservative parties which seek a return to the past and the left wing parties which are "totalitarian and sectarian." Favors complete suspension of the State of Emergency laws and demilitarizing the country. Says the revolution "has been usurped by the FSLN." Tried to withdraw three days before the election.

**Democratic Conservative (PCD)... 13.8%**

Calls for a "social pact" between government and private sector—will try to convince the private sector to share wealth with workers and thus prevent exploitation. Wants guarantees for businessmen. Critical of food shortages (blamed on the "indifferent Sandinista bureaucracy"), the decline of value of the Cordoba (unit of money), "authoritarianism that only knows how to give orders," and the "nightmare of the last five years." Opposes any one party continually remaining in power. Plans to develop industry using local raw materials. Considers land reform program too radical.



DAINTREE

wilderness. In December 1983, a small number of conservationists gathered for a spirited defense of this forest. They physically blockaded the local council's bulldozers in a series of actions which confounded both workers and a strong contingent of police.

The month-long direct action campaign witnessed 40 arrests while conservationists successfully utilized the resources of the natural environment. They locked themselves high up in the trees, and suspended themselves from ropes between trees marked for felling. Police were forced to employ rescue equipment and a lot of hard work to extract and arrest the demonstrators. Hostility was succeeded by incredulity as police swung from trees and dug protesters out of the ground.

When the rains started in earnest, creeks flooded the access routes. One critical section of track took on the appearance of a muddy football field in the late stages of a match as the environmentalists, wet, muddy and slippery, successfully brought the dozers to a halt.

The police then stated that they would be returning in six hours with reinforcements and helicopters. That was six months ago, and the blockade of logs at the start of the new scar in the forest still stands. The chains with which the protesters bolted

themselves to trees or to the earth, are rusty but ready for use. The weather has cleared and the council has stated their intention to resume work on the road. Sixty to eighty conservationists have set up camps at both ends of the proposed road and more are arriving daily.

The proposed road is only the thin end of the wedge regarding development in this splendid Greater Daintree wilderness. The Queensland Forestry Department has plans to log virgin rainforest as access becomes possible. Tin miners are working nearby. Real estate developers (who have been carving similar lowland rainforest into two acre residential blocks nearby) are anxious to expand their activities.

The forest of the Greater Daintree are a refuge for many species like Bennets Tree Kangaroo—rare, endangered, endemic. Their habitat is suffering accelerated destruction though much of the flora and fauna is undescribed and awaits study.

Botanists regard the area as a living museum. Studies of fossilised pollen show that the forest has inhabited the region continuously for over a hundred million years, undisturbed by the volcanic activity or incursions by the sea. Before continental drift broke Australia apart from Antarctica, South America, Africa and the rest of Gondwanaland, these forests existed in

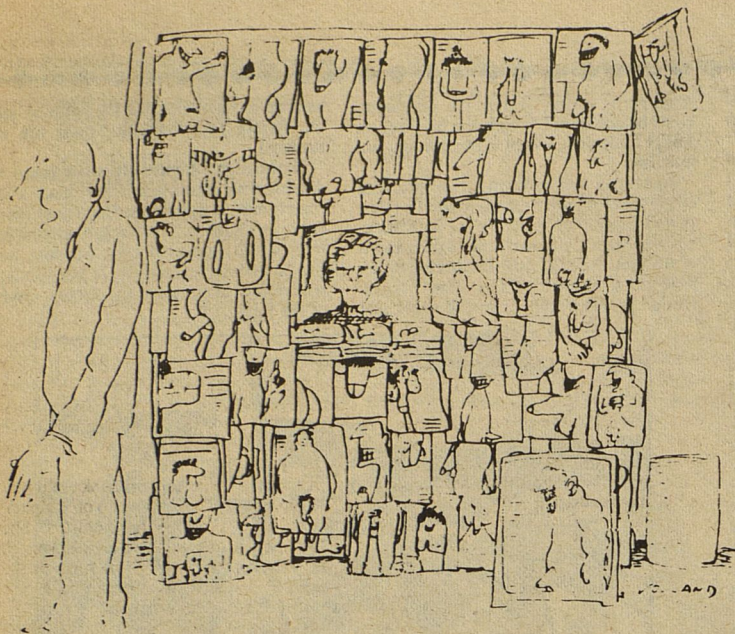
this place, and the presence here of the most primitive of all flowering, fruiting plants, leads scientists to speculate that this may have been the birthplace of flowering plants upon the earth.

The International Union for the Conservation of Nature has identified the tropical forests as being the world's number one conservation priority. The Director-General of the I.U.C.N. has written to Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke (who was, after all, elected on a conservation ticket last year) urging him to: "...do all possible to save this important area of world heritage quality."

Such expressions of interest and concern from around the world must strongly influence Australia's perceptions of the situation and of our duties to the tropical rainforests.

Please write to Bob Hawke urging him to consider Australia's international obligations and her obligations to the biosphere. A deadlock between State and Federal Governments is interfering with plans to list Australia's moist tropics as World Heritage. This stalemate can be tipped in the rainforest's favour by international pressure. Tell Hawke that Australia's duties to maintenance of the biosphere must not be blocked by the short-sighted State Government in Queensland.

by Ian Cohen & John Seed  
Once more, conservationists are gathering in Australia's far north to prevent bulldozers from moving back into the coastal lowland tropical rainforest



## Feminism Neither Left Nor Right: Madison Conference Targets Porn

### Anti-Porn Proponents Put Civil Rights Ordinance On the Agenda

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by Sharon Page

Madison WI—A major symposium on "A Feminist Analysis of Pornography" showcased leading proponents of the "civil rights" anti-porn legislative strategy here September 14-15. Attracting some 250 people, this first-of-its-kind event was held to muster support for the planned introduction in Dane County of a human rights code amendment modeled on the Minneapolis-Indianapolis measures to combat pornography.

Included under the heading on pornography considered to be fit targets for civil action were materials termed exploitive, degrading, or abusive, ranging from jeans and perfume ads to "beaver" shots, bondage pictures and photos of sexual manipulation of small children. Speakers attacked this continuum of imagery from political, sociological, legal and clinical perspectives. On the program were radical feminist activist Andrea Dworkin, Katherine MacKinnon and Sonia Johnson; social researcher Edward Donnerstein and Dane County's lesbian feminists Supervisor Kathleen Nichols.

The symposium charted the societal conflation of violation with sexiness and the escalating sexualization of advertising, but the inability of speakers to put forth examples of eroticism free from taint left doubts as to whether any sexual imagery is exempt from their campaign.

Author and orator Andrea Dworkin's lecture before a packed University of Wisconsin auditorium Friday night set the tone for the next day's program. She said pornography creates and maintains the systematic terrorization of women which is situated within a cycle of poverty, exploitation, abuse, rape, torture and murder. Women can enter this cycle at any point, but she said, "it all comes together"; for instance, incest victims are used on porn which in turn legitimizes incest.

Stating that all pornography involves real abuse committed against real women, Dworkin asserted that "the women in pornography are its first victims." The multi-billion dollar porn market "has introduced the profit motive into rape," she said, stating that rape crises centers report increasing numbers of rapes being photographed and the subsequent appearance of these photos in commercial porn. Yet, Dworkin argued, such images are treated not as evidence of harm, but as proof of consent and "protected speech."

Closing to a near-unanimous ovation from the standing-room-only crowd, nearly one-fifth men, Dworkin was asked how to disassociate from right-wing opponents of porn. She replied that the media insists on portraying that coalition and urged feminists to present "the most rigorous analysis articulatable" focused on women's civil rights, claiming that feminist politics are "neither part of the left nor the right."

Sponsored by the local feminist taskforce on Prostitution and Pornography (TOPP), the *Feminists Connection* newspaper, and Sonia Johnson for President, the Saturday symposium led off with two locally-produced slide shows. The first documented the fetishization of female body parts, the increasing use of violent innuendo in advertising copy, the proliferation of entertainment with "slasher" and "snuff" themes, and the explosion of the hardcore porn industry.

The second slide show dealt with "Media Images of Children and Child Sexual Abuse." It discussed the sexual socialization of girls by the fashion/beauty industries, and the conflation of youth and innocence with desirability and seductiveness. Even *Show Me*, the children's sex education book withdrawn from circulation for fear of prosecution under the kiddie porn laws, was cited as promoting the objectification of girls' bodies.

Edward Donnerstein, professor of psychology at the University of Wisconsin and co-author of *Pornography and Sexual Aggression*, presented his findings on the "Impact of Sexually Violent Media on Attitudes." Donnerstein's work has been claimed by anti-porn feminists as clinical evidence supporting their thesis that pornography promotes violence against women. But in comments surprising to those aware of Donnerstein's work only as filtered through the anti-porn movement, Donnerstein suggested that his data could support conclusions different from those drawn by Dworkin and MacKinnon.

His studies of "how massive exposure to commercially-released, sexually-violent films influence [male] viewer perception" show a clear link between exposure to "mass media stimuli that have violent and sexual content" and "aggressive sexual fantasies, acceptance of aggression, belief in rape myths, and aggressive behavior."

However, Donnerstein pointed out that when the sexual component was removed, but violence retained, the effect on the viewer was unchanged. He said that "the erotic in and of itself" did not seem key to producing aggressive responses. He suggested that such films as "Tool Box Murders," "Texas Chain Saw Massacre," and "Vice Squad," directed to early-teenaged audiences hungry for cues about erotic behavior and sex roles, may be more pervasively harmful than more sexually explicit, but less graphically violent pornography.

This delimitation differs from the Dworkin/MacKinnon analysis of aggression as rooted in objectification they say is inherent in even nonviolent sexual imagery.

Donnerstein concluded by noting the long-term positive effects on his research subjects of "debriefing sessions imparting sex education, sensitization and critical viewing skills." Follow-up studies showed positive attitudinal changes sustained up to nine months later. He suggested that "pre-briefing" young people with similar skills may be key to changing patterns of social conditioning to the eroticization of violence.

The luncheon address featured Citizens' Party Presidential candidate Sonia Johnson who delivered an impassioned condemnation of pornography as "the war on women" and "political terrorism." Saying that we have all been hurt by the patriarchy, she exhorted women to "never, ever speak against one another."

After her speech, *GCN* asked Johnson to comment on the heated disputes among feminists around pornography. Pleading a lack of knowledge about the controversies, she deferred to "Andrea and Kitty [as] the experts on this." Asked for advice on resolving the split between factions of the feminist movement, Johnson replied, "Every woman must first listen and let everyone have their say."

Katherine MacKinnon, professor of law and co-author with Andrea Dworkin of the prototype anti-porn measure, lectured on "What Next for the Pornography Ordinance?" MacKinnon stressed her opposition to any dilution of her civil rights strategy that favors "opaque cover" statutes which she said "only make pornography sexier," and she rejected any exemption of nonviolent porn.

The symposium concluded with a panel of the "Legal Status and Implications of the Ordinance Proposed for the Dane County." County Supervisor Kathleen Nichols, referring to Madison's progressive political climate, described the area as "uniquely qualified" to pass and enforce such legislation. She went on to relate the need to first enact enabling legislation in the form of a county civil rights ordinance, which could later be amended to include pornography under sex discrimination.

Nichols has kept her version of the anti-porn initiative a closely guarded secret. She told *GCN* that she wanted first to pass the overall civil rights ordinance and then to make final exact wording of the anti-porn amendment before releasing it to public scrutiny.

"Carfool" she does errands around town and runs out of gas, while in "Harried Housewife" she struggles with an endless list of chores. If she wins, "mom" gets a hot bath and a nap.

According to *Weekly World News*, the games were designed by 2-bit Software of Del Mar, California, and are intended to teach housewives about the world of computers.

There must be better ways . . .

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## T.V. Violence Induces Paranoia

Are violent and pornographic depictions in the media reinforcing "structural inequalities" in society? According to studies done by George Gerbner of the University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg School of Communication, viewing such acts causes a mild but pervasive paranoia—what he calls "the mean world syndrome." Gerbner says "the more people watch violence on TV, the more acquiescent they become. . . They don't identify with the muggers; they identify with the people who are mugged."

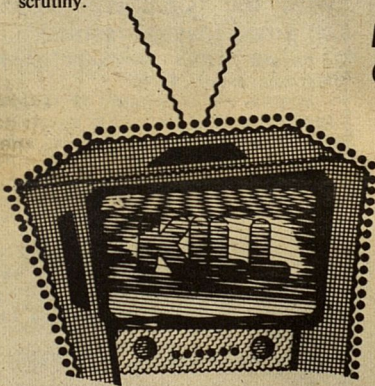
His findings may have surprised a few of his colleagues at Sunday's Symposium on Media Violence and Pornography in Toronto. While many anti-TV-violence groups—including some of the sponsors of the Toronto conference—worry that viewers will imitate what they see on TV, Gerbner says his research suggests nearly the opposite: the paranoia created by such acts on TV makes citizens more willing to accept otherwise extraordinary measures of repression.

## International Censors Confronted in Toronto

TORONTO—More than 200 feminists, artists, gay people and others gathered on September 17 to protest an international meeting of censors. The meeting included censors from the U.S., Britain, Australia, Israel, Sweden, France, and the Philippines, according to *Rites*.

The Artists' Union organized the anti-censorship demonstration, which linked opposition to censorship with the struggle to change the dominant forms of representation of women and sex in society. Banners at the "No More Censors" demonstration represented feminist and artist groups, as well as gay men and lesbians opposing censorship.

Among the films recently censored by the Ontario Censor Board are *Not a Love Story* and *Born In Flames*.  
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## More Rape Video Games & 'housewife computers'

New video games hitting the market make it clear who is creating these toys of the new technology—not women. One of these is "Lover Boy," made in Japan and exported to Europe, according to *Webspinner* (July '84). The object of the game is for the player (who controls a naked male figure) to rape as many women as possible.

In the first part of the game, the man chases four women; meanwhile, a policeman patrols in the background. The man tries to catch the women one by one without being arrested by the policeman. Each time he is successful, the words "help, help" appear on the screen, along with the name of the woman he has caught.

The second half of the game shows close-up scenes of "forced sexual intercourse" between the man and a screaming woman. If the woman reaches the police station without being raped, the player loses.

This game has been found in amusement arcades in West Germany though the West German Health Ministry has, according to *Webspinner*, given its assurance that all available copies have been destroyed.

In the U.S., meanwhile, a new line of video games has appeared with the aim of introducing housewives to computers. The four games in this package are called "Mad Dash," "Shopping Mall," "Carfool," and "Harried Housewife." The first shows "mom" running around the house trying to cope with a crying baby, a ringing phone, and a boiling pot; the second shows her searching for her car in a parking lot maze; in

## 'Red Hot' Video Doused

Cancom Media Consultants, Inc. bowed to pressure from women, and cancelled a contract to produce a catalogue of video pornography.

The British Columbia firm has done similar porn-catalogue projects for Red Hot Video over the past two years. Each time, women who had to work on the catalogues protested, only to be told to follow orders or lose their jobs.

This time, two women brought their complaints to the management. They were told that the catalogue would be printed anonymously because the firm feared reprisals and firebombings from the women's movement, and because they wanted to avoid the higher insurance rates which might result from such dangers. Further, they said this would be one of the last times Cancom would do such a project for Red Hot.

This was not good enough for one camera operator. She informed local women's groups that Cancom was about to begin work on the catalogue. The day the work was to begin, phone calls of protest started first thing in the morning, and came in every five minutes until Cancom gave in and cancelled their deal with Red Hot.

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# Int'l Feminists Target Sterilization Programs, Abortion Laws

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## Truly International

This was one of the most international women's liberation movement conferences I have ever been to, yet only 125 of the 350 women registered gave addresses outside of Europe, the US, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. However, at least 40 of the women living in 'first' and 'second' world countries were activists working in migrant, Third World, indigenous women's groups, or Black women's groups.

The theme of the conference was Population Control: No—Women Decide! but the actual meaning of this slogan varied from country to country. At the beginning of the conference, Farida Akhter from Bangladesh said "We are here to talk about population control and share experiences." She explained that "the west has noticed that women in so-called over-populated societies are breeding so explosively that they are using up resources, so they are selectively increasing childbearing in some countries and trying to decrease childbearing in others. The World Bank is trying to bring population to the center of development policy." She said that the basis of population control is the same everywhere. The contraceptives and ideas come from abroad. Nevertheless, drug dumping and sterilization abuse affect women in both developing and developed countries.

There were eight tribunal sessions held over four days. This is a brief summary of what some women said, in the order in which it was said. I've tried to select at least one report from each country to get an overview.

