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## What Will You Do For Peace in 1984 ?



The Hague, Netherlands, 10/29/83.

Photo by Michael Reina

## LETTERS

## Kudos...

Dear Editor,

I was recently introduced to your newspaper while touring the UCSD campus.

I was fascinated by the sheer usefulness and practicality of your publication, and I hope to see you continue to distribute it free to the university community.

Accordingly, I eagerly await your next issue. The cost of commercial bird cage liners makes the *new indicator* an invaluable contribution to the people of San Diego.

Sincerely,  
Fidel Castro-Vasquez

Unity On The Left:  
Controversy Begins

Dear "Indicator" Staff,

Florence Fox's account of the Unity forum on the U.S. invasion of Grenada was highly accurate and truthful on two points: it was raining, and we were in Balboa Park. Her distortion began by under-reporting the number of people attending by roughly half, and went on to imply that she was barely given a chance to speak. If Reese Erlich asked her to sit down and let others speak, it was because she was yelling out without being recognized—after already having given a long impassioned (nearly hysterical) speech about how clean and

holy the Soviets are. If Reese Erlich criticized the Soviets for their imperialism, it was mild in comparison to his comments on U.S. imperialist aggression in Grenada—which was in fact the topic and focus of the forum. How Ms Fox could think that the CIA would promote such activity is difficult to imagine. Her implications that LRS is a tool of the CIA is like saying that NOW is a tool of Jerry Falwell's Moral Majority—ridiculous.

—Rochelle La Frinere-Sandoval

## And Continues...

Dear Editor,

I write concerning Florence Fox's article in Volume 9, Number 6, of the *new indicator*, dated December 6th, 1983 - January 10th 1984, entitled "Commentary...UNITY ON THE LEFT?"

The article in question concerns a meeting held in Balboa Park featuring two speakers, reporters Reese Erlich and Evaristo Garza, speaking on their first-hand experiences in Grenada shortly after the U.S. invasion and in El Salvador. This event was organized by the local *Unity* newspaper promoters. Before going any further, let me state emphatically that I have no affiliation with *Unity*, nor do I anticipate an affiliation. I am merely a reader responding to Ms. Fox's depiction of the event which I, too, attended.

Unlike Ms. Fox, I did not get the impression that the event's major purpose was "recruitment for the U.S. League of Revolutionary Struggle." Nor did it appear to me that the speakers

presented a "virulent anti-Soviet blast." Rather the major purpose of the event appeared to me to be exactly as stated in the fliers and posters I had seen, which was for the public to hear first-hand experiences of respected reporters recently returned from Grenada and El Salvador.

Mr. Erlich drew an obvious comparison between the Grenada invasion by the U.S. with the Afghanistan invasion by the USSR as examples of aggression by superpowers upon weaker neighbors. This became the crux of the conflict over the USSR, which was raised as an issue at the meeting by Ms. Fox who appeared to want to continue arguing over it most of the evening. Of course, the audience came to hear about Grenada and Central America and not to listen to an argument over the geopolitics of the USSR. Ms. Fox's objective in her article, as well as at the meeting, was not to discuss the issues at hand but to indict the organizers of the event for deserting the mainstream Communist Party of the USA, a digression she likens to CIA and Czarist Russia tactics.

All of this would only be so much spilt ink to most of us not concerned with what appears to be infighting among members of the far-left. But what prompted me to write was the distortion Ms. Fox's article made of the information that was presented. Over half her article concerns the alleged transgressions against the moral fiber of the USSR. The significance she ascribes to what occurred is blown way out of proportion.

What did occur at the meeting? Well, speaking for myself, I did learn something about the events which occurred soon after the U.S. invasion of Grenada. While I may not agree with all

aspects of the political ideology which sometimes surfaced during the presentations, I did get some clear, first-hand observations about events and conditions in Grenada which were often at odds with, and raised serious doubts about, the official version of what occurred.

In my opinion, an article on the meeting on Grenada and El Salvador would have been better spent detailing the inconsistencies between official administrative depictions of the invasion and Mr. Erlich's accounts. Not only would readers of the *new indicator* have become better informed, but we would have been spared another example of internecine warfare.

—Leo R. Chavez

## And Continues...

Dear Friends,

I write in response to a curious article in the most recent issue of the *new indicator*. Florence Fox's commentary, "Unity On The Left?" is perhaps the most sectarian article to appear in the *n.i.* during its long and usually exemplary history. I am no friend of the League of Revolutionary Struggle, and a thought-out, reasoned critique of this organization might well be in order; especially as a part of an on-going discussion of goals, strategies and tactics. This article, however, was nothing of the kind. Rather, the tone is one of a horrified worshiper confronted with blasphemy and able to respond only with a blast of indignant outrage.

Readers can judge for themselves the facts she presents in her article in defense of the Soviet Union (there is not a single **continued on page 10**)

**Women's Peace Camp.** 5 PM program at Center for Women's Studies and Services, 908 E Street; 8 PM program at Grass Roots Cultural Center, Grape & 30th, 682-1314.

**7 PM: UCSD Political Film Series.** Helvio Soto's *It's Raining in Santiago* (1975) and Peter Watkins' *The Gladiators* (1971). UCSD TLH 107. Free admission. Committee for World Democracy. 452-2016.

## SAT. JANUARY 14

**10 AM: Psychologists for Social Responsibility meeting.** Center for Studies of the Person, 1125 Torrey Pines Road. 456-2204.

**11 AM: Martin Luther King Parade.** Begins 47th & Imperial. Support Group for a Nuclear Free and Independent Pacific contingent: 283-0815, 265-0730. Jobs Or Income Now contingent: 455-0213.

**7 PM: Beloved Community and Rainbow Cooperation. Martin Luther King dinner, dance and celebration.** Neighborhood House, 841 South 41st Street. 263-6049, 583-4478.

## JANUARY 14-15

**Peer-Counseling training seminar.** Contact UCSD Women's Resource Center for more information. 452-2023.

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## MONDAY-SATURDAY

**11 AM-8 PM: Visit Groundwork Books,** an "un-dogmatic" radical bookstore in the UCSD Student Center. Books, periodicals, posters, records, pins, covering a wide range of critical left-wing perspectives on social/political history, theory, information, ideas. 452-9625.

## WED. JANUARY 11

**7:30 PM: The Creative Use of Fear** presentation by John Thomas Wood, D.G. Wills Books, La Jolla Blvd. just north of Pearl, La Jolla. Humanist Fellowship. 232-4801.

## WED. JANUARY 12

**6 PM: Potluck, videotape depicting U.S. and Soviet scientists discussing arms race.** Abraxas School, Hornblend & Gresham, Pacific Beach. Bilateral Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign. 278-3730.

**7:30 PM: Amnesty International meeting.** Newman Center, 5855 Hardy, near SDSU. 582-6132.

## FRI. JANUARY 13

**4:30 PM: Groundwork Books Open House.** UCSD Student Center. 452-9625.

**5 PM and 8 PM: Slideshow presentation** by Karyn Murray of Seneca Falls

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Funky La Jolla  
By Rambling Rosie

**Some things never change** they just create illusions...For example since the arrival of Assistant Vice Chancellor (a.k.a. Student Center Director), Tommy Tucker to UCSD, Vice Chancellor of Undergraduate Affairs, Joe Watson, has moved out of the spotlight and virtually into obscurity in the last few months...This, in contrast to the high-visibility role Watson played last year in his moves to wrest control of the Student Center from students by drastically altering the purpose and governing structure of the Student Center. Watson's plans drew fire from most students for his heavy-handed method and plans, including, incidentally, from the Chancellor who rumor has it was none too pleased with Joe's bad public image...

**But all faces have a mask...**In comes Tommy Tucker, a likeable sort according to associates having had contact with him, to take the spotlight from Joe for a while still carrying on the same agenda Joe tried unsuccessfully to implement last year. Everything has its price though, for students at UCSD it means the recruitment of Tommy Tucker at the Vice Chancellorial level with a salary in the \$40-50,000 per year range and major fee increase in the Student Center fee, probably by next year...

**So who's building what here?** Well, according to many pundits *empire* building seems to be the name of the game with many administrators. Of course these fantasies are presented under the guise of student services and student needs. Which brings us very conveniently to the proposed University Center...You may recall that part of Joe Watson's proposal last year hinged on the Ad Hoc Building Advisory Committee's (comprised mostly of administrators) report dated March 17th 1983. The report recommended a 25,000 square foot facility at a cost somewhere in the neighborhood of \$4 million to be funded by a student fee increase of between \$12 and \$18 per quarter. Although the report called for a student referendum in Fall 83, it was clear at that time—from many administrative sources, that the vote will not take place till probably Spring 84 to allow the hiring of a new Student Center Director, Tommy Tucker, to review the proposals and to establish a large-scale publicity campaign to sell the plan to students...It also calls for a multi-pronged, high-budget campaign to convince students to support the fee increase and the concept of a new Center.

