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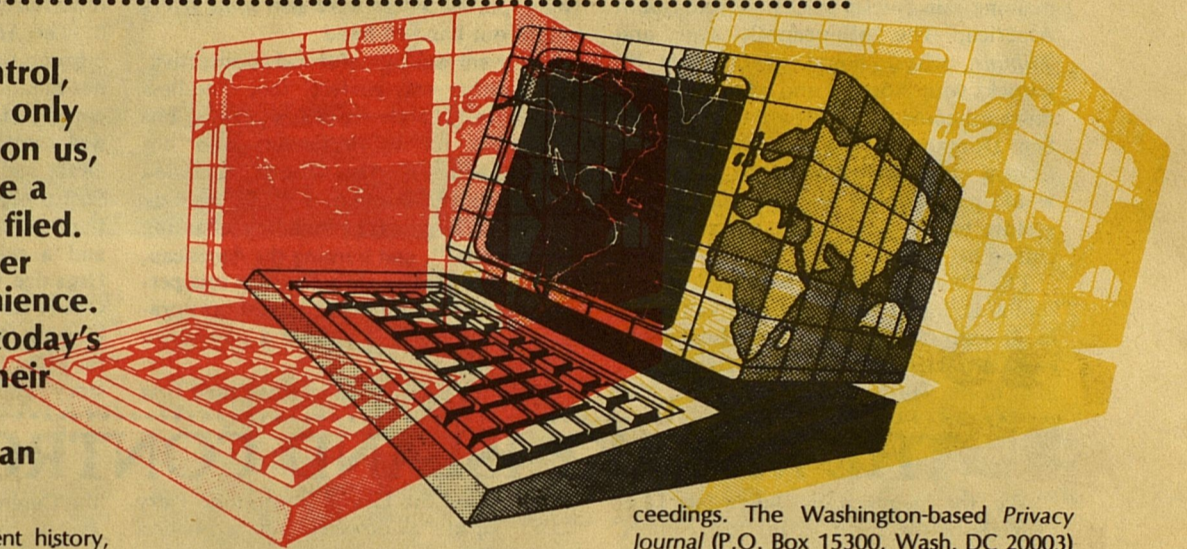
ENCRYPTION & THE DOSSIER SOCIETY

by Tom Athanasiou and the PW staff

It is impossible for ordinary people today to control, or even find out, what is known about them. Not only do dozens of government agencies maintain files on us, but each time we buy a book, pay a tax, or phone a friend, records of our transaction are created and filed. Most people consider such records, if they consider them at all, as simply the price of modern convenience. Yet when the size, sophistication and number of today's databases are taken into account, together with their increasing interconnection and use, it may not be entirely paranoid to wonder if something other than convenience has come to be at stake.

Private credit agencies like TRW and Equifax aggregate individual transaction records into more than 150 million dossiers, each of which typically contains a full name, social security number, address, telephone #, name of spouse, workplace, salary, other

income, credit grantors, payment history, arrest and conviction records, bankruptcies, tax liens and lawsuits. The data in these dossiers is often inaccurate. It is commonly collected by low-wage investigators expected by their supervisors to find dirt and



find it fast. But once collected, it is bought and sold millions of times each day, linked with other data by the techniques of "computer matching," and even—like any other property—disposed of in bankruptcy pro-

ceedings. The Washington-based *Privacy Journal* (P.O. Box 15300, Wash. DC 20003) recently quoted Richard D.C. Whilden, the head of TRW's huge Information Services Division, as saying that TRW is actively looking for "new ways to package and sell the" *continued on pg. 10*

Congress to Probe Contra Cocaine Link MISSION IMPEACHABLE?

by Rob Koening and Ben Masel

Revelations of money from illegal arms sales to Iran ending up in Contra coffers has caused quite a stir. The two top men at the National Security Council, Admiral John Poindexter and Lt. Colonel Oliver North, are gone. Glad as we are to see them go, this cabinet shuffling should be viewed with skepticism, for behind the Swiss bank accounts and the ill-fated C-123 transport in which Eugene Hasenfus was shot down lurks an even darker secret, one whose revelation can only lead to impeachment proceedings.

In the midst of a sanctimonious and self-serving "War on Drugs," the Costa Rican branch of the Contra support operation has been shipping cocaine into the USA with the apparent blessing of the White House.

A House Judiciary Subcommittee and a Federal lawsuit in Florida are threatening to expose a Contra cocaine conspiracy with a trail of airplanes, telephone calls and business cards leading to the office of Vice President George Bush.

Meanwhile Michigan Democrat John Conyers has asked that inquiries into the affair be broadened to include efforts by the Justice Department and Attorney General Meese to stifle their own probe of contra arms shipments, and intimidate independent researchers and attorneys working on establishing the contra-cocaine tie.

A good place to start is the May 30, 1984 press conference held by former Sandinista turned Contra Eden Pastora, held in La

Pensa, Nicaragua, a hamlet just across the border from Costa Rica.

Pastora was to announce his refusal to affiliate his Costa Rican-based ARDE group with the larger Nicaraguan Democratic Front, as the Honduran-based NDF was still run by Somocista ex-National Guards and dominated by the CIA. His announcement was interrupted by a bomb which killed 3 people and injured 28, including Pastora and a number of journalists.

Two of the injured journalists, writer Martha Honey and ABC cameraman Tony Avirgan decided to investigate the bombing. They received a tip from a Costa Rican named Carlos about a Contra plot to blow up the US Embassy in San Jose and kill the Ambassador, Lewis Tambs, while pinning the blame on the Sandinistas.

The plot involved Columbian cocaine dealers, angry at Tamb's attempts to interdict shipments, and Contra forces operating out of an 8,000 acre ranch owned by American businessman and reputed CIA agent John Hull. (Hull's business partner, Bruce Jones, was revealed as a CIA agent in the Feb. '85 *Life* magazine.)

They then identified the press conference bomber as Amac Galil, an anti-Quaddafi Libyan exile with a reputation as a top flight professional assassin, having performed jobs for Chile's secret police (the DINA) and Miami-based anti-Castro groups.

Honey and Avirgan began receiving death threats. Their friend Carlos was kidnapped, tortured, and killed. Eventually their story ran in a Costa Rican daily.

John Hull was outraged at charges that his ranch was used as a Contra base and cocaine depot for shipments to Miami where their sale funded the Contras. He filed a libel suit against the journalists, who enlisted the Christic Institute to defend them. The Washington DC based Institute was formed in 1980 out of the legal team that represented Karen Silkwood's

family in their successful suit against the Kerr-McGee corporation.

Hull's libel suit was dismissed. Subsequently the Christic Institute filed a \$23 million claim on behalf of the journalists in Federal District Court in Miami, charging 30 Contra leaders and their American backers (including retired Major General John Singlaub) with involvement in a complex conspiracy of gun running, cocaine smuggling, and the press conference bombing. The case is pending.

MEANWHILE:

A story by Joel Millman in the July 1, 1986 *Village Voice* detailed the strange career of Barry Seal, a Baton Rouge Louisiana aircraft dealer, pilot, smuggler, and eventually, informant for the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA).

Seal had been a Green Beret in Vietnam and later a pilot for TWA. In 1972 he was indicted but acquitted on charges of conspiring to ship explosives to anti-Castro Cubans in Mexico. From '73 to '82 he ran a no questions asked airplane dealership, including as customers the CIA. During this period he also flew marijuana, and later cocaine from Columbia to his private airstrip in Baton Rouge.

In 1982 he was arrested in Ft. Lauderdale for possession with intent to deliver quaaludes, a felony carrying 10 years. Afraid of doing time, he offered his services as an informant.

At first the DEA wanted nothing to do with Seal; they had spent enough time and money busting him in the first place. So Seal flew his Lear jet to Washington for a hearing before the National Narcotics Border Interdiction System. This *Vice-Presidential* Task Force overruled the Miami DEA office, which was forced to put him to work on Operation Screamer. He helped in the largest cocaine bust in the history of Nevada, as well as a sting that netted the Prime Minister of the Turks and Caicos.

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PLEASE, don't NUKE my veggies!

by Ann Schneider

Irradiation of food has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration, so start looking out for irradiated broccoli, grapefruit, pork, and spices in your supermarket. Currently, foods so treated must be identified with a label reading "Treated with gamma (or ionizing) radiation."

The FDA rejected a request by McCormick, Inc. spice company to substitute the term "picowaved", a less scary-sounding word made up by the industry. However, a similarly deceiving symbol, the radura, which looks like a flower inside a broken circle will appear on all irradiated food.

Since our last issue, we've uncovered some more about food irradiation that explains exactly what the stakes are in the rush to approve the process. The primary promoter of food irradiation is none other than the Department of Energy who would like to find a way to get vast amounts of radioactive waste material from nuclear weapons production off its hands. In its enthusiasm for making food irradiation commercially feasible, it is leasing its stores of cesium-137, one of the isotopes that can be used to irradiate food, at one-tenth of the current market price.

Cesium has a half-life of 30 years and is *continued on pg. 8*

MINNEAPOLIS REVOLTED: OCT. 16!

by Luke McGuff

On Thursday, October 16, Minneapolis' Backroom Anarchist Center and The Progressive Student Organization staged a "warchest tour" of downtown Minneapolis. A combination of street theatre, silliness and earnest intent, the "Warchest Tour" was the result of weeks, if not months, of planning. The idea was to target businesses in downtown Minneapolis that contribute to the war effort on numerous fronts.

The victims included WCCO-TV, who ignore the aerial war in El Salvador and slant the news towards sensationalism; Pillsbury, whose ownership of Burger King and other fast food enterprises contributes to the destruction of the world's largest remaining rain forests in Central and South America; The Minneapolis Star and Tribune, whose board of directors interlocks with Hormel, and who constantly misrepresented the P-9 strike in Austin; Sen. Durenburger's office, whose vote on Contra aid switched when he realized it would pass without him, as a face saving gesture to the groups that repeatedly occupied his office.

The "Warchest Tour" was inspired by a similar action at the Haymarket Gathering in downtown Chicago. The Minneapolis event attracted approximately 200 people; and, in the words of one participant, "we



could have had 500 if more had known about it". Another participant mentioned that although the Tour started out with 85 people, by the end it had nearly doubled with people joining in out of curiosity and interest.

In true anarchist style, the pre-event publicity consisted of a couple large graffiti at the University and at the Hennepin-Lake area, a hang out for fashionable young punks. There were also some flyers passed out hand-to-hand.

The event was peaceful and cooperative. The weather was perfect, too, cloudless and warm. There were a few arrests, but they were for misdemeanors and not violent actions. The events included smashing a tv outside of WCCO, walking through a large office building chanting "Work! Die!", and burning the American, Soviet, and McDonald's flags (as one person said later, "the three largest corporations in the world") outside a downtown fashion mall.

When the police tried to make their first

arrest at the beginning of the demonstration, the squad car was surrounded by demonstrators chanting "Let them go! Let them go!". The car was immobilized and cut off from reinforcements. The police let the detainees go, who immediately rejoined the demonstration to cheers and applause. This was not mentioned by any of the media.

The participants also passed out a booklet explaining the demonstration and its purpose. The handbook gave the reasons that particular people or businesses were targeted, explaining in detail the historical context of the demonstration and the way these media and businesses were used as tools of the authorities to repress free thought and information exchange. It also provided a few helpful pages from the "Disarm Now Action" manual, distributed by a group trying to close down the Rock Island arsenal between Iowa and Illinois. I don't know if the handbooks were passed out at the demonstration or used beforehand.

The event attracted a lot of media attention. The media focused on the more outlandish looking punks, ignoring the fact that some of the participants were in their thirties. All three tv stations covered it. The Star and Tribune mentioned the burning flags and the smashed tv, but did not mention delivering the billboard-sized paper (taken from a billboard somehow) with "MINNEAPOLIS IS REVOLTING OCT. 16th" in place of the headline. The Star's report on the demonstration had a five-column picture of the burning flag and a misleading headline ("Anarchists Organize to Wreak Havoc Downtown"). One tv station is alleged to have shown the burning American flag, but blacked out the other two flags. All three stations had a story about injured swans before the

demonstration. The St. Paul and weekly papers did not mention it.

The event was considered a success by the participants. It helped to bring together some of the people in the anarchist community, was a great deal of fun to the participants, and most importantly, may have planted a few seeds in a few fertile minds. It showed some of the most exhilarating aspects of direct action: Serious confrontation and a jocular challenge to the status quo.

The Minneapolis WarChest Tour was intended to challenge the passivity the authorities hope to insill in us all. For participants and on-lookers alike, it was a revelation. One hopes there are similar "War Chest Tours" in other parts of the country.

(Disclaimer: I must admit that I did not participate in the demonstration or planning; considering its success, however, I am eager to spread the word of its existence. The opinions expressed above are mine only, and do not represent the Backroom Anarchist Center. The reports were taken from eye-witness accounts; some information was taken from the Warchest Tour Handbook. The Backroom Anarchist Center can be reached at: 2 East 27th Street, Mpls., MN. 55407. Ask about Grey Zone, their newsletter.)



Northern Sun News/photo: Barry Maurer

THE MIYAKE ISLAND CONTROVERSY

We, the members of Chikyu No Tomo (Friends of the Earth Japan) and APPEN* view with great apprehension the decision by the Japanese government to allow the building of a large airstrip for use by U.S. military forces for noisy night landing practice on the island of Miyake.

Miyake Island has emerged as the center of a political storm that is pitting local inhabitants concerned about their environment against the Defense Facilities Administration Agency (under the Ministry of

Defense) and the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), Japan's all-powerful ruling political organization.

Although one would not expect the U.S. government to approve of construction of military facilities in one of its own national parks, it appears willing to look the other way where other countries are involved. Searching for an alternative to the currently used Atsugi Air Base where complaints from the surrounding community of intense noise pollution have been building up for years,

the Defense Facilities Administration Agency, in charge of providing land and infrastructure for American forces based in Japan, picked a site on 55 square kilometer Miyake Island, which links within the boundaries of both Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park and a proposed bird sanctuary. The military plans to use the site for night landing practice (NLP) for pilots of the U.S. aircraft carrier Midway.

The LDP is attempting to win the support of the islanders with promises of a wide

range of development projects, but efforts seem to be having little effect; 85% of Miyake's voters are against the construction plans, fearing that the attendant noise pollution would be detrimental to their health and economic well-being.

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Pot-Picker Murdered

SAUK CITY, Wi. — Wars have victims, even the "War on Drugs". The victims in this war are not "drugs", they are people. This is the story of one of those victims.

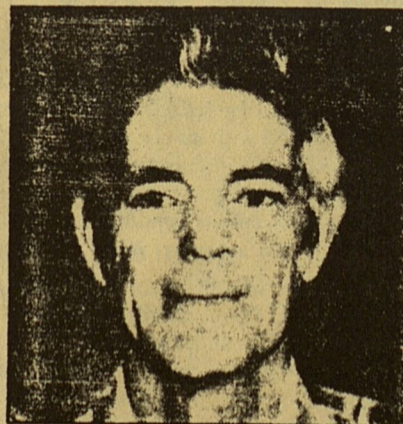
No one around here knew John Graham very well. He and his wife moved up from Texas last February. He worked as a janitor at the phone company.

On September 16 John Graham stopped his pickup to pick three wild marijuana plants from a roadside park. Someone saw him and called the police. A few minutes later, John Graham was dead, shot in the head and neck AFTER being thrown to the ground and handcuffed by Sauk City Police Officer John Mueller.

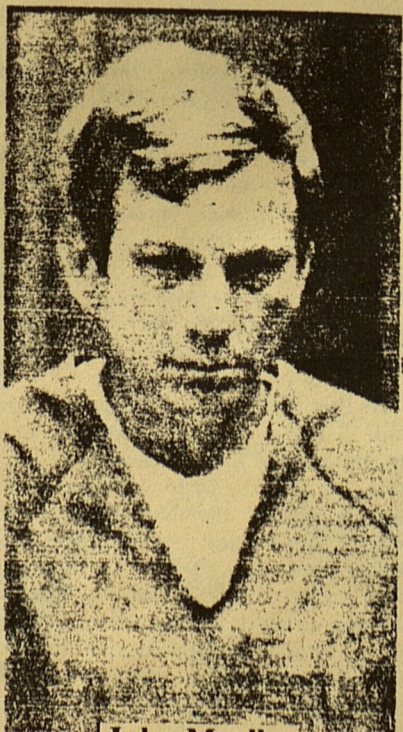
Two nights before, Officer Mueller had watched President and Nancy Reagan's anti-drug message. Indeed, a search of his apartment revealed a correspondence with (or so the letters were signed) both the president and the First Lady, and he kept a thick file of anti-drug paraphernalia from their offices.

This correspondence apparently led the small town policeman to believe he was some sort of special federal agent in the anti-drug crusade, justifying his act.

John Mueller has been charged with first degree murder. He is currently in the Mendota Mental Health Institute where doctors are trying to determine if he is competent to stand trial. No charges have been filed, however, against those who told him it was okay to commit the murder. What does it mean to declare a "WAR"?



John Graham



John Mueller

Wisconsin State Journal/photo: Joseph W. Jackson III

INDIAN RADIO THREATENED

KILI, the community-operated radio station of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, is in danger of going off the air because the Reagan administration is defunding community radio stations. KILI is unique among U.S. stations in broadcasting in Lakota (Sioux) to provide a community bond for the Indian people of the far-flung reservation.

With the initiative of AIM and help from minority broadcasters in New York, the station received a federal grant when it was launched. KILI went on the air in February 1983—the 10th anniversary of the siege at Wounded Knee—and soon became a tribal necessity in providing political and service announcements, covering tribal council meetings and keeping the Lakota culture alive.

Most of the federal grant was consumed just to construct the station and transmitter, and KILI raised \$20,000 on its first anniversary from its listeners. But the Lakota people are very poor fundraising base for maintaining a radio station because theirs is the lowest income county in the U.S. Without \$48,000 immediately the KILI signal is in danger of going off the air.

To keep KILI beaming, send donations to Lakota Communications, Inc., P.O. Box 150, Porcupine, SD 57772.

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NUCLEAR POWER PLANT PLANNED FOR HONG KONG

Daya Bay—Seeding the Clouds of Destruction

by the Asia-Pacific People's Environment Network, c/o Sahabat Alam Malaysia

"Come 1997, one needn't go away, but with Daya Bay, who dares stay"—lament the people of Hong Kong. Immigration consultants predict a high tide of applicants for foreign passports if the Daya Bay Nuclear Plant Project is implemented.

The US \$4 billion Daya Bay nuclear plant is China's largest foreign joint venture in which the huge construction and operational costs are to be financed with foreign exchange generated by selling 70% of the plant's electricity to Hong Kong's consumers.

The Guangdong Nuclear Power Joint Venture Company, the joint-venture vehicle is owned 75% by the Guangdong Nuclear Investment Company and 25% by the Hong Kong Nuclear Investment Company (an affiliate of China Light and Power) who will take 70% of the electricity output.

This proposed nuclear power plant at Daya Bay—sited only 50km away from Hong Kong poses a real threat to six million Hong Kong people.

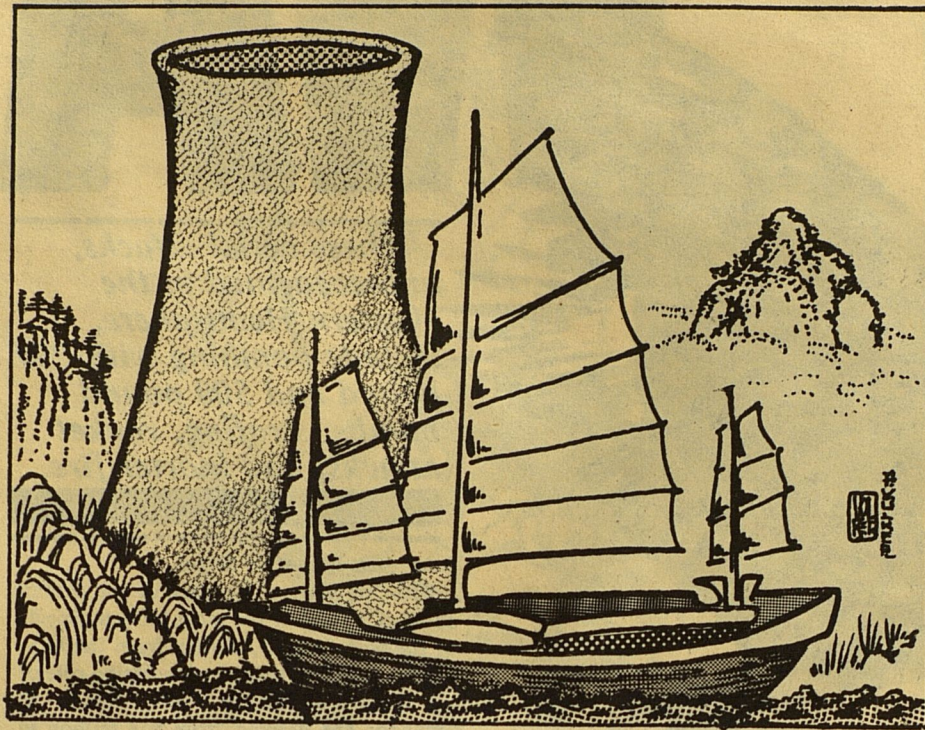
The project is divided into four stages. The first was site selection and the second stage is site development which is underway with the actual building of the power station the next stage.

This cannot take place until the nuclear giants of France—Framatome sign a formal contract with China this October.

Framatome is expected to provide two 900 Megawatts (mW) pressurised-water reactors (PWRs) valued at US \$295 million. Production of the PWRs by Framatome will be under licence by Westinghouse of the United States.

It is the same type of reactor involved in the near-meltdown at the then one-year old Three Mile Island nuclear plant in Pennsylvania, United States.

The failure of the government of Hong Kong to disclose the results of feasibility studies made by Guangdong Nuclear Power Joint Venture Company and China Light and Power in 1981 and the US \$128,000 report being compiled by the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority have brought down a veil of secrecy and suspicion.



In the wake of the Chernobyl disaster—117 labour organisations, youth groups, social welfare organisations, unions and district boards have joined the anti-nuclear movement in Hong Kong and a major petition campaign has collected over 700,000 signatures.

In the months since the Soviet incident, fear fed opposition to the nuclear plant across the border has mushroomed to imposing dimensions.

Indeed the Daya Bay project has become the hottest public controversy in the territory since Britain and China settled its political future nearly two years ago.