The first four sessions were on contraceptive, abortion, and sterilization—the problems getting them, the hazards, and the abuses. A woman from Portugal spoke about the restrictive abortion law there, passed by a socialist government this year, and how the Catholic Church is still powerful in her country. About 2000 women die each year from abortion.

A woman from Japan explained her country's 'Eugenic Protection Law' that allows abortion for medical reasons, for fetal defects, and for social and economic reasons. There are as many abortions as live births in Japan. The pill is not legal, largely because doctors want the money they get from doing abortions. But a religious group, Seicho-No-Ie (The House of Growth) is gaining strength and is pressuring, and bringing, the government to take away the economic reason for abortion. Feminist groups and groups for persons with handicaps are campaigning against all laws on abortion, including the 1907 criminal law which made abortion illegal. She also talked about doctors' control of Preglandin, a prostaglandin tablet to be inserted in the cervix which brings on abortion. A Japanese company in conjunction with a British company is releasing Preglandin on the market this fall. In Japan, Preglandin will only be used for late abortions; the effects of prostaglandins are different for each woman so it has not turned out to be the ideal do-it yourself abortion method that early investigators hoped for. But the Japanese feminists fear Preglandin will be marketed in Third World countries and used without proper precautions for early abortions.

A woman from Ireland talked about how the Irish government spends \$500,000 each year to research 'natural' methods of birth control. The pill is not legal in Ireland, but it is sometimes given to working class women to 'regulate' the menstrual cycle. A feminist clinic has been taken to court for selling condoms illegally, and may be fined. This could put them out of business, but they are thinking of paying the fine with \$6,000 worth of condoms.

A woman from Yugoslavia related that abortion is legal up to 20 weeks as long as the doctor thinks it is medically safe for the woman. Ninety percent of abortions are early (before 10 weeks). Only 40 percent of women use contraception, and in some areas of the country there are more abortions than births.

A woman from Mexico talked of her experience of becoming pregnant although she was taking pills. She ended up having two abortion procedures for the same pregnancy. Later, she said that women in Mexico don't necessarily want abortion, many think it is murder. But there are many illegal abortions, and in some places 50% of hospital beds are occupied by women suffering the results of illegal abortion.

A woman from Sao Paulo, Brazil talked about the drought in the Northeast. An unofficial birth control program is run in that region; pills are distributed without counselling—many women over 35 use the pill. Depo Provera is sold in Pharmacies without a prescription.

A woman from Costa Rica said we can't

said that in that city on the Pacific, 75% of women live in slums. She asked, "Why abortion?", and answered, "because women are ignorant about their bodies and sexuality. Most are very careful about body matters and don't talk about sexuality. Even in groups of women, we talk in indirect terms. So our information comes from outside—from drug companies, and multinationals who don't give enough information." She said that in Guayaquil, 90,000 women are employed as maids. They live in their bosses' houses, work for low wages, and may be raped by the men of the house. If the housewife realizes there has been sexuality, she dismisses her.



## If Women Could Choose

How is abortion carried out? It is prohibited. The middle class women pay a lot of money for abortion. But eight in ten are self-induced using needles, potions, bicycle spokes, and the long woody stalks of onions, which can break, bring on infections, bleeding, and death. If a woman could choose, if a woman knew about her body, but she does not have that possibility.

A woman from the African National Conference (ANC) said that in South Africa, abortion is linked with sterilization for Black women. And for white women, they can have an abortion if they have committed the offense of sleeping with a Black man. For Black women, illegal abortion is

just consider whether a country has contraceptives or not. In her country, IPPF (International Planned Parenthood Federation) outlets dispense pills and sterilization in hospitals and throughout the countryside in clinics. They don't check whether these are ideal methods of contraception. She asks IPPF why they don't distribute diaphragms—there isn't one diaphragm in Costa Rica. She said the struggle for distributing diaphragms in Costa Rica is the same as the struggle in Ireland for distributing the pills.

A woman from Guayaquil in Ecuador

## DALKON SHIELDS RECALLED

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### Recall of Dalkon Shield

After a series of lawsuits which concluded in the awarding of damages to women suffering from sickness due to the Dalkon Shield, the A.H. Robins Co., moving to assure that no American women continue to wear its Dalkon Shield intrauterine contraceptive device, in early November announced a program to pay for medical examinations and the removal of any Shields that are found.

The announcement came more than a decade after the Richmond pharmaceutical firm heeded a Food and Drug Administration request and halted domestic sales of the IUD.

The company will pay for advertisements on prime-time and daytime television and in the print media urging women who may be using the device to see their physicians—at company expense—or make inquiries if they are unsure which IUD they are wearing.

U.S. wearers of the Shield have filed more than 11,300 lawsuits and claims blaming the device for life-threatening pelvic infections, loss of fertility and other injuries; 3,768 cases were pending as of Sept. 30.

### Company Destroyed Information

A.H. Robins Company, manufacturers of the Dalkon Shield, has been in court in several states for withholding, destroying, or losing documents relating to the safety of the controversial IUD. The papers are wanted by attorneys representing women who suffered pelvic infection (some life-threatening), infertility, loss of reproductive organs, etc. from infections related to the Shield.

The plaintiffs' lawyers have asked Arnow to rule Robins in default. This would mean that the company's defenses would be stricken, and the only issue would be the size of the amount of damages awarded.

In Minnesota, a federal magistrate is considering what action to take against Robins in connection with the disappearance of other Shield documents. About 20 boxes of papers were discarded in a former attorney's spring-cleaning.



The right to vote, or equal civil rights, may be good demands, but true emancipation begins neither at the polls nor in courts. It begins in woman's soul. History tells us that every oppressed class gained true liberation from its masters through its own efforts. It is necessary that woman learn that lesson, that she realize that her freedom will reach as far as her power to achieve her freedom reaches.

A.H. Robins has indicated to a Federal judge in Florida that it would rather risk charges of contempt of court than release papers concerning the Shield. Some of these documents concern secret studies that A.H. Robins commissioned to find whether the IUD's multi-filamented tail string carried bacteria from the vagina into the uterus. The company is claiming that the papers are privileged from disclosure because of the lawyer-client relationship.

At a pre-trial proceeding in Minnesota, one former attorney for Robins said that Robins' vice-president and general counsel ordered him to arrange for the destruction of hundreds of documents relating to Dalkon Shield safety. Roger L. Tuttle said in his testimony that the order was made right after a Wichita jury made the first award of punitive damages to users of the Shield.

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# Salt Lake City Punks Protest & Boogie

Several hundred people of all styles and hair color gathered at the Rock Against Reagan protest concert in front of Symphony Hall in downtown Salt Lake City Monday night.

The protesters wore everything from polo shirts and yellow-frame sunglasses to rainbow-colored mohawk haircuts, although most of them just listened to the music.

"But it's a beginning. That's how it started in the '60s. People just got together and voiced their doubts. This is the first open, public meeting of this type opposing Reagan that I've seen in Utah," said one spectator who asked not to be identified.

The concert even attracted some

American Legion convention delegates, though not for protesting. "I just like music, period," said convention delegate Woodrow Jacobs, from Whiteville, N.C.

"Public Nuisance," "Massacre Guys," "Maimed for Life," and "Avon Calling" were some of the local bands playing at the concert. A few people sporting mohawk haircuts took to slam-dancing for a short time.

Early in the concert, a line of people held up cards spelling Ronald Wilson Reagan. On cue, they switched their positions to spell out "insane anglo warlord."

"Pot is an herb, Reagan is a dope," was one of the anti-Reagan banners decorating a wall facing South Temple.



—Tribune Staff Photo by Robert Can

## the DICKS interview

**Q. Where did you get your start?**

**A.** We got together in Austin, Tx., in 1980 and moved to San Francisco.

**Q. You're wearing Mao buttons, what's the significance of that?**

**A.** We're Maoists.

**Q. What does that mean to you?**

**A.** Down with U.S. imperialism, down with the structure they've given us and as far as the Rock Against Reagan Tour, while it is not essentially our view we believe that whether Communist or Anarchist we are down against U.S. imperialism and that is our fight. Whether we do it thru Anarchism or Communism is void right now, the main thing is to tear down the structure.

We are not affiliated with any party. There are times when we seem to be affiliated with the Revolutionary Communist Party or their youth group the RCYB but we're not.

We are for a party of the proletariat that is not dogmatic and freaks out every time something bad happens, we're for the Communist party that liberates everyone; sexually and politically. We don't want to be identified with one political party.

We like all leftist organizations. A lot of them are stupid but they probably think that we're stupid too. We still support the Left whether it's Communist or Anarchist. But we are a Communist group.



*The Dicks are a band that performed with the RAR Tour.*

**Q. Revolution, is that what your music is about?**

**A.** Yes.

**Q. Are there any songs that reflect your political philosophy more than others?**

**A.** Definitely! We have certain songs that are directed towards the Miami killings, we

have certain songs that are directed towards the breakdown of the middle class white structure and we also have songs that are just for fun and dancing.

We try to cover all aspects but essentially we are political. We have a message, we have a goal.

**Q. Having these beliefs must be a liberating experience on the one hand but it must be frustrating getting gigs and putting out albums. Have you any problems?**

**A.** Yes. Certainly. Oh Yeah. You know you're gonna step on a couple of toes along the road. We have stations that censor us, the media is oppressive but we expect that, that's exactly what we are about. We are oppressed. You learn about being oppressed before you're in a band, and you learn how to deal with it...

We're not trying to emulate people—some say they're not into politics and they get real pissed off about bands that are political. But the point is that those people are pissed off or else they wouldn't be screaming "we're not political." We don't want to void those people out, they do have something to say. The point is if you're gonna have some kind of feelings shared with people as far as, "I can have a good time with you and I'm not gonna be dogmatic and religious about my political views, I can break down and have a real good time."

We all grew up poor, we all grew up with real poor pasts and we are those people. We're that kind of fucking people. And because politics are involved in our lives—it's very natural.

**Q. The Rock Against Reagan Tour—What are your feelings about being on the tour these months?**

**A.** Pretty good! We deal with people, we learned a lot. Basically things have been going pretty smoothly... We carry our political beliefs further than some people do. But people basically have the same idea, to fuck this idiot in the White House and get him the hell out of there. That's what we are here for, to take a stand. It's not just hardcore punk rock, it's reggae, folk, Yippie—we all agree that something is very wrong here.

We as a band believe it is time to stop identifying people by how they look and to start identifying what human needs are. Whether you are a hippie living in the past or a punk living in some sort of distorted present or just regular people trying to work and get by in this life. All of those kinds of people are beginning to realize there is this big oppression and people are now beginning to identify where it's coming from... People are beginning to identify what their enemy is, it's just like step one in a long march.

## Official Bunk About Czech Punk

By Andrew Csepel  
Reprinted from Labour Focus on Eastern Europe

The radio stations and record shops of Czechoslovakia are overflowing with second-rate middle-of-the-road pap, which is designed to encourage consumerist values, which, like the music, the regime has imported from the West. The money which is made available to rock bands is shared

among a narrow elite of performers.

The stifling control exerted over the production and distribution of rock music in the late seventies gave young people little cause for cheer. Towards the end of the decade a movement did emerge in Prague which was able to register a protest against the rock wasteland so lovingly cultivated by the bureaucracy. A number of rather bizarre avant garde bands organised semi-

official concerts which soon attracted the attention of Prague's disillusioned youth.

It is a measure of how successful the regime has been at sealing off young Czechoslovaks from Western influences that punk rock did not begin seriously to influence music in the CSSR until 1981, five years after it had revitalized rock in the UK. Despite the time lapse Czech punk has had a similarly refreshing effect on what was one of the most stagnant European cultures.

Not without reason was the Party unaccommodating in its attitude. In both its form and content punk gives expression to the frustrations of alienated urban youth. The popularity of Czech punk meant that questions such as vandalism, boredom and a rejection of the consumerist if not bourgeois attitudes and values, were being discussed with more frequency and openness than the Party liked. The philosophy accompanying punk was proving to be increasingly more attractive to young Czechs in place of the unquestioning subservience offered by the regime. Earlier this year the Party decided to act...

In March the Party's cultural weekly *Tribuna*, published a long article on the Czech punk scene. It described punk songs as the product of a 'demented mind' and as being 'obscene'.

Those responsible for organizing punk concerts have been given severe warnings and their prospects for climbing the greasy pole to career success in the Party hierarchy have suffered a setback. Punks have swelled the bulging ranks of Public Enemy No. 1 in CSSR.

Unlike on other occasions, the punks have not had to rely exclusively on benevolent members of Charter 77. Two sections for the official Union of Musicians

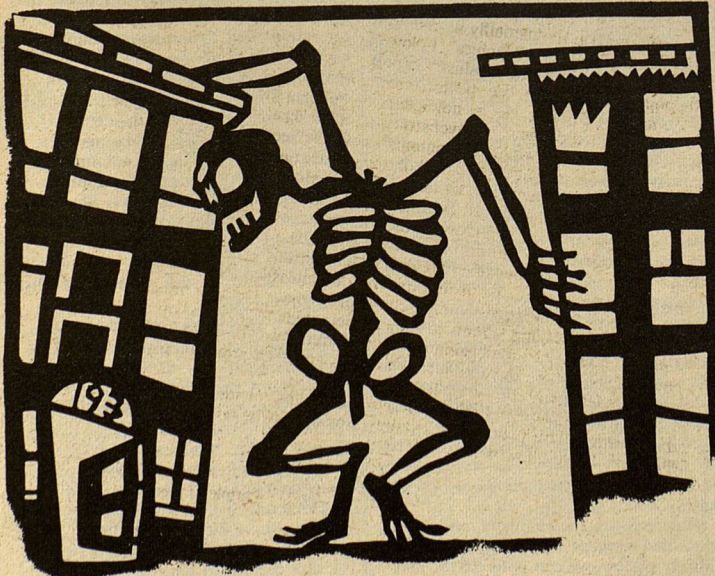
(the Jazz and Youth sections) have been able to provide in recent years a spirited independent voice, squeaking within the very machine of the Establishment itself. In May the Jazz Section replied to the *Tribuna* article.

After this response to the article in *Tribuna* and to the decision to ban punk musicians, young people in the CSSR were wondering how the cultural bureaucracy

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## RAR Ottawa

Rock Against Racism Ottawa would like to announce its re-awakening in 1984. After a long dormancy of over 2 years (the members had become involved in other projects, bands, etc.), RAR has risen once again in the Ottawa Valley. We started the new age with a very successful concert on May 26, 1984, at a local community center. We had an afternoon of free entertainment by and with support for Salvadorean and Chilean refugee protest folk singers and bands. There was also educational material set up by the respective local solidarity groups represented. In the evening, there was an all-ages dance with music by two local reggae bands (the Roots Movement and Ras Lee, and the Rabble Rousers), where we raised a good amount of money for the Solidarity groups, and even enough to pay the bands adequately. On August 7, a benefit concert for RAR and Youth Action for Peace at the Globe Community Center, with films, speakers, and a few local bands was planned. Future RAR benefits: for IDAFSA (Defense Aid for S. Africa), OXFAM, the Ottawa-Central America Solidarity Committee, and more... (listed on contacts page).



# UPRISINGS HEAT UP GOP CONVENTION

photo: by Barbara Francis

By Bill Weinberg & Joe Zackelle

Tension so thick you could slice it with a knife. As the Republican delegates drove in their air-conditioned cars from the air-conditioned convention center to their air-conditioned hotels, the protestors sweltered in the gruelling heat at the location that the city had put aside for us to camp—a flood plain of the Trinity River. The site had almost no shade and stunk of sewage. On one side was the city jail. On the other, the river, which separates the stark and eerily futuristic Dallas of corporate power from the southside majority of poor blacks and hispanics. A banner proclaimed what some protesters thought of the site: Auschwitz II.

For those of us who had just arrived from San Francisco and the Democratic Convention protests, there was an even greater air of apprehension and frustration. The S.F. protests had resulted in over 500 arrests—nearly all of them on bogus charges. This is only about 100 fewer arrests than took place at the 1968 Democratic Convention in Chicago. Today Chicago '68 is history. Yet S.F. protestors in '84 failed to generate any significant national media coverage. As the country creeps closer to war, the media blindly pretends that the peace movement is dead.

The first and largest of the protests was on the evening of Saturday, August 18, two days before the start of the Republican Convention. This was the Rally for Peace and Freedom, organized by a coalition including ACORN, CISPE (Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador) and the Mobilization for Survival. It was attended by around five thousand.

On Sunday the 19th, the ACORN folks dismantled their Tent City and pulled out of town. This left only the 200 or so who were committed to staying for the duration of the convention—the punks, yippies, anarchists and communists. We wondered if the police would continue to treat us with respect, even in our vastly diminished numbers.