**Interestingly enough,** Tommy Tucker has claimed all along that he has no idea of the details of the March 17th report and that he only wants to implement what the students want...Besides if one followed his theory and students don't

want the Center his job would become redundant and the University can save lots of money by reverting to hiring simply a low-level manager for the Student Center rather than a high-powered position such as Tucker's. But that's certainly not in the works! Examining the reality, one sees a different picture—one that closely resembles the original plan proposed by the committee last year. On the surface Tommy Tucker gives the impression that he plans to start from "scratch" and totally ignore the previous recommendation or even knowing anything about it! Two steps, in compliance with the recommendation, have already been followed by him and it's not a question of coincidence...First, that elaborate survey he conducted during pre-enrollment week and then the "Orientation Session" planned for tomorrow which is scheduled to include slide shows and discussion on the philosophy of University Centers. Some coincidence! That's exactly what the March '83 report stated...And we can expect more goodies as they follow the recommendation, such as "Guardian articles and ads," use of college newsletters, meetings with students groups and the like. All this makes the new University Center Program/Facility Advisory Committee nothing more than a cosmetic attempt to imply a "start from scratch" approach.

**The survey conducted during pre-enrollment week** for example goes into detail on the various possible combinations of services that can be included in the new Center, from a bank to an arcade room, but nowhere does it ask students for the desired governing structure of the new Center. Presumably, the administration would like to side step the issue until the proposal is approved by students and then implement their own model for control...

**And if their slick proposal** is defeated the administration is committed to trying until it passes. Ideally, according to the March '83 report they would like it to pass the first time, it notes: "if the first referendum should fail, it will be even more difficult to have it pass." This is reminiscent of the Recreation Center deal that was repeatedly rejected by students and finally approved by a referendum that failed to obtain the required turnout, but which the administration accepted anyway...

**I'll have more on our latest empire building venture later.** On a final note, noticed that a labor arbitrator ruled that a San Diego restaurant may require cocktail waitresses to dye their hair or wear blond wigs...

**I'll have more on other issues next issue** so keep those tips coming...

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## Student Aid Available To Non-Registrants...

## S.D. Schools Mislead Students

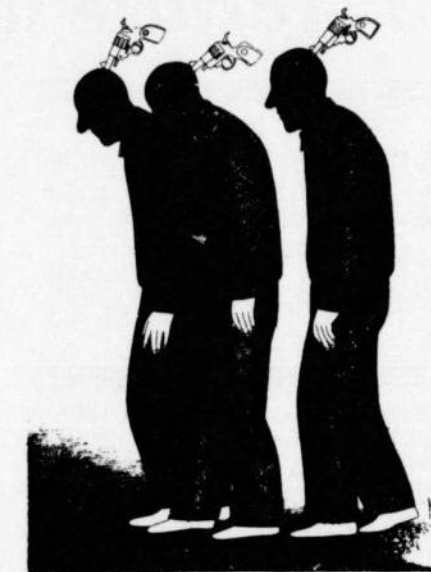
The *new indicator* has learned that research being done by the San Diego Committee Against Registration and the Draft into already-existing financial aid still available to students who refuse to provide information on their draft registration status has turned up several schools in the San Diego area that have been denying students aid to which they are legally entitled. These schools include San Diego City College, San Diego State University and Palomar College.

The problem stems from the requirement that all students seeking federal Title IV financial aid must provide proof that they have either registered for the draft or that they are not required to do so. The constitutionality of the so-called Solomon Amendment is currently being considered by the U.S. Supreme Court. However many schools are attempting to impose the restriction illegally on non-federal sources of aid as well. Students are being told that the draft compliance statement is required for all types of aid; and schools are refusing to process application forms or disburse aid from non-federal sources. City College's financial aid office is going so far as pressuring students to register for the draft and questioning non-registrants' "patriotism" if they refuse.

Non-federal aid that should still be available to students who refuse to provide information on their draft registration status includes Cal Grants A, B and C, EOP and EOPS, State Graduate Fellowships, non-federal College Work Study and a variety of school and privately-sponsored grants, loans and programs. Although Cal Grants are supplemented with federal Title IV funds, students who do not provide the draft compliance statement are considered for the 89% portion of

state-supplied funds. This information was obtained from the Student Aid Commission office in Sacramento, and is borne out by the fact that students at UC schools are still able to obtain Cal Grants despite their refusal to provide the draft compliance information. The UC system went on record last year as opposing the Solomon legislation, and stated that they would replace much of the federal funding lost to students due to that legislation.

San Diego CARD has begun working with the ACLU to try to pressure schools to bring their policies into compliance with the actual requirements of the Solomon legislation. Schools who refuse to change may be subject to litigation.



Students who do not wish to provide their schools or the government with information on their draft registration status and who are having difficulty obtaining non-federal forms of financial aid are urged to contact CARD at 753-7518 or the *new indicator* at 452-2016.

## SERVICES FOR DISABLED STUDENTS

The primary objective of the Office of Disabled Student Services is to integrate and mainstream disabled students into general campus programs and activities. The ability of each disabled student to function independently in the educational environment is the ultimate goal.

The following services are available to meet the individual needs of disabled students:

## Disability Management Advising

Academic Support Coordination  
Readers, Interpreters, Notetakers

## Academic Support Special Equipment Study Room

The Academic Support Special Equipment Study Room is located at Disabled Student Services and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, for use by disabled students.

## Special Equipment Loan Service

Manual wheelchairs, battery-powered wheel-chairs, cassette recorders, talking calculators, print enlargers, telecommunication phone devices for the deaf, the Phonic Ear, the Optacon Print Reading System, and other supportive special equipment for disabled students are available at Disabled Student Services.

## Equipment Repair Service

Minor repairs to wheelchairs and other mobility-related equipment are available at Disabled Student Services by appointment. Appointments are not necessary in emergency situations.

## On-Campus Transportation

Disabled Student Services operates a prior-scheduled on-campus transportation system for disabled students. Prior-scheduled pick-up times can be reserved by disabled students from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., Monday through Friday, for on-campus transportation needs. Prior notification by regular users of the transportation system is required by Thursday at 12 noon in order to change their schedules for the following Monday through Friday. New users of the transportation system can schedule their transportation needs for the current sign-up week. On-call transportation requests can be made by disabled students, but on-call transportation services will be provided only after all prior-scheduled pick-ups have been completed.

## Special On-Campus Housing Coordination

Special Parking Coordination

Registration Assistance

Special Enrollment Coordination

Test-Taking Arrangements

Resource Library

Liaison with the California State Dept. of

Rehabilitation

Referrals to Resources, Services and Agencies

Accessibility Map for the Disabled

Awareness Program

Outreach Program



Disabled Student Services

Disabled Student Services  
Located in the UCSD Health Center

"Selected Blasphemy" appears as an irregular column in the new indicator. Readers are asked to submit their favorite diatribe for publication. Each article must be no longer than 800 words. Send submissions to the New Indicator Collective, UCSD B-023, La Jolla CA 92093.

## Selected Blasphemy



### The U.S. Military and... Torture in America

The following article, written by former U.S. Marine Corps soldier Thomas Dunker, is reprinted from Issue no. 3 of *Horseshit* magazine, published in 1968 by Scum Publishing, Hermosa Beach, California.

We have been told that our whole system depends on the protection given it by the military. If so, then we are in trouble because the military ultimately depends on the brig or the stockade where they torture men to make them obey.

Don't give me any crap claiming that torture is not used. You can call something disciplinary training if you like, you can abolish the word torture, but as long as men groan and scream under it, it'll do just as well as the rack and branding irons ever did.

You don't have to touch a man

physically to torture him. All prisons and armies have always known that as long as you control a man's eating and sleeping and toilet habits, you've got him in the best of chains. Suppose I put you in a small bare room and neglect to supply you with a toilet. How much pain will you endure before you piss in the corner? How long will you suffer under a guard's eyes before you lose control and shit in your pants? And when you do, don't you know that you'll be so ashamed and feel so degraded that you'll confess to anything?

The American Army kills its own men. U.S. Marines torture other Marines. Our Navy and Air Force maim and break any man who is different.

What more could the Nazis do? Does it hurt any more to die in Siberia than in the brig at Camp LeJeune? Young man, we are going to save you from those fiendish Red Chinese, we are going to protect you by putting you in an American stockade where you can be tortured by American boys.

We do less of it. Less torture, less killing of our own men. This is our boast. This is our pride. For this, we ought to be ready to fight and die. We do less of it.

It must be comforting for all the poor bastards in Stateside brig and stockades to know that there are large numbers of heroes of human liberty near at hand. How good it must be for the prisoners at Ft. Dix to realize that within a hundred miles there are powerful newspapers that roar out their indignation every time the South African government locks up some more Blacks. What pleasure it must bring to the men in the blackness of the Hole at Bainbridge, Md. to know that in nearby Washington there are passionate champions of freedom who get up in the Senate to denounce the Soviets for depriving writers of their freedom.