Not even the debate on Hong Kong's political structure after 1997 (when it reverts to China) has stirred such emotions. Activists who distribute hand-bills and speak in forums include not only ecologists but factory workers and housewives.

Yet it is Hong Kong's educated classes—which Beijing is keenest to cultivate for the sake of the territory's future stability and prosperity—that have voiced their fiercest objections.

On July 9, the first issue of the Chinese-language edition of the Playboy magazine hit Hong Kong newsstands. The Playboy feature that drew most media attention was not the unclad females. It was an article entitled "Accident at Daya Bay".

The scenario depicted the grim frenzy of tens of thousands of people swarming to the southern coastline on Hong Kong island, helpless in the path of an oncoming radioactive cloud.

Daya Bay is already spreading a cloud of distrust over the future of Hong Kong. A cloud like that from Chernobyl would be too terrible to contemplate.

Sahabat Alam Malaysia (SAM) and members of APPEN together with the

joint Conference for Shelving Daya Bay Nuclear Plant and Hong Kong Friends of the Earth call upon China to abandon the construction of the 1,800 megawatt pressurised-water nuclear reactors at Daya Bay—50km from Hong Kong.

The following glaring facts only serve to enforce the suspicions of the people of Hong Kong who would like to see a more responsible attitude towards the project from the authorities concerned.

*No contingency plan for evacuating the Hong Kong population in the event of a disaster at Daya Bay happening—owing to the peculiar geographical location of Hong Kong. It is not possible to have a feasible evacuation plan for Hong Kong's 6 million.

*At least 24,000 Chinese villagers and residents of rural townships face almost certain death should there be any disaster at the Daya Bay and the whole of Hong Kong's population face the risk of radiation induced cancer.

*China does not have any operational nuclear power stations and has no experience of managing such facilities.

*The Chinese authorities have not decided as yet where nuclear waste from the Daya Bay plant will be disposed of.

*In a bid to meet an agreement on the price of the plant—it was decided that China would provide certain parts of the plant rather than import them, however Framatome has refused to guarantee the quality of the parts produced in China.

*Mere rumors of a nuclear accident would be an economic disaster for Hong Kong as people would turn away from Hong Kong products. Until the Chinese and Hong Kong authorities can answer questions on safety and contingency measures together with those of commercial viability—the public calling for the shelving of the controversial Daya Bay Nuclear Power plant must be heeded.

APPEN (Asia-Pacific People's Environment Network) is an Asian-Pacific organisation that links up member countries in the region. Sahabat Alam Malaysia is the coordinator of this network.

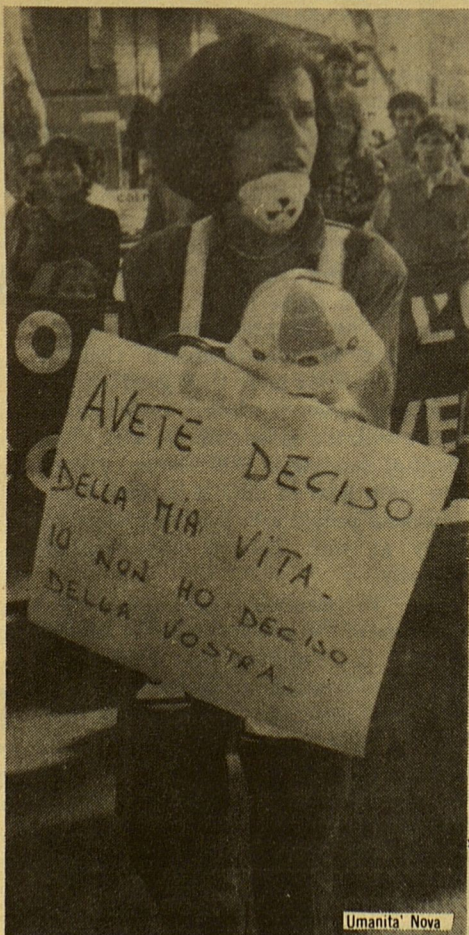
"THE EARTH IS LENT TO US

by Alberto Ruz Buenfil
HUEHUECOYOTL, MEXICO
October 7, 1986.

With this motto, the big auditorium of Sala de Cecco, in Pescara, south of Italy, welcomed the participants to the FIRST INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF THE GREENS, on the morning of the 19th of September 1986, one year exactly after the big earthquake destroyed a large part of Mexico City, killing thousands of people in one of the worst ECO-DISASTERS of modern history.

At the doors of the auditorium, a gigantic color painting, with a scene of a deadly red radioactive cloud falling all over Europe and a sign reading: CHERNOBYL IS EVERYWHERE. Sitting near the sign, a Japanese 'monk for peace' was beating his drum and chanting a mantra, and he kept doing it for the three days that the meeting lasted, until Sunday the 21 of September.

This encounter of Greens from many different countries was promoted by the Italian Coordination of Green Lists, a nation wide horizontal organization that has emerged in the last few years from the fusion of several dozen ecologist, environmental, anti-nuclear, feminist, Green universities, and other kinds of civil associations that keep their own autonomy and independence while forming a federation of Green Lists that have participated in various local and national elections in Italy.



Not like their neighbors the German Greens from DIE GRUNEN, the Italian Greens try to avoid creating a traditional political party, despite the attempts of

BY OUR CHILDREN"

several of its leading figures and despite the efforts of various political parties such as the Italian Communists, the Radicals and the Proletarian Democrats, that keep on trying to infiltrate the movement and turn it into a parliamentary political party.

The opening of the International Meeting was a call by Edvige Ricci, from the Green List of Pescara to all the national and international ecologist organizations to create a united front to stop the development of all civil and military nuclear programs, in response to the experience of Chernobyl.

Then, Ana Donato from the Green University of Romagna, expressed that the majority of the so-called: "Natural disasters today, such as the desertification of the lands, blindness caused by poisonous fumes, floods, deadly tumors, earthquakes and leaks in nuclear plants, are to be considered truly as ECOCIDES, because all of them are caused by the stupidity of human beings, and not by the forces of nature." Mrs. Donato added that: "Localism is not enough anymore, after Chernobyl, because a new consciousness is growing, that in order to become effective has to become planetary."

The International Meeting was attended by some 800 to 1000 delegates from many groups not only from Italy, but from the rest of Europe and beyond. Also present,

were journalists from more than 30 magazines and newspapers, from the radio and national TV, that reported every day about the high points of the meeting, and that interviewed delegates from the best-known Italian Green associations such as Amici della Terra, Lega Ambiente, la Nuova Ecologia, la Mala Herba, Arcobaleno, la Mala Lingua, AAM-Terranuova, the Green Lists, and also the representatives from other countries like Peter Bunjard, Jannis Schizas, Alberto Ruz, and the German Grunen Norbert Kostede.

In one of the 15 different Forums—in which the participants to the meeting divided themselves, to discuss and debate on themes such as: "International opposition to nuclear energy"; "Small is beautiful"; "Ecological economy"; "Schools and Green Universities"; "Ecopax"; "Heal the earth to heal the people"; "The last waters"; "Us and the other animals"; "Pluri-identities", etc—Norbert Kostede answered to Alexander Languer, coordinator of the Forum: "The Greens, Europe and the Mediterranean": "I do not feel to be called an European" he said; "I think that to continue today discussing about 'Europe' shows a very snob attitude, only for 'Europeans'. To talk about Europe or to continue talking about bloc has become ob-

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in el salvador

by Barbara Wein

[RECON NETWORK, Washington, DC] On April 8, at about 5:45 a.m., Salvadoran government forces launched an attack on the town of Arcatao in northeastern El Salvador. In a familiar pattern, the attack began with intensive aerial bombing and strafing of the area by C-47 gunships, Cessna A-37 Dragonfly jets, and Hughes 500MD and Bell UH-1H helicopters.

At 7:00 a.m., parachuted troops dropped into the area from 25 helicopters. The troops proceeded to destroy homes and crops and to forcibly round up local residents. Several civilians were brutally



murdered.

Government troops left Arcatao around 4:00 p.m., threatening the residents to leave within 48 hours or to suffer bombing and destruction of the entire village. Three international journalists, who had been in the area interviewing residents about previous government attacks, were captured by the Army and detained for 11 hours.

Tod Robberson of Reuters News reported from Arcatao on April 10, "Panic gripped men, women, and children alike as two air force A-37 ground-assault jets sent bombs thudding around the village and several U.S. supplied helicopter gunships swooped over the village square, strafing surrounding hillsides."

Even the presence of international journalists and the recent city council resolution declaring Madison, Wisconsin, a sister city of Arcatao did not call attention to this attack. Few people in the U.S. heard

Counter the Big Lie With the Big Truth

by Mark Rudd
from FRONTERA NEWS*

The Administration's rationalizations for its war on Central America consist of a series of lies which add up to the Big Lie: the insurgencies in El Salvador and Guatemala, and the Sandinista Revolution in Nicaragua are all part of a Soviet communist plot to take over Central America and establish a Soviet base on our southern border.

The Big Lie must be simple, seemingly all encompassing, and it must be repeated endlessly. The modern version was invented by the Nazis and it is alive and well

about the attack on Arcatao, part of a government offensive which began on March 5 in the province of Chalatenango even though it is one more example of a brutal war in which civilians are the targets and the victims.

For the past two years, the government of President Jose Napoleon Duarte and the Salvadoran Air Force, with the economic and military support of the U.S., have been bombing their own people daily. These aerial attacks, unprecedented in the Western Hemisphere, include bombing with 750 pound and 500 pound bombs, strafing, rocket attacks, and mortar fire.

The air war is a key element of the counter-insurgency war being waged by the Salvadoran and U.S. governments against the Salvadoran people. In a counter-insurgency war, the government depopulates the areas where the opposition is strong and terrorizes the people into dropping their demands for social justice. Through aerial attacks, ground troop operations, and scorched-earth burnings of homes, land, livestock, and all forms of life, thousands of civilians are being forced

in the White House.

However, Reagan's Big Lie isn't working very well. The U.S. people have a gut feeling that something is wrong with our policy in Central America—polls show 70% opposition—yet they lack any tools whatsoever to understand the real goals of U.S. policy, the nature of the revolutions in Central America, or the nature of Soviet policy in the world.

Therefore we have to counter with the Big Truth. We have to explain, again and again, what's really happening, just like Reagan repeats the Big Lie whenever he sees a microphone. You can make up your own formulations. Here's what I use about Nicaragua:

"Nicaragua declared independence from the United States and we attacked it to make sure it doesn't become an example to the other countries we control."

Or El Salvador: "We're keeping a tiny, corrupt elite in power with money and arms—and now we're even running the day-to-day war—so that a popular revolution doesn't succeed, because if it did the U.S. would lose control of El Salvador."

That one's a bit long; probably you can do better.

OUR TWO STRENGTHS

Before discussing the difficulties in this approach, I'll mention two strategic

These aerial attacks, unprecedented in the Western Hemisphere, include bombing with 750 pound and 500 pound bombs, strafing, rocket attacks, and mortar fire.

from their homes of origin.

This air war, while part of an overall strategy, is one of the most hidden aspects of the war—that is, hidden from the U.S. public. It also reveals the increasing role of the U.S. government. U.S. aid to El Salvador has jumped from \$58 million in 1980 to \$433 million in 1986. President Ronald Reagan has requested more than half a billion dollars for 1987. This brings total aid to El Salvador under the Reagan administration to \$2.5 billion. According to the 1985 Miller/Leach/Hatfield Congressional Report on U.S. aid to El Salvador, 74% of that aid goes directly or indirectly to the war.

The U.S. supplies the bombs and planes, trains the pilots, and flies reconnaissance missions from Honduras to choose targets in El Salvador. Occasionally, U.S. pilots fly on bombing missions. The Miller/Leach/Hatfield Report says, "Our original policy simply to expand and upgrade the Salvadoran Army has evolved into a counter-insurgency strategy, reminiscent of Vietnam, of aerial bombardment and air mobile assaults, which requires increasing U.S. involvement."

In addition to the increasing U.S. involvement, the air war is escalating. In 1984, there were 347 attacks against civilians. In 1985, according to the Central American University, there were 1,081 attacks. Government attacks occur in the rural areas of the country with the majority of the 14 provinces being affected. The magnitude and horror of this strategy is enormous in its complete devastation and

strengths we have:

1) The American people won't tolerate a drawn-out imperial war. Most of the planners in the Administration and all the planners in the Pentagon know this. They even have a name for it: Vietnam Syndrome. The counter-approach they've developed is Low-Intensity Conflict, which is nothing more than good old U.S. counter-insurgency warfare from the early 60's with the added rule: Do Everything Short of Sending in U.S. Combat Troops. The main goal of LIC is to fool North American people into believing we're not really at war. This is only working partially.

The Vietnamese understood this weakness of the political base for the war in the U.S. They knew they'd eventually win a war of attrition, even though their casualties were ten to one. Since they believed the North American people would eventually turn against the war, the Vietnamese developed the line of friendship with the U.S. people and opposition to the aggression of the U.S. government. (For a brilliant analysis of Vietnamese strategy and how they understood the U.S. political base, see Gabriel Kolko's new book, *Anatomy of a War*).

I heard this Vietnamese line in Nicaragua last February, and Daniel

disruption of human social life. Nearly 30% of the population has been displaced with 700,000 internal and 816,000 external refugees.

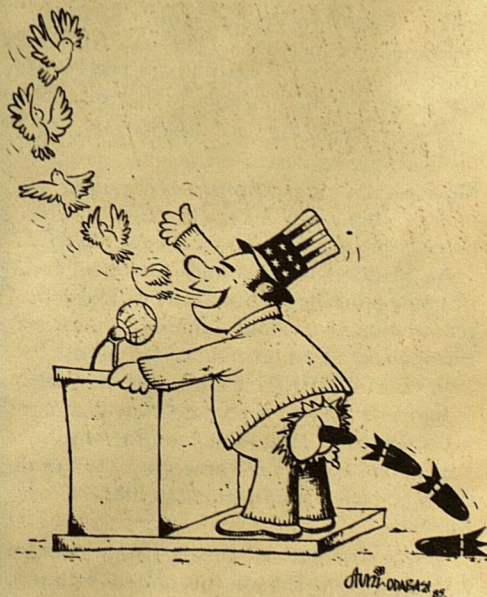
Because the air war is so central to the counter-insurgency strategy and because it remains so hidden from the U.S. public, the Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (CISPIS) has launched a national campaign called "Stop the Bombing of El Salvador". In small towns and major cities throughout the country, local groups are participating in the campaign.

The goals of the campaign are to stop the escalation of the air war by limiting military and economic aid that Congress sends to El Salvador, to make the war visible and real to people in this country, and to raise material and medical aid for Salvadorans living in areas of popular control. To achieve this, CISPIS is conducting grassroots drives in key Congressional districts to pressure representatives on committees which determine policy in El Salvador.

A recent delegation of North Americans to El Salvador was informed by the U.S. Embassy that operations such as the one described in Arcatao are "prototypes for operations you will see in the future." This makes the Stop the Bombing in El Salvador Campaign even more critical. To become involved, you should 1) urge your congress member to oppose U.S. aid to El Salvador and further escalation of the war, 2) raise funds for humanitarian aid to Salvadorans living in the rural areas most affected by the air war, and 3) volunteer to work with a Central American solidarity group in your area.

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Ortega said it in Brooklyn on *All Things Considered*. It worked for the Vietnamese and it will work for the people of Central America. We have to remember that.

2) The U.S. people don't like bullies. This trait is so deep in our culture that it's almost self-evident. It's why our Ministry of Propoganda has to portray us as the underdog in the world, poor beleaguered Americans hounded by terrorists. Even

REAGAN SENDS NATIONAL GUARD TO HONDURAS

by Beth Preheim

While thousands once protested across the country at the news of \$100 million approved for the contras, resistance is now gaining momentum for another \$100 million being funneled to the contra effort without the approval of Congress. These protestors are outraged at the Administration's use of the National Guard in Honduras in order to prepare to wage war against Nicaragua.

According to James LeMoyné in the *New York Times*, Pentagon officials estimate the cost of exercises in Honduras to almost certainly exceed \$100 million. Rep. Mike Burton of Oregon, said that the National Guard represents 90% of the U.S. presence in Honduras.

The Reagan administration is avoiding public opposition by using Honduras as a cover for aggression against Nicaragua.

Peggy Moore from the Clearinghouse for National Guard information stated, "The Administration is using the Guard to build the infrastructure for an invasion without alarming the American public."

Various states have recently sent their Guard down to Honduras under the guise of service projects. According to Moore, a Missouri Guard co-ordinated a road construction project to "help" villagers, which in fact completed a link between two U.S. military bases.

Since 1982, 21,000 of the National Guard have been to Honduras including Midwestern Guards from Illinois, Michigan and North Dakota.

Moore explained the changing role of the guard from a domestic force into an international extension of the military: "Formerly the Guard was a state militia, only called out in times of disasters or civil disturbances.... With the draft's abolition in 1973, the Pentagon adopted a "TOTAL FORCE POLICY," calling for the integration of the Guard into regular military strategy. This policy led to increasing professionalization of the Guard, requiring better equipment and training; in turn more money is needed."

And, as Moore points out, federal spending for the guard has increased in ten

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years from \$2 billion to \$8 billion. Plus, in 1984 many Guard units became exclusively male in order to make the unit "combat ready."

Since Congress does not need to approve the deployment of the Guard, the Administration can maintain a military presence without hassle. The Administration has other loopholes to skirt Congressional approval of military involvement in Honduras.

For example, the Administration is not authorized to engage in major military construction in Honduras. Congress must approve expenditures over \$100,000, and no more than \$200,000 can be spent on construction for an exercise.

To get around these restrictions, the Administration is using money designated for Guard and Reserve training exercises and is breaking down single exercises into smaller units.

Another military trick to avoid accountability involves the construction of perma-

nent facilities under the ruse of calling them temporary. As LeMoyné pointed out, "Official U.S. policy is that the American military role is temporary."

For more information contact Peggy Moore, Missouri Pledge Co-ordinator, at the St. Louis Pledge Office which serves as a clearinghouse for National Guard information: St. Louis Pledge, 438 N. Skinker, St. Louis, MO 63130, 314-725-2393.

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DRAFT UPDATE

by Bill Weinberg

A largely unnoticed element of the militarization we have witnessed in

Reagan's 1980's is the expansion of the draft registration bureaucracy. The Selective Service System (SS) continues to gain more power and access to more information.

In 1985, thanks to the lobbying of the U.S. Bureau of Prisons, Congress passed a package of bills which attempts to set standard sentences for all federal felonies. This affected the draft registration law because all violations of the Military Selective Service Act are felonies carrying a maximum prison sentence of five years.

The new law mandates that all such federal felonies have a maximum fine of \$250,000, with \$50 added on for "victim's compensation." Therefore, the maximum fine for draft law violations has been raised from \$10,000 to \$250,050 (even though draft non-registration is a victimless crime). The cost of prosecution can also be added to the fine.

Selective Service is continuing to streamline the effectiveness of the Solomon laws, which (among other things) bar federal financial aid for education to draft non-registrants. Having already been granted access to Social Security files and state Motor Vehicle department files, SS was earlier this year allowed to delve into the list of 5 million people seeking college loans.

A \$40,000 computer link-up between SS and the Education Department will provide to SS the names of all students who applied for Pell Grants or other federal aid last year through the College Scholarship Service and the American College Testing programs, as well as the 2.6 million current Pell Grant recipients. Education Department computer tapes with the information of this nature will be turned over to SS regularly in the future.

SS pressure to apply the Solomon tactics to state college aid as well as federal just met with success in Ohio. In June 1986 Governor Richard Celeste allowed a state Solomon bill to become law.

The law denies Ohio state financial aid for higher education to draft non-registrants. It also requires Ohio residents who have not complied with draft registration to pay out-of-state tuition rates to attend Ohio state colleges and universities, thus increasing the financial burden and making it more difficult for student non-registrants to get along without state or federal aid.

Such measures not only make a mockery of the 5th Amendment by essentially forcing student loan applicants who have not registered to testify against themselves, but they disproportionately affect people of low income.

A Tennessee law, which was upheld on appeal, actually bars non-registrants from admission to state universities.

Suspicious that "health professions

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Rambo is pictured as an underdog. There is no America Uber Alles national anthem. We demand that our victims love us for our aggression, and when they don't, our feelings are hurt. Ask anyone who was in Vietnam.

PROVE THE U.S. IS THE BULLY

All we have to do now is prove that WE are the bullies. This may not be so hard. 48% of the Senate and House know that our mercenaries in Nicaragua are terrorists. That's pretty amazing when you think about it. At a comparable point in Vietnam, 1964, the Senate voted 98-2 for the Tonkin Gulf resolution, based on lies approximately equal in magnitude to calling the contras "freedom fighters".

Now we have to get the facts out: List the public health workers and teachers who've been killed, the schools, clinics, warehouses, trucks that have been destroyed. The contra attack anything that the revolution is doing to help people. American advisors are running the wars in El Salvador and Nicaragua, while the U.S. has occupied Honduras and turned it into a giant base. The list is long.

OPPOSE ANTI-COMMUNISM

Now here's the rub. We have to take on directly the Big Lie about the Soviet

Threat. We have to explain that the Soviet Union acts militarily to defend its borders (Afghanistan and Eastern Europe), that it's bound by ideology to aid socialist and nationalist revolutions (Cuba and Nicaragua), and that it has an overriding defensiveness based realistically on its WWII experience and on the postwar aggressiveness of the U.S. (ringing it with base and carrier fleets, pushing the strategic arms race).

We have to explain that the USSR is a distant number two to our colossus. To cite just one example of our relative strength: 80% of the world's international trade is conducted with dollars. Not rubles. You don't have to love the Russians to cite these facts.

Overcoming deep anti-communism will not be easy. We've taken it in since birth. Moreover, people may not want to know what's happening in the world, since it will prove too frightening to their identities. But we have to point out that the Nicaraguans and Salvadorans are real people fighting for their own countries, not "subversive agents" of the Cubans or Russians. Soviet aid doesn't equal control, anymore than Western European aid means control (most people don't know that much of the economic aid to Nicaragua is from Western Europe and Canada).



Ultimately, North Americans can understand the idea of independence, Russians or no Russians. After all, we declared ourselves independent from the redcoats. Now we're the redcoats.

So what's to be done? More of what we've been doing. All the forms of solidarity work: material aid campaigns, brigades to Nicaragua, work in churches, and especially all sorts of education campaigns and political lobbying. Constant

pressure on Congress, with lots of information. Run peace candidates, inside or outside the Democratic Party. Also, there should be more non-violent civil disobedience. Everything should be tried, with no restrictions. Let a thousand flowers bloom.