Wednesday the 22nd was the second day of the Convention and the day that we had scheduled the Republican War Chest Tour.

Preliminary research had determined which corporations with Dallas headquarters were major contributors to the Republican party and which of them were also contributing in one capacity or another to the war effort. A month earlier in S.F., we had protested the defense corporations which are in bed with the Democrats. The large degree of overlap—like Diamond Shamrock, which produced Agent Orange, and Bank of America, which provides financial backing for repressive regimes all over the planet—clearly demonstrated the degree to which both political parties are owned and controlled by America's corporate hegemony.

At noon the Tour assembled at the Kennedy Memorial. One person arrived on the scene laughingly pointing to a column in a Dallas paper entitled: "Jaywalking Is the First Step to Anarchy." Jaywalking is usually not tolerated in Dallas. The authorities agreed not to prosecute out-of-towners for jaywalking during the Convention. Some local people started enjoying it as well.

Onlookers obviously couldn't believe their eyes or ears. Dallas has never, ever seen anything even remotely like this—punks with mohawks, hippies with face paint, transvestites with pig masks. Members of the Rainbow Family, the spiritual hippie tribe, beat on drums and chanted Buddhist mantras. Members of the Revolutionary Communist Party beat on plate glass windows and chanted: "Red, white and blue: we shit on you!" Storming into the lobby of an office building, we would read a list of the corporation's particular crimes, then count down from ten and—as terrified employees looked on—fall to the floor screaming in a simulation of nuclear attack.

We seemed to be getting away with it all, so some of the more adventurous among us embarked on minor acts of vandalism. Out came the spray-paint cans and we started to leave a trail of scrawled slogans and symbols. In banks, withdrawal slips were torn up and tossed into the air in masses. We later found out that in an expensive department store we had passed within yards of Barry Goldwater who is quoted in the next day's paper as saying: "They're a bunch of goddamn nuts!"

Throughout the Tour we managed to evade arrest by keeping mobile, fast-paced and scattering when necessary, to regroup at the next target.

Finally we ended up in front of City Hall where we ended the event by burning yet another flag. Then we all jumped into the reflecting pool to cool off.

But as we splashed around, foolishly thinking that we were home free, the police slowly and silently surrounded the courtyard. By the time we realized what was happening it was too late. The courtyard was sealed off—nobody was allowed to enter or leave. A couple of hundred riot police clutched their nightsticks and grimly surveyed us. A tense stand-off ensued for hours. Then they started to arrest us, one by one. A short time later 130 of us were in the jail overlooking the remnants of Tent City. Most of us were charged with disorderly conduct, parading without a permit and desecrating venerated objects (stars and stripes).

Meanwhile, Dallas Police and prosecutors were eagerly viewing videotapes and photos of the day's activities, so that by the next day Police upgraded charges against four protestors from misdemeanors to felonies. The four were charged with criminal mischief for allegedly spraypaint-



ing. The authorities were particularly miffed at the "description" of a certain statue in front of the Diamond Shamrock Corp. building.

Diamond Shamrock was targeted by the tour for its manufacture of Agent Orange and investments in South Africa. The youths are being charged with defacing a statue depicting six cops dragging away a prostrate black man who is in clear agony; the disgusting racism of it is beyond belief. The prosecutors claim that it will cost them thousands to clean the spraypaint off the statue and are demanding the charged youths pay \$12,000 for supposed damage.

A representative of the Dallas DA's office alluded to calculated revenge against demonstrators by his office on a Houston radio show: "The very nature of the offense itself (flag burning) has forced public attention to it. We in Dallas consider it a very serious offense, and we intend to prosecute it as such." One lawyer who is defending some of the people on the flag "desecration" charge said that, "the state has put extraordinary attention on the... flag desecration charges... basically they (the prosecutor's office) are treating this as though the charges were similar to capital murder."



The arraignment process was designed to go slowly to keep as many people as possible in jail until after the convention was well over. When asked why protesters were being arraigned in small groups while regular inmates were being arraigned 50 at a time, a jailer spokesperson said that the protesters are more of a security risk because they would allegedly, "walk away with their friends." This preventive detention continued into the next day.

Those hit with the desecration charges were separated from other demonstrators. Several male prisoners were thrown into cells with a gang of reactionary white inmates, who were told by the guards to "do whatever they wanted."

Late Friday afternoon we made it back to the "minimum security" of the outside world from the air-conditioned hell of the Dallas County Jail.

With courage, commitment and creativity—and perhaps some hidden allies in unlikely places—we can head off the invasion of Nicaragua.

## Rebel Earthquake Shakes S.F.

from combined sources  
Thanx everyone

The Rainbows' urban emissaries applied for a permit to camp in Golden Gate Park during the DemCon. The city blindly refused. The Rainbow caravan rolled into town after the Gathering and, with nowhere else to go, proceeded to camp in the Park anyway. At first, a few were arrested. But around a hundred ultimately dug in unmolested for the duration of the convention; the police came by every day asking for some volunteers to pay a fine in order to keep the status quo.

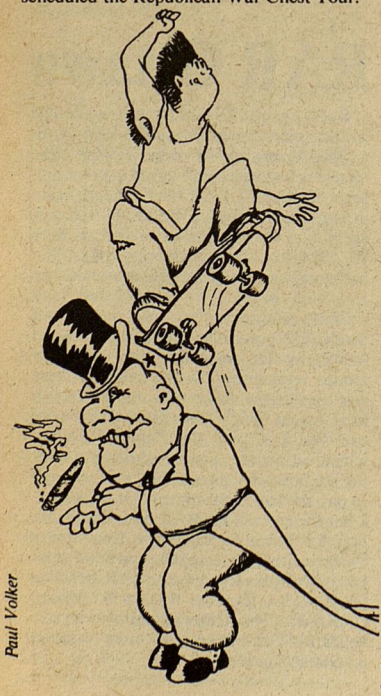
The first of the DemCon street actions, on July 12, was aimed at a Moral Majority convention in attendance by Phyllis Schlafley and Jerry Falwell. It started out quite tame with the usual picketing behind police barricades across the street from the downtown hotel where the convention was held. But after a few hours the protesters marched two blocks down to Union Square. Police followed us down and started herding us off the street and into the park. Those who resisted were met with violence. What followed set the tone for the rest of the week's protests. The official protest organizers had their official demo with their speakers and their stage in the park, oblivious to the violence on the fringe of the crowd. On the streets surrounding the park, the punks and their cohorts responded in anger to months of being treated like cattle by the police. Park benches, newspaper boxes and garbage cans were dragged into the middle of the street. As police arrived at one intersection, the protesters would move up the block to the next intersection, until the entire park had been encircled. So much was going on so fast that the police often didn't have time to move the debris out of the street. Angry Moral Majoritarians in three-piece suits had to get out of their cars and haul it away themselves in order to get by. Other motorists were sympathetic and understanding, if annoyed.

Although a few protesters were injured, this action resulted in only eight arrests. Our confidence, as well as our anger, had been given a boost.

Monday marked the first of a series of three of the most exciting and important actions of the DemCon—the Democratic Corporate War Chest Tours. An experiment evolving since spring, these events consist of a procession through the financial district, stopping at the headquarters of defense-related corporations which contribute to the Democratic Party. At these locations a list of grievances is read and—if it seems a minimal risk—a die-in is enacted.

But the one on July 16 never got that far. The city decided to nip it in the bud. We

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Paul Volker

So you missed out on—

THE CIA AND THE BAY OF PIGS

THE HARDING ADMINISTRATION SCANDALS

RELIGION IN GOVERNMENT

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THE COLD WAR AND ANTI-COMMUNIST HYSTERIA

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PIERRE LAUGHED

Pierre

Worked

In a jam

Factory

He filled jammers

And got bored

So he counted up to a

Thousand and put

Something inside

We did this for years

The pen left

For various shops

And people bought them

Took them back home

Opened them

And found all sorts of things

Sometimes good

Sometimes bad

They were disconcerted

Their lives changed

That's what Pierre imagined

And only thinking about it

That made him laugh.

Pierre laughed black flag Quarterly/Black Cross c/o Box Abc, 121 Ralston Rd., LONDON ENGLAND SE24

**NICK GETS AHEAD**

STARRING NICK NECK AND THE NECK FAMILY, STICKING OUT THEIR NECKS TO GET A HEAD START IN COMIX.

BY D. VOLKER/1984

DARLING, YOU HAVEN'T TOUCHED A THING ON YOUR PLATE! AT LEAST DRINK YOUR COFFEE, HONEYGUT!

HI MOM. HI POP. I HATE SCHOOL. I'M NOT GOING.

WHY NICK! WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOUR GRADES ARE BETTER, AND HOW ABOUT SOCCER?

AW- IT'S THE OTHER KIDS! THEY KEEP PICKIN' ON ME!

NONSENSE! NOW HURRY ON TO SCHOOL AND DON'T FORGET YOUR BOOKS!

AN' I GOT ZITZ.

NICKY NOHEAD! NICKY NOHEAD! YOU LOOK LIKE A TREESTUMP SO WHY AREN'T YOU DEAD? HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA

AW-AW HECK!!! I'M CUTTIN' OUT!

LUCKILY, NICK MET THE YIPPIES! THE LATEST OVERTHROW AND EXPAND YOUR MIND! WANNA ORGANIZE A SMOKE-IN WITH US?

YOU BET!

THAT'S RIGHT, NICK! WE DON'T CARE HOW YOU LOOK TO OTHERS! GET UP AND EXPAND YOUR MIND!

GOSH, NICK HAS A REAL SWELL TIME CALLING UP BANDS, PUTTING UP POSTERS AND GETTING PEOPLE TO WORK ON DETAILS.

SURE, NICK! WE'LL PLAY THE GIG!

DURING A CONVERSATION ABOUT CIA-HEROIN TIES, SOMETHING HAPPENS...

**YOIKS!**

**NICK GREW A HEAD!**

I GET IT!

"I'D ALWAYS SAID, 'BETTER TO HAVE NO HEAD THAN TO HAVE A HEAD AND NOT USE IT! SO I USED MINE AND GOT AHEAD!'"

**THEN ONE DAY**

NICK WENT ON TOUR, SPEAKING TO AUDIENCES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. YOUNG ANARCHIST CLUBS SPRING UP EVERYWHERE.

**TATATA! GOVT. AGENTS CUT THE TOUR ATATATA! SHORT! TATATA!**

**BEFORE!**

DURING A TALK ON HOW HE GREW A HEAD,

BUT NICK IS QUICK...

OH-Well! anyway, it was fun while it lasted! BUT if I CAN GROW A NEW HEAD, I CAN HAVE EVEN MORE FUN!

**MEANWHILE,**

IS THIS THE SMOKE-IN? SOMEBODY ORDER A TRUCK FULL OF ALLIGATORS?

RIGHT OVER HERE!

HUNGER IS REALLY HOPPING!

THE ALLIGATORS ARE UNLEASHED...

**CHROS ENSUES!**

PEACE TURNS VIOLENT, SIRENS SCREAM AND TROOPS ARE CALLED. NO CAMERAS PLEASE.

**REEEEEEEEEEE**

SUDDENLY, WHO SHOULD APPEAR BUT RICHARD NIXON OF ALL PEOPLE! IN JAMMIES AND A BLANKET!

I AM NOT A CROOK!

EVERYONE STOPS IN AWE. NIXON ANNOUNCES U.S. PEACE WITH HONOR WITH REVOLUTIONARIES, AND THE PEOPLE PARTY IN THE STREETS REAL LATE. THEN SUDDENLY...

CUT OFF NIXON'S HEAD!

EVERYBODY PRETTY MUCH SAYS OKAY, BUT NOBODY REALLY PLAYS IT UP A LOT. UNDER THE WHEELS OF A TRAIN, THE HEAD CLEANLY ROLLS OFF LIKE A CARROT-TIP!

TAKE THE TRAIN

**NOW WHAT?** IT WASN'T NIXON AT ALL! IT WAS NICK NECK UP TO HIS USUAL GAGS!

YUK! YUK! HA! HA!

**LATER...**

HOW DID YOUR DAY GO, NICK?

LIKE A PEACH, MOM! I REALLY LEARNED WHAT IT MEANS TO GET AHEAD!

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# Bookburning in England: FAHRENHEIT 451 OR FIGHT!

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The Metropolitan Police Department of London has an "Obscene Publications" branch, whose officers have their own club tie. It bears the knitted motif of a book being cut in half by a pair of scissors. This, there's a commendable *esprit de corps* among this clutch of special thought police, and since last fall they've been burning up the bookstores with vigor unseen since the great *Lady Chatterly's Lover* prosecutions of the 1950's.

The sensuous four-letter utterances of noblewomen being rogered in the daisies by their grounds keepers no longer offend the sensibilities of the lads of the Metro's Dirty Books Division, however. The four-letter word nowadays is *drug*. They swept a sober legal compendium called *Drug Laws of the World* off the stands last winter, for example, citing the Misuse of Drugs Act of 1971; in that this book advises people of the criminal drug statutes of other countries, the constables reasoned, it must "cause such persons as might purchase or obtain the said book to possess such drugs named therein as cocaine, cannabis and psilocybin." And once they'd charged it as a "drugs" book, there was nothing to keep them from citing *Drug Laws of the World* for contravening the Obscene Publications Act of 1964.

In this context, it was only natural for them to also sweep up Hunter Thompson's *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas*, Aldous Huxley's *Doors of Perception*, Tom Wolfe's *Electric Coolaid Acid Test* and William S. Burroughs' *Junky*. And of course they took up the *Marijuana Growers Guide*, and any available copies of *High Times*, and any old underground comic books—*Dope Comix*, *Cocain Com-*

*ix*, *Amazing Love Stories*—and *Cannabis Alchemy*, and the *Cocain Consumer's Handbook*, and *Guide to British Psilocybin Mushrooms*, and about 240 other titles...

The single title they went after with the most savage ardor was *Mama Coca*, a thoroughly sober, archae-anthropological tract on the history of the coca plant and cocaine in South America, published in 1980 by an Anglo-Brazilian anthropologist named Anthony Henman. Although *Mama Coca* despairingly blames the South American cocaine trade for every enormity of the proliferation of fascism there to the

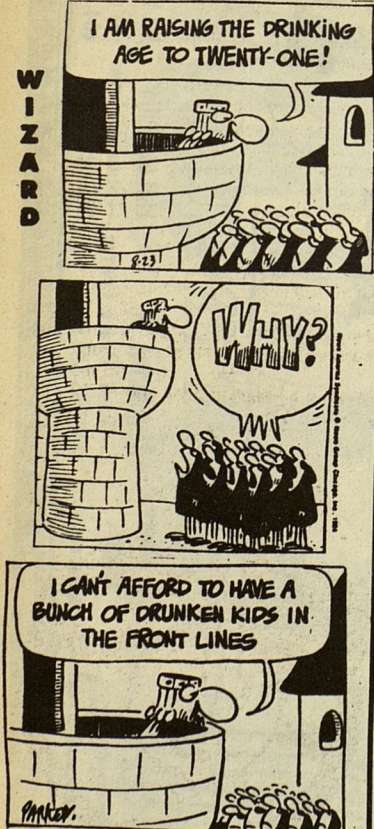
extinction of the Amazonian Indians, it also has awful things to say about corruption among international narcotics officials. *Mama Coca* raised quite a ruckus in police circles when it came out in 1980 from a little British publishing house called Hassle Free Press, and so now all 4,000 remaining copies of the first edition are in the evidence bin of the London Metropolitan Police, having been swept off bookshelves in all the major cities of England.