Or the men lying in their own blood on the floor of the head at Camp Pendleton must feel a little better when they remember that only an hour's drive away are a hundred thousand Jews who get violently angry at the very thought of German concentration camps. The loneliness of the man in solitary at Randolph Air Force Base is bound to be eased by the knowledge that in nearby San Antonio, all the clergy of all the religions have come out in their sermons for freedom and justice—in China.

When the prisoners are rousted out at 3 a.m. after two hours' sleep at Ft. Ord, many of them must direct grateful thoughts to the Center for Democratic Studies just down the coast where the experts are still up debating about the shocking violations of human rights in Bolivia. If only the men in Ft. Benning's stockade were aware of the vast forces for good that operate in the civilian life around them, the organizations dedicated to human happiness, the number of people who have declared their willingness to die for freedom, if only these prisoners were aware, they wouldn't make such desperate attempts to kill themselves.

### "A World Without Imperialism Contingent" coming to S.D.

On January 21, members of the "For A World Without Imperialism Contingent," just back from the frontlines of the anti-nuclear movement in Germany, will speak in San Diego. The forum, which will include both a formal presentation and an open question and answer period, is co-sponsored by the Social Responsibility/Service Committee of the First Unitarian Church, WomanCare, Progressive Coalition UCSD, CEAN, Peter Mourin catholic Worker, and the S.D. Committee in support of the WWIC. A partial list of endorsers includes Amazon Sweet Shop,

OB Child Care Project, local supporters of the RCP, and draft resister Michael Marsh. The Forum will be held at the First Unitarian Church, 4190 Front St., at 7:00 p.m.

The Contingent is made up of about 50 people from the U.S. who, in mid-October, went to Germany to participate in the Hot Autumn anti-deployment actions. The group includes anti-nuclear activists, people involved in the peace movement, punks, feminists, rebellious youth, revolutionary communists, and anarchists. These people, from diverse backgrounds, came together and united around the slogans "Down With the Pershing and Cruise Missiles and All War Preparations, Both East and West!" and "A World Without Imperialism, Not an Imperialist World War!" The Contingent carried out a conscious desertion of all aspects of U.S. imperialist war preparations. They participated in many of the protest actions, including an action at Wiley Barracks where they talked with and gave leaflets to GI's; the barricading of Springer News, the major reactionary German publisher; and the demonstration in front of the Parliament on November 21, the day of the final Parliamentary "debate" and vote on the missiles.

The Contingent went to unite with the internationalist forces in Europe, and participated in numerous conferences and meetings with various radical groups, including Fightback (a revolutionary organization of GI's), the radical section of the Greens, Turkish immigrants, squatters, punks, anarchists, the Autonomes, and independent collectives. In uniting and struggling with these groups, issues such as the causes of war preparations and the consequences of opposing or not opposing your own ruling class were raised. These questions were particularly relevant in light of England's invasion of the Falkland Islands, Germany's role in the subjugation and exploitation of countries such as Brazil and Turkey, and the French "peace keeping" role in Lebanon. German and/or European nationalism is not an uncommon sentiment among various sections of the peace movement. The demonstration confronting the German Parliament's rubber stamp debate was an advance over past actions which have tended to focus on the U.S. role. The WWIC united with other internationalist forces to form an anti-imperialist contingent which played a dynamic role in that important demonstration.

In light of the recent deployments taking place in spite of the uprising and protests, where is the movement to go from here? What is the role of the Geneva peace talks and intermediate arms talks? Is western democracy a viable means to prevent war? What is the significance of the fact that recent actions in Europe (particularly Germany) have been more militant, but carried out with fewer people? All those interested in these and other relevant questions are invited to come to the forum and participate in the discussion.

—Bobbi, a UCSD student

## FILM REVIEW

### Luis Bunuel at Ken Cinema

The Luis Bunuel Film Festival at the Ken Cinema ran from December 6, to January 3. Each week, my polylingual friend and I attended the showing of two deliciously inventive films, although my friend, whose Spanish is excellent, believes the U.S. censors have all but castrated Bunuel. There was no question that key segments of some of these films were missing, such as the suicide hanging with a little girl's jump rope, in *Viridiana*, or the miracle healing of a severed hand in *Nazarine*. Nevertheless, Bunuel's surrealism still strikes at our heart some 30 and 50 years later.

Somewhere, J-P Sartre wrote that the surrealist movement could never be considered revolutionary because this philosophy was "double-edged", and could be co-opted by the capitalist ruling classes. Anyone who has worked recently under Ronald Reagan's "New Productivity Plan" must agree with Sartre: "Speed-ups" are often engineered by surrealist managers, for greater capitalist profits.

—R. Francis



## Groundwork Bookstore

**GROUNDWORK STUDY GROUPS** are small, intimate learning groups where the process of learning is direct and unmythified. The atmosphere is cooperative and supportive, so you learn what you want to learn, instead of learning how to top the other person.

These study groups rely heavily on the self-discipline of the members to complete the assigned readings, to think about the material, and to come prepared for each discussion. There are no lectures to digest the material for you and no exams to "motivate" you.

#### WORLD HUNGER:

Why are people starving? We will be reading *Food First* and discussing any or all thoughts on the subject. Our goal will be to understand the causes of world hunger.

**First meeting:** 7:00 p.m., Thursday January 19.

**Coordinator:** Julie, 452-7097 or 452-9625

#### INTRODUCTION TO RADICAL ECONOMICS:

Studying the history of our present economic institutions (private property, markets, etc.) and at the same time studying the economic theory necessary to understand them.

Readings are from *Economics: An Introduction to Traditional and Radical Views*. Meets 2 hours weekly.

**First Meeting:** 4:30 p.m., Friday January 20

**Coordinator:** Roberto, 239-0745

#### INTRODUCTION TO SOCIALISM:

We will be using photocopies from Marxism and non-Marxian sources. Our examples will be China, the Spanish Revolution, the Soviet Union and nonstable forms of socialism.

**First meeting:** 8:00 p.m., Wednesday January 18

**Coordinator:** Julie, 452-7097 or 452-9625

#### PEOPLE'S ART, PEOPLE'S CULTURE:

An examination of art and culture in the struggle for socialism and against capitalism. Examples will be drawn from the Soviet Union, China, Vietnam, Allende's Chile, and elsewhere.

**First meeting:** 8:00 p.m., Thursday January 19

**Coordinator:** Clay, 452-9625

#### COMMUNITY ORGANIZING:

A study of cultural, economic, and political struggle at the grass roots. We will look at tactics, strategies and some local history. *Organizing* by Si Kahn will be read and critiqued; outside material will also be utilized.

**First meeting:** 1:00 p.m., Friday January 20

**Coordinator:** Frank, 224-6540 or 488-0646

#### THEORY OF THE COLLECTIVE:

Discussion of the theory of the Groundwork Collective and the skills necessary for working in decentralized groups, including responsibility, criticism, leaders/followers, and decision-making.

**First meeting:** 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 18

**Coordinator:** Julie, 452-7097 or 452-9625

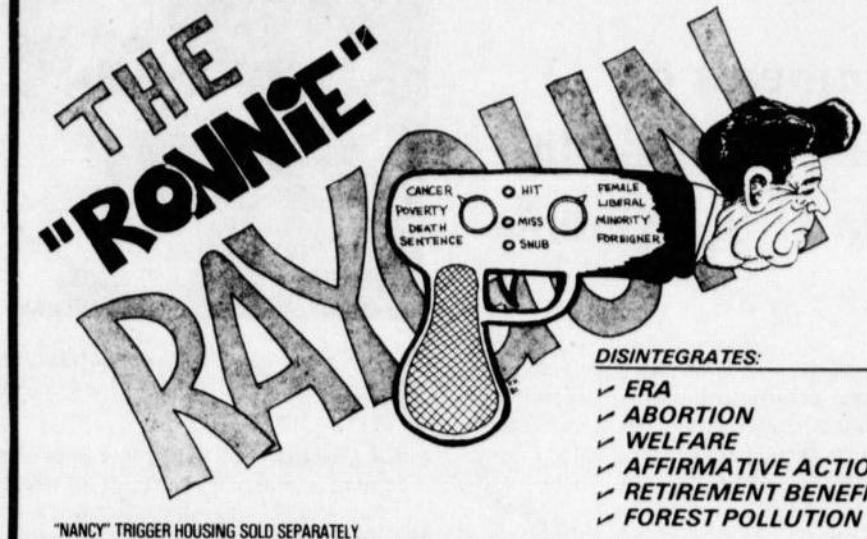
#### CONTEMPORARY CRISES:

This group will explore the nature and causes of two crises facing the U.S. and the world. We will focus on the United States military budget and how problems of the world economy affect both developed and underdeveloped nations. Books used will be *The*

But, the golden thread which runs through Bunuel's *oeuvres* is "the marked deck of cards" from which the majority of humanity is being dealt a hand and forced to play for a lifetime. Bunuel cut through the mental fog and the blind wish-fulfillment to reveal the farcical nature behind the appearance of what presents itself as a state, a church, or a bourgeoisie. The capitalist apparatus has rarely been put to the test with such ridicule, as Bunuel insisted on doing.