As for organization, we're still in a period of primarily decentralized local groups, plus some wider coalitions. The

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Secret Police Political Spying Network Revealed

Links Nationwide

by Chip Berlet

The belated production of a set of correspondence files from the Chicago Police Department Intelligence Unit (CPD/ID) has confirmed suspicions that an informal nationwide network for sharing political dossiers among police and private intelligence agencies existed for several decades prior to 1975.

The documents were assumed to have been destroyed as part of an attempt by the Chicago Police Department to sanitize their intelligence files after a police informant warned superiors in 1974 that a lawsuit against political spying was planned by a Chicago coalition group called the Alliance to End Repression and other activist groups.

"All of the agencies received from, or sent to, the Chicago Police Department Intelligence Division information regarding the lawful political activity of citizens," said plaintiff's attorney Richard Gutman.

The existence of the "Transmittal Files" was inadvertently discovered in September of 1984—seven years after a Federal Judge had ordered their production in pre-trial discovery proceedings. The files show that 159 agencies in 33 states throughout the nation received political spying files from, or sent such files to, the Chicago Police Department Intelligence Division.

The agencies include 100 municipal police departments, 26 state law enforcement agencies, 16 county sheriffs offices,

and 17 other public and private agencies.

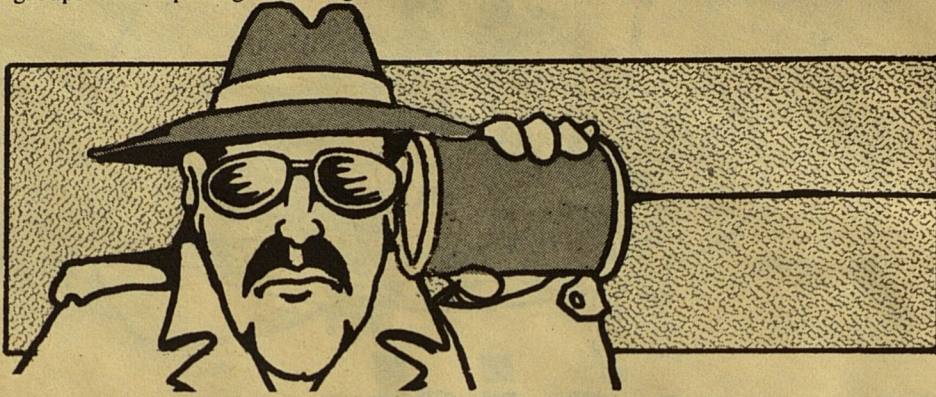
"While many concerned civil libertarians have been convinced of the existence of politically motivated activity by their local police, they have frequently been frustrated by the need for concrete proof," said Frank Donner. Donner, author of *The Age of Surveillance* (Alfred A. Knopf, Inc. 1980), the definitive work on political surveillance in the United States, called for a "remedial campaign to abolish such abuses."

Gutman, has been providing the police reports to lawyers pursuing litigation against local police agencies for illegal political surveillance. He says he is willing to discuss the terms of a court protective order covering the material with legitimate legal representatives of individuals or groups contemplating such litigation. So

*The Texas Department of Public Safety ("Texas Rangers") sought "any pertinent information related to subversive activities or affiliations" regarding Chicago attorney Terry Yale Feiertag. The Chicago police responded that attorney Feiertag was employed by an organization which provided legal aid to low income groups and in civil rights cases;

*The Indianapolis Police Department sought "any data" regarding Clergy and Laity Concerned About Vietnam. The Chicago police in response sent information about the group's lawful anti-war activities;

*The Detroit Police Department sought information regarding Lucy Montgomery. In response the Chicago police sent Detroit a four-page report detailing Mrs. Montgomery's lawful political activities.



far eleven attorneys or representatives of legal groups have contacted Gutman for copies of relevant documents. Numerous named individuals have asked for and received copies of their files as well.

According to Gutman, the following examples are typical of the material discussed in the Transmittal Files:

Although the federal district court on May 4, 1977, ordered the Chicago Police Department to produce all such transmittal files, the files were not produced for inspection until September 25, 1984, seven years after the order. The plaintiffs in the lawsuit filed a motion to have the Chicago Police Department held in contempt for

failing to obey the court order. Federal Judge Susan Getzendanner denied the motion.

It is almost certain the files originally were intentionally withheld to prevent discovery by the plaintiffs. However it is unclear at what point in the lengthy litigation, which saw defendants take several different legal postures regarding what documents were covered by the discovery order, that the fact of the files existence became lost in the mountains of paperwork.

The Corporation Counsel for the City of Chicago sought to block Gutman from providing the documents to plaintiffs litigators in other cities. This is ironic because the current Mayor, Harold Washington, was for many years an outspoken critic of the CPD Intelligence Unit and its civil liberties violations. While still a Congressional Representative and while running for the Mayoral post, he described himself publicly as a victim of illegal police spying.

Now, in a recent court proceeding, attorneys representing the City of Chicago tried unsuccessfully to block paralegals working on an ACLU spying case in California from having access to CPD/ID materials already provided to the ACLU attorneys in that case.

The City of Chicago attorneys successfully blocked release of files relating to Michigan state representative Perry Bullard. Bullard, Chairperson of the Michigan House Judiciary Committee, had requested access to the files to evaluate "the necessity for new state legislation regulating surveillance by Michigan state and local law enforcement agencies." Judge Getzendanner, who has expressed thinly-veiled displeasure from the bench that the case remains on the docket, ruled that a subpoena from the Michigan legislative body would be required.

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CIA Threatens THE Washington Post

by Angus Mackenzie

Despite Director of Central Intelligence William Casey's numerous threats to seek prosecution of journalists for reporting secrets, the government's own security experts concluded four years ago that successful prosecution of the news media is all but impossible. Amazingly, not knowing that this conclusion had been reached in a formal 1982 Justice Department report, the media recently yielded to Casey's empty threats.

This latest battle between the media and the Reagan administration began when former National Security Agency employee Ronald Pelton was arrested last November 24 for selling vital U.S. communications secrets to the U.S.S.R. The CIA chief's threats stopped the media from reporting details of an intelligence system that Pelton sold the Soviets, *Washington Post* executive editor Benjamin C. Bradlee later wrote in his newspaper.

According to the 1982 Justice Department report, however, current regulations restrict the government from even investigating journalists for prosecution. (The *Post's* lawyer, Boisefeuille Jones, said in a telephone interview that he had not seen the report.)

The report, which contained plans for keeping secrets from the media, listed several reasons that prosecution of news organizations would be impractical. Prosecution would confirm the accuracy of disclosed data, and require further disclosures of secrets to prove that national security had actually been damaged. Trials lead to further disclosures, as well.

The barriers to prosecuting the news media are still there, Department of Defense Director for Counterintelligence and Security Policy, L. Britt Snider, who helped draw up the Justice Department report, recently told this reporter.

The report was written at the request of former Presidential assistant for National Security Affairs, William P. Clark. He

asked CIA, State, Treasury, Defense, Energy and Justice Department experts to find a way to stop leaks. Deputy Attorney General Richard K. Willard chaired the task force, which was called the Interdepartmental Group on Unauthorized Disclosures of Classified Information. It issued its recommendations on March 31, 1982, but the press overlooked its conclusion that a new law would have to be enacted by Congress before a successful prosecution of news media for revealing secrets could be conducted.

Unaware of that conclusion, at least one news organization responded to Casey's threats of prosecution by deleting sensitive information from their coverage of the Pelton case. Last December 5, *Washington Post* editors told NSA chief Lt. Gen. William Odom that they had uncovered some of the information that Pelton had sold to the Soviets.

Odom asked Bradlee not to print the story and Bradlee complied for five months, he later reported in the *Post*.

According to Bradlee, in early May, Casey and Odom told Bradlee they would recommend prosecution of the *Post* for revealing communications secrets if the newspaper broke its voluntary embargo and printed the story.

After consulting with his newspaper's attorneys, Bradlee reported, he "removed all the details that might be prohibited by statute" from the story before allowing it to be published on May 28.

For the government to appeal to an editor to withhold a story for national security reasons is understandable. But in a nation that prides itself on a free press, to threaten a newspaper with prosecution is quite another matter. In the Pelton case, the intelligence community got away with just such a threat. In the process, it weakened the very freedom which it is supposed to defend.

Angus Mackenzie's exposes have appeared in *The Washington Post*, *Columbia Journalism Review*, *The Quill*, and newspapers nationwide. He directs the *Freedom of Information Project* at the *Center for Investigative Reporting* in San Francisco.



LAB WORKER EXPOSES ANIMAL CRUELTY AT GILLETTE

At simultaneous press conferences on Sept. 25 in Toronto and Washington, representatives of animal rights groups announced plans to work towards achieving a boycott of Gillette products until the company stops testing on animals.

In Toronto the groups represented were the Toronto Humane Society, the Montreal-based Canadian Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and ARK II. The campaign was launched after a former Gillette employee exposed print, photographic, and video documentation of animal cruelty in the labs. Leslie Fain, who worked undercover in the lab for over a year describes the Gillette lab as "a place that will haunt me for the rest of my life."

"The technicians laughed while they put Foamy Shaving Cream and Liquid Paper in rabbits eyes and callously forced Right Guard deodorant to animals in death tests. I was shocked at how un-

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Miyake was selected because it is a good distance away from the huge population centers of Tokyo and Yokohama and because other candidate sites could only be found in hilly areas covered by dense forests. The Defense Administration Agency claims the island is suitable because NLP facilities

MIYAKE ISLAND: BIRD SANCTUARY

could be built near the sea where noise levels would not be nearly as high as in Atsugi, the current Air Base, and where accidents would not likely involve landborne damage, i.e. civilian casualties. No doubt another consideration was the prospect of only a limited number of complaints from a population of only 4,300.

At a total cost of about 40 billion yen (US\$22 million), the 2000m by 40m airstrip will be built on Miyake's southwest coast on land partly covered in lava from a 1983 eruption. Sixty homes will have to be removed if the plan is implemented. Officials say the night landing practices would be conducted about 70-80 days a year.

Miyake's economy is not the only thing that will suffer from the construction of an airstrip for military night landing practice. Also at stake is the protection of a rich island

ecosystem that includes two endemic bird species as well and many other unique natural features.

The same airport site has been designated as a "Central Model Area" with a sanctuary proposed by the Wild Bird Society of Japan for the Miyake village government. Plans call for the whole island to become a sanc-

tuary, the first whole-island sanctuary in Japan. If the most important habitat is destroyed by the airport, the enthusiasm of the islanders for the plans will have been in vain. Likewise, efforts to expand the rapidly developing WBSJ sanctuary network will be dealt a big blow.

The above arguments are all based on the recognition of the unique natural features of the proposed airport site—the living mosaic of original vegetation and secondary growth, the rich agricultural land, the serenity of the shrine precincts, the rocky coast line, and an unspoiled marine environment that boasts the northernmost occurrence of coral. Miyake Island is a living museum of nature and its best features are in its southwest end—where the government is set on building the NLP facilities.

Meanwhile, the Wild Bird Society and

Chikyu-No-Tomo (FoE Japan) who are coordinating a major campaign to oppose the proposed project have announced at a press conference that they would continue to seek the protection of the islands unique terrestrial and marine environments from the proposed airstrip or any other similar development.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

1) Send letters opposing the airport on conservation grounds to the following:

- The Hon. Ronald Reagan
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington DC 20500
USA
- The Hon. Yasuhiro Nakasone
Prime Minister
2-3-1 Nagatacho
Chiyoda-ku
Tokyo - 100
JAPAN
- Mr. John Lehman
Secretary of the Navy
The Pentagon
Washington DC 20350
USA

2) Send copies of all letters and cables to the major newspapers in your country, America and Japan.

3) A postage by air to all organizations is exorbitant, we will be very grateful if you can translate where necessary, and *cyclostyle or photocopy this APPEN ACTION ALERT* and circulate it to all concerned groups in your country.

4) Please remember to send copies of your action to us here in APPEN for our followup work. It is also important that you send copies to the following campaign coordinators in Japan.

- Coordinator
The Wild Bird Society of Japan
Aoyama Flower Bldg.
1-1-4 Shibuya, Shibuya-ku
Tokyo - 150
JAPAN
- Coordinator
Chikyu No Tomo (FoE Japan)
501 Shinwa Bldg.
9-17 Sakuragaoka
Shibuya-ku
Tokyo - 150
JAPAN

Yours sincerely,
D. Rajeandran, Honorary Secretary,
Sahabat Alam Malaysia (SAM);
Coordinator, Asia-Pacific Peoples
Environment Network, (APPEN)

Blasphemy in Germany

4 Indicted for Anti-Clerical Cartoon

by Diane Gastellu

The Inquisition lives on in West Germany. That's how one can feel after the late indictment of 4 members of the Bunte Liste Freiburg, for "blasphemy".

The charges are based on Paragraph 166 of the Criminal Code of West Germany, which sanctions whoever "insults publicly, either the religious or ideological contents of other people's confessions, or a church that exists in the country, in such a way to disrupt the public order" with penalties ranging from simple fines up to three years' imprisonment.

This paragraph, which reminds one of Hitler's 1933 concordat with the Pope, has been brought back into intensive use by the catholic church since two or three years, after having been more or less forgotten for a time.

The first attacks against atheists and free-thinkers began when a woman from Göttingen, Birgit Römermann, the leader of an international "joy of life" organiza-

tion, was convicted for commenting in public that "the church is one of the greatest criminal organizations in history." That was in 1984. Birgit Römerman was

then imposed a fine, and immediately indicted once more, this time for having quoted, in her pleading, excerpts from Johann Most's book *God's Plague*.

ANTIKLERIKALE WOCHE 1985

Programm:

Do., 28.11.85 - 20.00 Uhr
Peter Priskit:
Jesus - Bhagwan:
ein Vergleich
Ort: Novotel, Kleiner Saal

So., 1.12.85 - 17.00 Uhr
F. K. Wascher/
Erich Rauschenbach:
Ausstellungseröffnung
in Anwesenheit der Künstler
Antiklerikale Karikaturen*
in der Käthe-Kollwitz-Gesellschaft,
Wannerstr. 33

Di., 3.12.85 - 20.00 Uhr
Professor Dr. Günter Kehler:
Die Theologie der Befragung als
weiteres Beispiel für den
Unsinn jedweder Theologie
Ort: Novotel, Kleiner Saal

Do., 5.12.85 - 20.00 Uhr
Dr. Karl-Heinz Deschner:
Katholische Schlichtfeste
oder: Das „Reich Gottes“ -
Kroatien 1941 - 1943
Das unbekannteste und scheußlichste Kapitel
der neueren Kirchengeschichte
Ort: Novotel, Kleiner Saal

So., 8.12.85 - 20.00 Uhr
Lesung
Johannes Most: Die Gottespest
Ort: Käthe-Kollwitz-Gesellschaft, Wannerstr. 33

Di., 10.12.85 - 20.00 Uhr
Rechtsanwalt Gottfried Niemitz:
Naturschutzparagraph 166 StGB -
Aktuelle Gedanken zu einem
mittelalterlichen Relikt
Ort: Novotel, Kleiner Saal

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BUNTE LISTE FREIBURG

In December 1985, the Bunte Liste Freiburg (an organization which had one of its members, Gottfried Niemitz, elected at the town council in Freiburg) organized an anti-clerical week. The place of an exhibition of anti-clerical caricatures was ransacked (windows broken etc...) while Gottfried Niemitz and three other members of the Bunte Liste were indicted because of a caricature on the poster calling to this anti-clerical week.

The local press hushes up the whole affair and great national newspapers even refused to publish a petition for the abrogation of Paragraph 166, signed by world intellectuals and initiated by the Russell Tribunal on Human Rights, even as a paid advertisement. Nevertheless, international pressures succeeded in having the trials postponed, but there must be no loosening of the pressure. The objective now is definitely the abrogation of Paragraph 166.

The Bunte Liste calls for international solidarity and a mobilization against this medieval repression, which is part of a whole plan to ban atheism and critical thinking.

Protests have already been sent from India, France, Great Britain, Australia, Greece, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Ecuador, Costa Rica, Holland and Canada; in the United States, the Atheists United picketed the German consulate in Los Angeles on October 11th, 1985, and addressed a number of protests to all kinds of German officials.

Protests can be addressed to;

Minister of Justice
5300—Bonn
West Germany

or to your next-door German consulate...

The address of the Bunte Liste is
BUNTE LISTE FREIBURG
Postfach 254
7800 Freiburg
West Germany

scientific and inhumane the people who worked at Gillette were.

"The disposable attitude promoted by Gillette applies to more than just razor blades.", says ARK II rep Doreen Pooley. "Behind all that flashy advertising lies untold animal agony and the animals are forced to suffer for no reason. Noted scientists have testified that product testing with animals is invalid, unreliable, expensive, cruel, and is not required by law."

Already, networks for the boycott are being formed in Italy, England, Australia, France, Spain, Canada, and the United States.

Leslie Fain, the undercover worker, is a 28 year old resident of Washington, DC and a graduate of Florida-Atlantic University. She is also an Animal Care Technician, registered with the American Association of Laboratory Animal Sciences.

In Oct. '84 she accepted a position in the animal care division of Gillette Company's testing lab as an Animal Care Trainee. She kept a diary, took photos, and finally, when she realized she would not be able to endure her days in the laboratory much longer, she secretly carried a camera inside and filmed her associates at work. Later, with notes, pictures, and reels of film, she approached ARK II and asked what could be done. The boycott cam-

paign is a result of her infiltration work. The following are some quotes from her:

"I just spent the last year and a half of my life in a place that will take me the rest of my life to forget. The technicians abused the animals. I saw (them) carrying rabbits by the ears. Swinging them. Kicking rabbits that were struggling. Hitting rabbits. Banging on the cages to try to get the animals to stop panicking and struggling - and banging on the cages only made the situation worse. Technicians yelled at animals to stop the screaming. They laughed as animals screamed in pain..."

"Before I worked in a lab, I always thought the people involved in research were all professionals and I had a general respect for them. I was completely shocked by how unscientific and inhumane people who worked at Gillette were. For example, when I asked the study director how to euthanize rats, he told me to 'kill them by hitting them over the head with a rod'. He said injecting them was too much trouble, 'so now we just hit them'."

"Once I came across a rabbit with peeling, blistered skin laying in agony in his cage, unable to walk. And I overheard two lab technicians complaining that all the test substances they'd been getting lately were boring. They said they wanted something more exciting like carbonic acid."

"Once, when I asked what was wrong with a group of white rats that were dying in a pile, (I was told) 'the sleazy little bastards will piss on each other and be dead by morning'. The rats had been force-fed shampoo in a death test."

"Every time I pointed these things out (pain and suffering) I was teased about being so sensitive. But I was supposed to have been there caring for animals - I was an animal care taker."

Scientists have also come out publicly against product and cosmetic testing, known as Lethal Dose 50 and the Draize Test. The following are some of their quotes:

"Results (of the LD50) vary dramatically from lab to lab, between strain, sex, age, and species of animals and extrapolation to humans is questionable."—Dr. Gil Langley, British Neuro-chemist, from New Scientists article.

"The (LD50) test is a ritual slaughter which has no useful meaning."—Dr. Robert Sharp, British scientist.

"...the results (of the LD50) vary greatly both among and within species... and... are difficult to extrapolate to humans because there are so many mechanisms by which death could occur."—The U.S. Office of Technology Assessment Report.

"It has been impossible for us to use the results of rabbit studies (the Draize Test) to predict accurately the actual irritation that might occur in humans after accidental exposure."—Drs. E.V. Beuhler and E. Newman, American scientists.

The Gillette boycott campaign has already gained major media coverage, including the *Wall Street Journal*. Organizers hope to have up to several hundred more animal groups join the campaign within the next few weeks.

Gillette products to boycott include:

Deodorants: **Soft and Dry, Right Guard, Dry Idea, and Imagine Body Spray.**
Gillette Foamy Shaving Cream.
Razors and Blades: **Atra, Gillette Swivel, Face Shaver, Daisy, Trac II, and Good News.**
Hair Products: **Silkience, White Rain, Mink Difference, The Dry Look, Tame, and Toni Home Perms.**
Skin Products: **Aapri and Jafra.**
Pens: **Paper Mate, Flair, and S.T. Dupont.**
Office supplies: **Liquid Paper and Correction Fluids.**

Gillette is a \$3 billion multinational which kills the equivalent of 55,000 animals per day in its testing.

Report on the Resistance of Militant Squatters in Copenhagen

The City council of Copenhagen headed by a conservative and social democratic majority decided to evict the squatters of "Rysegade 58" (Osterbro—area of Copenhagen) on the 15th of September '86.

In order to protest against this city hall policy on housing, the BZ movement (popular name for Copenhagen squatters) arranged a big demonstration on Sunday the 14th. Starting peacefully from the big city center (Radhuspladsen) it ended far

When some of the local racists mixed up with BZ (to get a "good" fight!), one of these no-brains dropped a gun which immediately made the public furious—the squatters apparently used "guns against unarmed police." (In fact Danish police in any conflict of such character IS ARMED). The media also cracked down on the fact that youngsters of 12 to 15 years old helped BZ get valuable informa-

Food supplies for old people, being dependent on help from outside, had to be reorganised. The people of Rysegade organized this themselves because they knew exactly where the old ones lived. Guards at barricades had to be organized in shifts so everyone could get at least 4-6 hours of sleep.

Production of Mollies was another im-

barricades had to be patrolled. The guards would make a loud noise in order to alarm patrols if they saw any suspicious persons looking like civil cops. Quickly 15-20 well armed squatters would arrive with huge batons and jump over the barricades in order to clear the area from cops. In Denmark civil cops are called *Uropatruljen*—"URO" meaning "unrest".

Negotiations were quite an adventure. After several battles with police who were beaten off the street, the reactionary Social Democratic city mayor, Egon Weidekamp, was forced to start negotiations. The State needed a "human" solution. A popular Danish pop star, Kim Larsen, offered 2 million Danish Kroner in order to buy the house and give it to BZ. Also a big Danish Social Democratic union (SID) offered 200.000 D.Kr. so that a "non-violent solution could be found".

But the mayor rejected this and claimed these proposals—granting 40 people autonomy and self-ownership—were "unrealistic". The squatters on their side, claimed that they would accept the solution if the municipal authorities would keep on administrating the house, formally only on "the papers". Acknowledging that one should not accept private solutions to public problems—in other words, municipal authorities are still responsible for solving the public problem of housing.