The owners of nine bookstores and two book-distribution companies stand charged with violating the Misuse of Drugs Act

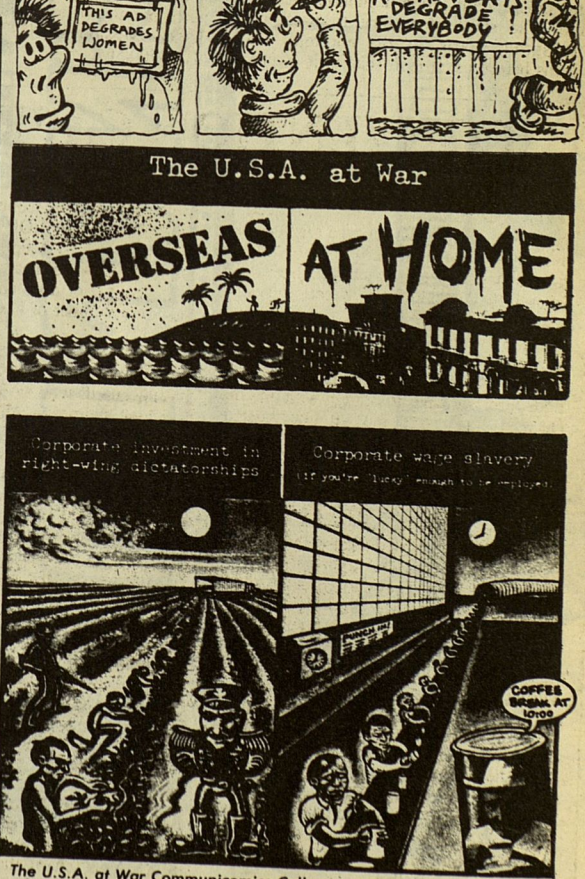
of the Obscene Publications Act, and will be tried for it this October at the venerable Old Bailey in London. And if they wind up convicted (it's a 15 year rap), it will not be a day and a night before the cops over here in America will be doing the same morally uplifting thing with these same dastardly books and comics. If you don't like the idea of your personal moral tone being set by the police, you might send a few defense dollars to Right to Read, c/o Last Gasp Publishing, 2180 Bryant St., San Francisco, CA 94110. Or, to Knockabout Comics; 249 Kensal Rd., London W10, Great Britain.



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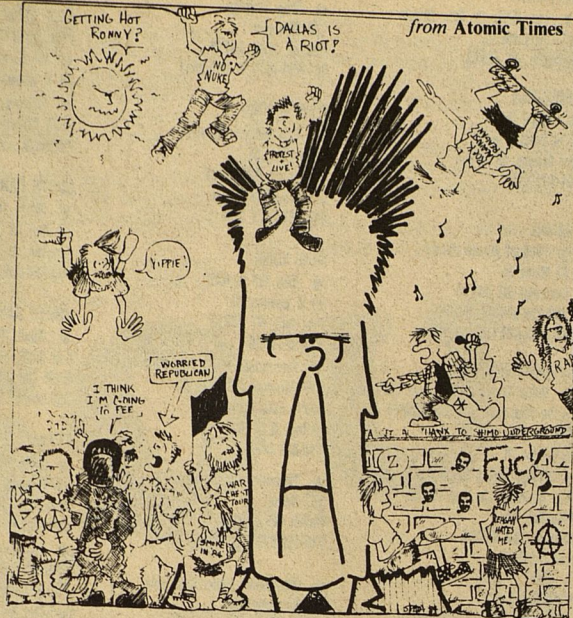


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# CALL FOR ACTION



The threat of world war is increasingly real and pressing. The recent past has witnessed an unprecedented increase in international tension and war preparations. The great powers stand toe to toe, openly building and boasting of their increased armaments. They intervene against popular struggles around the world, while at the same time a series of confrontation points between the great powers (and their proxies) burn like fuses capable of igniting a greater conflagration.

In this season of peril, all the governments continue to proclaim their peaceful intents and declare global nuclear war to be unthinkable. Yet their actions (and with increasing frequency their words as well) speak differently. The major powers continuously hone their war plans with new weapons tests and ever more realistic war games. New disarmament proposals are cynically designed to elicit rejection. Jingoistic appeals to national pride abound. Military-political moves and counter-moves force the situation to ever more dangerous heights. The U.S. government stands belligerently on the front lines of these moves to war. Crisis follows crisis in a spiral that cannot go on without resulting in the gravest consequences.

Such an extraordinary situation requires an extraordinary response. Mass opposition and resistance to war must achieve new heights, and with the greatest urgency. Only the independent action of millions stepping onto the stage of history to resist can realistically speak to the enormity that looms before us. It is in this spirit of prac-

tical politics that we now call for a coordinated day of national action against war, a concerted day of "No Business As Usual" April 29, 1985. A day that deliberately disrupts and shuts down as much as possible of the daily routine through which we are lurching toward global war. A day of diverse events across the country which include the activities of people of many nationalities and social backgrounds: the anti-nuclear and anti-interventionist movements, the rebellious youth, the women's movement, religious activists, immigrants and political exiles, academics, workers, those involved in the war machine itself, and others. With activities ranging from teach-ins and forums to civil disobedience and other creative forms of direct action, our joint actions will focus the attention of large sectors of society on this critical question and on the necessity to act, and will deliver a powerful message that we will not go along with the rulers down the road to World War III.

We who issue this call have taken part in many different ways in the movements against injustice, exploitation, and war. Among us we hold different political and philosophical analyses of the configurations of world power, the sources of wars through history, and the many fronts of struggle and tactics we must employ for social change. But we share the recognition that now it is time to unite to say NO.

To sign this call, to contribute urgently needed funds, and for information about participating, write: No Business As Usual; 3309 1/2 Mission St. #127; SF CA 94110; (415)550-8506.

## CONVENTION CAPERS

### San Francisco

This past summer, many outrageous incidents occurred during the Democratic and GOP Conventions. On July 14, a Bastille Day Smoke-in was held in S.F. with a march that ended with a concert and rally at the Moscone Center. Pot was given out, musicians performed and speeches blared out over the RAR PA. Dana Beal gave a speech that called for the redirection of funds from pot busts to dealing with heroin. The narx didn't go for it at all. They busted Dana after his speech, then they busted Aron Kay. Both were charged with conspiracy and distribution of marijuana. Dana's charges were dropped and Aron was fined \$65.

On July 18, 9 people picketed the California Hyatt where racist Mayor Ed Koch of NYC was staying. They carried signs calling for justice for Michael Stewart (a Black graffiti artist who was beaten to death by 11 NYC transit cops). Some carried signs protesting Koch's anti-pot and pro-landlord policies.

The next day, Koch was confronted by 3 Yippie stalwarts who were the only people besides the usual security goon squad to show up at a book signing for MAYOR, Koch's autobiographical die-ary. It was later learned that the hapless Koch was bombarded by dozens of late night crank calls during the convention.

### Dallas

50 uninvited Yippies, punks and fellow

travellers crashed the afternoon party thrown by Adolph Coors in front of City Hall during the GOP convention. Undaunted by a cool reception from the Coors clones and the 105° heat, the protestors dived into a 4 foot deep circular fountain attracting a number of locals who jumped in as well.

The City tried to contain the intrusion by ringing the fountain with cops, assigning two life guards who vainly tried to keep the frolicking swimmers off two large orange balls in the fountain. One Yippie took off his clothes and sat on an orange ball, slowly spinning, like a portly Apollo, in full view of the Party. The cops were unwilling to make a scene in front of hundreds of witnesses and dozens of reporters and made no arrests.

On August 20, Phyllis Schlafly was hosting a Republican fashion show at the Fairmont Hotel to serenade the Republican wives. 20 demonstrators showed up to hold an anti-fashion show which was hosted by the Ladies Against Women which consisted of members of Berkeley's Plutonium Players, along with gays and other performers such as the likes of Sister Boom Boom, a transvestite nun from San Francisco.

At the RAR show delegates leaving the convention were greeted by Jello Biafra leading several thousand enthusiasts in a "Fuck You" chant that resounded off the convention center walls.

## Death Corporations Exposed

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gathered in front of Bank of America as paddy wagons arrived on the scene. Then we crossed Kearney Street to the steps of the Diamond-Shamrock Corp. Police quietly and swiftly moved in and surrounded the crowd. Undaunted, somebody started to read a list of the corporation's crimes. Those who were left outside the circle were ushered back across the street by the remaining police. On the opposite sidewalk we started to chant "Let them go!" This was to no avail—the police, without a dispersal order, started to arrest those surrounded. The rest of us made an instantaneous decision to try to create a diversion—or at least an expression of solidarity. It seemed like the police were all occupied surrounding and arresting those across the street, so we ran into the intersection. A cable-car packed with confused tourists came to a halt. Surprisingly, the police didn't respond. Then, without warning, some "bystanders" suddenly came to life and started grabbing people from the intersection. We realized too late that we were surrounded by plainclothes.

The 84 arrested protesters were herded into paddy wagons and taken to the Hall of Justice. They were charged with felony conspiracy to commit a misdemeanor (blocking a sidewalk) but the charge was later dismissed by the judge as completely bogus and smacking of preventative detention.

Wednesday's Tour, the largest of the three, was initiated with a press conference about Monday's events. Television, radio and print media representatives followed



the Tour of several hundred people with cameras and microphones. Their presence made all the difference. Police followed the Tour as well, but there were no arrests or violence—even at the Bechtel building where angry protesters banged on the windows and generally raised hell. The police were apparently reluctant to engage in their usual tactics before the electric eye of the media.

### THURSDAY WARCHEST TOUR

While upwards of 10,000 boogied to the sounds of the Rock Against Reagan concert at the protest ghetto near the Moscone Convention Center nearly 100 were busted during the week's third Democratic War Chest Tour. As the set was being changed in preparation for the Dead Kennedy's, two protestors who had escaped the police sweep ran breathlessly up to the stage. The audience upon hearing news of the bust over the sound system buzzed with excitement and anticipation. Although no one had planned it the week's events soon came to a searing crescendo.

A group of folks in military outfits came into the audience with a giant wood and paper mache donkey painted with a jungle camouflage pattern. They passed out flyers targeting the Democrats as war mongers and informed people to beware of trojan donkeys and "geeks bearing gifts." the trojan donkey became the focus of the mounting frustration of S.F.'s youth who had been struggling for a week to speak the unspeakable that "we are here to say that the attitudes which are expressed in Democratic Party politics are the same as those of the Republicans—attitudes of war," to quote the Livermore Action Group.

Finally the concert ended and the word went out to follow the donkey. The crowd began to surge out of the protest ghetto towards the Hall of (In)justice where the prisoners from the War Chest Tour were being held. Nearly 2,000 from the concert marched the short distance chanting "Reagan, Mondale which will it be, either one is world war 3" and "No Cops, No KKK, No Fascist USA". It was 7:00 and

Walter Mondale was making his acceptance speech in front of the world's press just a short walk away.

No sooner had the crowd reached the Hall of Justice than the police moved to clear the steps in front and then the street. The crowd soon found itself surrounded with a line of pigs in formation moving in, cutting off escape routes and slowly tightening the noose. 300 people were arrested.

Another group of demonstrators who had been cut off from the main group staged a die in a block away. A second group of police surrounded the protestors and began brutally assaulting some with horses and trail bikes.

We looked up into the jail windows and saw the War Chest POW's waving down to us. This caused a lot of excitement and people began to cheer and yell wildly. Our morale was high and people felt very unified and together. The cops knew it and were careful to restrain their bloodlust long enough to avoid the embarrassment of another Chicago '68.

### Courtroom Madness

The next day the protests were over, for the time being, but we all found ourselves back at the Hall of Justice for arraignments. It was no surprise when we found out that the trumped-up conspiracy charges had been dropped. But the infractions (blocking the sidewalk) remained.

Three people stood up in court and declared total non-cooperation with the proceedings. They had been arrested in violation of their constitutional rights and considered the arraignments a farce. They walked from the courtroom to a burst of frenzied applause. The judge then set court dates for those who remained and said that he would consider letting those who were from out of state and had to leave town soon deal with their charges that day. But before the accused would talk to their lawyers they demanded that all police and undercover agents leave the courtroom. The judge declared that the court was in chaos and ordered it cleared.

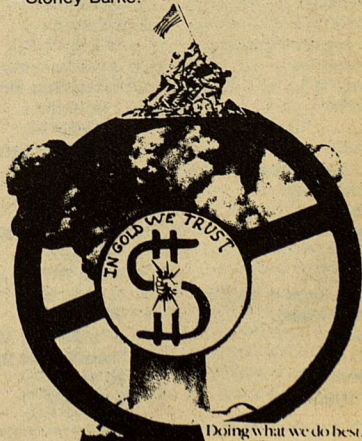
The crowd was milling around in the hall, tense and confused, trying to negotiate with their lawyers, when sheriff's deputies pushed their way in, grabbed somebody and dragged him away. We later found out that he was being arrested for "inciting to riot" the previous night. Seizing the moment, somebody started reading a statement that had been prepared about police terror during the DemCon. Even as she was reading, the deputies returned and forced two more people from the shocked crowd. They too were arrested on a trumped-up charge from the previous night—"assaulting an officer."

We were just doing the only thing we could have—using the spectacle of the DemCon to try to wake America up from her Orwellian nightmare.

### An Outsider Inside the GOP Convention Reprinted from Maximum Rock'n'Roll

No one talked of decaying cities, food for the hungry, etc. Instead, women with thick, pink make-up, escorted by fat, white men lounged in the stink of their own decadent shit. Right there I wanted to pull out my pocket laser and burn the @ on Barry Goldwater's forehead. No, I remember just a month ago I had entered the Demo Convention dressed as Uncle Sam, stood on a chair, and rapped on. The Secret Service put me in a looney bin for 4 hours. If I blew cover here, they'd pump thorazine in me, ship me off to the farm, only to return when registered for the John Birch Society.

"Me... vote? No thanks. I'd rather be smashing the state."  
—Stoney Burke.





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by Paul Kangas

### HOW TO TAKE OVER S.F. HOUSE BY 'SQUATTING' THERE & IT'S LEGAL

After squatting a house for over a year in San Francisco, I've learned a lot about how to do it and what to avoid doing. If I had this year to live all over again, I would do it more like this:

First, finding an empty house is not that easy, but there are about 300 such empty small houses in San Francisco and far more in Oakland.

The other alternative is to squat large buildings. Either project can be started by one to three people. Just move in.

ing abandoned.

After the five-day period, you can legally claim you own the building and *you should* to avoid trouble. This is perfectly legal.

Now get the PG&E connected and have the water turned on and a phone installed in your legal name. Start repairing the building and keep records of expenses and hours of work. Charge normal carpenter wages of \$20 an hour.

Photograph the inside and outside of the house as soon as you get it into document

chair socialists who say progressive things, but when push comes to shove, they will hide behind their class privileges and leave you twisting slowly in the wind, alone.

To avoid a possible sellout, keep a list of three or four lawyers on hand as contacts. Pay one lawyer \$100 upfront as a retainer. Also, have a press release ready to go to the media. Contact every local editor and become personally known to them.

Contact the left press (like *Appeal to*

## BUSTED!

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Only the very underground, secret squats with small numbers of people have survived. How many is that? Well, there are 15,000 homeless people and 1000 empty buildings in S.F., so that should give you some idea. The first one to go of the 4 was the city's most public squat: the legendary HOLC squat.

Everyone on the scene knew they could get a free meal Sunday night; see free movies Thursday night; pick up a box of free vegetables, bread, etc.; maybe even get a hot shower or shelter for the night at HOLC. But in one day the cops swooped down and terminated HOLC and the South End warehouse squat 6 blocks away. Within the week they had shut down the abandoned casket factory squat and the park view hotel squat as well.

The squat started when a lone squatter moved in for a week. Slowly over a period of 7 months, it grew to an out in the open group of 30 people. The local police knew all about it, had been inside, and even told squatters that there was a "hands off policy" on the building. Fifty people would come to the free dinner Sunday night, 75-100 showed up Thursday to catch movies. The variety of activities had a wide range. 2000 lbs of donated food was warehoused and distributed weekly. T-shirts were silkscreened. A half-pipe skateboard ramp was built. Meetings were held, signs & banners were made prior to political events.

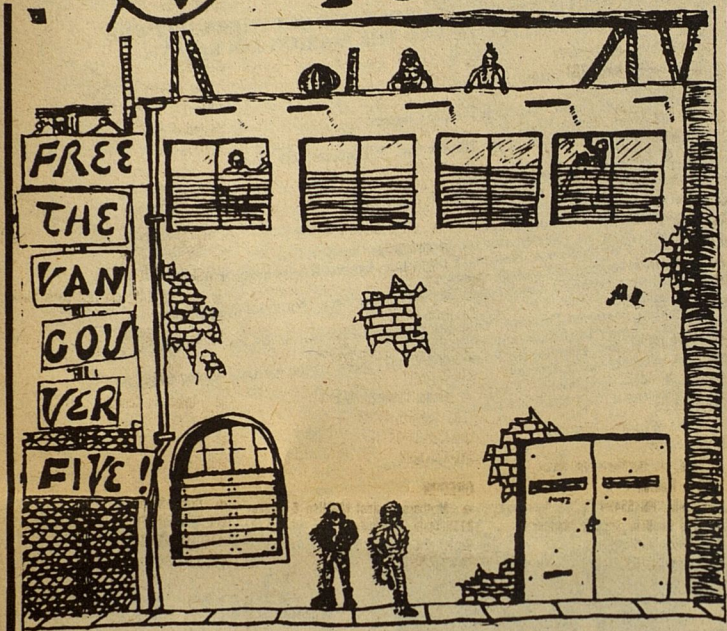
Basically HOLC was a fully operational community center (with electricity, flushing toilets, hot showers and many other facilities) that had surprisingly good relations with its neighbors.