Needless to say, it survived even these challenges and came out, if not stronger, certainly more arrogant, for the "new culture" it absorbed.

The recent German TV series, *Berlin Alexanderplatz*, will be screened Sunday evenings through February 5. The new *indicator* would welcome viewers' comments on this series now showing at the Ken Cinema. It might tell us as much about contemporary Germany as about the Great Depression, which is the setting of this Fassbinder film.



### Alive and Well It's The Dead Kennedys

They're an anarchist band from San Francisco, who came together in the late seventies to "tell it like it is" lyrically, and "kick out the jams" musically. They've played in "Rock Against Ray-gun" tours, and have spawned a generation of radical punk bands in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

The music is pulsating, hard-edged, kinetic and earth shattering. The bass and drums are like battering rams, as their non-stop rhythms take off and never descend. Try dancing to this, Nancy and Margaret! When the guitar enters the sound is complete, as the full-blooded, raw beat escalates. There's no wimpy Barry Manilow sounding shit here, as this music is not played on the radio!!!

So like what are the band's views of society you ask. Try this on for size.

- 1.) Religion—"All Religions Suck"
- 2.) Moral Majority—"Masturbating with a flag and a bible, God must be dead if you're alive"
- 3.) Nazi Punks—"You still think swastikas look cool, the real nazis run your schools"
- 4.) 1984—"You'll go quietly to boot camp, they'll shoot you dead, and make you a man. Don't you worry, it's for a cause, feeding global corporations claws"
- 5.) Today's Youth—"Just a six pack and you're happy. You're so boring, boring, boring, always a tape machine recording."
- 6.) Jerry Brown—"Zen fascists will control you, and your kids will meditate in school, I will command all of you"
- 7.) Me Generation—"You jog for the master race, and a happy face"
- 8.) The up and coming—"Kiss ass while you bitch, so you can get rich"

"Dead Kennedys, Living Reagans, Go Reds, Smash State, Religious Vomit, Liberation"

—Larry Fiske

### Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies University of California, San Diego

#### SEMINAR ON MEXICO AND U.S.-MEXICAN RELATIONS

Winter Quarter, 1984

The Seminar is an internationally recognized, interdisciplinary forum for presentation of new research and policy perspectives concerning Mexico and U.S.-Mexican relations. All members of the UCSD community are welcome, as well as faculty and students from other universities, members of the general public, and journalists. Qualified students may enroll in the Seminar for academic credit (register for Political Science 146BB). The Seminar will meet in Conference Room 111-A (administrative complex, UCSD campus) from 12:00-2:00 p.m. For further information, contact the Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies at (619) 452-4503.

January 11 (Wed.): **THE ECONOMIC DEBACLE AND MEXICO'S POLITICAL SYSTEM: A NEW ERA OR MORE OF THE SAME?** Barry Carr (political historian, La Trobe University, Australia).

January 17 (Tuesday): **U.S. POLICIES TOWARD MEXICO IN THE 1980s: AN OVERVIEW** Richard Sinkin (historian, UT-Austin, and Executive Director, Latin American Studies Association). NOTE: This meeting (only) of the Seminar will be held in the Political Science (Building 412 Warren Campus) conference room, rather than room 111-A.

January 20 (Friday): **U.S. TRADE POLICY TOWARD MEXICO** Marian T. Barell (Director for Latin America, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President).

January 25 (Wed.): **SOURCES OF MEXICO'S TRADE POLICY** David R. Mares (Assistant Professor of Political Science, UCSD).

February 1 (Wed.): **EL PAPEL DEL ENDEUDAMIENTO EXTERNO DESDE EL 'DESARROLLO ESTABILIZADOR'** Jorge Espinoza de los Reyes Dávila (El Banco de México). (NOTE: Presentation will be in Spanish.)

February 10 (Friday): **MEXICO AND THE CONFLICT IN CENTRAL AMERICA** Richard R. Fagen (Gildred Professor of Latin American Studies, Stanford University).

February 15 (Wed.): **THE FOREIGN DEBT PROBLEM: PRESENT AND FUTURE IMPACTS ON MEXICO** Robert M. Lorenz (Senior Vice President, Security Pacific National Bank, Los Angeles, Calif.).

February 24 (Friday): **THE MONETARIST COUNTERREVOLUTION IN LATIN AMERICA: THEORY AND PRACTICE IN CHILE, PERU, AND MEXICO** René Villarreal (development economist and Undersecretary of Commerce and Industrial Development, government of Mexico).

February 29 (Wed.): **MEXICO'S DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY IN THE POST-OIL BOOM ERA: WHAT ROLE FOR CAMPESINOS?** David Barkin (political economist, Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana-Xochimilco, Mexico City).

March 7 (Wed.): **LA CRISIS ECONOMICA Y LA REFORMA POLITICA EN MEXICO** Rafael Segovia (political scientist and commentator, former Director, Centro de Estudios Internacionales, El Colegio de México, Mexico City). NOTE: Presentation will be in Spanish.

March 14 (Wed.): **THE SOCIO-POLITICAL ROLE OF THE OPPOSITION IN A DOMINANT-PARTY SYSTEM: A CRITICAL VIEW** Fernando Estrada (former member of the Mexican Congress representing the PAN [National Action Party]; chairman, Division of Social Sciences, Instituto Tecnológico Autónoma de México, Mexico City).

March 19-21 (Mon.-Wed.): **THE ROLE OF THE MILITARY IN MEXICAN POLITICS AND SOCIETY: A REASSESSMENT (Research Workshop)** Papers and comments will be presented by approximately 25 distinguished specialists from Mexico and the United States, including social scientists, historians, and psychologists. Coordinator: William Stan Ackroyd (Visiting Research Fellow, Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, UCSD). (NOTE: The Workshop will consist of six panel sessions beginning at 9:00 a.m. on March 19 and running through noon on March 21. Not required for students enrolled in the Seminar.)

## Moments of Class Struggle In San Diego County



The very essence of capitalist activity is the production of profits. If consumers begin to dress their Mr. Coffee pots in pajamas and raise their children to revere higher forms of fetishism, production must, nevertheless, continue according to profits, which is determined by exchange-value and not by use-value. The subjectivist theory of utilitarianism was rejected by Marx as a philistine attempt to justify the super-exploitation of labor ("Look at how them slaves are happy!" or translated into a modern day California cliché, "If it feels good, do it!"). One man's meat, however, is another man's poison, and a class cannot depend on a few workers' eagerness to please "The Authorities." Hence, use-value—whether it's the usefulness of particular labor skills or of the specific commodities produced—does not determine production. *Capitalist production is profits!* and profits are determined by exchange-value, alone. (For a brilliant discussion of the value and the fetish of commodities, see Marx, Vol. I, Ch. I *Capital*.)

The perpetuation of "False Consciousness" is the *sine qua non* of capitalist production. Like the temporary relief many drivers feel when they see a highway patrolman stopping another car ("That's one less cop free to bother me!"), many exploited workers feel a silent satisfaction when they see other workers being beaten down by management. This feeling of relief stems from the belief that you will not be bothered as long as "The Authorities" are busy harassing someone else. And if the patrolman has pulled over a Mercedes Benz, or the management is attacking workers who receive high wages, the feeling of relief turns to joy, not because the other's misery will improve the conditions of your life, but because of a deep resentment that other people have a better quality of life, and you are not allowed to understand why and thereby not enabled to improve your own. This is what Marxists have traditionally called "False Consciousness."

Continental Airline pilots have been picketing at San Diego's Lindbergh Airport every day since their strike began last October 1. These workers are well-informed about the capitalist conspiracy to throw two-thirds of all Continental employees out of jobs and into the miserable job market, and for the one-third kept "aboard", to degrade their working conditions to the point of being intolerable. The workers on the picket line are friendly and eager to teach: "What has the company offered us?" smiled one pilot. "Half pay, no sick leave, no insurance, no retirement, and increased flying time by 15%."

Continental is the eighth largest airline company in the U.S.A. It has a total of around 12,000 employees: 1,600 pilots, 1,400 mechanics, 2,800 attendants, and the remaining half of their labor force is made up of non-contract employees, including ticket agents, ramp agents, baggage handlers, airplane cleaners, etc. Most of Continental's pilots belong to ALPA (Air Line Pilots' Association) which has an international membership of around 34,000. The attendants belong to UFA (the Union of Flight Attendants) and the mechanics belong to IAM (International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers). The pay scale at Continental reflects the long and expensive employee training and the high capital investments that workers are required to use and maintain. (A

captain must have eight years training, while a jet plane burns about 2,700 gallons of fuel per hour.)

On March 1, 1983, these workers operated a total of 112 aircraft, of which 11 were leased and the rest owned by Continental Airlines. At Los Angeles International Airport, Continental leases 63 acres of underground facilities. At the Houston Intercontinental Airport, Continental, together with its new parent corporation, Texas International Airlines, utilizes a 1.1 million square foot facility which offers "more than 30 gates, state of the art ground and baggage handling facilities, and operational efficiencies and passenger conveniences that should serve to enhance the combined operation's Houston identification and hub strengths." Continental's reported assets, in 1982, amounted to \$1,191,976,000. These investments are reflected in the following annual pay scale at Continental, before the strike:

Company Chairman	\$257,000
Captains	88,000
Co-pilots	60,000
Engineers	42,000
Machinists	35,000
Flight Attendants	29,000

Except for the chairperson, the union wages here represent the pay of only one-half of Continental's labor force. The "non-contractual employees" earned less than their organized comrades.