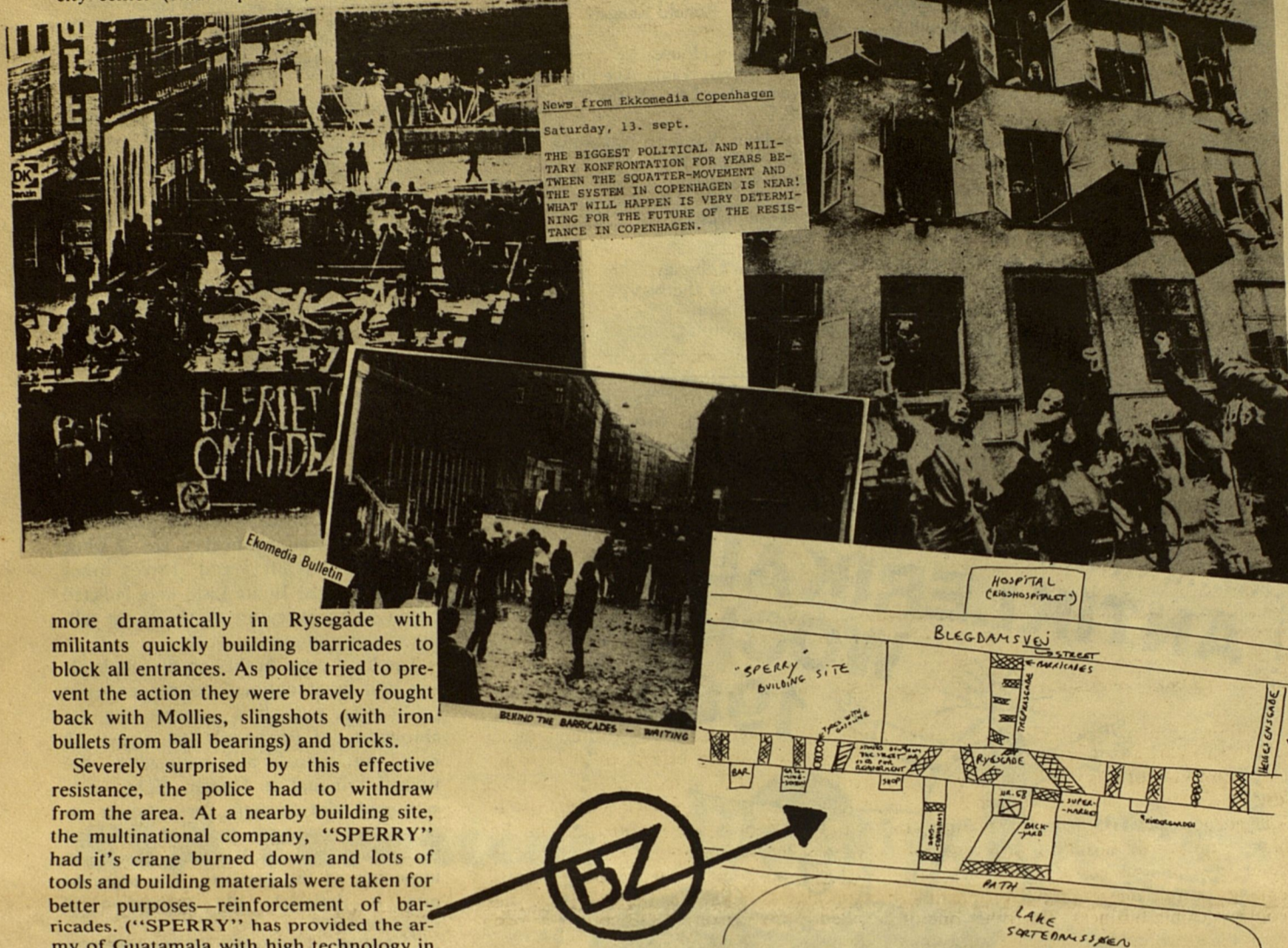
Egon Weidekamp rejected this claim of autonomy and furthermore he wanted a private solution... So trenches were dug deep this week! The tactics of the city hall politicians now were to exhaust the squatters by drawing them into vague desert-like negotiations. The tactics worked.

After 9 days of occupation the squatters left the area. They were disillusioned about the rotten game of party politics, tired after a long tense week of fighting and playing chess with the invisible bureaucrats of the Establishment. One minute fighting cops and the next, struggling with local racist groups who tried to destroy institutions inside the barricades. (They were thrown out by armed BZ patrols!)

On Monday the 23rd nobody knew that the squatters had any intention of leaving the area. The press came to an appointed press meeting at nine o'clock in the evening but found the house and the area deserted. The squatters made a statement pointing to the fact that they indeed could negotiate without barricades but leading city hall politicians stated that no negotiations would be taking place with BZ. The squatters' response was the hijacking of a bus and an attack on the mayor Egon Weidekamp with stinky butyric acid at a Social Democratic meeting.

BZ believe that "only direct action can make these swines understand that we're serious about our wishes to live freely in autonomy!"

Anarchist Greetings from
Gaspar—Denmark



more dramatically in Rysegade with militants quickly building barricades to block all entrances. As police tried to prevent the action they were bravely fought back with Mollies, slingshots (with iron bullets from ball bearings) and bricks.

Severely surprised by this effective resistance, the police had to withdraw from the area. At a nearby building site, the multinational company, "SPERRY" had it's crane burned down and lots of tools and building materials were taken for better purposes—reinforcement of barricades. ("SPERRY" has provided the army of Guatemala with high technology in order to make extermination of native indians more successful. Also South Africa is very grateful for the 'favors' of "SPERRY"). The media were all against BZ—of course!

So, public reaction was a mixture of surprise and anger against the young rebels who "took the law into their own hands". The media gave us a brilliant example of what powerful tools they can be, in the hands of the rulers. There were many accusations against the squatters. They were "sons and daughters of the upper classes, throwing stones at badly paid working class policemen." (So what? When it suits them the liberal press can be fairly socially concerned!) They had "taken the common local people in the street as hostages" in a fight which "looked more like terrorism than traditional political activism."

tion about police activity outside the barricades. Even the use of walkie-talkies to tap radio communication was really "suspicious". The fact that the Danish Secret Police (PET) used zoom-lenses to spot everyone (though masked) who moved inside the barricades, was accepted as "necessary for the good of national security". Nobody questioned this at all!!!

Reality behind the barricades was something quite different—here everything was questioned. It was understood that we simply had to change our habits of thinking, acting and so on. I could FEEL that this area was liberated! It's hard to describe this—it must be experienced! One cannot read about this feeling and believe that he really understands what LIBERATED AREA means!

Well, a lot of things had to be organized.

portant issue which apparently solved itself by the spontaneous use of a gasoline station inside the barricaded area. Everyone who wanted to use a slingshot could get one. The house in Rysegade 58 had a vast number of helmets but not enough because many sympathizers kept coming into the liberated area. Then somebody quickly discovered military stocks in the nearby surroundings and by the end of our "Black Week" everyone wore a helmet. All squatters wore raidcaps (masks) to stay in anonymity because of the heavy police surveillance.

Local left wing radio stations called for solidarity among their listeners. "Go out there and bring BZ food and other necessary supplies" Many—surprisingly, old people too—followed these requests. At night, the nearby area right outside the

related to the higher levels of irradiation of the food.

Alternatively, the FDA is relying on chemical analysis of the radiolytic products produced by irradiation to establish the safety of irradiated foods.

The problem with a chemical analysis is that the amounts of potentially harmful radiolytic products formed by irradiation is so small that they are almost impossible to detect, and consequently, the FDA can simply dismiss the possibility of toxicity as "de minimus," or too low to be significant. Nevertheless, independent scientists point out that damage done to DNA by free radicals, the precursors to the formation of radiolytic products is a proposed mechanism of carcinogenesis.

In the only testing done of the effects of consumption of irradiated food by humans, a test not considered by the FDA, two Indian researchers, C. Bhaskaram and G. Sadvivian analyzed the results of feeding freshly-irradiated wheat and irradiated wheat that had been stored for 12 weeks to malnourished children.

Children who consumed the irradiated

wheat developed increasing numbers of polyploid cells (cells with more than the usual number of chromosomes) with the duration of feeding. The children who ate the stored irradiated wheat developed fewer abnormal cells, and the abnormal cells gradually disappeared in both groups after the irradiated wheat was withdrawn from the diet.

These results evidence a clear cause and effect relationship between consumption of irradiated food and abnormal cell development. The wheat used in this study was irradiated with a dose of 75 kilorads, less than the 100 kilorads the FDA has just approved and considers to have no health effects.

Another study conducted in India showed that rats who were fed irradiated wheat developed polyploidy in their bone marrow, had a decreased number of germ cells, and produced mainly non-surviving mutant offspring. This study was likewise ignored by the FDA.

While the FDA has proclaimed the safety and nutritional value of foods treated with irradiation, it should be noted that

this agency is only required to certify the safety of food additives and processes. There is no legal requirement that an additive or process have any nutritional value. In fact, several independent scientists have reported that vitamins, particularly A, B-complex, C and E are destroyed in the food irradiation process.

Other disasters that could result from the commercialization of food irradiation are pointed up by the fact that a radiation-resistant strain of salmonella bacteria has already been produced by repeated irradiation under laboratory conditions. The FDA has refused to issue an environmental impact statement, despite the obvious dangers inherent in commercial use of food irradiation, involving a major increase in the handling and transportation of radioactive materials.

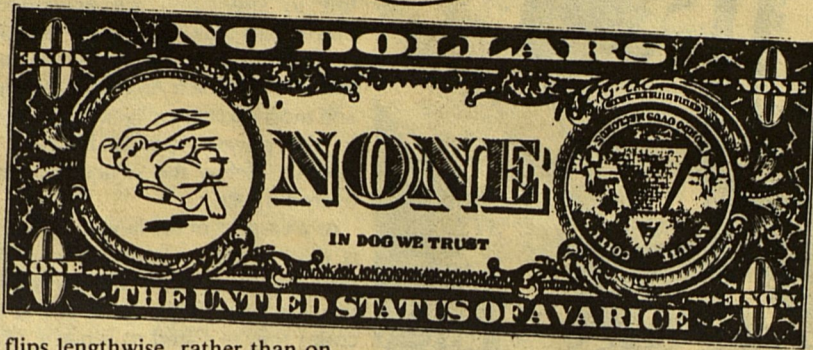
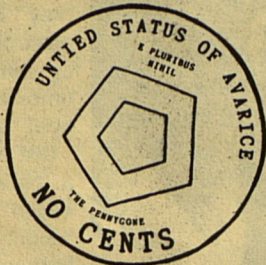
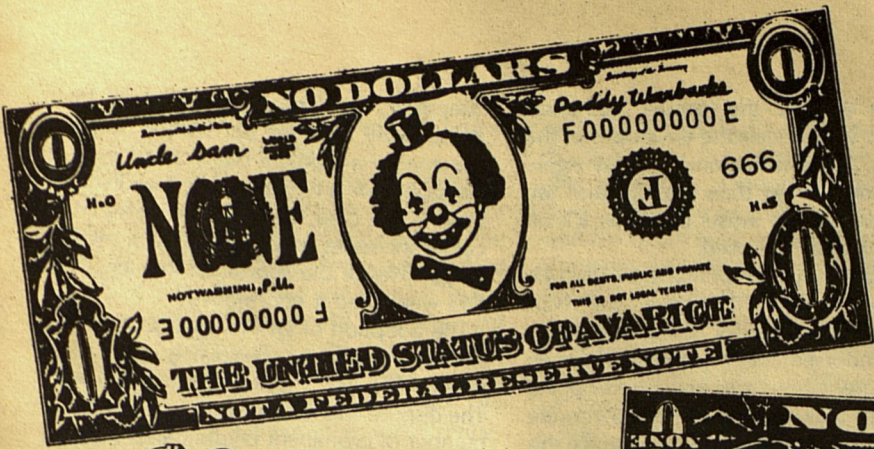
Hopefully, grass-roots education will make food irradiation unattractive and therefore unprofitable, and the Department of Energy will be frustrated in its generous attempt to spread its radioactive waste around. But be on the watch for other "hot" new ideas of the feds.

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considered dangerous for 300 years. In the chloride form in which it is used for food irradiation, it is water soluble and must be stored in cooling water, raising the potential for groundwater contamination. The Department of Energy is also funding the entire development of three food irradiation facilities, including one mobile unit to travel up and down the Pacific coast.

The FDA has accepted highly irregular studies of food irradiation safety performed by the Army since 1953 who was interested in it as a means of storing food for troops. Even with sloppy test procedures, animal-feeding tests showed that mice who consumed irradiated chicken developed testicular cancer, kidney disease, various tumors and lesions and had reduced survival rates. Fruit flies fed the same diet showed a decrease in offspring directly



THE \$0 BILL

by Nathaniel Shawn Hellerstein

The zero dollar bill is also known as the 'zilchbill', the 'zip', 'nonmoney', and the 'undollar'; fewer calories than even the leading brand. I invented it during a period of my life when I had about that much money to my name. I did so in order to express the fact, and also to fill what seemed to me to be a regrettable gap in the monetary system. There are notes worth \$1000, \$100, \$50, \$20, \$10, \$5, \$2, and \$1, so why not one worth \$0? That was my reasoning, such as it was. I realized that any bill whose stated value is nothing is not exactly money; in fact, it's anything *but* money. Therefore I designed the zilchbill to differ from money currency in just about every detail.

Some of those incorrect details; the eagle is now a rabbit, running from the dog we trust. The pyramid is inverted. The slogan at its base is now gibberish, and the slogan at the tip, originally meaning 'he has smiled on our endeavors', now means 'coitus smiled'.

The bill flips lengthwise, rather than on the short axis. On the face side, the presidential face has been replaced by a clown. (A dead giveaway; when has the office of the Presidency ever been occupied by a clown?) It calls itself not a Federal Reserve note, nor legal tender, and it was issued by the Untied Status of Avarice. Not United States; *Untied Status*. That phrase means, roughly, 'the true worth of greed'.

I made all these deliberate errors for reasons both artistic and legal. Were any humorless person to try to prosecute, I would merely tell the judge, "Your Honor, I will plead guilty to the prosecution's charge on the day that the prosecution manages to spend one of these." (Impossible. Change machines spit it

back with disgust. Merchants in certain shops look defensive and bewildered when I present it, asking for 'an item of equal value'. But beggars, hippies, and Deadheads accept these with cries of joy.)

Getting all the details wrong took days of thought and work. Few people appreciate more than I do how baroquely complex the dollar is. My congratulations to the Treasury people! For all my mockery, I know that they have created a magnificent work of art. Just to parody it took a labor of love.

I expended all that loving labor, with this result. That should tell you something about the market value of love. It should also tell you about the

market value of honesty; for the \$0 bill is, I claim, the only utterly honest note in existence. It has precisely face value, no more, no less. How many things in this world are just what they say they are?

\$0 bills have many advantages. For one thing, they're stable under both inflation and deflation. They're automatically interest-bearing; they double in value every ten seconds, or even more often if you prefer. They're egalitarian; having one is just as good as having a million.

The \$0 bill has medical value. I've seen people stare at it, fascinated, transfixed; it obviously has the same hypnotic power as other bills, but without the rationalization. Therefore the \$0 bill is a homeopathic cure for Money Madness.

I conclude that the \$0 bill is quite Utopian.

The No Cents Coin

Just as Utopian is the 0¢ coin, are recent addition to the nonmoney system. The uncent is made of paper, a material worth even less than clad metal or the 90% zinc our pennies are now made of. On the face side we see a clown's profile, the motto IN DOG WE TRUST, a date of 0000, and the slogan SECURITY. I'm sure that all will agree that these differ entirely from the money coins. It flips on the vertical, not the horizontal axis. On the tail side we see the denomination of NO CENTS, the Untied Status of Avarice, and the motto E PLURIBUS NIHIL (out of many, nothing) over a picture of that renowned building, The Pennygone.

Such an important building deserves to be on the currency somewhere; the 0¢ coin is just the place. It has the right hollow shape for a zero. See the hole?

JOIN THE G.E. BOYCOTT

by Paul de Uriarte

If the maxim of Calvin Coolidge "The business of America is business," was correct in the 1920's, the only updating it needs in the 1980's is "The War Business." Foreign military sales jumped to an unprecedented \$29 billion during Reagan's first term in office. General Electric, the fourth largest military contractor in the country, benefited from this involvement in armaments, netting sales assets of \$296.8 million in 1985.

In fiscal 1986 GE already has an impressive list of contracts: \$5.1 million to provide radar systems for Egypt; \$22.9 million for 677 M61A1 20mm (Vulcan) automatic guns applicable to all U.S. fighter planes going to Turkey, Spain, Saudi Arabia, Taiwan, Belgium, and Australia; \$54.2 million to provide jet engines for F-110 fighters to Israel and Turkey.

What is not told the average citizen about this dark side of American prosperity, is how little of this supposed recovery is due to the "open market" which Ronald Reagan joyously propagates. Government plays a major role in finding customers for these arms manufacturers. "The view that emerges is not one of big government in contrast to big business, but rather one of a political economy in which state policy ordinarily furthers corporate interests." [1]

In other words, it's not a question of which, the state or the corporate enterprise, is really responsible for the growing arms race. Corporations like GE, Monsanto, Dupont, Bendix, Rockwell International, Martin Marietta, for their part provide the industrial and technological base to implement state policy. As one manager put it, "a weapons plant can't make toys."

Successful boycotts on these arms manufacturers depends on wide networks

and professional organizers to counteract the huge lobbying efforts of these companies. INFAC, a national organization which organizes worldwide boycotts is such an organization. Responsible for the famous Nestle boycott, INFAC now is focusing on the nuclear weapons industry, especially General Electric. INFAC has called a boycott on all GE consumer products.

One of the reasons why military contractors have so much pull in Washington is the fact so many of these firms have members on top level advisory groups to the Cabinet and Congress. GE, for instance, belongs to the Business Council, the Council on Foreign Relations, and the Committee for Economic Development.

One must imagine how this contracting procedure works... Meetings between Pentagon officials and corporation executives are matter of fact discussions on how to

get new systems approved. Rarely do the interests of one firm conflict or compete with another. Each one has its own niche in the defence composite plan.

GE has become South Africa's largest electrical company. In 1983, GE was given a contract to develop switchgear for the South African state-owned electric company. GE's affiliate is South African General Electric (SAGE).

[1] BULBS AND BOMBS: GE & The Permanent War Economy, prepared by Robert M. Smith & Richard Conti, The Brandywine Peace Community, P.O. Box 81, Swarthmore, PA 19081.

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General Electric is the U.S.'s 4th largest war contractor, consuming about \$13 million of the public treasury each day in war contracting. Among its prime contracts are:

- the production of neutron triggers for all U.S. H-Bombs
- propulsion systems for Trident nuclear submarines
- engines for the B-1 B and other bombers
- "Vulcan" machine guns
- development of high-speed computing and data processing systems for STAR WARS

Through its Space Division [headquartered in Valley Forge, P.A.], G.E. is producing DSCS III military communications satellites for the command and control of U.S. nuclear war plans. At its Space Division Plant in Philadelphia, G.E. is producing components for MX and Trident II first-strike nuclear missiles.



South African Fruit Found at Holman Prison

Prisoners at Holman Prison in Alabama discover that they are being fed canned fruit from South Africa and they have sent a petition of protest to the Warden of the prison and the Alabama prison commissioner expressing their outrage. The prisoners have also contacted local, state and national leaders and organizations.

As American citizens demand that South African products be removed from American store shelves greedy and unprincipled people are bringing the forbidden and bloody fruit into America's prisons. Unsuspecting prisoners have been eating this bloody fruit in Alabama and perhaps, throughout America's prisons.

Prisoners at Holman Prison are planning a legal and political effort to have this bloody fruit removed from the prison. Alabama is struggling to overcome its inter-

national racist image, and the decent citizens of Alabama should be equally outraged that Alabama prison officials are in league, working hand in hand, with apartheid in South Africa. Besides the immorality of it, it is taking money from American businesses, and jobs from American citizens.

Where else will South Africa's fruit be found? On the Governor's table!

Write letters of protest to:

- Warden W. E. Johnson
P.O. Box 37
Atmore, Al 36503
- Commissioner Fred Smith
Alabama Dept. of Corrections
101 Union Street
Montgomery, Al 36130



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information" in its gigantic databases.

We are still in the early years of the computer age. The computerization of the home—via cable TV, microcomputers and other two-way interactive systems—will make possible the construction of "master profiles" so detailed as to make the data-scavenging of today's credit bureaus seem like nursery school games.

Yet the government, concerned primarily with its own vulnerability to electronic eavesdropping, does little to protect the individual. The Reagan administration, in fact, has worked hard to expand the government's power to use techniques such as computer matching between formerly disjoint databases. The administration's justification is that with such techniques, the government can eliminate welfare cheaters and other hate objects of overtaxed society. There's a dispute about the efficacy of such techniques, with some experts claiming that they cost a good deal more to administer than they can save. But one thing is relatively clear: computer matching clears the way, culturally and legally, for the consolidation of what is called by some "the dossier society." The trend is visible in a recent Australian attempt to institute national identity cards, an attempt that—ominously—originated with tax reformers who wanted to use the cards to assure compliance with tax laws.

National identity cards are still unusual in the West (although West Germany has recently adopted such cards) but computer-aggregated information, tied together by names, social security numbers, driver's license numbers and other personal identifiers, is fast becoming a functional equivalent. Richard Vasserstrom, a philosophy professor at UC Santa Cruz, has strikingly captured the threat of the dossier society that universal recordkeeping threatens to construct: "Every transaction in which one engages would...take on an additional significance. In such a society one would be both buying a tank of gas and leaving part of a systematic record of where one was at on a particular day... We would go through life encumbered by a wariness and deliberateness that would make it less easy to live what we take to be the life of a free person."

In the face of such developments, it's dangerous to over-emphasize technology. The forces driving the expanding collection, refinement and exchange of dossier information originate directly in the culture and economy of bureaucratic capitalism. Nevertheless, the computer has undeniably multiplied the power of the information collectors. In the past, even the most eager of them was constrained by the clumsiness and inflexibility of paper recordkeeping. Today, with computerized files, that clumsiness is disappearing.

LAW? WHAT LAW?!