When the landlords returned from Hong Kong at the beginning of October, they sent the cops to remove the squatters. They were given a week to vacate. During this time squatters barricaded windows and doors, and filed a lawsuit charging that the caretakers, who lived across the street, knew about the renovating work being done for at least 4 months and didn't do anything to stop it. The lawsuit argued that there was "implied consent" because the owners had to have known about the squatters' presence.

The squatters put all their belongings out in the street and camped outside overnight. The sidewalk was turned into a living room with rugs, carpets, coffee tables, and mattresses; most of which had originally been obtained from dumpsters.

On October 24th, a newer squat in an abandoned hotel was cleaned out by police. Park View Hotel had flushing toilets, running water, electricity and 40 rooms. At this time there are very few places to go. For the time being the open community squat is a dinosaur. Squatters have split up into groups of 2 or 3 to find and keep housing.

# SQUAT FOR LIFE!



If anyone sees you breaking in, leave immediately and return another day. If the police show up, split up and go in different directions. In buildings with elevators, a good place to hide is in the room directly over the elevator shaft. Get to know the area. Have escape routes planned. PLAN AHEAD. TAKE PRECAUTIONS. BE PATIENT. DON'T GET BUSTED! SQUAT FOR LIFE!

Under this law, you are only trespassing for the first five days, so be cool and avoid being noisy, obvious or political. Spend those days getting a subscription to a daily newspaper and having at least one letter sent to you at the squatting address from a relative or friend. The more mail you get there the better. Register to vote from that address. (I'd suggest you register in the Peace and Freedom Party.)

It might be a good idea to send yourself a letter at the squatting address five days before you actually move in to help document your time there. Once you have lasted six days without being arrested for trespassing, you are a tenant under the court ruling called "Jordan vs. Talbot."

The landlord must now go through the entire eviction process to get you out. What are the odds of lasting a year in the building? About 50/50, that is if you take some time to do some research at City Hall on your chosen building. Check out the tax records and find out when the last time was that someone paid taxes on it.

If no taxes have been paid for at least five years and the house has been unoccupied that long, even the city insists it has the right to take eminent domain control over the house and sell it for taxes.

We also have the right as citizens to take over abandoned housing under the laws of adverse possession. But we have an advantage. We can take possession, control and use of the house after only five days of it be-

that you did no damage. Try to locate friendly neighbors who will support your struggle, but do not tell them what you are doing unless publicity or police action makes it public.

If several people are involved in squatting at a building, their internal organization should be that of a "collective". But only one of them should be listed as the "owner" and be willing to go it alone even if everyone else bails out. This is war and there can be no retreat from mere threats. Push.

Money is also an issue. It must be carefully controlled and every person involved must chip in an equal share of legal expenses. Your future lawyers bill will be about \$500, so keep a stash.

Try and recruit people who are political and are not lazy about work. This is no place for crashers, dopers or winos. We have had some bad experiences with such people after they heard about our "victory". They just wanted to drop in and share the fun at a "liberated house" and were not willing to do their share of the work.

Some of these people are not willing to stand up and be counted in confrontations with the police.

You need a lawyer before you even move in. Call up five or six until you locate one who will support your struggle. But be careful about lawyers. Most are on the opposite side of the class war.

We have been stabbed in the back by Nervous Norman who fear the "code of ethics" that could disbar them.

Such a lawyer will claim to support your efforts until it's time to go to court or face the police and they back down. If a lawyer says she/he will defend you, GET IT IN WRITING.

Most lawyers oppose socialist expropriation of private property because they come from the propertied class. They may be arm-

Reason first and then go to the community press). Be prepared to do it alone, if you have to, with leaflets, banners and a phone tree.

All this may sound complex and too hard to do, but it isn't once you get into it. I had no idea what I was doing when I began my squat in San Francisco.

Someone once asked me why I chose to squat.

Personally, I don't believe that squatting is a solution to the housing problem. The main source of the housing crisis is a lack of building; there are just too few houses.

At the same time, there are thousands of empty new units around that "can't" be sold—meaning that the landlords can't make a "normal" 200% profit, so they WON'T sell the house at cost plus 9%.

So now they've stopped building houses until the suckers can be conned into buying them at five times their cost of production. There is no reform that can be made by new legislation that will end this crisis.

Until private ownership of land is outlawed and land can be held for personal use and not for profit-taking, nothing substantial can be done.

If you are planning on squatting and need help, give me a call and I'll tell you what I know. I can even give you addresses of a few houses just begging to be taken over by the working class—before the state takes them.

Contact: Kangas, P.O.B. 42644, San Francisco, Calif. 94101. Please enclose a S.A.S.E.

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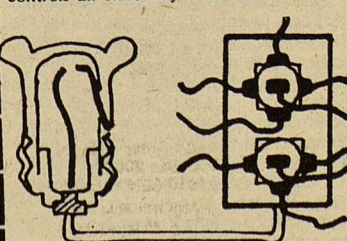
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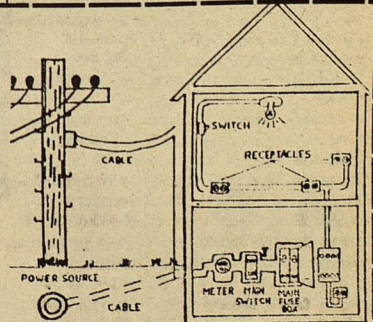
TURN OFF THE POWER BEFORE YOU DO ANY WORK ON YOUR ELECTRICAL SYSTEM! DO ELECTRICAL WORK IN THE DAY TIME.

To begin, there are usually two sources of electricity, overhead and underground (one way or another). Electricity travels from here to the METER, if the meter is running, this means the power company is keeping a record of electricity used (i.e. you can be billed.)

The electricity goes from the METER to the MAIN SWITCH. It's the switch that controls all electricity into the house. The



OVERLOAD



electricity goes from the main switch to the MAIN FUSE BOX, and if the main FUSE ever blew out, you would pull the main switch. Most squats have 100 amp fuses, some have 200 amp fuses. A fuse is a safety device. If too much power ever surges through the fuse, a silver wire will melt. This is a BLOWN FUSE.

The fuse box farms out electricity to various individual circuits. The circuits circulate throughout the squat, carrying electricity to switches, light fixtures and receptacles (outlets). Each circuit is governed by a fuse which controls the amount of electricity available to the circuit.

Most electrical loads are 20 and 30 amperes. If the total amount of electricity is more than 20 or 30 amps, you will have an overload. An overload will blow a fuse. You will have to replace the blown fuse with a new one.

# MARION LOCKDOWN

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sophisticated mind-control techniques based on mental and physical torture. Implementing such an experimental prison has been the crowning achievement of Carlson's career, and has made him the envy of lesser prisonrats everywhere.

It is important to understand that what Marion has become was not the result of the deaths of Clutts and Hoffman as so many people believe. The cause and effect scenario put forth by the Bureau of Prisoners is a blatant lie. Making Marion into one big Control Unit has been on the drawing boards of federal prison planners at least since September of 1979, when the Task Force Report of Regional Director J.D. Henderson was circulated among top federal prisonrats; the plan for the lockdown right down to the last comma was in that report, and it outlined in detail exactly what is being done today.

Anybody who reads that report will realize that nothing that happened in Marion on October 22 or October 27, 1983 "caused" the nightmare we prisoners find ourselves in today. The killings were merely a convenient starting point for the Bureau of Prisons to do what they intended to do anyway: **LOCK MARION DOWN.**

Nancy Horgan, one of the attorneys filing suit on behalf of 18 Marion inmates, urged people to be in court when the suit over prison conditions finally comes to trial.

Three prison experts who toured Marion separately in September have said in sworn affidavits that conditions there are only likely to lead to even greater violence. All three are career corrections specialists, and all three called in their affidavits for speedy relief in the courts.

One of the experts, Prof. Joseph Cannon, has worked in corrections for 35 years and is a former Director of Corrections of Kentucky and of Maryland as well as being the former warden of Illinois State Prison, Stateville. In his affidavit, he said, "I have never seen procedures so extreme and so designed to degrade and aggravate the prisoners... I feel obligated to state that if the present procedures at this prison are per-

mitted to continue, violence will be the consequence. This potential for violence is being generated hourly by the administrative policies and managerial procedures at this institution."

The statement read from the North American Green Party made the point that "If the kinds of things that are happening at Marion were happening in the Soviet Union, every intellectual in this country would be screaming."

Statements in support of human rights for the Marion prisoners were also presented from Dennis Banks, Peggy Standing Deer, The National Interreligious Task Force on Criminal Justice, the War Resisters League, and the Southern Illinois Latin America Solidarity Committee.

The vigil was opened as it was begun, with a prayer by Bhavani, a Shaivite nun. Bhavani's journey from India to southern Illinois began, she said, with a vision in 1981. "While flying from India, I had a vision of a circle, predominately of Native Americans, with pipes and drums and beads. I got that I was to serve that circle. When this event came up, I understood it was my opportunity to serve the natives of this land and to heal the earth."

In her closing prayer, Bhavani called on those present to face the prison and to send strength to the prisoners and to offer their own prayers or meditation. She ended the vigil saying, "May light and power and healing come to this prison and to this land."

► *To protest conditions at Marion, write or call:*

**Jerry T. Williford, Warden**  
U.S. Penitentiary  
P.O. Box 1000  
Marrion Illinois 62959  
618-964-1441

**Norman Carlson**  
Director, U.S. Bureau of Prisons  
320 First Street, N.W.  
Washington D.C. 20515  
202-633-2000.

*also write:*  
**Leonard Peltier, #89637-132, Standing Deer, #01499-164, and Albert Garza, #49602-146**

at  
The Medical Center for Federal Prisoners  
P.O. Box 4000  
Springfield, Missouri 65802.

For more information, write the National Committee to End the Marion Lockdown, P.O. Box 17802, AUSTIN TX 78760, or 615 W. Wellington, CHICAGO IL 60657

We are appalled at the extent to which civil and even basic human rights have been suspended for prisoners at the U.S. Penitentiary, Marion, Illinois, for one solid year. Since the prison locked down on October 27, 1983, prisoners have been held in 6 by 9 foot cells for 23 hours a day. Many prisoners have been beaten, often repeatedly and severely. Men have been held in chains for days at a time and have been subjected to frequent forced rectal probes. Contact visits with families have been replaced by two hour a week visits through plexiglass over monitored telephones. Personal property, legal materials, and religious objects have been confiscated or destroyed.

Freedom of religion is denied under the lockdown. Native American, Jewish, Muslim, and Christian prisoners report the destruction of objects they hold sacred, such as prayer feathers, a Torah, prayer rugs, and a shrine to a Christian saint. Three prisoners, Leonard Peltier, and Standing Deer, who practice Native American Religion, and Albert Garza, a Sephardic Jew, were forced to stake their lives in a deathfast as the only means of practicing their religions available to them under the lockdown.

We understand that the denial of such basic human rights is a threat to us all. When an Orthodox Jew is forbidden one hour of Sabbath worship, all of our rights are diminished. The Constitution of the United States guarantees freedom of religion and freedom from cruel and unusual punishment. The Marion administration and the U.S. Bureau of Prisoners have no right to suspend the Constitution or to take away rights won over 200 years ago.

We insist that enforced isolation, terror, and degradation of ANY segment of the population is unconscionable under any circumstances. Physical and psychological abuse are by no stretch of the imagination rehabilitative, and, in fact, only increase the possibility of unprecedented violence.

We believe that all those who decry human rights abuses in other countries should be equally horrified by such abuses being carried out in the American heartland.

We demand an end to the lockdown of the U.S. Penitentiary, Marion, and all of its accompanying horror, and we call on all people of conscience to join with us in support of human rights for prisoners.

## LEONARD PELTIER SUPPORT GROUP FOR SOUTHERN ILLINOIS NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO END THE MARION LOCKDOWN

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- Albert Garza Support Group
- Equal Rights Congress
- National Lawyers Guild, Southern Illinois Chapter
- North American Green Party
- Prisoner Support Committee of the Illinois Gay & Lesbian Task Force
- Rock Against Racism
- Southern Illinois Equal Rights Council
- Western New York Peace Center/Clergy & Laity Concerned
- Peggy Standing Deer
- Karl Bissinger, War Resisters League\*
- Leslie Cagan, Program Coordinator for Mobilization for Survival
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# youth in jail

On June 4th, the U.S. Supreme Court reinstated a New York State law under which juveniles (defined as age 7-16) charged with delinquency can be held in "partial detention" in order to prevent them from committing additional crimes. The law was upheld on a 6 to 3 ruling based on what the majority considered to be the special position of juveniles in society. This, however, raises some complicated constitutional issues.

In its decision in June, the Supreme Court reversed a 1982 ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals which stated in its decision that this type of action imposed punishment without a trial, thereby violating the constitutional guarantee of due process of law. (This was based on a 1981 case which upheld a case originally occurring in 1976.) In addition, the law also disregards the need for a writ of habeas corpus in order to detain a person without a trial. Both of these are fundamental tenets of our justice system and constitution.

At this time, a New York State Family Court judge can, at his discretion, detain an alleged delinquent for as long as 17 days if it is deemed there is a "serious risk" to society. The logic given as support for this is twofold. The first is to protect the juvenile from retribution or other consequences of his purported activities and the second is to protect society and avoid further criminal action. Associate Justice Rehnquist, writing for the majority, asserted that the rights of a juvenile were protected during detention by such safe guards as a free lawyer, full record of proceedings and the requirement that within three days the State establishes a "possible cause" that the juvenile did commit the crime. In addition, he argued that children, unlike adults, are always in some form of custody and are not assumed to be able to take care of themselves. They are



assumed to be subject to the control of their parents and if this falters the state must "play its part."

The flaws in this argument are visible and fundamental. In dissent, Associate Justice Thurgood Marshall wrote that it was "difficult to take seriously preventive detention as merely a transfer of custody from a parent or guardian to the State." He pointed out the significant difference between imprisonment by the State and being subject to one's own parents' supervision.

This ruling disregards the potential impact on a juvenile of detention in a facility closely resembling a jail, as well as making them already convicted juveniles. In his 1981 ruling, Judge Robert L. Carter of the Federal District Court opposed this procedure when he found the statute to be unconstitutional. In 1967 the Supreme Court itself agreed that neither the Bill of Rights nor the 14th amendment were for adults alone but now is contradicting this by withholding a primary component of both from minors.

Rehnquist's claim that the rights of a detained juvenile remain protected by the "safeguards" of a free lawyer and full

records of the procedure is a feeble cover-up for, and in total disregard of, the true issue: that of the removal of the real safeguard—due process of law.

The results from this departure from procedure and principle (i.e., leaving the issue of detention to the discretion of individual judges) without the definite guidelines of due process seems likely to result in inconsistency, unfairness and harm to juveniles rather than firm control and efficiency.

The Court has, in an effort to control crime and protect society and individuals, threatened the fundamental rights of a large group of people. The basic weakness inherent in this law is that it withholds constitutionally guaranteed rights and liberties from individuals on the basis of age. The Constitution does not discriminate between race, creed, color or religion. Why should it do so on the basis of age? With the implementation of this law the alleged delinquent is punished not only for his yet unproven crime but for his age as well. This obvious inequity cannot remain a part of a justice system based on equality for all and until it is removed it undermines the ethics of a system and those who serve it.

# Stop Forced Labor in Prisons

Supporters/organizers urgently needed to end slave-like forced labor in N.Y.S. prisoner industries, at Attica Prison and other major N.Y.S. prisons, i.e., Auburn, Clinton, Comstock, Sing-Sing, Bedford Hills (the state's only maximum-security female prison), etc.

Prison labor/industries divert jobs from outside union workers and the meager prices of prison goods are unfair competition to union laborers (prisoners only earn about a dollar a day, therefore their products can be sold at prices no union shop or minimum-wage shop could meet.)

Furthermore, scores of inmates are maimed each year in prison labor/industries, as O.S.H.A. and state safety regulations and laws are ignored.

Most N.Y.S. prisoners are Black or Hispanic and have wound up in prison as a direct result of lack of decent jobs and the frustration and acts that stem from this. Prison industries steal these jobs from the Third World community, and a vicious cycle is perpetuated.

Making licence plates, soap, stop signs, night sticks, etc., never rehabilitated a robber, rapist or thief, etc. But therapeutic, educational and meaningful vocational programs will help to realize this goal. Certainly, it is worth the effort, as little else will prepare these prisoners to return to society as useful citizens. And return they will!