The capitalist assault against labor in the transport industries began in 1978, when Senator Kennedy chaired the Senate Judiciary Committee's subcommittee on antitrust and monopoly. Kennedy voiced his strategy in an interview with Fortune Magazine, August 14, 1978: "Our committee has made a compelling case to increase competition by letting businessmen and women make their own decisions affecting their business, rather than having to come to the Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB) or the Interstate Commerce Commission. I'm enormously impressed with what's happening in airline de-regulation, where prices have come down while profits to the airlines have risen."

Before the 1978 Deregulation Act, there were only 38 airline companies flying "big aircraft". Today there are 154 separate companies. Don McKinnon, Chairman of CAB is also an advocate of unrestrained competition. He believes that "in the current market, if somebody can operate cheaper and provide a better service, they're going to knock off the high-cost operator. That's what the whole situation is about with Continental...." According to one Wall Street airline analyst, however, "there are just too many airlines. At present there are more jets and airline seats available than there are passengers. It's going to be survival of the fittest." For the consumers the effects will be "both good and bad": the short-term effects will be lower fares; the long-term effects will be higher fares, less convenient schedules, and crowded airlines.

Francisco Lorenzo, the aggressive young chairperson of Continental Airlines, seems to have internalized the Kennedy-McKinnon hardline on competition. "Lorenzo thinks only six or eight strong airlines will survive, and he intends to run one of them," sources close to him report. Lorenzo graduated from Harvard Business School, in 1963. He became president of Texas International Airlines in 1972. In 1982, he engineered his third attempt to take over a major airline. The first two

attempts, first for National, then for TWA ended in failure.

After taking over Continental, Lorenzo hired Stephen Wolf as president of Continental Airlines. Wolf had been a vice-president of American Air Inc. and the senior vice-president for marketing at Pan American Airways, Inc. When Lorenzo offered him the position at Continental, Wolf felt deeply flattered: "Finally, I sort of said to myself 'Look, Wolf, you're 41. You're working your butt off and telling yourself it's to become president of a major airline.' Then along comes that chance. This is not at all a case of evaluating where one airline is versus another. It is clearly a tremendous opportunity." In capitalist terms, Wolf acknowledged that "Continental certainly needs strong day-to-day direction, and Lorenzo is a big admirer of American's management methods."

The labor dispute at Continental began August 13, 1983, when 2,000 mechanics and maintenance workers walked off their jobs one minute after midnight. These workers had been working almost a full year without a contract, and as the deadline for a settlement approached, management became even more recalcitrant. The union negotiators reported that they were "astounded at management's increasing hard line" as the deadline approached. "This isn't just spitting in our faces, it's spitting in our faces and slapping us. They're just taking everything away." Management's usual "divide and conquer" tactic was to offer mechanics \$16 per hour but, also, demand a "laundry list of give-backs in return that would have cost at least 600 jobs."

They told us in no uncertain terms," said one union official, "you're first and we're going to get the flight attendants next and then the pilots." Wolf, the new president of Continental, was prepared for the mechanics strike, "Continental is going to operate, as we announced, more than 85% of capacity." Immediately after the strike began, Continental eliminated 800 jobs by hiring outside contractors, replacing full-time union jobs with part-time and split-shift work! "Really, they've encouraged the strike" remarked one worker. "They want to bust the union!"

The capitalist game has been plagued by a falling rate of profit. Since 1978, fares have risen only 40 percent, while the Consumer Price Index has risen 50 percent and airline cost (labor, fuel, and other expenses) have risen 80 percent. As John Pincavage, the transportation analyst for Paine, Webber, Mitchell, & Hutchins noted: in capitalist society, airlines are offering a commodity and as with all commodities—both goods and services—"the vendor has to do one of two things—convince people that his product is different or be a low-cost producer."

The employees at Continental, regardless of their wages, have been made to understand by the capitalists that their labor power is only a commodity to be bought and sold on the

market. When one flight attendant collapsed unconscious about 15 minutes outside of Denver, recently, doctors attributed it to stress and anxiety connected with the company's bankruptcy. "I never heard from the company after they sent for the paramedics." She had to pay her own way home and has not been paid since September 16. "To the best of my knowledge," she reported to the press, "I've not been fired, and I know I haven't quit." A striking pilot reports similar feelings of anxiety brought on by Lorenzo's "Prosperity Plan." "I wasn't sure whether I'd strike, myself, until the last minute. You know I graduated from college in the late 1960s with a psychology major and ever since I was 25, all I've done was fly. When this is over, I'm afraid I may be pumping gas somewhere. That's a lot of pressure on a guy.... But I think Lorenzo's work rules are unsafe. And I don't want to be the one who gets in an airplane tired or sick because he took away my sick pay and be responsible for killing people. I won't do it. I guess I'd rather pump gas." It is not the money, it is not the hours; it is the political authority to impose the "working conditions" which is being challenged by the employees' unions at Continental Airlines. The workers and the Managers do not agree on who actually has the legitimate authority to plan wages, hours, and working and safety conditions at Continental Airlines.

The capitalist imperative to drive wages down, and to increase the production of profits through degrading working conditions is translated by government officials into anti-labor union rhetoric: "This country," according to McKinnon, "went through an experience where one union, for its selfish interests, tried to hold the American public hostage," referring to the 1981 walkout by air traffic controllers. "I don't think the American public is going to stand for any individual organization to try to hold them hostage for their own selfish gains."

But, putting rhetoric aside, the economic reality of this class struggle is that Francisco Lorenzo has gambled with millions of dollars which are not his. Continental Airlines lists 56 "secured creditors," mostly banks and insurance companies who have financed airline purchases. But, it also lists 20 "unsecured creditors" whose risks are much greater. The largest "unsecured creditor" is the Houston-based Gulf Oil Corporation, which Continental owes \$3.5 million. It owes five other "unsecured creditors" more than \$1 million each. Lorenzo is being held hostage by other creditors, and judging from his abusive labor policy, he has become a desperate man. ALPA president, John O'Donnell, is contemplating an attack on Lorenzo's creditors. The pilots may call for a boycott against Pepsi-Cola, which is distributed by the Minneapolis based MEI Corp., one of whose directors, Mr. I.H. Handmaker, is also on the board of Lorenzo's Texas Air Corp. The New

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York-based Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co. is directed by Mr. Carl R. Pohland, who has made large loans large to Lorenzo.

The workers at Continental are afraid that Lorenzo's compulsive gambling will lead to "sweat shop" working conditions in the industry, for those "lucky few" who survive the purge. These workers cannot afford to have their minds befuddled by the currently circulating myth in San Diego which tries to differentiate "the aggressive nouveau riche" from "the genteel ruling class." They have been forced by the capitalist crisis to go to the root cause of their relationship to capital. The solution they have come up with is a creative one: They want to control the company, themselves.

The strike headquarters in San Diego is at the Ramada Inn on Harbor Island, room 107. Here, supporters will find friendly, well-informed employees ready to answer questions and frankly describe the meaning the strike has on their lives. "Someone took over my life, my right to work, and I had nothing to say about it," observed one pilot. "He took away a job I loved," said another pilot referring to Lorenzo. Both pilots agreed that the current working conditions were unacceptable. "Lorenzo can't be trusted. He's proven himself to be above the law. Six months from now he's going to whip this company into something else, more profitable."

On the Continental picket line at Lindburg Field one worker pointed to a scab working as a ticket agent: "You see that woman there. A couple of months ago, she was earning about \$14 an hour working full-time. Now she makes only \$7 an hour, she works part-time, and has to hassle with a split-shift (she must drive to and from work twice a day, morning and night, to save the company money)." This trend of degrading working conditions, the pilots fear, will eventually show up in increased airline accidents. "My value to the company was in my training and my experience. With these 'new work rules,' pilots are flying longer hours and allowed shorter rest intervals. These are people who make split-second decisions on a daily basis which, if wrong, could cost many lives and millions of dollars. Do you want the pilot on your next flight competing for lower wages or doing his job correctly?"

The rate of occupational injury or illness (including fatalities) in all private sector industries averaged 8.7% of the work force in 1980 and resulted in 65.2 lost work days per 100 workers. But in the Air transportation industry the injury and illness rates were much higher: 13% of these employees suffered occupational injuries and illnesses (including fatalities) in 1980, and the total number of work days lost per 100 full-time employees, in 1980, was 105. The air transportation industry is not the highest risk industry, but it has a far higher rate of occupational accidents and illnesses than average in private industry. Bank employees, by comparison, missed only 8.1 days of work per 100 full-time employees, in 1980, and only 1.5% of them suffered from occupational injury or illness.