Most privacy advocates look only to the law for protection, and are quick to dismiss hope for technological safe-guards as

dangerous fetishism. But the law is lagging behind the new conditions of life. One recent book, *The High Cost of High Tech*, claims that "technology had rendered the Fourth Amendment [the right to protection from search and seizure] obsolete." Moreover, the power of the law, even when it's kept up to date, is vastly exaggerated. Laws as much as technologies are embodiments of large social purposes, and they can just as easily be pushed aside when those purposes change.

Consider wiretapping, the oldest form of electronic spying. David Burnham, author of *The Rise of the Computer State*, reports that, at the present time, wiretaps are far rarer than most of us imagine. However, he goes on to argue that while this is in part due to legal strictures against taps, the more important deterrent is that they "cost too much money" and consume an enormous amount of time for each meaningful fragment of useful intelligence they yield. In Burnham's mind, "the extremely low cost of labor in countries such as Russia and India is a major reason why the governments of these two countries can afford to eavesdrop on a huge number of telephone lines."

This is a critical assertion, for advanced pattern recognition technologies have made automated wire-tapping potentially routine. As a result, computers can automatically screen calls—and notify human agents only upon encountering words on present search lists. Such technology will soon diffuse throughout society, and when it does, the economics of eavesdropping may change radically.

And that's just wiretapping. According to the FBI's Assistant Director of Technical Services William A. Bayse, the bureau has embarked on ambitious modernization plans that include the use of "artificial intelligence" to search for "patterns" in its massive databases. The artificial intelligence field is thick with hype (See "Mindgames" in *Processed World* - 13), but tasks like this can probably be formalized well enough to enable their successful automation. The FBI's system will eventually work, and when it does it's not hard to imagine its future. Why shouldn't FBI software drones be allowed to search commercial databases, or phone company and bank records? A long chain of legal decisions has sharply limited the individual's rights with regard to such records. Automation will make such searches relatively cheap and—from the perspective of law enforcement managers—entirely rational.

While the government has (to put it mildly) little interest in protecting the privacy of its citizens, it has every interest in protecting its own and that of the giant corporations it does business with. Enter the technology of data encryption.

Encryption, despite its forbidding name and monumental technical complexity, is simple in purpose—a means by which data can be scrambled into incomprehensible patterns, to be unscrambled only for those

who can present the proper numerical "key". Encryption seals the envelopes of the electronic age. The National Security Agency, ten times larger than the CIA and ten times more secret, insists that only its official "envelopes" be used.

Last year, partly in response to NSDD-145, a National Security Directive, the NSA began the Commercial Communications Security Endorsement Program. This is an effort to strengthen the anti-eavesdropping protections built into private and corporate communications systems. At the surface this initiative, in which America's most powerful and most secret intelligence agency goes into the private security business, is only peculiar. Below the surface it becomes actively suspect.

As an aspect of the new program, the NSA is establishing an industrial consortium to produce pre-sealed, tamper-resistant encryption chips. Even more secret than the codes they're slated to replace, NSA's new black-box chips will be extremely classified. Only a small circle of designers will know their inner workings, and engineers incorporating them into new data communi-

cations devices will be doing so blindly, without knowing how they work. Strange commodities these, but ones that will nevertheless find a market. The NSA is advisor to the National Bureau of Standards on cryptologic matters, and it plans to see its new chips become the only generally approved means of encoding sensitive civilian and quasi-governmental transactions.

To put these developments in context, it's useful to look back at the origins of the system the NSA now wants to replace with its black box.

In 1973, when the National Bureau of Standards first put out a call for the development of an encryption system good enough to serve as a national standard, IBM won hands down. Its Lucifer system was already in the final stages of development, and was, by all reports, very good. In fact, it was so good that it upset the NSA, which had considered itself comfortably ahead of the rest of the world in the still arcane art of cryp-

Every "check" written in Chaum's would be like those in the old TV show could cash it, but you couldn't find out phone calls, plane reservations, and the transactions which today leave indelible could be authenticated as legitimate back only to a digital pseudonym.

tography. The NSA eventually managed to get its own shortened and otherwise altered version of the system adopted as the Data Encryption Standard (DES).

DES, as it was eventually adopted, was essentially identical to Lucifer but with a few crucial differences. Somewhere in the negotiations between the NSA and IBM, the cipher had been seriously weakened by reducing its key size from 128 to 56 bits. (A "bit" is the simplest unit of information in a digital computer: in essence, a switch that is either on or off.) According to David Kahn, author of *The Code Breakers* and a noted historian of cryptography, Lucifer had set off a debate within the NSA. "The codebreaking side wanted to make sure that the cipher was weak enough for the NSA to solve when used by foreign nations and companies," he explained in the fall 1979 issue of *Foreign Affairs*. "The codemaking side," on the other hand, "wanted any cipher it was certifying for use by Americans to be truly good." According to Kahn, the resulting "bureaucratic compromise" included the weakened key.

To appreciate the significance of the 72 dropped bits, consider that there are essentially three ways to break a cipher. You can make a "brute force" attack in which you try all possible keys in an exhaustive search; you can exploit structures in whatever mathematical functions form the basis of that system; or you can sneak in through a

"trapdoor" (or "Trojan Horse") that's been deliberately built for just such a purpose. Assume for a moment that you've neither a trapdoor nor any line of cryptoanalytic attack. In that case, the difficulty of breaking a cipher increases exponentially with the key length. Hence the shortened key length of DES weakened it enormously.

The adoption of DES in 1977 provoked a fiercely acrimonious controversy in the pages of journals like *Cryptologia* and *Science*. The dispute was far from merely technical; a number of prominent cryptologists accused the NSA of doctoring DES to make it transparent to the agency's eavesdroppers. At the height of the DES controversy, a classified Senate committee investigation concluded—in a one page declassified summary—that DES was "adequately secure for the purpose for which it was intended." However, note that it is a crime equivalent to espionage to use only DES hardware (as opposed to the more cumbersome, but more secure, systems used to protect top-secret governmental communications) for the "cryptographic protection of computer data that is classified according to the National Security Act of 1947, or the Atomic Energy Act of 1954." (*Federal Register*, Vol. 40, -149.)

During the 1977 debate, NSA's critics argued that by keeping crucial parts of DES's design secret, the NSA may be concealing a trapdoor by which it could instantly decrypt any DES-protected data. Despite persistent rumors, such a trapdoor has never been reported.

But trapdoors can be impossible to find without doing computations at least as exhaustive as those necessary to mount a successful brute force attack. Since such computations are typically unfeasible with today's computers, even with ciphers like DES, eight years of failure prove nothing. DES is still under investigation at Bell Labs, the Catholic University in Leuven, Belgium, and at the Center for Mathematics and Computer Science in Amsterdam; trust comes hard in this business. Eventually, however, the controversy subsided.

YOU MUST TRUST US,
WE ARE ALL GOOD BOY SCOUTS
(an IBM spokesman in the
1977 DES debate)

with the Swiss coding-machine company that sold to these countries.

There seem to be three possible explanations for NSA's abandonment of DES for its new ciphers. The first is simple enough. The NSA has long been lying; there is a trapdoor in DES and the Russians have found it. In the second we presume just the opposite, that the NSA has been telling the truth, and DES contains no trapdoor; but then we imagine that the NSA has come to regret it's restraint. In this scenario, the NSA is replacing DES with a new coding system precisely because, unlike DES, it *really is* booby-trapped. In the third, we postulate that somehow perhaps through advances in computers or math theory, the Russians (or whoever) have broken DES. In that case, there seems to be no reason not to strengthen the system, perhaps by going back to IBM's original design, unless there are legitimate (classified) flaws in its basic structure. This does not explain, however, why the NSA would then want a new system that is not documented. Suspicion is appropriate, since the pre-sealed, tamper-resistant form of the new codes is made to

THE DOSSIER SOCIETY

order for hiding trapdoors.

Herb Bright, an officer of the private data-security firm Computation Planning Associates and a member of the American National Standards Institute/American Bankers Association committee that is evaluating the NSA's new codes, put it this way: "With a hardware black box you can describe several schemes that would be almost impossible to test for from the outside that could, in effect, constitute a hardware Trojan Horse capability that I find a little disturbing... if you don't know what's in the black box, in detail, I think it's physically and mathematically impossible to prove [that a trapdoor isn't there] from the outside."

MODERN CRYPTOGRAPHY

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massive bureaucracy, tried to classify all cryptologic research in the US. It failed for an interesting reason—namely, that a great deal of abstract mathematical research can be viewed as research in cryptography. Mathematicians working with no thought as to coding systems can, and do, find themselves in areas that have significant cryptologic implications.

Cryptology, then, has inevitably gone public; its technologies and techniques are widely available, and as a consequence, virtually all nations have secured their high-level dispatches behind ciphers breakable only with the greatest effort—or good luck. Intelligence agencies have been reduced to traffic analysis (studying the movement of data as a whole) and to eavesdropping on unclassified communications in an effort to find significant nuggets of information. In short, communications intelligence just isn't as cost-effective as it used to be. Moreover, intelligence agencies that are addicted to technology can be foiled when their adversaries simply go low tech: Iran sidesteps American electronic espionage by sending sensitive military communications by hand, while in El Salvador, guerrillas no longer transmit much useful information by phone.

The cryptographic cat is already out of the bag. It has thus become increasingly difficult to justify classifying cryptographic protections like those now used by most governments. Such protections are already

available to individuals with the money and the inclination, but privileged individual access is of little consequence at the social level. To make a real difference, encryption systems would have to be as routine and invisible as those that manage the billing of phone calls, they would have to be built into the systems—from telephone networks to police databases—of concern in everyday life. In this way, people could regain control of what is known about them, and by whom.

New cryptosystems, very different from the NSA's secret ciphers, may have exactly the needed properties. Sometimes distinguished as "modern," these systems might be able to short-circuit dossier-building by casting routine credit, billing and credential transactions into forms useless to the computer matchers.

Modern cryptography began in 1976, with the publication by Stanford scientists Whitfield Diffie and Martin Hellman of a paper introducing the concept of public-key cryptography. This was an independent rediscovery of principles originated and then classified by the NSA in the early

'seventies. Hellman explains the idea by analogy: "A conventional encryption system is like a combination lock that requires the combination for both locking and unlocking." If you put the lock on a mailbox, everyone that uses it must have the combination. "Public-key systems are similar except that you need two different combinations" which form a uniquely matched pair—one encrypts (codes) and the other decrypts (decodes). "If you make the locking combination (i.e. the encryption key) public, that's privacy," says Hellman, because anyone can open the mailbox and put in a message for you—but only you, with your private key, can take out and read the messages.

Public-key systems require no central authority like the NSA to provide keys; custom microcomputers would do a better job by allowing users to generate their own. Finally, only the private half of a two-part key must be kept secret; public-key systems are at their best when the non-secret keys are published in electronic directories rather like phone books.

As an added benefit, public-key systems can be run in reverse to generate "digital signatures." Such signatures allow documents to be electronically signed by encrypting them with a private key—only when unlocked with the matching public key will decryption yield a meaningful text. In Hellman's words: digital signatures are "like written signatures in that they're easily produced by the legitimate signer, easily recognized by any recipient, and yet impossible, from a practical point of view, to forge." This can be seen by the analogy with handwritten signatures: in checking a signature against a sample to validate it, one doesn't learn how to produce the genuine article.

This notion of anonymity within electronic networks is more fully articulated by cryptologist David Chaum, writing in the October 1985 issue of the *Communications of the Association of Computing Machinery*. Taking public-key cryptography as his inspiration, Chaum has developed techniques for eliminating the personal identifiers that make computer matching possible. He's done this by introducing a new concept, the digital pseudonym, and marrying it to public-key cryptography. His goal is simple and well-chosen—to unlink transactions from each other, so that people can (say) prove creditworthiness without revealing their entire political and psychological history, can demonstrate possession of a credential (like a degree) or the absence of a negative credential (like a felony record) without handing over the keys to the entire dossier.

Every "check" written in Chaum's pseudonym economy would be like those in the old TV show "The Millionaire"—you could cash it, but you couldn't find out who wrote it. Likewise phone calls, plane reservations, and the rest of the transactions which today leave indelible trails of information could be authenticated as legitimate

transactions, but traced back only to a digital pseudonym. "I'm saying, here's a way to use public keys where no one can find out which keys belong to which person. People tend to treat authentication and identification as if they're the same, but they're not—and with digital signatures you can have authentication without identification."

LAST WORD

In June of 1985, Donald Latham, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence (C3I), told a congressional subcommittee on Computer Security Policy that "there's still a fair amount of invention needed" before the "computer security problem" is solved. Latham, of course, is a Cold Warrior who sees the computer security problem solely in terms of protecting governmental and quasi-governmental data from the enemy. Still, his easy call for targeted invention is notable: technology is his ally, and he knows it.

Latham has money to spend. Chaum does not. On these grounds alone, we would expect Latham's view of the security problem to receive a good deal more attention than Chaum's in the marketplace of ideas. The matter doesn't end with money, however. Speaking earlier this year before the same subcommittee, the NSA's Dealey made his preferences quite clear: "Cryptography, like nuclear weaponry, is government's business first and foremost." In Dealey's view, only government can prevent "the provision of cryptographic information to the other side, either by traitors selling secrets or [by] putting cryptography in the public domain." It's easy to guess what this means for future governmental attitudes towards citizen-oriented, decentralist data security schemes like Chaum's.

Chaum's approach is well within the realm of technical feasibility. That's not the problem. For the pseudonym system to work, all the institutions whose records form the basis for electronic dossier-building—banks, telephone companies, utilities, other large corporations and government agencies—would have to agree to its use. Since such institutions now find it highly convenient to build dossiers or buy them from companies like TRW, they are unlikely to do so. Only a social movement of enormous power could compel the widespread institutional adoption of genuine privacy protection systems for ordinary citizens; and millions of dollars would immediately be invested in finding ways around them.

In fact, the usefulness of proposals like Chaum's is precisely that they raise the question of why they are not adopted. They show us that today's technologies are not the only possibilities, that there is not a single current of "progress" with which we must swim or go under. Like the societies that breed and shape them, technologies

are the results of human choices and they can be changed by human action.

So the next time you hear that technology is neutral, remember the story of encryption, and remember who has the resources to manifest his vision. The world of cryptologically protected privacy may be as much a technological possibility as is Dealey's security state. But technology only builds the pipe; it neither pays the piper nor calls the tune.

—reprinted from *Processed World*, 55 Sutter St. #829, San Francisco, CA 94104.

BB Traffic Cop

(UPI) Galveston County, Texas constables are using a combination radar unit, computer, and camera that automatically photographs motorists driving more than 10 miles per hour above the speed limit. The photograph includes the car's license plate, the driver's face, and the date, time, and speed.

The motorist later receives a violation notice in the mail, and if they wish, they can see the actual photo.

The equipment can be set on automatic to operate on its own while placed along the highway.

In all, 1,200 speeders have been photographed since May, more than all those ticketed last year by police in the precinct where it is being tested.

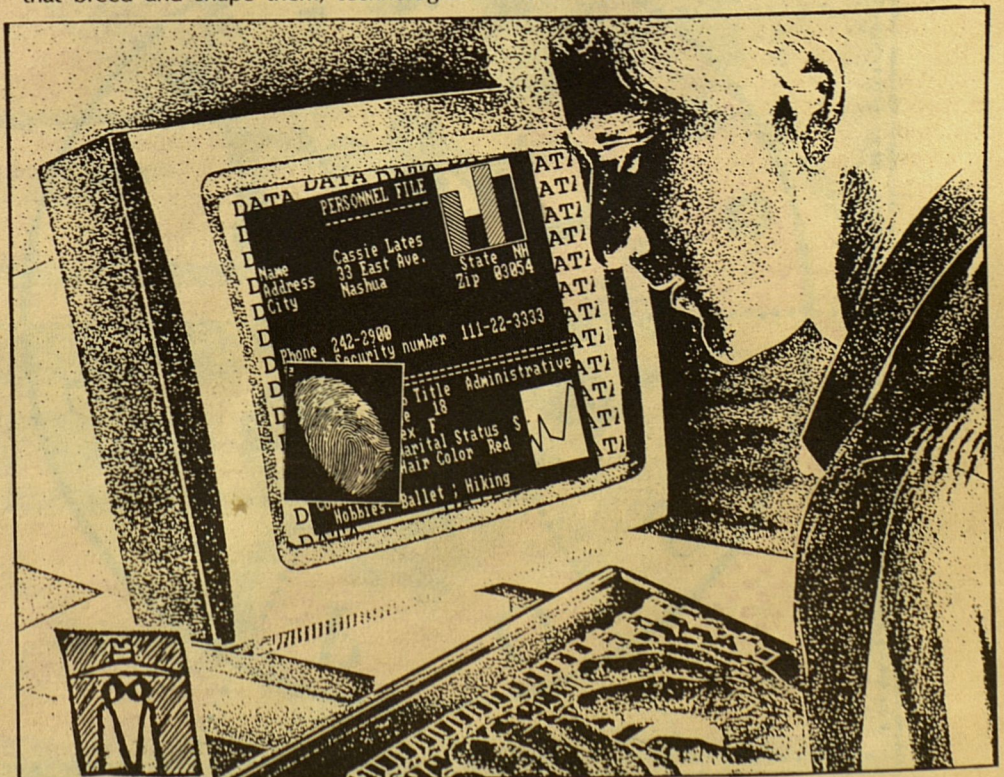
FBI Shopping List

(Infoworld) The FBI announced that it is planning to buy more than 8,000 desktop and portable computers for use in a wide range of activities.

The FBI has asked vendors to prepare bids for the personal computers, which must meet the government's Tempest specification for securing the machines from unauthorized surveillance.

According to the FBI bid request, the machines must have the following amazing characteristics: The portables must fit in a briefcase and weigh less than 25 pounds, and have built-in modems. The vendors must allow the FBI to look at future products, and will sign a non-disclosure agreement, to verify that the machines will be able to run software on a 32-bit chip such as the Intel 80386. Vendors must supply Rbase 5000 or 6000 with Clout, which is described as the FBI's "baseline" database management system. They must supply a spread sheet, a word processing package, an accounting system, as well as Pascal, C, Prolog, LISP, and Assembler.

The chosen system will gradually replace dumb terminals currently being used. [Ahem.]



REAGAN'S CASH TO THE CONTRAS

\$ GAME \$

Hey kids! Thrill to the excitement of covert operations in this exciting new game! Here's how to play:

1. The object is to deliver \$1 Billion to the contras (and still skim off a hefty chunk for yourself). During the game you'll smuggle dangerous narcotics and ammunition around the world in order to make money for the contras. To Win, a player must acquire at least \$1 Billion, spin the exact number to land on "War Zone" and be free of all traceable evidence (all drugs & ammo must be unloaded).

2. Any number of people can play. Glue the "Big Pie" to some stiff cardboard. Put a pushpin through the end of a paperclip or safety pin (punk version) and into the center. This is the game spinner.

3. Players begin in the White House (center) using small, distinguishable objects for pieces (see back cover). The greediest player goes first, the next greediest goes second, and so on. Spin and enter the game along any one of four airstrips (counting the airstrip as the first space) and continue to the right (counterclockwise) along the board the number of spaces shown on the spinner. Follow the instructions on each space.

4. Each player begins with \$10 Million (just pretend!) and one player should be chosen as President, to keep track of everyone's money and assets on a sheet of paper. This player may take a nap if the game gets boring.

5. Players who acquire \$1 Billion and land in "War Zone" on an exact spin but still have drugs or money to dispose of, go directly to "Swiss Bank". Their money is "held" there in escrow, and they continue to play until all guns and drugs are sold off (they may, however, continue to win money). The first of these players to sell all drugs & ammo is the winner.

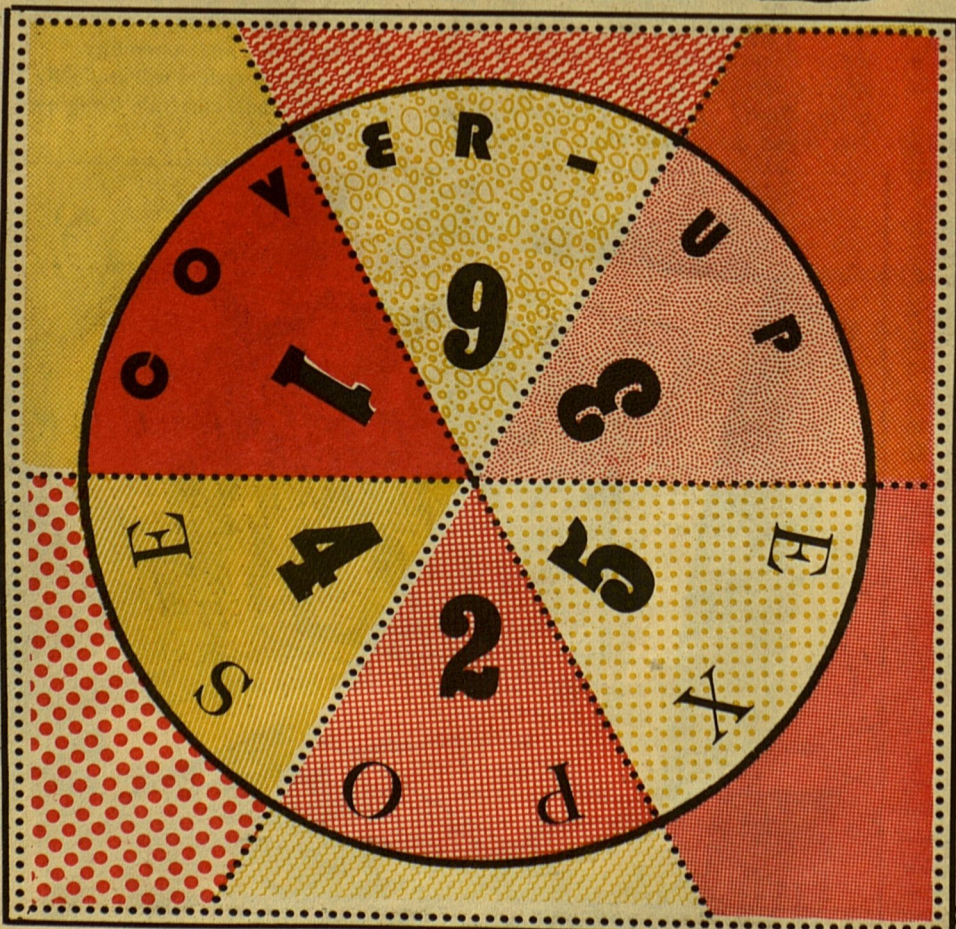
6. CORNER SPACES: A player who lands on a corner may (but is not required to) offer to buy, sell or trade his/her assets with those other players.