Help unionize or abolish prison labor/industries. Make rehabilitation the true goal of prison, and leave industries to free union workers.

Volunteer lawyers, teachers, clericals, students, etc., please contact: Ronald Davidson 76A1166; P.O. Box 149; Attica N.Y. 14011

# Prison Letters

Kuwasi Balagoon was born in Lakeland, Maryland on Dec. 22, 1946. While a soldier in the U.S. Army, Kuwasi united with other blacks to fight racism. He was influenced by the works of Malcolm X, Rap Brown, and Mao Tse-Tung. In 1971 Kuwasi was one of the Panther 21 defendants who won acquittal after a long series of trials stemming from their work in the Black Panther Party.

In 1981 he was arrested and charged with participating in the attempted expropriation of \$1.6 million from a Brinks truck in Nyack, N.Y. In that action, a guard and two cops were killed. Kuwasi was tried and convicted of 3 counts of murder in 1983. Kuwasi, Judy Clark and David Gilbert were sentenced to 75 years to life. Kuwasi presently resides in Attica, "sharpening his sword."

Address letters to:  
Kuwasi Balagoon, 83A6216, Box 149, Attica, New York 14011

Back in—on or about 1971, after the jail house rock rebellion in N.Y.C. where every house of detention was taken over by prisoners, who had not been disarmed of their sense of outrage, a few of us were transferred from Branch Queens House of Detention to Riker's Island and placed in the segregation unit, where Sekou Odinga sits sharpening his sword now. Among us were some brothers who—indicted in the famous, or infamous Panther 21 case along with 31 other brothers—simply refused to surrender and submit to the systematic beatings and torture that pigs with baseball bats, ax handles and night sticks issued as the brothers who surrendered, stepped out offering no resistance. Those of us who didn't give up were not made to kneel on the ground with our hands cuffed behind our backs, while the state-issued robots struck us. Among us was the brother Dr. Curtis Powell.

One night when we went to "sick call," Doc and I happened into this state prisoner he'd met earlier in his incarceration, who had recounted when he had first met Doc he took for granted that the brother was insane because he had listed his occupation as a physician. He was really amazed to discover that "by golly," Powell was indeed a doctor after all. After telling us that story, he asked Doc how he was doing—or something to that effect. Doc replied, "we are being railroaded... I am on the train." The practitioner's brows arched and lost for a moment, he turned to find relief in the face of a "correctional officer," who had just entered that section of the hallway. After speaking, the state practitioner asked the jailer, "Do you know Powell here? The doctor?" the jailer answered, looking at Doc, "weren't you in C-76?" To which the Doc answered, "I'm in 1-a." To which the state practitioner replied, "He doesn't know where he is, he thinks he is on a train."

We all had a good laugh at that, the practitioner at the irony of a member of his profession being a crazy nigger after all. Doc and I had a good laugh because it shows just how an interpretation sticks; he was crazy when he tried to convince the interpreter that he was in fact a doctor of medicine. And now that that fact was confirmed, he was crazy because he thought he was on a train. A lot of such interpretations have

resulted in trips to the mental wards, shock therapy, thiorazine, and psychosurgery, performed by real psychos, and under a dominant alien culture there is bound to be misinterpretations. The fact that one group of people are to be a society's menial class, and be subjected to institutional put-downs, and sanctioned to violence is a mis-interpretation of common decency or better put, a mis-interpretation of acceptability for sure.

There is not one social topic that can be discussed free of the stench of racism. Social problems such as housing, common visions of our colonies called ghettos, unemployment, raises the specter of what the media terms 'discrimination.' Health care brings to mind that infant mortality among New Africans is double that of Americans, that 50% of Native American women have been sterilized; not by one Ronald Reagan run-



ing from one reservation to the next with a knife, but by thousands of dedicated practitioners who were at work under the regime previous to what has been termed a mandate, and have sterilized over 20% of New African and Puerto Rican women as well. How can we address crime in a land where there has never been a white executed in the murder or rape of a black? How can a victim of Diana Ross concert mugging or a rape or a mob attack see such an experience in the light of historical conditioning and how can the sheepish mob behind the crimes of Hiroshima, Korea, Vietnam, Nicaragua and South Africa, not take responsibility for these crimes and not take responsibility for stopping them? Who can believe that this condition can go on indefinitely?

The United States was founded on the genocide of Native Americans, that continues. Out of the 50 million who inhabited this land only 1.6 million remain. The economic structure based on the subjection of a caste continues. The colonization of our brothers and sisters and neighbors to the south and bare faced denials, the innumerable invasions and occupations with the same shameless justifications continue.

Pick up an almanac and read the short historical sketches of Puerto Rico, Santo Domingo, Guatemala, Mexico, El Salvador, Nicaragua, and other nations in that region while the synopsis are still in print and it will be clear what the invasion of Grenada, Harlem, El Barrio and Wounded Knee continue to be, with the approval and aid of duped citizens and colonial subjects alike.

The highly polished "news" shows, the ruling class presses, the air waves guarded by the FCC manipulate our cultures into commercials, filter out much of that which challenges them and flood our senses with subliminal attacks to maintain racism.

Rock reflects progressive and liberating tendencies as well as backward and fascist tendencies. It has challenged our thinking and that of those around us, sensitizing us to our doings, and it has packaged subtle and rank racism which are untitled. Anybody who believes they have rights over others is part of the problem. Anyone who believes they have the rights to use and abuse and attribute these rights to simply being born a particular species or gender and not on these beliefs or promotes them must be contested, as there is no trait worse save accepting evil nonsense of that type.

This progress which has devoured entire peoples and poisoned the biosphere of those of us remaining must be attacked, spiritually and culturally as well as fought physically and resolutely in all its aspects, if we are to maintain our sovereignty as human beings rather than parts of the machine. Self determination, the freedom to be ourselves only conflicts with the interests of a tiny percent of the population that controls.

So Rock Against Racism, imperialism, and sexism. It's a good sign that the new age art form indigenuous and ingenious can be acknowledged piercing the net of commercialism and clearly out of the use of the state's arsenal.

Let the good times roll and let the chips roll where they may.

Love, Power, & Peace by Piece,  
Kuwasi

Amigos,  
... Two years ago I took part in a civil disobedience action on the lawn at the Department of Energy Administration building on the Savannah River Plant near Aiken S.C. As some of you may be aware, the Savannah River Plant produces all the plutonium for Amerikkkan nuclear weapons. Dupont Corporation produces all the plutonium under contract for the Department of Energy. I was arrested along with five others by Dupont Security Guards and tried by South Carolina's chief federal judge and Strom Thurmond's former partner Charles E Simmons. Judge Simmons was a Dupont stockholder until two days before the trial began. At the trial Simmons refused to allow any testimony by our witnesses Dr. Carl Johnson and Philip Berrigan in front of the jury. After being convicted for trespassing under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, Judge Simmons ordered me under threat of a con-

tempt sentence to co-operate fully with a federal pre-sentence investigation and sign a paper waiving my right to the privacy act. In response to this threat I jumped bond. ... During the last six months of my life as a federal fugitive I have been in Nicaragua investigating atrocities committed on the Nicaraguan people by the CIA. On February 16, 1984 I spoke at a demonstration in front of the U.S. embassy in Managua Nicaragua. The next day I was arrested in Miami when I got off an Aeronica flight from Nicaragua.

At this time I am being held in the Richland County Detention Center in Columbia S.C. I am facing 18 months in prison and \$2,000 in fines for bond jumping and contempt of court charges plus \$1,000 for the original trespassing charge. My trial begins on June 4 in Charleston S.C. home of the Navy's Atlantic nuclear submarine fleet.

Because I will be in Federal prison, unless I escape, (note to feds: I'm only joking) I will not be able to join you in Dallas. I will however join you in resistance and spirit. My plans are to set up a Central America Solidarity and POW support group inside federal prison. ...

For those of you who would like to write I am asking **Overthrow** to print my current address.

Hasta la victoria final  
John Penley

John Penley 22170-004  
Richland County Detention Center  
Cellblock 1-4  
1400 Huger st.  
Columbia S.C. 29201

Dear Overthrow,  
At this time I am in the maximum security unit (M-building) at the State Farm. They have been trying to coerce me into revealing details about a barn that was burned down. It was my first day on the work gang and I didn't even know the names of the other prisoners let alone what happened. Of course, this is partly because of my helping other prisoners to file grievances and lawsuits. When I arrived they tried to convince the other inmates that I was a snitch, a homosexual and a child molester. I am locked up for burglary. I am dealing with that in my own manner.

Now, an inmate has flooded his cell and the police are refusing to clean up the water. The whole 100 foot hallway is four inches deep in water. The humidity is unbearable. People are catching sniffles and chills. They'd rather let us die of typhoid or something rather than clean up the water. I have a \$50,000 lawsuit and another convict has a \$1,000,000 lawsuit in. They probably will plant germs or viruses in the water. We are contacting or trying to contact the Health Dept. and some newfolks. They have a lot of the guys here from the latest uprisings in the Virginia prison system.

Twist  
Lion J. Ross 114681  
P.C.C. M-bldg. #5  
State Farm, Va. 23160



## Open Letter to the Women's Community

We are joining together as women to denounce the brutal attacks on Puerto Rican Prisoner of War Alejandrina Torres at the Metropolitan Correctional Center (MCC) in Chicago; and to condemn the conditions of intense isolation that Prisoners of War (POW's) Haydee Torres and Lucy Rodriguez face at Alderson Federal Prison in West Virginia.

... I let out a desperate scream, pleading with him (Lt. Lewis) not to do this to me. He wouldn't listen and the other guards just stood there and said nothing. In my fear and desperation, I managed to free one of my hands. Another guard grabbed me and thrust my arm behind my back. I was handcuffed again and brutally pushed to the floor by Lt. Lewis. I realized I was helpless and that he was intent upon doing what he pleased. He was putting pressure on my neck with his legs. I was on my knees. I felt a blow to my rib cage as Lt. Lewis forcefully

pushed my face to the floor, causing tremendous pain. I felt my legs being spread apart forcefully, my panties lowered and then the spread search was consummated.

With these words Alejandra Torres, freedom fighter, mother and minister's wife, imprisoned at the Chicago Metropolitan Correctional Center, described the savage attack perpetrated against her by Lt. Lewis, a male guard, and 4 women guards on July 10. After returning from a visit with her daughter, Alejandrina was strip searched and then maliciously ordered to submit to a cavity search. POW Torres initially refused to cooperate with the second search. Afterwards, Alejandrina was thrown in segregation and denied emergency treatment.

We consider this violation of Alejandrina tantamount to rape. This is the ultimate personal abuse and one that we will not tolerate. For women, this is a form of torture. We call all women to join us in a campaign to stop the bestial torture aimed at stripping Alejandrina Torres—a woman who fights for the freedom of her people—not just of her clothes, but of her dignity and will to fight.

This recent attack is just one—certainly one of the most horrible—of a series of abuses that began on June 30, 1983—the day that she and 2 other Puerto Rican POW's, Alberta Rodriguez and Edwin Cortes were arrested. Charged with seditious conspiracy—conspiring to overthrow the US government by force—they have been held in subhuman conditions at MCC. For 10 months Alejandrina was held on an all male floor, where she was verbally and psychologically assaulted. They have all been in isolation, locked in tiny cells 23½ hours a day, allowed only 1 visit, for 1 hour a week.

Right now 2 other POW's, Lucy Rodriguez and Haydee Torres, are being held in equally barbarous conditions in Davis Hall, Alderson, West Virginia. Held in complete isolation, they are locked in tiny, soundproof, windowless cells "for the rest of their lives." They are not allowed to communicate with each other or anyone else, they are handcuffed wherever they go and are checked by guards every 15 minutes. Although Haydee has a long history of illness, the prison refuses to give

her treatment she needs, or allow an outside doctor to treat her.

What we are seeing is the slow but steady implementation of physical and psychological torture against political prisoners of war in the U.S. Contrary to the oft-repeated myth, these are political prisoners of war in this country and they, like their sisters and brothers throughout Latin America, are increasingly being subjected to torture.

This treatment is part of a calculated program of torture and isolation directed against all Puerto Rican POW's and political prisoners in US jails. It ranges from denial of visits, mail and medical treatment, to arbitrary transfers, threats, to imprisonment far from family and friends. The goal of this treatment is to break the resistance of those Puerto Ricans who defy all US government attempts to demoralize them and continue to represent an example of courage and struggle to all Puerto Ricans.

We demand an end to brutality, isolation and the violation of these prisoners human rights.

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# Telephone Tax Pays for WAR!

The federal excise tax on telephone service has been associated with war spending throughout its history. The first telephone tax was imposed by the War Tax Revenue Act of 1914. It was repealed in 1916, but reimposed in 1917 along with other war taxes. World War II brought a 25% tax on long distance calls and a 15% tax on local service. The telephone tax was retained during the Korean War and then reduced to 10% on all phone service in 1954. In 1965 Congress approved a reduction of the phone tax to 3% with elimination planned for 1969. However, in 1966, Congress passed a special tax bill which included a resumption of the 10% phone tax to provide money for the Vietnam War. The tax was extended in 1968 as the war continued. With an ever-increasing military budget, the telephone tax has been extended several times by Congress since then and was raised from 1% to 3% in 1983. War tax resisters continue to consider this federal tax as war-related and an effective and appropriate focus of protest.

Every month when you pay your phone bill, you are paying just a little bit more toward the preparation for war. The federal excise tax on each monthly phone bill is spent in the most part by the military. Refusal to pay this tax is a direct way to protest increased military spending, the arms build-up, military interventions, and the resulting cuts in human service spending.

Although the federal excise tax on each bill is small, the U.S. government collects nearly \$2 billion each year through this tax. And because the individual amounts are small, it is a relatively risk free form of war tax resistance. Since it costs the government several hundred dollars, it is unlikely the government will make a concerted effort to collect a few dollars from each individual or group.

If thousands of us stop paying our phone taxes and redirect them to life affirming purposes, we will create a significant statement for peace, a protest which cannot be ig-



nored. Individuals, religious and secular communities, local peace groups and national organizations are joining the campaign to hang up on war through telephone war tax resistance.

The federal excise tax is itemized each month on your telephone bill. To refuse this tax on telephone service, simply deduct the amount from your total bill each month and pay the balance due. You should include a note each month explaining that you are paying the full bill less this tax to protest military spending. Printed "telephone tax resistance cards" to enclose with your bill are available from many organizations to simplify this notification procedure.

The phone company cannot legally disconnect your phone service for nonpayment of the excise tax and can be fined by the Federal Communications Commission if it does so. Your telephone company should credit your account with the amount of this nonpayment and notify the IRS of your resistance. The IRS may send you a routine computer notice asking for this tax payment, although few telephone tax resisters ever hear from the IRS. The IRS does have the authority to collect this unpaid tax through their normal collection procedure. However, because the amounts are so low, this rarely happens. If the IRS

does take action to try to recover this unpaid tax, many options exist to continue your direct, nonviolent protest, including payment under protest if you want to avoid a more complicated confrontation. A war tax resistance counselor can help you explore these options and their consequences.

Many people who resist federal telephone taxes put this money to use in positive ways. It can be redirected to a local alternative fund to be donated or used as an interest free loan. It can also be used to support the peace movement through direct donations to peace and justice organizations or the National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee (NWTRCC). Although the individual amounts are small, the total from thousands of resisters is a significant amount. Redirecting these funds publicly has the additional benefit of raising awareness and encouraging others to become resisters.

NWTRCC can provide you with the names and addresses of alternative funds, escrow accounts, and organizations supportive of war tax resistance. If there is not an alternative fund near you, NWTRCC has information to help you start one. You can write to NWTRCC, POB 2236, East Patchogue, NY 11772.

# An Arresting Call

University of Idaho professor, David Guise found out more about the Italian legal system than he wanted to know.

An operator suspected Guise of making a bogus credit card call and called the Italian Military Police, who accused Guise of trying to embezzle from the Italian government.

The Italian government phone system is subsidized by the government, which suffers greatly from the number of bogus credit card calls made in that country.

The police, armed with machine guns, surrounded Giese's telephone booth and arrested him.

After listening to his story, the police believed him but then accused him of being a Greek terrorist.

"It is difficult to prove you are innocent over there," Guise said as he returned to the United States.

—reprinted from the Argonaut

# Telephone Access Codes

These are some of the independent long distance companies which have formed since the breakup of AT&T. The following numbers grant you access to the companies' computer. Upon dialing the numbers you will hear a high-pitch tone; then dial an authorization code, area code and phone number and you're in business!!!