The Plan for "Worker Control" at Continental was put forward at the annual stockholders' meeting, in May 1981. In the Grand Ballroom of the Brown Palace Hotel, in Denver, Alvin Feldman, Continental's Chief Executive and a resident of La Jolla, announced that he was "intrigued" by the idea of an Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP). When Philip Bakes, the senior vice-president of Texas Air Corporation and Lorenzo's proxy, tried to block the creation of ESOP, Feldman ruled him "out of order." Under ESOP, Continental employees would gain 51% control of the Company. Since 1978, the workers at Continental have already forfeited over \$1 billion in concessions trying to keep the company afloat. Just before the strike, Lorenzo asked again for labor concessions: \$60 million from the pilots, \$40 million from the flight



Graphic: Industrial Democracy

attendants, \$50 million from others. Union members are not against concessions, but when they see them "gone out the window through low fares and without giving the airlines any financial stability," they realize management is against them.

In September, 1981, San Diego's Ms Geraldine Green, then the Commissioner of California State Department of Corporations, ruled that ESOP could not take control of Continental stock despite the fact it would mean extensive lay-offs, and the relocation of this multi-million dollar corporation out of California. The workers at Continental appealed Green's decision and tried to build a grass roots support to intervene at the Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB), in Washington D.C., on behalf of ESOP. But, on October 12, 1981, Reagan sanctioned the deal which allowed Texas International Air to take control of 50.3% of Continental's shares. Feldman, Continental's Chief Executive who was supportive of the workers' control movement, allegedly killed himself after he thought the defeat of the workers' movement had been sealed by Reagan.

Frank Lorenzo's plan is clear. His Texas Air Corporation ranked 395 in sales according to the *Forbes 500 Index*, for 1982. The total sales valued at \$1,516,320,000 for 1982, and the number of employees who produced this value was only 13,800. On the average, each employee at Texas Air produced \$109,878.26 worth of services during 1982. Lorenzo wishes to increase labor productivity. To accomplish this, he plans to reduce the number of planes from 108 to 42; the number of U.S. cities served from 78 to 25, the number of employees from 12,000 to 3500; the number of pilots from 1600 to 350; and the 727's which require three pilots will eventually be replaced by DC-9's which require only two pilots.

In place of "workers' control," Continental management has offered the remaining employees a "profit sharing plan," but as one employee remarked, "Continental has violated the employees' moral and legal rights, it has unilaterally implemented unsafe and unconscionable work rules, and its bankruptcy filing was a blatant attempt to union bust."

Feldman, before his death, warned that "It took a while for Frank Lorenzo to realize this (ESOP) wasn't just a gimmick." He objected to Lorenzo's take-over plan "because Texas International Air is offering such an awful deal for Continental's shareholders and employees." Paramount in Feldman's objection was "Lorenzo's refusal to guarantee standard labor protective provisions." But Lorenzo still maintains that "the safety issue is nonsense...I wish that the only problem that Continental had were union contracts. Unfortunately, over the last five years, Continental has had nearly \$500 million in losses."

The tragedy is that this trend in "Capitalist Productivity" cannot be reversed, although the most severely inhumane labor control measures will be experimented with, before the whole effort for higher profits is finally abandoned. Only then will the workers no longer complain of feeling the stress of being a figure in someone else's calculations; instead they will control their own labor by using a different criteria than that used by the capitalist class. A qualitative definition of "productivity" will supplant that narrow business calculus which is employed so brutally today, in this last stage of capitalist development.

In 1974, 34,000 pilots closed down the entire industry for a day, in protest of terrorists hijacking planes. Who is to say they won't decide to shut down the industry once again in protest of capitalist terrorists' hijacking Continental employees?

—n.i. trabajo

## The Peace Movement, Continued.

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# An Autumn Visit To Southern Sicily—Comiso, 1983

Since beginning this journey nearly three months ago, I have come to a point where it's necessary to share some notes. I'd like to describe my first trip to Comiso, Sicily (new home of 112 U.S.-made Cruise missiles). It still astonishes me that on this sunny island in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea, there would be a military base with the capacity to launch nuclear weapons. Somehow it seems really obscene. I guess you'd almost have to see the incongruities and contrasts in person to believe them.

Life goes on as normal in this agricultural town which rests quietly at the bottom of the large winding hills making up Ragusa (the provincial capitol). As our impossibly slow bus ambled its way down through the arid countryside sparsely dotted with olive and apricot trees, I could see that Comiso is a large country town, with nearly 30,000 inhabitants.

A few moments later, with great fortune, a young Italian activist spotted me and came over to inquire about my obvious destination (after all, he knew that few backpacking travelers come here looking to party with the locals.) Mauro was very kind and friendly and proceeded to give me the "grand tour" of the CUDIP office (Committee United for Disarmament and Peace) and also the Peace Camp at the IMAC "headquarters" (International Meeting Against the Cruise). It was at the camp that Mauro told me about the blockades.

At this time, the scattered tents are but a nice memory and the ground on which they stood is turning green again. Two months ago there were over one hundred peace activists, turned campers, temporarily living here. Staying on this donated land only a few kilometers from the Magliocco airport (now turned missile base), the pacifists created IMAC, which set the stage for one of the most successful non-violent peace demonstrations in recent Italian history.



Rome, 10/22/83: "Comiso—We don't wish to be the Hiroshima of tomorrow"

I was dropped off on an abandoned street, but after walking a little ways down and around the corner I could see and hear people ahead. As I continued along, I was starting to feel the weight of the 40 pound pack I'd brought. (Now this always makes someone stick out in a small village, a strange face wielding a large bag looking confused and very foreign. For Comiso, though, this is not as rare as it used to be. Many "pacifists" have periodically come to this southeastern Sicilian town in the last year-and-a-half.)

On September 26th, 1983 there was a blockade of all four entrances to the Magliocco missile base, the third one of the summer. Over 1,200 people participated, with six European parliamentaries among them. Police violence was more subdued than in August when protesters were beaten with clubs and chased for two to three kilometers to be attacked again. Nonetheless, in September's action, water cannons and tear gas were used against the sitting blockaders. This time at least four people were injured enough



Comiso, 8/8/83: Photo of Ragusa Jail superimposed on a photo of the 8/8/83 demonstration there.



Rome, 10/29/83: Ronnie in front of the U.S. Embassy.

to require emergency treatment (Lucianna Castellina from the European Parliament being one of them). Even with these results, the organizers felt that the "carabinieri" had acted with greater sophistication than before. This was also true of the blockade participants who were moved by the water and tear gas or were beaten, but who came back again to sit down in front of the gates only to be beaten for a second time. (And even some of these people returned again.) Truly a victory for the spirit of this growing, but relatively unknown Italian peace movement.

Even though the action had occurred two weeks before, the police were still patrolling the area frequently and decided to stop us and check our identification. The process took about twenty-five minutes while towards the end, the two officers stood for a few moments longer talking about the present situation of the missiles and the pacifists. One officer thought that the blockaders had made their point and that they should stop coming back. The other officer was more understanding and sympathetic, stating that no one really wants to have these missiles but



Rome, 10/22/83: Authorities out in force.

Mauro and another activist, Marco, continued to tell me more about the days' events as we walked down the road from the peace camp to the base itself. It was about a thirty minute walk through a very quiet area with moderate sized country homes and vast open fields. Quiet, except for some barking dogs and a little visit by the friendly neighborhood MPs, the "carabinieri."

that they're "necessary." All in all, it showed me that there still is a great amount of misunderstanding and mistrust between the police and the pacifists, but that this gap is slowly improving as they see their common fears and goals.

—Michael Reina  
n.i. European correspondent



Comiso, 9/26/83: Police "improve" their behavior.

## KULTURE

# Coffee, Tea or Me? Tatlin Flies Letatlin

letat (to fly) plus Tatlin gives Letatlin. "It is clear that capital presupposes labor as wage labor. But it is just as clear that if labor as wage labor is taken as the point of departure, so that the identity of labor in general with wage labor appears to be self-evident, then capital and monopolized land must also appear as the natural form of the conditions of labor in relation to labor in general."  
—Karl Marx

The key point of Marx's statement above is that capital and monopolized land appear as *natural forms* while they are not so. They appear as they do because we have a *given* society constituting a model so that, based on this model, capital appears as the *natural form*—perennial and *scientific*—of the conditions of labor. The model for the given society in question is certainly a *construction*, but it is not an epistemological construction that remains as such. In fact, society acts according to such a model.

Vladimir Tatlin, after reading *Capital* by Karl Marx, revealed flight as Marx revealed capitalist economics.

Below is an excerpt about artifacts of daily use written by Vladimir Tatlin:

*Begin quote.*  
"During the epoch of reconstruction, technology determines everything," said Stalin.

The existing forms used in the art of building (architecture), in technology, and, above all, in aviation have assumed something of a locked and schematic character. There is normally a tension between simple rectilinear forms and forms determined by the simplest curves.