After stopping on a corner space, a player may (but isn't required to) cut diagonally across the board to the opposite corner, via the airstrip, counting the White House as the first space taken in the next spin.

7. SWISS BANK: Players who land here may deposit money to be held for them. Money held here is immune to the Senate Probe.

\$ Agents of the Central Intelligence Agency, the Drug Enforcement Agency, and the National Security Council may ignore the above rules.

THE BIG PIE



WAR ZONE

SELL WEAPONS FOR \$10 MILLION PER SHIPMENT

Swiss Bank

DEPOSIT MONEY HERE FOR SAFE KEEPING.

DOWNED aircraft

MORMONS FLYING FROM UTAH TO DISNEY WORLD MYSTERIOUSLY CRASH IN LAKE MANAGUA. LOSE NEXT TURN.

GO OF

YOU RUN FOR OFFICE ON THE BUDGET-CUT COLON PLATFORM. SPIN AGAIN & ADVANCE THAT MANY SPACES.

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CIVILIAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE. PICK UP 100 SHIPMENTS OF WEAPONS FREE

Coca-Cola

BUY COKE FOR \$1 MILLION PER CASE

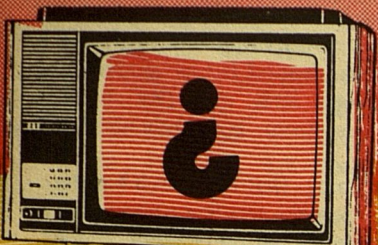
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THEM "IT'S OUR BIGGEST
ANYONE SEES YOU, TELL
CASES OF COKE FREE. IF
TO MIAMI & GET 100

War on Drugs

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**media
mystery**

SPIN FOR COVERAGE—IF IT'S
AN EXPOSE, LOSE A TURN. IF
IT'S A COVER-UP, TAKE
ANOTHER TURN.



**LAROUCHE
ZOMBIES**

...MISTAKENLY CHARGE A
LOBOTOMY FESTIVAL TO
YOUR CREDIT CARD. LOSE
\$10 MILLION.

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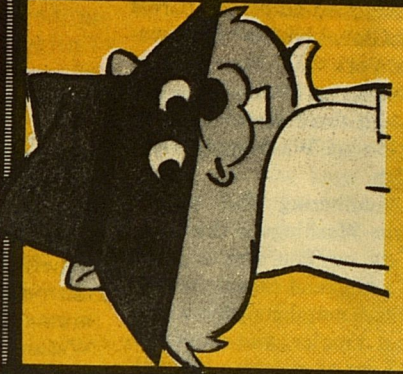
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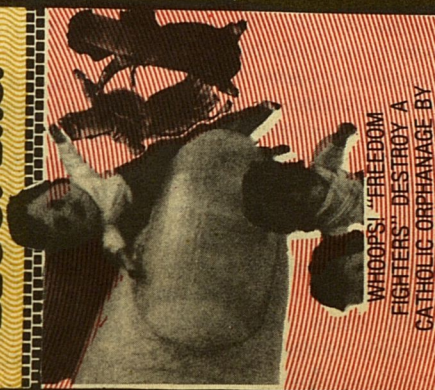
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**CONFIDENTIAL
SOURCE**



RECEIVE 100 SHIPMENTS OF
ARMS "FROM A FRIEND"

**CONTRA
BLOOPERS!**



WHOOPIE! "FREEDOM
FIGHTERS" DESTROY A
CATHOLIC ORPHANAGE BY
MISTAKE. LOSE \$100
MILLION.

**KETCHUP
FARMERS**



...AWARD YOU THE HONOR OF
"VEGETABLE OF THE YEAR".
GET \$100 MILLION.

TRUNK



SINATRA'S LUGGAGE
DISAPPEARS DURING FLIGHT
FROM LAS VEGAS.
LOSE \$10 MILLION



**Reagan's
CASU
TO THE
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THE WHITE HOUSE

NANCY



MEANT TO SEND YOU
\$500,000 BUT BOUGHT A
DRESS INSTEAD—LOSE
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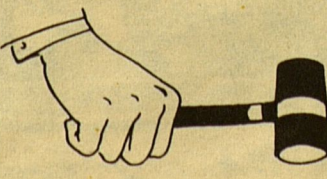
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PICK UP \$200 MILLION FROM
CORPORATE CONTRA-BUTIONS.

LOSE HALF OF ALL MONEY,
GUNS & COCAINE.

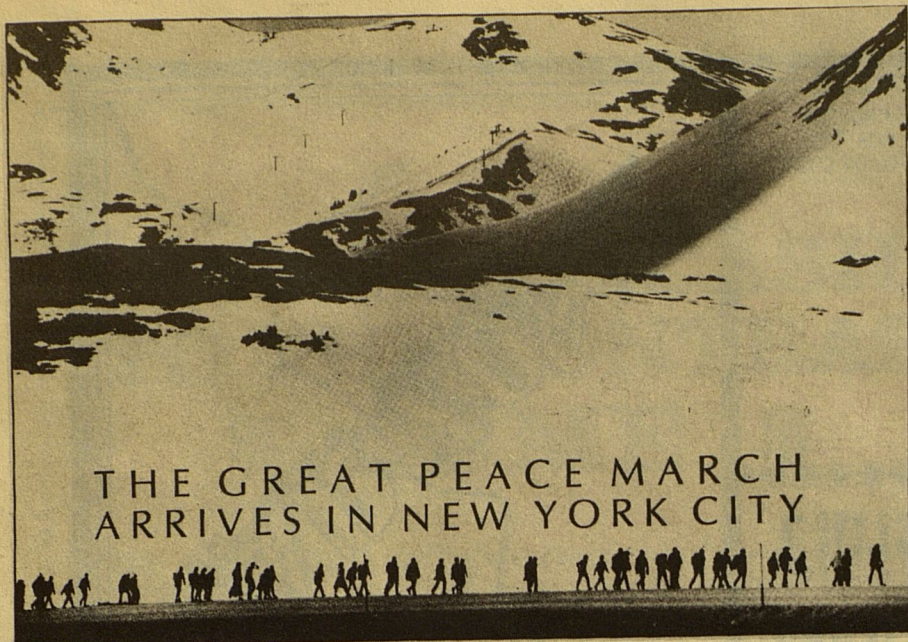
**Senate
Probe**



Miami

UNLOAD YOUR CASES OF
COCAINE HERE & GET \$10
MILLION PER CASE.

MILLION. SPIN 2, 4, OR 6 AND LOSE A TURN.



by Kent Jewell

Greetings from Peace City, Earth. This weekend (October 23rd-26th) the Great Peace March for Global Nuclear Disarmament was in New York City. The coast-to-coast walk that began on March 1st in Los Angeles is less than three weeks from its "final" destination of Washington D.C. on November 15th.

The march, numbering 800 people, crossed the George Washington Bridge into New York City on Thursday October 23rd kicking off a weekend of activities and outreach. On Friday marchers joined local squatters, Greens, Yippies, and anarchists for a War Chest Tour of midtown Manhattan. A small, but loud and energetic, group of 40-50 stopped in at such citadels of oppression as Exxon, Bank of America, GE, Citicorp, and others. Numerous intersections were blocked as we lay "dead" in the streets. The successful tour ended on a bit of a sad note as we approached the United Nations chanting "No Nations, no borders, no wars! We met up with the official march-sanctioned liberal political rally, and that routine proved uninspiring to several of the War Chest tourists who spontaneously decided to tour the U.N. rather than listen to Jessie Jackson. Unfortunately quite a few of New York's boys in blue followed them in, and eight were arrested (all were out by Sunday afternoon).

The U.N. mini-drama had an ironic plot. Some liberal marchers at the U.N. rally were upset that marchers were arrested, because, after all many of them think the path to global peace is through



some post-U.N. construction of a World Order. Meanwhile, there's a minority of us marchers who think the U.N. is the biggest hangout of war criminals and their apoligizers on the globe. Who's pulling the strings behind the dozens of wars presently being fought?

Several other concerts and rallies occurred during our stay including an 8-band Sunday matinee benefit gig at CBGB's. On Saturday some marchers joined the New York Greens to bus down to the regional Green conference in Philadelphia. The Yippies, Greens, Lower East Side squatters, and CBGB's deserve much thanks for helping make our stay enjoyable..

After New York the march will head south through Trenton (October 31st), Philadelphia (November 2nd and 3rd), Wilmington (November 5th), Baltimore (November 9th and 10th), and arrive in Washington D.C. November 14th.

The march is hoping to pick up as many people as possible as we walk into D.C. the morning of November 15th. The first of the march's planned rallies is at 11:00 a.m. in front of the White House where many marchers plan to deposit sacrificial gifts of smelly socks and shoes to Emperor

Reagan. Other plans include a benefit concert for marcher continuation efforts and civil disobedience Monday November 17th at the home of nukes, the Department of Energy. That action will coincide with a nationwide jam-the-phones effort noon to 1 p.m. that same day, so don't forget to call DOE's 1-800-523-2929 number as many times as you can. A D.C. Tour of Halls of Blood and Shame is also planned for the afternoon of Monday November 17th. More events are happening, and hopefully many more will happen spontaneously if we can get thousands of disarmament activists to converge on Washington D.C.

Peace City Across Amerika

Now I'd like to give all of you Overthrow readers a sense of how much the march has changed from the original vision of California organizer David Mixner. His ideal was 5,000 people walking across the country as a well-financed, efficient, shiny public relations gimmick in the name of peace. Mixner wanted dozens of paid staff, laundry trucks, shower trailers, Hollywood glamour, and media hype. He didn't get half of that and the march started out with financial problems, no liability insurance, an opening day fundraising plan that lost money, and the numbers of marchers dropped from over 1200 to about 900 in the first two weeks. Marchers were continually misinformed by the Pro-Peace hierarchy until they stranded us in the desert 10 miles west of Barstow, CA.

From that low point, the marchers quickly set up a non-profit corporation, formed marcher work departments, and re-organized from scratch. After 2½ hectic weeks the march started moving. Throughout the West the march gradually picked up momentum, staying afloat financially and smoothing out the logistics of our mobile city. The 12,000 ft. Continental Divide in Colorado was crossed in late May, and the march hit the Great Plains in early June. Heat and long walking days made June a challenging month for the march.

The Midwest saw the march gain new members and reach plenty of friendly farmers and rural people. We hit Chicago in mid-August, passing through miles of impoverished dying urban industrial area on the way in. However, the people were very friendly, and they resubstantiated what we saw the first day walking through East L.A. Amerika's permanent underclass has given us warm welcomes, and communicated that there is understanding about what peace is and who and what prevents it. The march also

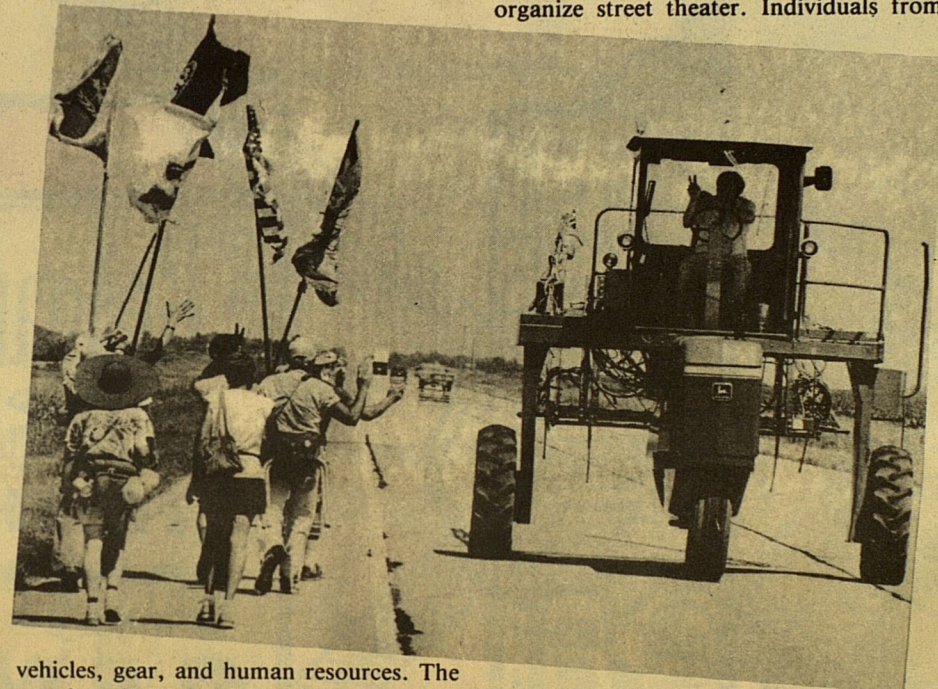
found friends in most rural areas since the economic problems they face and the arms race are seen to be intimately connected. The farmers also realize the great importance of food, and many gave us strong messages to relay to Reagan upon our arrival in Washington D.C.

Past Chicago the march hit some real positive areas. Locked out/striking USX steel workers in Gary, IN., Lorraine, OH., and Pittsburgh, PA. were all very supportive of the march. Cleveland was well-organized as thousands of local people were marchers-for-a-day. Although the body of the march didn't pass through Kent, OH., about 200 marchers visited there. Black flag village spontaneously organized a very well-attended all-night vigil at the site where the National Guard shot and killed the four at Kent State University.

Once into the East, attention in Peace City focused on the big cities, and what to do after D.C. Many marchers will probably go back to "normal society", but many people are caught in the momentum of the march. Quite a few will continue on to help build the "new society", after all, who wants to go back to tax, wage, and rent slavery?

What is Peace City?

Now I'd like to give a picture of what makes our mobile community tick as far as



vehicles, gear, and human resources. The march under the post-Barstow corporation has grown from about 350 to about 900 in New York City, and almost all of us live in two-person tents! Marchers personal gear is stored in crates and transported in trailers. We have lots of support vehicles including: porta-pottie trailers, a great bookmobile, a kitchen trailer, a medical trailer, a water truck, a dry goods storage trailer, three school buses for the 70-odd people on the march under 18, a community interaction bus, a media bus, and many more.

For those of us who don't believe in majoritarian representative democracy it has been a tough road. The new marcher corporation was set up so that the only 7 official members of the corporation are the board of directors who were not all initially voted in by the community.

There is also a city council, a judicial board, and a security department on the march. Fortunately, the whole march has been an evolution process towards a consensus-oriented, non-hierarchical community, and almost all of the earlier

authoritarian tendencies have been lessened or ignored. All segments of the disarmament movement and all age groups, (1 to 79), are represented on the march so lots of interesting conflicts have arisen, and luckily most have been resolved well.

Lessons learned within our community have been: to let different affinity groups go with what is comfortable and always hearing out minority opinions, being flexible, open, and honest is crucial. Stressing media image and publicity usually distracted us from strengthening our community.

The best things that the march has done have been internal—creating a community, living out almost all daily labor and exchanges without money, creating an educational, physical, and spiritual momentum that won't soon be stopped. We have not been able to create huge rallies and change mass public sentiment, but most of us are still quite positive about what we have created.

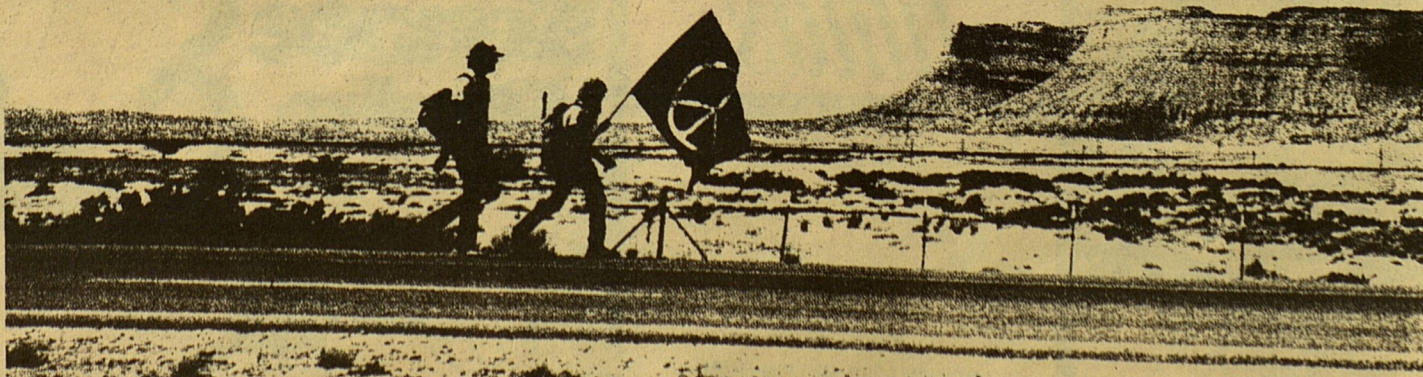
Another important part of our community is the villages and affinity groups that have arisen. In Los Angeles there were about six of us in anarchist village, now we have grown so that more people sleep around the black flag than in any other village.

Our village has often worked closely on issues within the community, organized in-camp educationals on anarchy, non-violence, and consensus processes, and organize street theater. Individuals from

our village have also taken side trips to learn and spread the message of the march (e.g. Big Mountain, Haymarket, the Rainbow Gathering, the Anarchist Harvest Festival, and more).

For most of our village and some of the march the main action after the march is—another march! Starting December 27th another march will begin at the King's Bay Naval Trident Sub Base on the Georgia-Florida border. The march will then travel down the coast to arrive at Cape Canaveral on January 17th to begin a month-long encampment of the Trident II missile testing site area.

Sponsoring the march is the Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice, and for any further information please contact them at P.O. Box 2486, Orlando, Florida 32802 phone (305) 422-3479. The anarchist village from the Great Peace March hopes to have two buses down in Florida to help support the march and to continue afterwards networking, marching, and helping to build the New Society.



A small band of 50 keeps the march going during 90-degree heat in Utah while others are away preaching nuclear disarmament

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schools" are looking the other way about non-registration, SS participated in a Congressionally-ordered Health and Human Services Department study of such schools last year. This indicates that SS is concerned about having enough medical personnel in the event of a call-up.

In a spring 1986 deal with the Pentagon, the American Medical Association agreed to provide a list of hundreds of thousands of U.S. doctors, their specialties and addresses, for use by the Defense Department in the event of a "presidentially-declared crisis."

Under SS regulations, only men between the ages of 18 and 26 have to register for the draft. So far, SS has accepted late registration with no questions asked, even though those who register more than thirty days after their eighteenth birthday are technically in violation of the law.

However, many of the men who were required to register in 1980 are now turning 26 and SS is claiming that it will no longer accept their registration. This may mean that non-registrants over the age of 26 will be barred from receiving any federal financial aid for education for the rest of their lives. They may also face prosecution for non-registration without even having the option of complying with the law anymore.

Until recently, all indicted non-registrants were specifically singled out for

necessarily mean bringing back the draft. A May 1986 Defense Department report maintains that the armed forces will be able to meet their recruitment goals for at least the next five years.

(The report, entitled "Defense Manpower Quality", was ordered by Congress because of concern over the "demographic reality" that the pool of military-eligible youth is shrinking—and that the improving economy may have an adverse effect on the *de facto* "economic draft". As the rate of unemployment drops, so does the rate of military enlistment).

As I write, there are U.S. troops in Bolivia and Honduras. Despite Pentagon denials, rumors circulate in the military that U.S. Special Forces are aiding the Nicaraguan contras. The President has no legal obligation to inform Congress of covert Special Forces activity, as he does for covert CIA activity.

An Armed Forces directive from the Joint Chiefs of Staff describes the Special Forces' increasingly clandestine role as "to train, organize, supply, direct and control indigenous forces in guerrilla warfare and counter-insurgency actions" if open warfare is not deemed appropriate. The White House is openly considering using the Green Berets, a division of Special Forces, to train the contras.

The United States is one of the few countries in the world that does not have actual conscription. Elsewhere, the 1980's have actually seen a resurgence of oppos-



their vocal anti-draft stance. However, two recent incitements were apparently chosen at random. One was a Laotian refugee who did not comply because he assumed that draft registration in the U.S. works the same way it does in Laos—i.e. immediately after registering you find yourself in the army.

The other was a fellow who had actually attempted to enlist but was turned down because he failed the military's test for minimum intelligence standards. He presumably didn't register because he wasn't aware that he was required to. Both of these cases were dismissed. There are currently no non-registrants serving time in prison.

It is difficult to say whether an actual return to the draft is imminent. It is entirely possible that the Reagan Administration realizes that their "mandate" could instantly crumble if middle-class white kids were being sent off to fight and die in Central America.

The American public would be less willing to go along with Reagan's war on Nicaragua if it actually began to affect our lives. Rather than risk another explosion of protest such as we witnessed during the war on Viet Nam, the powers that be may have chosen to use more subtle weapons this time around.

If Nicaragua can be "destabilized" through economic sabotage, the contra war and behind-the-scenes CIA finagling, it will be easier to get the U.S. citizenry to accept it.

Nor will direct U.S. military intervention

tion to military conscription. Although it is largely unreported in the U.S. media, draft resistance is starting to emerge even in such repressive places as South Africa and the Soviet bloc.

With the current apparent economic prosperity in the United States, the middle class is pretty content and the right-wing agenda is being ushered in with little resistance. A return to the draft could upset this situation.

And yet, the Selective Service System is obviously here to stay. It is in the very nature of bureaucracy to expand. The Selective Service System is another good excuse for the government to keep tabs on the citizenry—another excuse for computer files and surveillance and inter-agency cross-referencing.

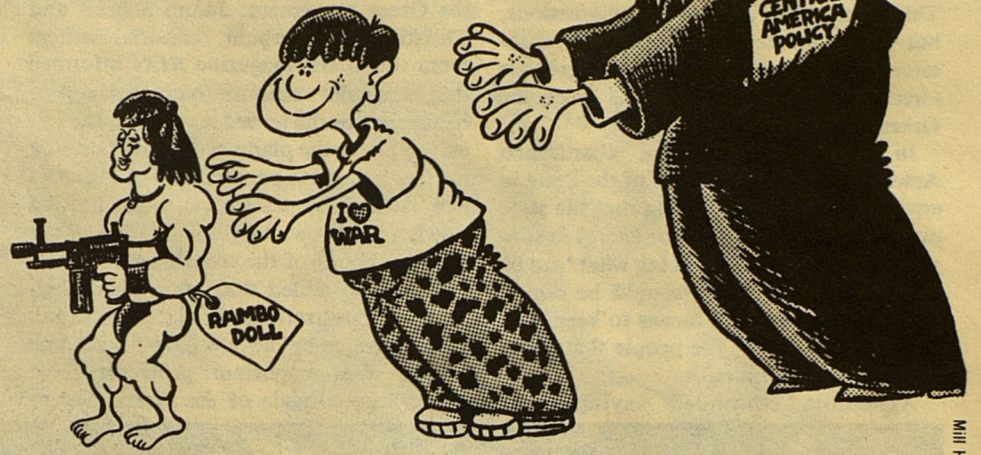
SS is another functioning part of the vast labyrinth of government agencies incessantly gathering that precious commodity—information. Information about you and me and our friends and neighbors.