Allnet	950-1044
MCI	950-1022
Skyline	950-1088
GTE Sprint	950-1002
LDS	950-1084
US Tel	950-1033
Western Union	950-1020
WestTel	950-1085
Starnet	950-1023
RTT	950-1026
TSS	950-1089

Some of these codes may not work in all cities. If you have other telephone tips; contact the People's Telephone Co. c/o this paper.

# RADIO FREE HI-TECH

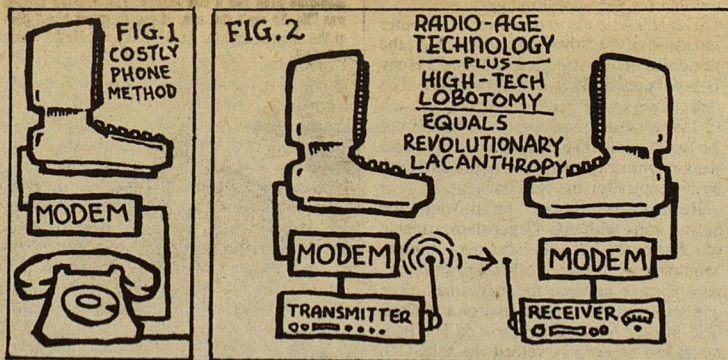
By Jimmy James Marshall

You can save lots of money on computer operating costs if you don't have to pay lots of long distance phone bills. The current plans for a computer-network utilising communications via phone lines is good—but there are several problems.

1. Most Yippie!(s) houses only have one phone line. If your computer is hooked into your phone line, anyone who is trying to reach you via telephone will only get a busy signal, (think about trying to get bailed-out of jail with a phone call... etc.)

2. Phone usage is expensive, especially when it's a bunch of hours-long computer conferencing access where everybody from California to New York is on at once. (long distance phone bills.)

3. The longer you use phone lines, the longer you're going to have these pro-



blems. And the longer you have them, the more expensive they are going to become.

4. There is a way out. It's called "radio-transmission of computer data". It works like this; instead of hooking up the computer and the telephone, hook up the computer to a short-or-micro-wave transceiver (two-way radio.) Everyone shares a couple of non-assigned frequencies (there are

thousands of them) and transmits or receives data on those frequencies.

5. There's a greater initial expense involved—you gotta get a radio first—but in the long run it's less expensive. No phone bills, only a few cents an hour for the electricity, and no lost phone calls. (this way no one will say I tried to reach you but the phone was busy.... 'Ah, yea, I was using the modem last night,' etc.)

# Czech Punk

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would develop its policy towards rock culture. When the answer came, it was brutal.

A festival of rock had been planned for June 1983 to take place in a village called Zabcice a few miles from the Moravian capital of Brno. Over a thousand young Czechoslovaks from all over the country gathered there that morning only to be curtly informed by the local police that the concert had been cancelled and that they were all to return home. The majority had to make their way via Brno and many of those had to wait for train and bus connections.

About four to five hundred spent the afternoon in the park next to a restaurant named with cruel irony *Na strelnici* (The Shooting Range). The atmosphere was relaxed and pleasant, people played football, sang songs, or just chatted in groups. Beer was consumed but no incidents of drunken-

ness were reported. None of the locals or restaurant staff had any complaints to make about the behaviour of the young people.

At about 6 pm five police cars drew up and the officers began checking ID cards and ordering everyone to leave the park. One person who asked why they should be immediately arrested. Aroused, the young people began chanting, "We want peace, we want freedom!" Upon this police reinforcements (which had been lying in waiting) arrived. With truncheons drawn and with the aid of unmuzzled dogs and tear gas, they began to disperse the crowd. Injuries were sustained (dog bites and truncheon blows) by several of the defenceless and peaceful crowd. Chaos ensued with people being dragged by their hair into the buses despite having done nothing provocative.

Eventually 26 people, almost all between the ages of 18 and 22, were charged with one or more of the following: rioting in a

public place, preventing a police officer from carrying out his duty; and assaulting a police officer, either physically or verbally. They were all held in custody for just under three months; and one was transferred into a penal mental hospital. On September 28 the sentences were handed down. Three were acquitted; 18 were given suspended sentences; 2 people got 20 and 9 months sentences. The evidence offered by police lacked consistency at all times, and by no normal standards of justice could it have been said that the cases against these people could be proved. They had been sentenced effectively for exercising their right of being in a public place on an early summer's evening.

This event has been greeted with horror throughout the country. A number of samizdat publications detailing it have been produced, emanating clearly from individuals who have never been part of any organized opposition in the CSSR.

The incident in Brno is one of several that have occurred this year involving young people. There was a spontaneous demonstration in Prague during the World Peace Congress made up chiefly of young working-class Czechs. There are unconfirmed reports that a demonstration of four to 500 people took place in Pisek on the anniversary of the Soviet invasion. These are the first spontaneous demonstrations to have taken place in the CSSR since 1969 and it seems that young people make up the bulk of the participants.

It has been obvious for a long time that the cultural bureaucracy does not understand rock music or even how significant a role it plays in the life of young Czechoslovaks. Events so far this year have proved that the regime is still set on a collision course with its young citizens. Margaret Thatcher was equally unresponsive to the needs of urban youth in the UK. After Toxteth and Brixton—what next?



# CITIZENS BAND RADIO FOR THE PEOPLE

by Dr. Hip

Many of you who are reading this probably have never considered using a Citizens Band Radio with so many other things to deal with Nuclear Weapons, U.S. involvement in Central America, and so on. Well if you're working for peace, Squatters rights, Anarchist action or what have you, CB could and should be used by the Movement.

Since it was started in 1959 many changes have taken place. In the early days you had to have a CB call sign issued by the FCC in Washington D.C., and no one ever tried

anything creatively different for fear of fines and short term jail sentences for breaking Communication laws pertaining to the 27MHz band.

From 1965 onward as Youth rebellion against traditional values took place, there was a brief period on Citizens Band where lively discussions were heard. Music filled the airwaves and you could feel the Revolution of the late 60's spreading like wildfire over 11 meters.

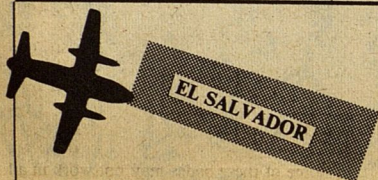
After the war in Vietnam was over CB went back slowly to becoming controlled by people from mainstream American

and government have prevented journalists from traveling to the sites of two recently reported massacres. The Salvadoran Army has also attempted to remove survivors of these massacres from the San Salvador refugee camps.

It is clear that the Reagan administration views the air war as essential. Virtually all of the \$70 million in supplemental aid will be used to provide helicopters, bombs and training for Salvadoran pilots.

The U.S. intends to double the helicopter squadron of the Salvadoran air force. At the beginning of July the air force had 22 Huey UH-1 choppers and two Hughes 500's. Ten more Hueys were sent in August, with ten to 15 more due to arrive soon—a jump from 24 to 49 in all. The helicopters will enable the government to move an entire battalion by helicopter for the first time.

Reagan had hoped to provide the Salvadorans with AC-47 gunships, capable of firing 18,000 rounds per minute. Mounted with three .50-calibre machine guns fired in tandem, the planes can place one bullet in each square foot of a football field in the course of ten seconds. The Pentagon has apparently vetoed the sale. One can only hope that even they realize that increased air strikes and firepower will only result in a massive civilian death toll.



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a bizarre twist of "blaming the victim" logic, Duarte blamed the FMLN for civilian deaths, claiming the existence of the FMLN to be the cause of such bloodshed. Duarte neglected to mention that Radio Venceremos regularly alerts Salvadorans of impending air raids.

Embarrassing to the government were a series of on-the-record comments made by ranking military personnel naively confirming that the air force does bomb the countryside indiscriminately because there are no "people" living in the area, only "masas" (i.e., people who support the opposition.)

While the air war escalates, the Salvadoran Army has increased its attacks on civilians in combat zones. In July, in the province of Cabanas, 68 unarmed civilians were killed by the US-trained Atlcatl Brigade. Due to reports of the massacre by foreign journalists, the Salvadoran Army

society, using call signs, talking about cars, radios, nothing of any real meaning. This went on from about 1974 until 1980. That's when a group of Liberals, Anarchists, Peace and Progressive folks in a small Connecticut town in America each decided to buy Citizens Band Radios, and formed the first Alternative CB organization since the inception of two way communications on this band back in 1959.

Many Revolutionaries have used CB Radio in Mexico, El Salvador, Nicaragua, for field communications. In England CB pirates use 27MHz but the English government has made it illegal, therefore you have a situation where to talk on 11 meters is being an outlaw against Authoritarian. Communications laws.

There's now a group of people who are creating Alternative Radio on CB. They call themselves Alternative Radio Operators International—AROI. Their two-way CB broadcasts can be heard regularly in Connecticut and if the skip conditions are right, as far away as Eastern Canada, on 27, 105MHz channel 12.

Conversations have dealt with Anti-Nuke Politics, Health issues, Communal Living, Peace issues, Music for People and more. This is how Creative Community Two Way CB communications in a little part of America has come about. Since anyone can talk on the radio there have been problems. The AROI has had transmissions jammed, and the channel invaded from time to time by supporters of traditional American values, and lifestyles who feel threatened by what they're attempting to create.

This has caused Non-Violent Radio Guerilla action on the airwaves. The AROI currently has 26 members with CB's in Connecticut and will go forward against those who try to get the AROI of 27, 105MHz. Decentralized Anti-Authoritarian operators are currently trying to bring true Democratic

free speech radio to the airwaves. CB has always had laws censoring free expression because of FCC rules part 95. Only one good thing has occurred in the last two years; CB licenses are no longer required to go on the air, and even if they were, groups like AROI would still be pirating on the CB.

The concept of Free Radio is a great way to form another type of Alternative radio community. This is a more direct way to promote an exchange of ideas and positive action.

As far as obtaining a CB radio, in the old days you paid over \$150 for just a 23 channel set. Now you can buy a new 40 channel for \$100 or less AM only or AM/SSB for around \$2-\$300 brand new.

If you don't want to spend a lot of money good used sets are available at garage sales, flea markets, or in local for-sale newspapers. New units can be found in chain communications stores like Lafayette, Radio Shack and, for better prices and a wider variety, the independently owned communications outlets.

Besides buying a CB you need an antenna and a CB antenna cable to get out to the other people you will be talking to. After that's been completed just get a grounding rod and ground wire and you're ready to operate. If you live in a house, apartment, on a college campus, commune, a converted school bus, etc., in an urban, suburban, or a rural area and there's a few folks interested in liberating the airwaves on CB great.

If you have any further questions about Alternative Citizens Band Radio for the people, or would like to start Alternative Radio Operator International groups on the air in your area of the planet Earth write and enclose a SASE c/o:

AROI, 198 Hickory Lane Southbury, Ct. 06488 U.S.A.

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**Subversion:** The devaluation and re-use of present and past cultural production, destroying its message while hijacking its impact.

**Stamps:** The 'friendly policeman' stamp was claimed to have been withdrawn earlier than planned because of the widespread practice of adding captions to it. Time Out magazine even ran a competition. The winning caption was "No, he can't stay even if you do marry him." (One of the children depicted on the stamp was black). Xtra's



favorite was "No, I didn't kill your daddy."

It is usual for bank staff to remove very worn or defaced notes from circulation but in Chile it became a political duty. This was due to the Chilean workers' habit of writing anti-government slogans on their banknotes. In 1973 the problem reached epidemic proportions and the government was withdrawing banknotes almost as fast as

Freedom Press, 84b, White Chapel High St., London E1 7QX.  
new ones could be printed.

**Iran, March, 1984.** Giving out anti-Khomeini leaflets in Iran is a dangerous occupation. Women members of a resistance cell in Kazeroun made four 'sonic bombs' which they planted in the town square. When triggered these non-destructive bombs produce a resounding bang and scatter hundreds of leaflets over a wide area. In Kazeroun the explosions sent Khomeini's guards diving for cover.

**1967:** Thirty Dutch Provos painted their bicycles white and announced that they belonged to everyone. People were invited to bring their bicycles to the Spui at midnight on Saturday where they would be painted free of charge. Urged on by insurance companies and manufacturers, the police rounded up and confiscated all white bicycles in Amsterdam—on the pretext that they might be stolen.

**July, 1968:** Lisbon bus and train workers were protesting because the British-owned Lisbon Tramways Company would not give them a wage rise. They protested by running the services as normal but staff refused to accept fares. This new kind of transport strike proved very popular with passengers.



should be taken . . ."

Recall Took 10 Years

The first appeal for a Shield recall was made to the company by attorney Post in 1975. When he got no response, he and another lawyer, Aaron M. Levine of Washington, appealed to the FDA in 1977 to order a recall. The agency declined.

In April 1983, the National Women's Health Network filed a still-pending petition for an FDA recall. Shortly afterward, the FDA urged wearers to have the IUD removed. Yesterday, Sybil Shainwald, head of the network, charged that the agency and the company "could have averted countless tragedies if they had acted when they knew that the product was defective."

U.S. District Court Judge for Minnesota Lord says "it was not the power of the courts, but rather the power of the media that caused" the company to find it "in its interest to issue a carefully worded statement that avoids admitting wrongdoing but serves to help it in future litigations."

## Dalkon Shields

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Meanwhile, Senator Tribble (R-Va) has drafted an amendment to a liability bill that would drastically reduce the company's liability from punitive damages in product liability cases. In one interview, Tribble said that "we want to deter and punish corporations, but not to destroy them."

About 1.7 million Shields were distributed in 79 foreign countries, including Canada. Robins continued to sell the IUD in some of these countries for up to nine months after suspending U.S. sales in mid-1974. Robins said yesterday that it is notifying other countries of its U.S. program and "will be guided by each government's view as to what specific actions

## New Jersey Travel Alert

The New Jersey traveler's bureau hasn't commented yet on the effects of the N.J. turnpike patrol's new procedures concerning visitors passing through what may be the nation's most beautiful state. In a fantastic scheme to catch pot smugglers who may be driving this scenic highway on their way from Columbia to Mexico, the Garden State's brilliant new strategies include:

1: Letting automobiles cruise at speeds of 75 mph and then pulling over law-abiding 55 milers since they must be drug smugglers too paranoid to put the pedal to the metal and waste fuel.

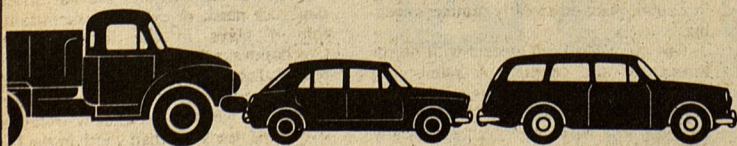
2: Confiscating personal address/phone books from drivers and putting all entries in-

to the Drug Enforcement Administration's computer (they've started a file on mob!)

3: Stopping vehicles which fit the dope smuggler's auto stereotype (seeds falling from the exhaust pipe, psychedelic sponge-rubber dice on the rear view mirror, Mondale bumperstickers or a Partridge Family paint job.)

And to make sure all efforts are bountiful, these toll-gate troopers are awaiting the big fall harvest. As soon as they bag that first big ball, the N.J. turnpike will become one big Pot hole!

Take that peace sign off your VW minibus, add some caddy fins, add a snow plow to the front and paint the words "church bus" on each side. You'll be alright.



# ARE YOU A SUCKER?

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Will Help You Find Out

Answer Yes or No:

- Do you think work makes you free?
- Do you think Coca-Cola, videogames, and the private automobile represent the good life?
- Do you think any free society exists today?
- Do you think Jesus moved that rock all by himself?
- Do you think the police are there to protect your rights?
- Do you think a Democrat is less likely to start a war?
- Do you think the Soviet Union is communist?
- Do you think there is room for you at the top?
- Do you think capitalism is compatible with humane society?

If you answered yes to any of the above, then yes, you are a sucker. But don't blame yourself—this society produces suckers because this society needs suckers. Besides, it's never too late to start thinking and acting for yourself.

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## ALTERNATIVE PRESS (Cont.)

Alternative Press (Cont.)

said that many alternative newspapers besides **Overthrow** face a shortage of experienced layout and paste-up personnel. "It isn't that a new person can't learn, and working on an alternative newspaper is a great way to learn skills and meet people," one editor explained, "but if they accidentally leave out a whole section of a story, the reader gets totally confused."