In architecture, the use of curves and forms, determined by complicated curvatures created by a complicated movement by a straight line or curve, is still of a fairly primitive character: the whole thing is limited by a common section of the simplest forms. This leads to monotony in the constructive and technical solution; it shuts in the artist, as it were, in a narrow circle of accepted building materials. This is clearly reflected in projects for world-wide competitions in modern architecture. In the case of the "small forms", a little group of formal results of the past—non-objective elements—have completely dominated artistic creation, even though they were the results of primitive forms of artistic thinking; they have not developed in any more complicated manner into synthetic, vital things.

A comment. The "Constructivists", in inverted commas, also operated with material, but secondarily, for the sake of their formal tasks, in that they mechanically attached also technology to their art. "Constructivism", in inverted commas, did not reckon in its work with the organic connection between material and concentration. In reality, it is only as a result of these dynamic relationships that a form necessary to life emerges. It is not very remarkable that the "Constructivists", in inverted commas, threw themselves upon decoration and graphic art.

Work in the field of furniture and other articles of use is only just beginning. The emergence of new cultural institutions, vital in our daily lives, institutions in which the working masses are to live, think and develop their aptitudes, demands from the artist not only a feeling for the superficially decorative but above all for things which fit the new existence and its dialectic.

The conditions of aviation (the mobility of the machines and their relationships to their environment) create gradually a greater variation of forms and construction than static technology. All this excited my attention, and caused me to make the closer acquaintance of flight.

After studies, I drew the conclusion that in the qualitative sense there really exist certain other variations of curves forms and tension in the material in this field than there do in the forms of architecture.

I believe however, that the use of curved surfaces, and experimental work on this, are also inadequately developed.

Therefore:  
1. The lack of variation in the forms (which is not in reality necessitated by technical requirements) leads to a limitation in the use of materials, to a monotonous use of materials, and creates to some extent a ready made attitude to the cultural and material shaping of objects; this in its turn leads to monotonous solutions to the constructive tasks set.

2. An artist with experience of a variety of different materials (who without being an engineer, has investigated the question which interests him) will inevitably see it as his duty to solve the technical problem with the help of new relationships in the material, which can offer new opportunities of concentration; he will try to discover a new, complicated form, which in its further development will naturally have to be technically refined in more detail. The artist shall in his work, as a counterpart to technology, present a succession of new relationships between the forms of the material. A series of forms determined by complicated curvatures will demand other plastic material and constructive relationships—the artist can and must master these elements, in that his creative method is qualitatively different from that of the engineer.

The further consequences are these:

1. I have selected the flying machine as an object for artistic composition, since it is the most complicated dynamic form that can become an everyday object for the Soviet masses, as an ordinary item of use.

2. I have proceeded from material constructions of simple forms to more complicated: clothes, articles of utility in the environment—even as far as an architectural work to the honor of the Comintern. The flying machine is the most complicated form in my present phase of work. It corresponds to the need of the moment for human mastery of space.

3. As a consequence of this work, I have drawn the conclusion that the artist's approach to technology can and will lend new life to their stagnating methods, which are often in contradiction with the functions of the epoch of reconstruction.

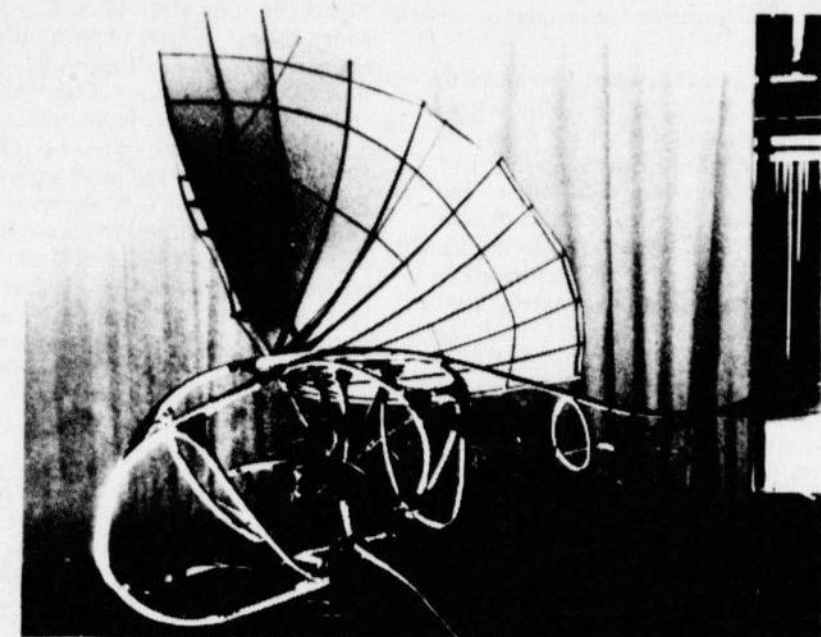
4. My apparatus is built on the principle of utilizing living, organic forms. The observation of these forms led me to the conclusion that the most aesthetic forms are the most economic. Art is: work with the shaping of the material, in this respect.

5. Work has been completed in accordance with my project. I have consulted comrades M.A. Geyntse, surgeon, and A.V. Lsev, pilot instructor.

The apparatus has been built in the experimental scientific laboratory for "the culture of material" with the assistance of A.S. Sotnikov and J.V. Pavilionov.

*End quote.*

Human beings—although they know themselves to be so—feel as if they had been transformed into ghosts: something of the sort that happens in Kafka's *Metamorphosis*. The human possibility of losing oneself is continually present; the labyrinth changes its structure at the very moment in which it is entered. It moves in a world of magic, of enchantment, of masks. "Value....does not stalk about with a label describing



what it is. It is value, rather, that converts every product into a social hieroglyphic" (*Capital*, vol. 1, p. 7.). Marx wanted to decipher the hieroglyphic, beginning with the *mystery* of the fetishization of commodities.

The critique of political economy aims at discovering what is hidden behind the enigmatic character of fetishism of commodities. Bourgeois economics is not a neutral science; it forces society into fetishism.

If one wants to fly, why fetishize an airplane?

The *abstract categories* of economics as a science, the bad use of such a science, function so that the value of labor is hidden by the commodity. Because of this, it is very difficult to analyze a commodity. "A commodity appears at first sight a very trivial thing, and easily understood. Its analysis shows that it is,

in reality a very strange thing... (*Capital*, vol. 1, p. 71.).

Is flapping one's wings harder to contemplate than moving a 747? In a 747 one is dead—removed from the dynamics of flight.

Tatlin went back to Icarus; this time instead of wings made of wax, he made wings of silk—not to mention cloven wood, willow, cork, silk ropes, white-tanned leather, etc. The moving parts were mounted on ball bearings. The ratio between the weight of the wings and the total weight was exactly 1:6—corresponding to the ratio in most birds. Thus, each construction would be different for every human being, with every human pilot alive in the relationship to flying.

My flying machine I would of course call *The Flying Hyman*.

—Barry Hyman

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fact or claim presented in support of her argument).

Especially curious was the reference to the role of 'splinter groups' in "channeling militants away from the mainstream of the Communist Party of the USA." Are there militants in the CPUSA? Is it the mainstream? Has it any relevance to political life in this country whatsoever? Is it communist? Is it socialist? Is it even social democratic? Is it progressive or radical? I think the questions, and the activity of the CPUSA, speak for themselves. Indeed, a defense of the Communist Party is understandable only in the context of a defense of its masters, the Soviet Union as, somehow fundamentally different in its social and economic structure from the United States.

I challenge Ms. Fox to show how social relations, means and relations of production, alienation of labor and the like have been transformed or overcome in the Soviet Union or its bloc of client states. I challenge her to demonstrate how the Soviet Union can be characterized as socialist or communist in any Marxian sense of the terms. I challenge her to present evidence of workers control or workers management anywhere in the Soviet bloc.

Unity on the left cannot be achieved by blinding ourselves to the fact that the Russian Revolution was completely crushed by the end of 1921 (if not much earlier), or by maintaining illusions about the nature of that society. Unity on the left cannot be used as a basis for refraining from criticism of one another, or for subsuming our differences and abandoning our struggle. We cannot allow ourselves to fall into the trap of becoming apologists or cheerleaders for reaction, oppression or state terrorism.

Rather, unity on the left refers to something quite different, the unity and common struggle of the working class in its struggle for emancipation. One of the most telling examples of this unity recently was the message of solidarity with the Chilean struggle issued by underground Solidarnosc activists. We could use more such unity.

Ms. Fox would have done better to focus on the program about which she wrote. From the four paragraphs of text devoted to this purpose, it sounds as if some interesting information and slides were presented about the current situation in El Salvador and Grenada.

In critical solidarity,  
Jon Bekken

## And Continues...

In the December 6th issue of the *new indicator*, Ms. Florence Fox wrote an extremely sectarian, distorted and anti-communist attack against a forum sponsored by *Unity*, newspaper of the U.S. League of Revolutionary Struggle (M-L), at which I spoke. That forum featured first-hand reports and a slide show that strongly condemned the U.S. invasion of Grenada and U.S. policy towards El Salvador. The forum presented many little known facts about the U.S. invasion and disproved the claim made that all the Grenadian people enthusiastically supported the U.S. invasion. However, the main point of the forum was completely lost in Ms. Fox's account. All that remained were slanderous distortions and sectarian assertions by Ms. Fox who appeared to be solely intent on grinding her own ideological axe.