For example, determining which regions or social strata have the greatest number of non-registrants can indicate where there is the greatest anti-war or anti-authoritarian sentiment—or the least susceptibility to Hollywood-induced war-glorification.

According to the Congressional testimony of former SS Director Turnage, registration is "substantially low" in New York City and other urban centers. Selective Service's Budget Justifications for Fiscal Year 1986 refer to "young men living on the edge of society" as "particularly elusive" for registration.

Bureaucracy tends to become its own

"TO BE IGNORANT OF HISTORY IS TO REMAIN ALWAYS A CHILD..."
-(CICERO)



Mill Hunk Herald

justification. Even if there is no return to conscription, the SS bureaucracy will continue to grow and continue to erode our privacy, along with virtually every other government agency from FEMA to the NSA.

None of which is to deny the possibility that there could be a call-up tomorrow.

In any event, it is important to keep an eye on developments in Selective Service. The people who are doing that in the New York area are the *New York Coalition Against Registration & the Draft*.

With the mainstream Peace Movement apparently no longer viewing draft registration as an important issue, NY-CARD has mostly been involved in research and keeping up-to-date on the draft regulations and related topics.

If you have any questions or comments or want to get involved, drop us a line:

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national organizations are useful, especially for coordinated campaigns and lobbying; but local organization will give people experience and will cause the anti-war movement to grow.

TALK TO PEOPLE

Don't be afraid to work in a small, local church or community group. That's where the people are. And they want to hear about Central America. Our New Mexico Construction Brigade to Nicaragua got invitations to speak at numerous church group, schools and professional organizations when we returned. And this in a military-oriented state. People desperately want to hear about Central America, since they sense something big is happening. (First-person witnesses are crucial—more people should go to Nicaragua!)

It would be a terrible CRIME (I use that word deliberately) if the anti-war movement gets bogged down in left theorizing, debates or faction fighting. Wherever it exists, it's got to stop. The relationship of practice to theory should be approximately 90%-10%. We need to develop more experience in talking with people, in action. More experiments. No one has the correct line. If they claim to, they're deluded or worse. Remember, left theorizing and factionalism killed the anti-Vietnam War movement at the height of the war. I know. I was one of the jerks who did it.

Here are three suggestions for lines of discussion in our educational and outreach work.

1) Teach about Vietnam. It's a historical precedent in people's memories, though they might not understand exactly what happened. Most North Americans do know we lost the war. Explain why: that we attacked a nationalist and socialist revolution and were defeated by a people's war. Explain that the same thing is going on in Central America. No Vietnam War in Central America! should be repeated

again and again.

2) Hit on the immorality of war. People simply could not stomach the last imperialist war. They're not going to like this one, either, when they learn about our napalm and forced repopulation in El Salvador and Guatemala, and our land mines on the back roads of Nicaragua. Will we destroy Nicaragua in order to save it? Don't be scared of moralizing: it's the strength of the Big Truth: our country's present foreign policy is based on violence and repression.

3) Develop ideas for an alternative foreign policy. Respect for self-determination; commitment to nutrition and health for all people of the world; help with capital for development, not exploitation; real nuclear disarmament; revitalization of the U.N. The possibilities are endless. Let's talk about them.

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Coca-Cola Buys Up Belize

by Don Carling, from EIES via GREENET

Coca-Cola has recently acquired a huge forest estate in northern Belize. The company is the largest partner in a consortium including two Texan oil and banking tycoons and a local businessman, which has bought nearly 700,000 acres of largely untouched rainforest.

The area, at present home to howler monkeys, toucans and numerous species of wild cat including jaguars and pumas, constitutes one-eighth of the entire land surface of Belize, and is the largest undeveloped private property in Central America.

Belize has been spared much of the environmental destruction that has afflicted the region, but this could change dramatically in just a few short years.

Coca-Cola intends to clear 30,000 acres for citrus plantations, a processing plant and road links. But other plans include a WOOD burning power station, cocoa plantations, timber extraction and—the most destructive use of tropical forests—cattle ranching.

Despite government regulations requiring advance submission of development plans for all land deals in excess of ten acres, NONE, apart from those relating to the citrus plantations, has been presented.

In other words, the future of one of Central America's best remaining forests is in the hands of a conglomerate of U.S.-based transnational businesses who can be expected to exploit the area for the largest possible short-term gain.

If you are concerned about the above and would like to help this campaign you can do so by writing to Coca-Cola and expressing your concern at their proposals. Write to:

Roberta C. Goizueta
Chairman, Coca-Cola Foods
P.O. Box 2079 Houston, TX 77252 USA

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solete, and Chernobyl has fully proved it. This is not a time anymore for discussions, but to coordinate precise actions, real interventions across borders, because the Greens here are not different from the Greens anywhere else".

In another presentation, Gianfranco Amendola analysed the role of the State in environmental issues, saying that the state power "Uses tactics to waste energy in subjects that are worthless, doing what 'can be done' instead of what 'should be done', and using secrecy as a means to keep control over the rest of the people that never know what's going on".

Amendola continued saying that:

At the forum GREENS FROM ALL THE WORLD, the representatives from the Greek movement; Jannis Schizas and Christian Stamatopulu, editorial writers from the Green magazine *RIXI* informed that a popular response to ecological problems such as the termic inversions, the last earthquakes, the planned construction of a nuclear plant, the paralyzation of big cities like Athens by traffic jams—is starting slowly to grow, mainly in the poor neighborhoods of the megalopolis.

They also added that after Chernobyl, some demonstrations in the streets had been repressed by the police, and that some of the most important problems came "From the struggle of the Greek Greens

emergence of new Green movements in the countries of the Third World such as the new Green Belt Movement in Kenya; the Chipko Movement in India (the most important group fighting in the Himalayas against the destruction of the forests) and the movement PIDA in Sri Lanka.

Sachz said that "The politics of western countries are the main enemy for the Third World Green movements, that by defending their trees they are truly defending their own economy and possibility to survive." Sachz concluded saying that: "The battles of the Green movements in Europe were very important for the Third World countries, because those battles were changing the consumer mentality of euro-

Blueprint For Survival", but he pointed also that *The Ecologist* was not the voice of the Ecologist or Green Party, but an autonomous and independent voice of the whole movement. Bunyard also said that, "The ecologists in England were not reaching the consciousness of the masses because politics are too much identified with the existing political parties. Some of those parties like the Labor Party in the past declared to be against nuclear power, and because of that had lost the support of a large part of the pro-nuclear population, and permitted Margaret Thatcher to win the elections by a very large margin.

"Other groups", Bunyard concluded, "are pressing the government on issues like the discharge of chemical products in the rivers and oceans, but they do not want to go to the source of the wastes: the plants that produce them. The government is trying to prove that it's not possible to continue living with the actual standards of living and consumption without giving up the main sources of energy, all that despite the fact that in England, 37 nuclear plants produce only 18% of the total demand of energy."

Helmuth Horst, from the Berlin Alternative Liste reported on the situation in Eastern Germany. He said that "The government is trying to follow an environmental politic, but it has not been enough, and in the last months, after Chernobyl, there is a growing wave of protest against pollution and radiation, in which the Protestant Churches are having an important role, because their temples are becoming the only spaces for criticism, and there has been talk of of an anti-nuclear popular referendum to freeze the nuclear programs of Eastern Germany.

A question was posed to Norbert Kostede (member of Die German Grunen in the parliament of Bonn) about the differences between the 'realos' and the 'fundis' in the German party of the Greens.

He declared that in their last congress, they had reached a decision to stop temporarily the discussions and disagreements, in order to first face the crisis provoked by Chernobyl and focalize the efforts to try to stop the nuclear programs in West Germany, and in second place, in order to keep a solid front next January 1987 for the Federal elections in which it is expected that the Greens will play an important role in deciding which of the two main German political parties will take over the next government of the country.

Present at the International Forum of the Greens, I was there myself as the only delegate and speaker for the so called "Third World" countries. Coming from Mexico, and as a member of Huehucoyotl A.C. one of the oldest ecological centers in



"More important than to continue trying to obtain power through elections, is a need to fight for concrete problems, trying to expand a 'Green Consciousness' inside and outside the institutions." He then concluded saying that: "Acting by fear of cancer or radioactive clouds is not a right attitude, and that only a real change of the way of life and the creation of new models of life-style that appeal to the majority of the people can produce a healthy change in society, never fear.

against the technologic domination and the life-styles imposed by the rich industrial countries, models that do not correspond to our own cultural needs".

Schizas concluded that "The traditional leftist parties are not at all sensitive to the ecological problems, and in many cases, like in the rest of the western countries, the leftist groups are some of the main supporters of nuclear energy."

After him, the German sociologist Wolfgang Sachs also talked about the

peans and they were also questioning the economic progress of western industrial countries. If 'progress' is not such a desirable thing, maybe the under-industrialized countries do not have to copy it."

The next speaker, from the magazine *The Ecologist* from Great Britain was Peter Bunyard, informed the convention that the ecologist movement in England started in 1971, with the publication of an essay in his magazine called, "The

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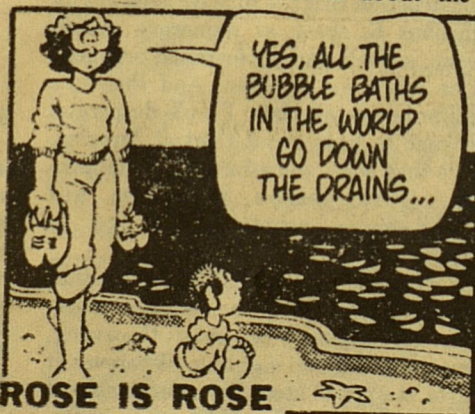
Great Lakes Pollution

TORONTO — In a full-page report published Oct. 18th, the *Globe & Mail* revealed some startling facts about Great Lakes pollution. More than 60,000 chemicals and metals are in use around the Great Lakes, with more than 1,081 being detected in the water, mud, fish, birds and human beings around the lakes.

The worst areas are close to the shore, where drinking water is drawn and where most human activity occurs.

One of the worst sites is the Buffalo area, where waste from 4 dumpsites (Love Canal, Hyde Park, S-Area and 102nd Street) are voluminous enough to fill more than 10,000 tanker cars (which, end to end, would stretch all the way from Toronto to Niagara Falls).

Among common compounds in the lakes are: gasoline, kerosene, diesel fuel, jet fuel, home heating oil, stove oil, propane, butane, polyethylene, benzene, toluene, xylene, latex, styrene, propylene glycol, chlorine,



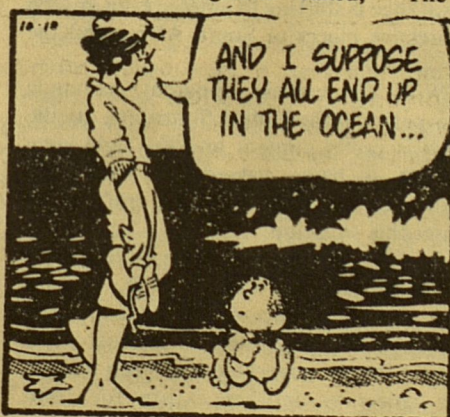
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caustic soda, lead, PCBs, mercury, cadmium, phenols, phosphorus, pesticides, asbestos, TCDD-dioxins, and other organic toxics.

Says Michael Keating (author of "The Last Drop: Canada and the World's Water Crisis") "even if the pollution were stopped tomorrow, the lakes contain such an enormous quantity of toxic chemicals that they cannot flush themselves clean for many decades, possibly even a couple of centuries." And they "flush themselves clean" by moving through the St. Lawrence and, finally, into the Atlantic Ocean.

Tropical Rainforests Extinct?

WASHINGTON — Recently released figures show that more than 17,500 species of plants and animals are



becoming extinct each year, say alarmed biologists.

The number of vanishing species is several times the official total listed as endangered by governments because the real threat faces species that are little known to science, particularly those species living in highly threatened rainforest ecosystems.

Though they occupy only 7% of the world's land area, rainforests of the Amazon basin, Indonesia and central Africa contain perhaps half of all living species.

Scientists fear that if nothing is done to stop it ALL tropical rainforests on the planet will have disappeared within the next 50 years, taking with them the greatest variety of animal and plant life known on the earth, along with potential new food and drug sources, as



well as the 20-25% of the world's oxygen supply that is produced by these regions.

It is estimated that more than 29,000 square miles of tropical rain forest are destroyed each year.

Antarctic Ozone Hole

WASHINGTON — Scientists are beginning to piece together data on the hole in the ozone layer discovered over the Antarctic. Though they are not yet ready to blame manmade pollutants, scientists have concluded that a "chemical mechanism" is occurring in the atmosphere that is "contributing to the ozone depletion".

The U.S. EPA has estimated that each 1% decline in the ozone layer results in 200,000 more potential cancer cases around the world every

the country and representative of the three-year-old Network of alternative groups and ecological associations LA RED DE ALTERNATIVAS DE ECOMUNICACION, there was a strong expectation about our statements and purposes at the meeting.

I started by doing a fast recount of the various moments of the recent history of the ecological movement in Mexico.

Born in the late sixties, it was only in 1977 that this movement came to public attention, with its opposition to a Nuclear Law proposed by former president Lopez Portillo. Then, it came back strongly in 1981, when the anti-nuclear organizations such as ORCA (Organizacion Ribereña Contra la Contaminacion del Lago de Patzcuaro) stopped the project of construction of a nuclear plant on the shores of the lake of Patzcuaro, in the state of Michoacan.

Since 1984, the until then isolated independent environmental and ecologists groups of Mexico have started to meet, know each other, and coordinate local and national activities and forums.

The RED de ALTERNATIVAS DE ECOMUNICACION was created in 1984 and the association GRUPOS ECOLOGISTAS was born in 1985 with the creation of the First National Encounter of Ecologists Groups in Mexico City, that brought together more than 2,500 people and delegates of over 150 groups that presented their denunciation of ecocides through the whole country, and all kind of alternative activities and proposals for an ecological and decentralized society.

At the three days encounter there were, like in Pescara, a space for products, booths, stands that are examples of alternative life-styles, and also an educational multimedia program called the ECOSHOW produced by various artists of three different ecological associations.

Then, I continued listing some of the main problems that the ecologists movements are facing in Mexico, such as the need to stop right away Laguna Verde, the first and only nuclear plant in the country, in the state of Veracruz, that is programmed to start operating early in 1987, and also the struggle against the over-exploitation of oil by the state company, Pemex in the Southern states of Tabasco, Chiapas, and Campeche, that is destroying the lands, animals, forests, and all the eco systems of a very rich bioregion.

I concluded my presentation saying that: "I was not there to represent any country of the Third World, because I do not accept the division of our planet between industrial and pre-industrial countries, because it only serves to further a colonialistic and imperialistic conception of history. It implies that the 'First World'

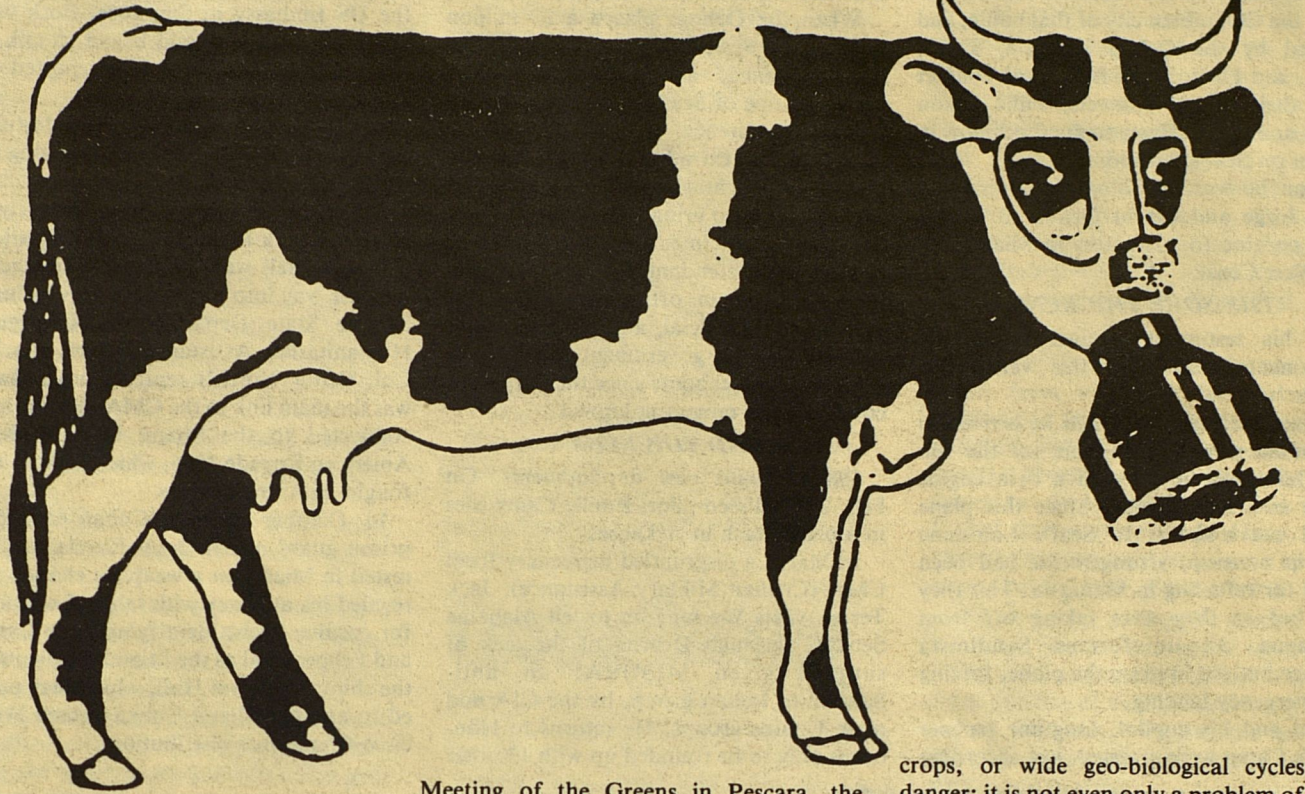
continues to be The Model for the other secondary Worlds and it does not take into account the fact that an ecological approach to reality today cannot continue dividing the World anymore in blocks, in economical or political clusters around some central nucleus.

the coming 26 April, 1987, and he invited all the Greens of the World to manifest on that day through all medias with public marches, demonstrations, rallies, pacific occupation of plants, etc., in as many places as possible.

On the last day of the International

Greens that could not make it to Italy this time, for health reasons.

In his presentation, Bookchin said: "It is not only a problem of pollution, traffic jams, poison in the food, pesticides in the



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The World today is only ONE for all humans from all colors, races, sexes, ages, ideas, beliefs, and customs. We cannot talk anymore of a red, a black, a yellow, and a white humanity, because it has finally come the time for a new humanity, that is the direct result of the mixing of all the bloods and races from the four directions, that can only be defined as a Planetary and a Rainbow Humanity."

Alexander Langer, one of the most well known of the leaders and speakers for the Italian Green Lists pointed out that in this moment, the different Green groups were only beginning to grow and know their own strength, and that it was a little premature to talk about the creation of a GREEN INTERNATIONAL.

He proposed instead to continue strengthening the Green Internationalism, and for that purpose he invited all the Greens in Europe to participate in the coming encounter of ATOM INTERNATIONAL, in Vienna, Austria, in order to coordinate the local actions against nuclear power in a broader and more effective way.

Langer also called for an international day of Anti-nuclear activities on the first anniversary of Chernobyl's Super-Gau, on

Meeting of the Greens in Pescara, the Minister of Environment from the Italian government, Francesco de Lorenzo came to the auditorium and faced the denunciations and questions from the many speakers and from the different Italian ecologist groups.

Then, he declared that, "The ministry of Environment cannot represent an option to resolve all the problems posed by the destruction of Nature and of the ecosystems. We do not have the strength, nor the possibility," he added, "to resolve all the problems of society, and all we can do, is to listen to your demands and together with you, ecologists and environmentalists, and with the rest of the civil population, to try at least, to resolve a little part of those problems."

The minister de Lorenzo agreed that at the coming National Conference on Energy in Italy, there should be not only politicians to decide on the future of nuclear energy in the country, but also scientists, medical doctors, ecologists should contribute truly to a democratic and realistic decision about that delicate question.

One of the last and most applauded presentations was a video program specially done by Murray Bookchin, another guest at the International Meeting of the

crops, or wide geo-biological cycles in danger; it is not even only a problem of the nuclear plants and their closing-down that will solve the problematic dangers that are threatening the very existence of survival in the planet. I have for more than 30 years been fighting against those things, but we cannot continue putting patches here and fixing another thing there. We have to go to the very source of all those problems, to the growth and development of an economy based in exploitation, competition, that can only produce a society unable to cooperate, hierarchic and authoritarian, based on conquest and domination. It is only when those things will be changed by us humans, that the ecological problems will be resolved, and not before..."

Ana Donato closed the International Meeting saying that women should become more and more accomplices of the birth and growth of a Green Movement in the World, because only the unity of humans, the creative complementary dualism of an eco-conscious humanity, which will be able to face the problems in a different way all together. She concluded saying "WE SHOULD NOT BE AFRAID OF BEING VERY FEW, WHAT IS REALLY IMPORTANT IS THAT WE ARE, THAT WE EXIST, THAT IS ENOUGH NOW..."

off scot-free." That is scheduled to change next year when the new Environmental Protection Act is presented to Parliament.

McMillan stated that under the new Act polluters could face jail, fines as high as \$1-million per day and "a squad of enforcers."

McMillan was particularly outraged about one-industry towns "where company owners or operators hold everyone hostage...by threatening plant closure and job losses if environmental laws are enforced."