# वसु बबा वाक्यान



Dear Baba Vakian,

I have been studying your teachings, and following the path you have shown us, practicing correct thought daily and have remembered your inspirational words, "Go for it" yet my life is still not sublime. Is it my accumulation of negative dogma which keeps me from carrying out your divine plan of raising a million dollars?

Baba: My child, it is not so much negative dogma, because you have demonstrated unwavering devotion and have gained much auspicious merit through your revolutionary activities. Yet, my little marxling, you have not completely transcended the true nature of the masses. You are too concerned with whether you yourself achieve raised consciousness and not for the liberation of all sentient proletarians.

Dear Baba Vakian,

Your wise and true leadership emanates 100,000 golden rays of struggle and whenever I see your poster over my bed, or stove, or fireplace, or in my bathroom, the words "go for it" resound like the beautiful ringing of 10 million firing squads purifying our dialectically material realm of its three poisons: revisionism, anarchism, and humor.

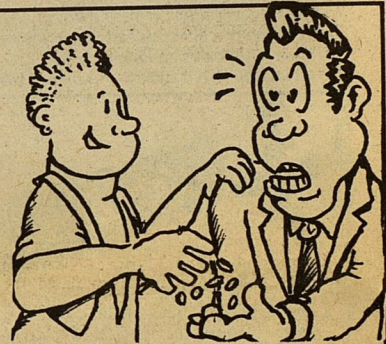
Yet when I'm out selling the party literature and haranguing potential converts, I'm met with opposition by the very souls I'm trying to rescue. Oh Great One, What is to be done?

Baba: When the imperialist demons cast me from my homeland I was forced to direct our historic mission under many hardships I had to undergo while in Paris. As you know, much of our revolutionary heritage comes from this exotic and mysterious land, yet even many of its inhabitants today reject the teachings. Still, I persisted, practicing the age-old technique of correct analysis which was handed down through the Chinese dogma-master Mao and which is today professed by my followers. It was during this time that the words "Go for it" were thus spoken. Continue the drive for a million dollars, as it is the correct method, and thus cannot fail. Go for it, my little Revoltees.

## HOT TIPS

Y'know, those G-men work so gawsh daw hard sometimes! Some folks I know always give 'em their spare change y'know, "Go on, git yerself a coffee!—Someday you can do a favor for me, okay?"

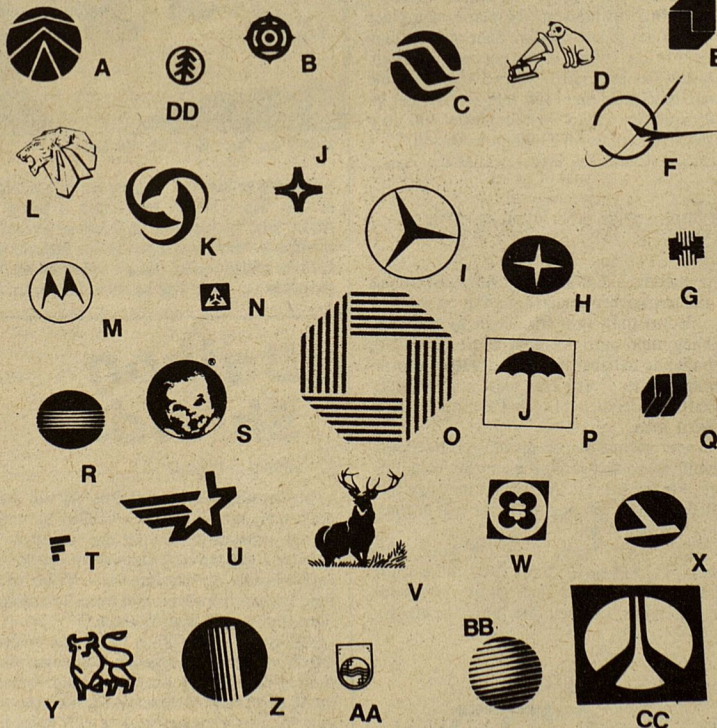
But be careful. Cops aren't allowed to get tips. They get all embarrassed because of their humble honor and you might shake one up a bit, trying to give the money back to you!



# CORPORATE SYMBOL MATCH GAME

U.S. corporations spend billions each year on advertizing and promotion of their images, and this includes hiring special design firms to invent exactly the right logos which subconsciously convey ideas of power and economic domination. So we thought it would be a nice service, just in case you're someday peering through the

rangefinder of a home-made disintegrator ray, to provide you with a little "let's get acquainted" game. Below, left, are samples of some well-known logos, but can you match them correctly with their corporate names?



1. Lockheed
2. Lotus
3. Phillips
4. Minolta
5. Northwest Orient
6. American Telephone & Telegraph
7. Sanyo
8. Hitachi
9. Sperry
10. Sanders
11. McDonnell Douglas
12. The Travelers
13. Gerber
14. Irving Trust
15. Chicago Mercantile Exchange
16. Citicorp
17. Chase
18. Eastern
19. Motorola
20. Dean Witter Reynolds
21. Boise Cascade Corporation
22. Peugeot
23. Merrill Lynch
24. Mercedes-Benz
25. Rockwell International
26. The Hartford
27. Radio Corporation of America
28. Pitney Bowes
29. Fidelity Group
30. Hyatt Hotels

25. CC 26. V 27. D 28. G 29. T 30. W  
ANSWERS: 1. U 2. E 3. A 4. R 5. C 6. B 7. B 8. A 9. J 10. N 11. F 12. P 13. S 14. Z 15. K 16. H 17. O 18. X 19. M 20. Q 21. D 22. L 23. Y 24.

# DEAR OverTHROW

Send to: Box 392 Canal St. Station, NY NY 10013

## Earth First

Dear *Overthrow*,

I discovered some back issues of your newspaper a few weeks ago. I'm glad I did. I'm aware of how pot should be legalized, and how freedom and justice for all is total hypocrisy.

I feel things cannot remain politically apathetic. The Earth is being poisoned. Nuclear arms are being increased with no reductions or negotiations in sight. People are being racially and sexually discriminated against.

However, the answer is not trying to work within the political machine. Then you are part of it.

The answer is not violence. An eye for an eye will make the world blind.

People of the Earth must unite to beat the technology which is removing us from the land. I will not co-operate with a system that is killing innocent people in Central America. Basically, as Bob Dylan said, "Politics kill." It's all really irrelevant. It's not a matter of politics. It's we alone who must find peace on this planet.

I would like to be put in touch with people, freeze groups, demonstrations and smoke-ins in my area. I'd also like to distribute *Overthrow*. Please send me info and buttons and back issues.

Freeze Reagan Bush in '84!

Unite with the Earth

In hope of peace!

Nic Woodyerd/ Carly Mero  
Lakewood, Colorado 80226

## Nica Trip

Dear *Overthrow*,

During July 1983 I visited Nicaragua with the U.S. group that formulated the Witness For Peace action. We'd heard the bereaved people of Jalapa say "when you are here, the Contras (Counter Revolutionaries) don't attack us." Mothers whose children had been hacked to pieces by machetes of U.S. paid killers gave us this message to carry back to the people of the U.S., "we love you, but if we are invaded we are prepared to die in defense of Nicaragua." Now, in March, 1984, I'm still amazed that without exception in village or city (having traversed Nicaragua from Pacific coast to Atlantic, and from the Honduran border to the Costa Rican) whenever I've told people I'm from the U.S. they smile and extend hospitality. If ever the "other cheek" was "turned" it's here. After generations of brutal Somoza dictatorships, Nicaraguans are well able to separate the people of a country from cruel, self-serving government policy-makers.

Duncan Murphy

Sulphur Springs, Ark. 72768

## Reading List

Dear Yippies,

Best wishes. I saw a somewhat positive article in a newspaper about the Dallas convention demonstration. Congratulations.

I go to a fairly conservative school in north east Ohio. I've been getting and selling five copies of *Overthrow*. Response has been good and I would like to get 15 copies from now on.

I have an idea you might want to use. Maybe you could have a recommended reading list of books. If people found copies, they could pick up one or two, and read them or just send them to you. Then you could send them out to those who couldn't find (or afford) books that they would like to read.

John S. Scipione  
Canton, Ohio 44709

Ed: Your idea would work much better on a local, decentralized scale.

## Detroit Jails Rape Victim

(Detroit)—Karen Norman may spend the rest of her life in prison for defending herself against a rapist. Karen, a nineteen-year-old Black woman, a sophomore at Wayne State University, and the mother of two children, was raped in her home on the night of May 5th. When the rapist was done, he couldn't decide if he would rape her again or kill her. She grabbed a knife and stabbed him. When the police arrived, hours later, they found him dead. Karen now faces First Degree Murder charges, and her trial is scheduled for December 10th.

Karen was acting in self defense, but this is no guarantee that she will be acquitted in court. Other women have been convicted in similar situations. The fact is that the legal system is stacked against rape victims. Karen would stand a better chance in court if her attacker had broken into her house and stolen her TV. Since Karen was defending her own body, she will probably be asked to prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that she did not invite the attack. The standards often used make it virtually impossible to prove this. A closer look at Karen's situation will also shed some light on the situation many other rape victims face.

### Karen's Situation

The courts often look for signs of bruises or trauma as proof that the woman resisted. Karen's physical examination did not produce this kind of evidence. Karen's skin is dark and bruises do not show easily. In fact, 70% of the women coming into Detroit Receiving Hospital who have been raped have no signs of bruises or trauma. In addition, many women who are threatened as Karen was do not physically resist. Police often advise women not to resist under these circumstances. Then, when it comes to trial, the absence of a physical struggle is used to prove that the woman consented.

Karen had met the assailant a day before the rape. This too is common. About one half of the reported rapes take place between people who are not strangers to each other. Only one out of five rapes is actually reported, so the percentage of women who know their attacker is probably much higher. Yet many people think rape only occurs between strangers. Any prior acquaintance, even a minimal one, can be used

to cast doubt on the rape victim's account of what happened.

Why is this so? Rape is treated as an act of sex and not an act of violence. It is not treated as the life-threatening situation that it really is. Rape is viewed as something a woman supposedly asks for—by dressing or acting a certain way. Or as consensual sex—and then the woman "changed her mind."

In fact, being raped has little to do with how you look or act. Six-month-old babies get raped. Eighty-year-old women get raped. Many women resist and get away—statistics show that resistance offers the best chance of escape. But some women who resist are murdered (as are some women who don't resist). Some women don't resist and are unable to prove in court that they were raped. Karen Norman resisted and faces life in prison if she is convicted.

Rape is the only crime where the victim has to prove she resisted. And the lies about that go on. Like, "if you fight hard enough, you can always get away." Or, "you can't thread a moving needle."

### Detroit's Campaign Against Rape

A few months ago, rape was in the news every day. Fifty school girls had been raped on their way to or from school. The city government did not encourage women to defend themselves against rape. Women were advised to be careful—to rely on the police, the utility men, neighbors—everyone but themselves. Karen Norman's situation shows how little has been changed as a result of Detroit's campaign against rape.

Self defense is a basic right. Men take it for granted that when they are attacked they have the right to fight back. Karen Norman's murder trial is really a test of whether women share this basic right. Karen was not only acting in her own defense. She acted on behalf of every woman who faces punishment for defending herself, and every woman who fights against being a victim.

For more information, or to help, contact:

Karen Norman Defense Committee  
P.O.B. 3312  
Highland Park, Michigan 48203

## Mutual Aid

Dear Comrades,

Enclosed is a copy of a *Mutual Aid Alternatives*, a project of the Mutual Aid Collective (in Albany, NY)... This is our first issue, with another on the way—to be distributed by the end of October.

Ours is a journal of practice, theory, and personal change. We want to open up dialogue with other anarchist groups and exchange news, analysis, and resources. If your group has any periodicals or literature you would like to share, please send it to our address (given below). Donations are also welcome to keep it free, or at least cheap. Very important are your letters (and visits) telling us what you think and sharing your experiences.

In future issues, we will include contacts with other A groups, and a calendar of events. If you have anything in this regard, send it to us, and we'll try to get it in.

In Solidarity,  
*Mutual Aid Alternatives*  
c/o The Social Action Center  
221 Central Avenue  
Albany, New York 11206

## Van 5

Dear Friends,

I am writing you this on behalf of Brent Taylor and Doug Stewart, two of the five prisoners sentenced for actions done as

members of "Direct Action" and the "Wimmin's Fire Brigade." I believe Brent was receiving a free-to-prisoners subscription from you mailed to Oakalla Prison in Burnaby, B.C. Last month, all the prisoners were transferred to federal prisons throughout the country, after they were sentenced. Brent is hoping you can continue, or begin if that is the case, to send the paper to him at his new address. Doug would also like to begin receiving the paper. I hope this is no problem for you. Please feel free to contact us if there is any problem. Thank you, and Stay Strong!

For Freedom,

Jill Bend

Free the 5 Defense Group

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## Dems & Greens

Hi Yips,

Getting a green movement going is a great idea—but starting a Green Party to run for office on the national level is a terrible one. Local offices, fine, but not state or national. Why? Come on, you know—you'll just take votes away from the horrible Democrats and give the even more horrendous Republicans a better chance to win. This ain't Germany, you know, with a parliamentary system.

Keep up the good work, keep putting out a great paper, and keep analyzing and thinking.

Lawrence R. Ephron  
Institute For A Future  
Berkeley CA 94708

(Ed's Note: Alas—the Dems have succeeded this year in taking away votes from themselves all on their own, by insisting on running a candidate who fails to mobilize precisely those "alternative" and youth elements who make up the Greens in Germany. Historically the major parties in this country never have bothered to co-opt such fringe groups until they've gotten it together to run a credible third party challenge. Thus, it could be argued that what the Mondale/Ferraro ticket is really designed to do is target the bloc who voted for Anderson in '80.)

## Creative Wierdness

Dear All:

Thanks much for the *Overthrows*. Good stuff I'm still looking through. The "Don't let Reagan take you for a ride" inset is especially nice, suitable for a wall hanging. However, if it were 8 by 11, or whatever, it would be readily xeroxable. As it is now, you have to reduce it which is difficult. Xerox distribution/hanging is a good medium for dissemination. I include here some samples of our work. As friends travel to other lands they take posters for hanging.

Anyway keep up the good work. Seems to me holding placards and whatnot a mile from the pres just doesn't go. I opt for some creative wierdness. We're mulling over some ideas over here like putting clocks in the street, painting faces and infiltrating the streets, theatrical displays, and other disequilibrators. His best ain't good enough.

Usually,  
Jim Steele

## Free Gary Tyler

On October 7, 1974, a mob of white youths and adults surrounded a school bus filled with black students, in Destrehan, La., pelting the bus with bricks and bottles. Gary Tyler was on that bus. The Black Students saw a white man in the mob with a shotgun pointed at the bus. As they ducked for cover, a shot rang out and, 13 year old Timothy Weber, a white student standing near the bus, fell dead.

Thus began the frame-up of Gary Tyler. Today, 10 years later, Gary Tyler remains a prisoner of the state of Louisiana, condemned to serve his life in prison for a crime which he did not commit. The courts have admitted that the trial was fundamentally unfair, and that he was denied the presumption of innocence. He was tried before an all-white jury in a Klan-inflamed atmosphere. The trial resulted in Gary being sentenced to die in the electric chair. That sentence has been set aside and instead, Gary is now sentenced to life.

The only legal avenue open for Gary Tyler's freedom is a pardon from the Governor of Louisiana. You can help by contacting the committee at:

Committee to Free Gary Tyler  
P.O. Box 30201  
New Orleans, La. 70190-0201  
or by calling 522-2645



"Dad, why do you read so many newspapers?"

"Well Billy, If you're old enough to ask, I guess you're old enough to know. You see, Son, these aren't ordinary newspapers. This is the **alternative press.**"

"Al- Al-?"

"Alternative. It means newspapers from people all around the world who are dissidents, political activists, who publish information so other radicals can learn from them."

"Like when Tommy Wilson did his science project on the effects of a nuclear based military economy on the eco-regional environments of third world countries receiving U.S. foreign aid?"

"Yes, like Tommy's science project. Tommy showed his classmates something. He *shared* information with them. But Billy, you had a pretty swell project yourself, and your mother and I are proud of you. You worked real hard son."

"But I didn't win first prize."

"Competition isn't everything, Billy. You figured out where the missile silos are, and you shared that. Those little cottonball sheep looked almost real on that little farm model."

"It's fun to share, isn't it daddy?"

"It sure is Billy, It sure is!"

## BILLY LEARNS TO SHARE



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You're a disgrace to God & Country and if John Wayne were with us today, I'm sure he'd say the same thing. Enclosed is \$100.00. Go buy yourself a ticket to Trotskygrad, you paganistic atheists!

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