Killer Plastic Loops

One might not think that those clever plastic loops that hold six packs of beer or soft drinks together in a neat little package can kill but they can and they have. They are lethal traps for animals. Every year thousands of birds, cats, dogs, and other animals are strangled by these nearly indestructible plastic hazards.

People often leave them strewn about picnic sites where animals come to pick over the area in search of food.

Even environmentally aware people who carefully dispose of them with other trash are unwittingly setting traps for the animals that roam in search of food. This can be eliminated by cutting every loop in a binder before throwing it in a trash bin. The

loop that is cut may save the life of some animal friend.

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Uranium Mining in the Grand Canyon

The inhabitants of the Grand Canyon area held a demonstration November 16 at the entrance to the park to educate tourists and to demand an end to plans for uranium mining near the Canyon.

The "Canyon Mine" is six miles south of Tusayan (a Native American village) and fourteen miles south of the rim of the Grand Canyon. The mine would directly disturb 17 acres at the site, plus many more through road building. The ore would be hauled, in ten trucks per day, all the way to Blanding, Utah.

Energy Fuels Nuclear was asked to stop mining operations at the site until November 21 but plans to continue after this date. It is operating under an 1872 mining law which says that any tract of land not specifically withdrawn from mining (such as a national park, monument, and, since 1984, a wilderness area) can be claimed for mining if it can be proved that the site has a marketable deposit of hardrock minerals.

There are now tens of thousands of mining claims on public lands near the Grand Canyon. Mining companies have found some of the richest uranium ore deposits in

the U.S. on these public lands.

Some possible hazards of mining the area are the release of toxic radon gas from the mineshaft and tailings; percolation of radiation into the watershed from the holding ponds; radioactive spills along the haul route; flash floods which could wash tailings directly into the watershed. And there would be minimal and short-term economic benefits to the local people—boom to bust effect.

Your letters can support a longer stay of operations, so that appeals can be considered. Both the Grand Canyon National Park Service and Canyon Under Seige (Oak Creek Star Route, Box 14, Flagstaff, AZ 86001) have requested that an area-wide environmental impact statement be prepared for the North and South Rims of the Grand Canyon, before any more mining is permitted.

Write to:

1. Supervisor Leonard Lindquist
Kaibab National Forest
800 South 6 St.
Williams, AZ 86046
2. Sotero Muniz
U.S. Dept. of Agriculture
517 Gold Ave., SW
Albuquerque, NM 87102
3. Your senators and representatives,
urging the repeal of the 1872 mining law.
4. Superintendent Richard Marks
Grand Canyon NPS
POB 129
Grand Canyon, AZ 86023-0129



Herring gull snared in a six-pack yoke

year. A leading theory is that chlorofluorocarbon compounds (used as refrigeration fluids) are deleting the ozone through release of chlorine molecules high in the atmosphere.

New Environment Protection

OTTAWA, Oct. 24 — Federal Environment Minister Tom McMillan blasted industry earlier this week for flouting environmental laws, calling it "the most serious white-collar crime in Canada."

He described the most distressing thing about environmental law being that "almost all offenders are getting

THE CONTRA/COCAINE CONNECTION CONTINUES

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The main focus of Seal's and the DEA's investigation was the Medellin Cartel, based in the Colombian city of that name, and headed by the Ochoa brothers, Jorge, Juan, and Flavio. Seal first made contact with their Miami contacts, Fillix Dixon Bates and Carlos Bustamante (both now in prison on Seal's testimony).

Soon he was in Columbia contracting with Jorge and Flavio Ochoa to deliver their cocaine to customers in Miami and the West Coast.

THE SOUP THICKENS

In his testimony against Bates and Bustamante Seal gives this version of events:

When the plane in which he arrived in Columbia proved unsuitable for the run the Ochoas came up with a twin engine Titan as a replacement. Since this plane could not make it to Seal's Louisiana airstrip nonstop, arrangements had been made for refueling in Managua. This they did, but as they were taking off from Managua, an uninformed Sandinista defence battery fired on the plane, forcing an emergency landing.

Seal and his copilot, longtime partner Emille Camp were arrested, but according

without bothering to alert the DEA or Seal, who continued to fly for the Ochoas, unaware his cover was being blown.

When the Ochoas placed a \$2 million contract on Seal, the investigation had to be abandoned, and President Reagan presented one of Seal's photos in a televised press conference.

Despite an extradition treaty between the US and Nicaragua still in force, no effort was made to bring Vaughan to answer the Miami indictment, in which he was named a co-defendant with the Medellin crew. Nicaraguan officials deny he was ever a "top" official, and say he has not worked for the government at all since 1982. His whereabouts since the purported cocaine flight remain unknown.

...AND THICKENS

1985 brought new developments. On Feb. 20 Seal's co-pilot, Emille Camp dies in a plane crash in Arkansas.

In March a disgruntled mercenary from CMA (Civilian Military Assistance), Jack Terrel, visits Washington to tell Alabama Senator Jeremiah Denton of the lack of support given MISURA, an anti-Sandinista Indian group, by the CIA and main Contra groups. He returns to Honduras only to be rounded up with 13 other

Steven Carr and Peter Glibbery were arrested by the Costa Rican Civil Guard in connection with the foiled plot to blow up the US Embassy in San Jose. Both were deported to the US and began to talk. A few days ago Carr died of a reported cocaine overdose.

In the summer of '85 Barry Seal testified against the Medellin cartel, implicating the Ochoas.

In September Robert Owen (formerly of Gray & Co., a Republican public relations firm, and half-way house for CIA agents on their way into private sector) was hired by the State Department's Nicaraguan Humanitarian Assistance Office. As Lt. Col. Oliver North's representative Owen was the main link to the CMA. He was also connected to the Miami based Cuban-American Brigade 2506, which trained and fought with the Contras.

In October 1985 a Cuban-American prison guard named Jesus Garcia was arrested in Miami on a weapons charge. He regaled his attorney with tales of weapons for cocaine deals, identifying Rene Corbo and Felipe Vidal as the Miami recipients of the shipments from Hull, which they passed to another Miami Cuban named Francisco Chanes for distribution.

place for Contras and their buddies from Brigade 2506.

Last July Millman's *Village Voice* article appeared, breaking the Barry Seal story, and raising serious doubts about the alleged "Sandinista Connection". The article also suggested Seal had taken a broader role in the Contra supply operation.

THE FAT LADY SINGS

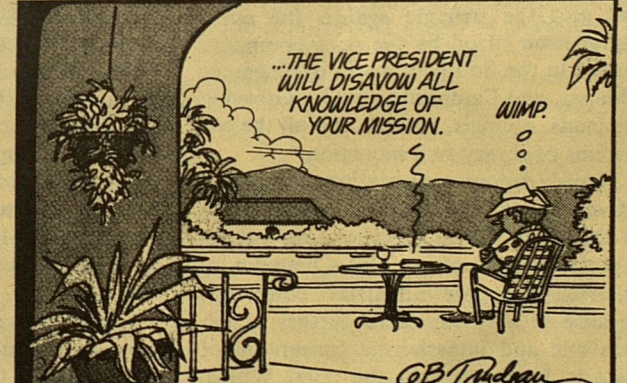
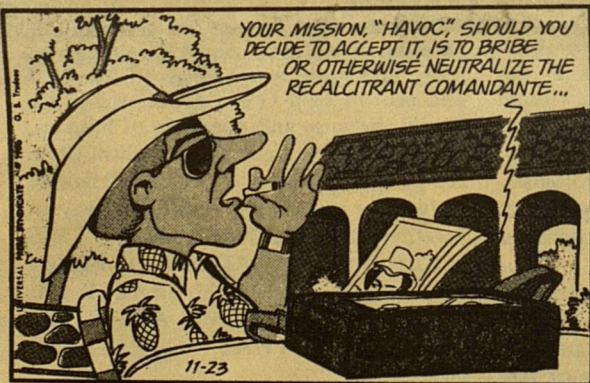
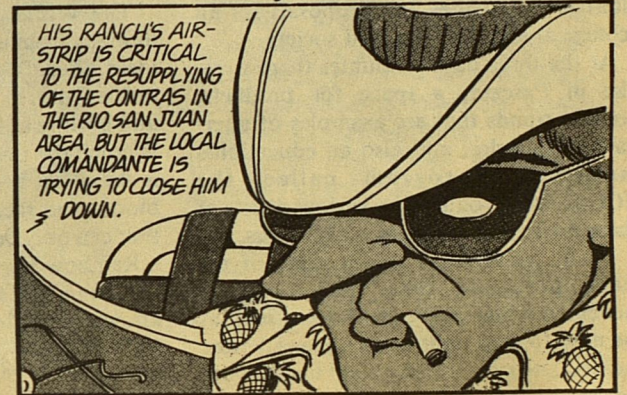
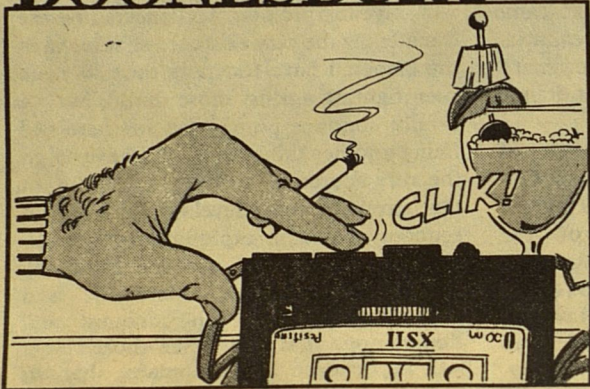
Up to this point we have a complicated story with many missing pieces. But on October 5th, 1986 the connecting pieces, well, sort of fell out of the sky, in the person of our old friend, the FAT LADY, shot down over Nicaragua. After Barry's death, the plane had apparently reverted to Southern Air Transport, and was back to work bringing supplies to the Contras.

One member of her crew, mercenary Eugene Hasenfus survived to talk. On the body of the pilot, William Cooper, was found the business card of Robert Owen. The co-pilot, Wallace Sawyer Jr. had a notebook with the names of 34 CIA operatives. Another card has a number written on the back... which proves to be the number of the Swiss bank account containing the \$12 million profits from the Iranian arms sale.

Hasenfus revelations prove even worse. He identifies as commanders of the supply operation two Cuban exiles with long histories in the CIA, Ramon Medina and

by Garry Trudeau

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to Seal's testimony the Ochoa's Sandinista contacts arranged their release and return to the US.

Seal revealed the Nicaraguan twist to his DEA bosses, adding that he was expected to return to Managua to retrieve his 1600 kilogram cargo. The CIA was brought into the operation, rigging Seal's favorite plane, a C-123 known as THE FAT LADY, with a hidden camera to record the pickup. Tapes are made of Seal's phone calls to a Sandinista official named Frederico Vaughan in which arrangements for the pickup are finalized.

Seal claims to have landed at a military airfield just outside Managua, where the hidden camera clicked away as the plane was refueled and the illicit cargo loaded by Sandinista soldiers in civilian dress.

Seal then flew to Homestead Air Base in Florida, where the cocaine was transferred to a Winnebago purchased by Bates and Bustamante. After a delay to make it appear that the camper had driven from Baton Rouge, the Winnebago was delivered to them, then, after Bates and Bustamante drove off, they were rammed on the highway in a phony accident to obscure Seal's role in the ensuing search and arrests.

Facing congressional opposition to further aid to the Contras, the White House could not wait for the completion of the Ochoa case before leaking Seal's tale of Sandinista "narcoterrorism" to the Moonie-owned *Washington Times*,

CMA mercenaries, who are told by the US Embassy that their actions are illegal, and deported back to Miami.

By April the office of Massachusetts Senator John Kerry had begun investigating persistent rumors of Contra drug trafficking, and got hold of Terrel.

Terrel had seen no evidence of drugs in Honduras, but told of a Contra plot, backed by Colombian drug dealers, to blow up the US Embassy in San Jose and kill Lewis Tambs. The drug dealers hated Tambs for trying to stop cocaine shipments, and the contras planned to blame the bombing on the Sandinistas. Sound familiar? Kerry's office verified Terrel's story and in June of 1986 called for an investigation.

Meanwhile, on April 18, 1985, a report entitled "Who are the Contras?" was released by the Arms Control and Foreign Policy Caucus. The report detailed the network of groups that were raising funds and aiding the Contras.

Included were the World Anti-Communist League (WACL) headed by retired Army General John K. Singlaub, *Soldier of Fortune* magazine, Christian Broadcasting Network, CMA, the Air Commando Association (headed by retired General H.C. Aderholt), CAUSA International (part of Reverend Moon's empire), Friends of the Americas, and others. A complete list can be found in the book *Contra Terror in Nicaragua* by Reed Brody, South End Press, 1985.

In April of '85 two CMA mercenaries,

Garcia also reported that in addition to direct flights, Hull also shipped cocaine in seafood containers aboard ships from the Costa Rican port of Limon.

It is Garcia's attorney, John Mattes, who claims he was told by Assistant US Attorney for South Florida Jeffrey Feldman to "get out of the investigation." And that if he and his investigator, Rafael Maestri, did not, they would be charged with obstruction of justice and witness tampering.

Expect Garcia to be a key witness in hearings this winter.

Finally, in December, 1985, Barry Seal was sentenced in Baton Rouge. Expecting a lenient sentence because of his work for the DEA and his promise to testify against the Ochoas in '86, he was led into a trap wherein he was forced to accept six months probation with community service at a Salvation Army shelter. He was forbidden as a condition of probation to carry fire arms or to have bodyguards with fire arms.

Seal began his Salvation Army shelter stint in January of 1986. On February 19, 1986, he was assassinated in front of the shelter, shot over 50 times with an Ingram Mac-10 and an Uzi.

Eventually, seven people were arrested in connection with Seal's death. By far the most interesting is a man named Jose Coutin. Coutin owned a gun shop in Miami which allegedly supplied the Uzi which was used in the Seal assassination. The gun shop was a well-known meeting

Max Gomez, both of whom claimed to be friends of Vice President Bush.

Hasenfus also identified the operation's safe house in El Salvador. The Salvadoran telephone released records showing numerous calls to Oliver North at the White House (202-395-3345), to Vice President Bush's National Security Advisor Donald Gregg, to Southern Air, and to the Stanford Technology Trading Corp., a Virginia front run by retired Air Force General Richard Secord, whose name cropped up in accounts of US assistance to Southeast Asian heroin operations during the Vietnam war.

Medina then turned out to be an alias used by Luis Posada Carilles, escaped from a Venezuelan prison, to which he had been sentenced for the 1976 bombing of a Cubana airliner fatal to 70 people, including the Cuban fencing team. Posada is also suspected as an accomplice in the 1976 Washington DC killing of former Chilean Ambassador Orlando Letelier. Gregg is a former CIA Station Chief in Saigon and South Korea, where he served with Secord and Singlaub.

Perhaps the Iranian arms deals were seen as a way to wean the Contras from the cocaine business. Perhaps the operation continued. Did the orders to silence Barry Seal come from the Ochoas, finally indicted in *absentia* last week, or from a nervous White House? Seal's Baton Rouge attorney told the *Voice* "All the federal government had to do to kill Barry Seal,

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Taddy Wampus

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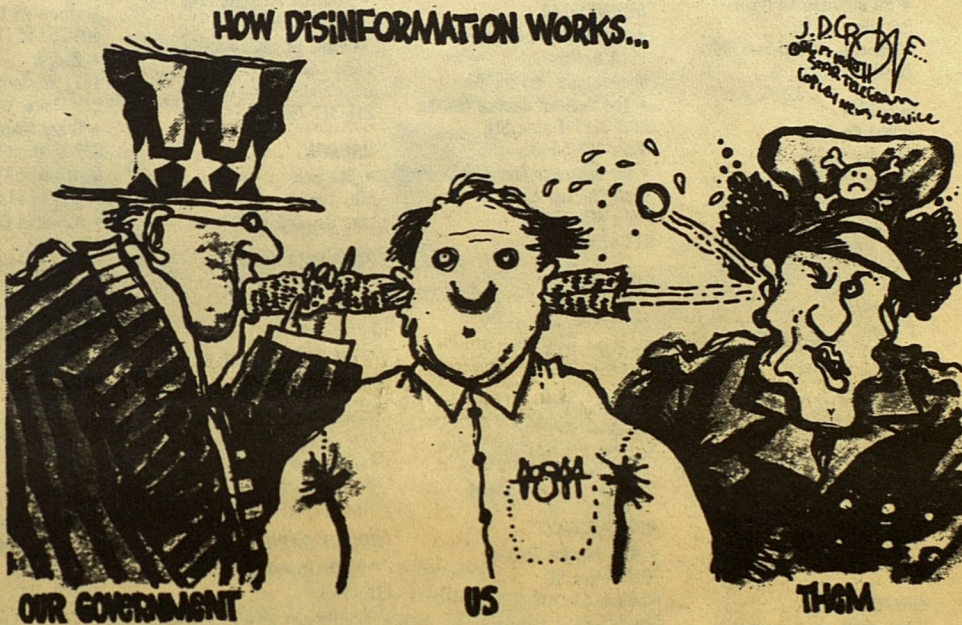
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Feb 21—Chernobyl-on-the Hudson:
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 567-6233 Jacob.

**March 21—Midwest Alternative
 Politics Conference:** Madison, Spring
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**April 25-7—National Mobilization on
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 212-995-8787.

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Dear *Overthrow*:

I have read your newspaper *Overthrow* for the last few years and I have learned many things about social causes. I also read *The Nation*, *The New Statesman*, and *World Press Review*, to keep informed on political events. At demonstrations I've seen Yippies and Punks protesting against the system. I like what the Clash said:

"Wise MEN and street kids together make a GREAT TEAM...but can the old system be BEAT?? No...not without YOUR participation...RADICAL social change begins on the street!! So if your looking for some action...CUT THE CRAP and GET OUT THERE."

Sincerely Yours,
David A. Vicks
Hinsdale, IL

Dear People at *OVERTHROW*,

Many thanks for your interview with the venerable Yippie Abbie Hoffman. It's an inspiration to know that he is still active in political organizing, especially considering that many of his former radical collaborators are now inconsequential yuppies (Jerry Rubin) or predictable Democrats (Tom Hayden) who are more interested in advancing their own careers than trying to change the system they once indicted. It would seem that they ran out of steam after the Vietnam war; a common mistake made by many radicals was that they thought the war was the only crime the government was guilty of perpetuating, when in fact the war was but a manifestly conspicuous representation of the government's imperialistic and rabid character. I don't think it would be an exaggeration to suggest that Jerry Rubin was always an opportunist—the war and youth culture of the 60s was simply the vehicle he used at the time to promote himself. I, for one, never really trusted him, though, I admit, I was an idealistic kid in the street and was more than ready to accept any "leader" who came along (John Sinclair comes to mind). Nearly 20 years hence, I'm glad these "radicals" have shown their true colors. At any rate, I'm glad Ab has passed the litmus test.

I disagree, however, with Abbie's assertion that centralization can be an applicable methodology for change (he cites the Sandinistas, who, incidentally, suffer myopia due to its implementation—not to mention intolerance and rigidity [the Mesquitos natives are an example of this]). From what I can ascertain, centralization has historically led to only more repression—look what happened to the anarchists under Lenin's centralized "dictatorship of the proletariat." I believe that centralization leads to authoritarianism and totalitarianism—revolutions become reactionary when "leaders" taste the rotting fruits of centralization. It transcends romanticism and *weltanschauung*—the point is that people, when considering politics from the point of view of the central group (regardless of their good intentions), tend to support the status quo (be it radical, centrist, or conservative). They have a difficult time understanding the needs of the people when they are locked in a room somewhere with a small coterie of believers.

Anyway, thanks for the interview. It's always good to know what Hoffman is doing—and thinking. After all he has been through, it's good to know that he still has an indefatigable sense of humor. Best of all, it's good to know that he is committed to social and political change and hasn't gone the way of the Rubins and Haydens. He remains an unequivocal Yippie in a land of Yuppiedom.

Pace Verde,
Kurt Nimmo
Detroit, MI

Dear Editor,

I had a most interesting, if not altogether pleasant, experience the other day which I'd like to share with others. My friend George Ebert has recently been banned from the grounds of Willard Psychiatric Center. He learned of his ban through a letter from the director of the Center, Anthony Mustille, which stated that Ebert's presence at the institution was "countertherapeutic" and "detrimental" to the patients there. The letter further stated that, should Ebert attempt to visit Willard and speak with patients or staff, he would be escorted from the grounds by security personnel.

The letter did not specify why my friend is such an untherapeutic chap, or why his presence is so detrimental as to warrant a total ban on his visits to friends who are patients there. The situation is of special interest because Ebert happens to be a member of the local Mental Patients Alliance, a group of "survivors", as Ebert calls them, of the psychiatric system. Based on their personal experiences, members of the Alliance advocate substantial changes in the way places like Willard operate. They advocate against involuntary commitment and the forced use of electroshock and psychiatric drugs, interpreting many commonly used "therapies" as physically dangerous, dehumanizing forms of social and political control. The Alliance works to establish greater freedom and a wider range of therapeutic alternatives for the people held in Willard and other psychiatric institutions.

Given the frequent tendency of human beings to unfairly oppress their ideological opponents, it seems that Mustille should have taken care, lest he be accused of political shenanigans, to specifically outline how it was determined that Ebert's presence at Willard was so detrimental to the patients there. (I use Mustille's term here; Ebert calls the patients "inmates".) No specifics were given in the letter, so we went to Willard to ask for them.

Appearing before the Visitors Board, we asked for the documentation which we assumed backed up the banning order. No such documentation was forthcoming, however. The director invoked something akin to executive privilege and met our requests with silence alternating with vague reiterations of the charges. He also reminded us that he had the legal power to ban Ebert and was under no obligation to provide us with more information. A token promise to consider letting Ebert see individual patients, if the patient first makes the request in writing to Mustille, was handed over.

Driving home from the encounter, I felt the usual frustration that comes with feeling powerless. But I also knew that this frustration, when felt by enough people, is the seed of change. Institutions that are in the business of controlling and altering people's consciousness must be more accessible to the public. They should be required to have damn good reasons for preventing anyone access to family and friends who are locked up there. And visitors should be permitted to tell their loved ones in these institutions about alternatives to the confinement, drugs, and shock "therapy" they often involuntarily receive. Until these changes come about, Willard and its ilk will remain onomously immune to outside forces.

Sincerely,
JoAnn Doremus
Ithica NY

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YOU SAY YOU WERE HERE FIRST AND WE SAY YOU'RE WRONG
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by Bill Weinberg

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