Ms. Fox's commentary claimed that 1) anyone on the left who opposes the Soviet Union must support Reagan and/or the CIA; and 2) we did not reveal our major purpose in holding the forum—"recruitment" for the League.

We would like to answer each of these points.

Regarding opposition to the Soviet Union, the League does not support Soviet aggression. We do not support the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, Soviet shooting down of the Korean Air Lines jetliner, Soviet opposition to the expansion of worker's rights in Poland, nor their suppression of the national rights of the minority nationalities of the Soviet Union. But opposition to the Soviet Union does not mean support for Ronald Reagan or U.S. aggression. We strongly believe that we must oppose aggression everywhere and from whomsoever. We do not believe that "progress" and "socialism" can be imported by invasion. We oppose both Soviet and U.S. imperialism and support people struggling against either super power.

At the forum Ms. Fox defended the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and attacked the Polish worker's organization Solidarity. She even claimed that no Soviet spy submarine ever ran aground on the shores of Sweden two years ago and that the whole thing was concocted by the CIA! She asserted furthermore that any criticism of the Soviet Union must put you on the side of the CIA and Ronald Reagan. She has clearly continued this line of attack in her commentary. She wants to intimidate anyone from daring to oppose anything the Soviet Union does by launching vicious insinuations and slanders anytime anyone dares to criticize Soviet aggression.

Does opposition to the USSR mean support for the US? Of course not. That is like Yuri Andropov claiming U.S. imperialism is the source of the popular resistance in Afghanistan. Likewise, Ronald Reagan and U.S. imperialism claim the USSR is instigating the Salvadoran revolution and that the U.S. is really fighting against the USSR in Central America! Both are looking for ways to excuse their own aggression. We should support the efforts of people to oppose domination by either superpower. (Incidentally for those who argue that Soviet invasion is different than U.S. invasion because Soviet invasion brings "progress" and "socialism", we would just say that progress and socialism does not come by invasion, but must come—and does come—from the struggle of the people of that country themselves.

With U.S. imperialism especially under Ronald Reagan, becoming increasingly aggressive and running amok, it is imperative that progressive and revolutionary minded people in the U.S. build a broad united front comprising large segments of the American people to oppose U.S. aggression abroad. Such a movement can never be built without opposing both superpowers. The American people are not stupid. They will never join in a movement which opposes U.S. aggression but supports Soviet aggression.

Ms. Fox stoops to anti-communism in her attempt to slander the League. She claims that an announcement leaflet invited people to a forum, but it did not "reveal its major purpose: recruitment for the US League of Revolutionary Struggle (Marxist-Leninist)."

We expect right-wingers to claim that communists are out to manipulate people—invite them to a forum for one purpose, only to trick them once there. But we don't expect such fabrications from someone who says she is a leftist.

In point of fact, the leaflet said the forum was sponsored by *Unity* newspaper. We presented first-hand information not readily available about the U.S. role in El Salvador and Grenada, and encouraged people to become more active by demonstrating and joining anti-intervention groups. League literature was sold and people were encouraged to learn more about our views. There was a lengthy question and answer period in which everyone, even people with views as unpopular as Ms. Fox, expressed their opinions.

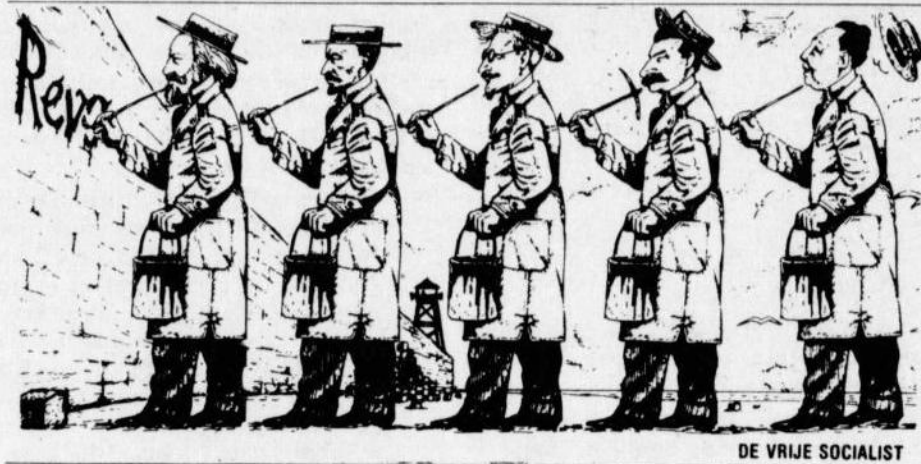
Ms. Fox's commentary and her actions at the forum were designed to split the movement, not build unity. She and a companion continually interrupted the speakers and shouted from the floor, even after given ample opportunity to state their views. The audience became angry at their outbursts and the fact that she was unable to win any support may account for the venomous tone of her commentary.

She reveals her own sectarianism in the commentary when she writes that the League is trying to "divert people away from the mainstream Communist Party USA." What mainstream? The CPUSA has supported every act of Soviet aggression from the invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968 to the current occupation of Afghanistan. The CPUSA

has actually alienated many progressive people in the U.S. who want to build a movement independent of either superpower. Ms. Fox should not use a report on our forum as an excuse to defend the CPUSA's views of the USSR.

We are used to disagreement on the left and feel that a principled discussion of differences is healthy. But Ms. Fox's commentary was not aimed at a dialogue. It was a slanderous attack meant to end debate and to stifle disagreements. As a non-sectarian, alternative newspaper, the *new indicator* should have, at the least, allowed us the opportunity to respond to Ms. Fox's commentary in the same edition. Her brand of sectarianism is disruptive and dangerous to our movement.

—Reese Erlich



## Fox Responds...

Florence Fox responds:

Although I could not always accept some of the ideas presented in the *new indicator*, I have always admired the spirited paper for doing what all university publications should be doing—providing an intellectual arena for controversy and the introduction of ideas, whether popular or not.

I have just read three negative responses to my "Unity on the Left?" piece in n.i. of December 6, 1983. The flak was expected.

in 1970, Morris Kominsky published

"The Hoaxers," exposing the people and interests pushing the U.S. toward fascism and World War III with their systematic use of the Big Lie to mislead the people and generate hate and fear. Since then, the flow of orchestrated fabrications from the anti-Communist propaganda mills has reached flood proportions. With the nuclear clock at 3 minutes to doomsday, there is no longer time to humor ignorance or prejudice. A rational approach to solving domestic and world problems mandates that opinions be based on actual facts. It is always open season for attacking the Soviets, and any charge, no matter how monstrous or ludicrous, will be accepted. But a single word of recognition of its benefits is certain to

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trigger hysterical Pavlovian reaction.

Jon Bekken's letter to the n.i. advises that I "would have done better to focus on the program...it sounds as if some interesting information and slides were presented." This is a tacit admission that I succeeded in communicating favorably the gist of the show on Grenada and El Salvador.

Bekken chides me for not presenting a "thought-out, reasoned critique" of the League of Revolutionary Struggle—which I had never heard of. Nor was it the subject of the evening. He further rebukes me for not having written anything to substantiate my claim that the blasts levelled against the USSR were pure cold war canards. That was not the purpose of my piece. Overcoming the effects of 66 hate-filled years of anti-Soviet slander cannot be condensed to a column. But I try—and will continue to.

I have tackled the KAL 007 flight in articles—two of which appeared in recent issues of n.i.—which I hope he will read before condemning the Soviets for it again. Incidentally, having milked this bit of hypocrisy to maximum advantage, the U.S. has muted its attacks—while the USSR and neutral countries continue to provide evidence from military and aeronautical experts that the KAL was deliberately off course on a spy flight.

The Afghanistan charge continues to enjoy re-runs, repeated ad nauseum by sophisticated pros as well as manipulated dupes. For the truth about Afghanistan, I refer you to Prof. John Somerville's article in an upcoming issue of n.i.. (Prof. Somerville is currently leading the campaign for a no-first-use of nuclear weapons initiative).

Bekken poses many "questions" about the CPUSA which are attempts to demean it out of existence. If he is sincerely interested in the answers, he can check with them. As to his rehash of

tired accusations against the Soviets which he challenges me to answer, any one of the issues raised would require a series of thoughtful articles—too voluminous for instant response.

Reese Erlich again dredges up the anti-Soviet canards he gratuitously interjected during his talk on Grenada. He makes up in righteous indignation what he lacks in knowledge. It would be useful if, before addressing more audiences, he would do a little home work and learn the facts deliberately withheld by malevolent propagandists—not because I'd enjoy seeing egg on his face, but because any lecturer should be, first and foremost, a truth-seeker. This is difficult in a climate where government has lied to its people as a matter of policy, giving rise to the euphemism "credibility gap."

At a time when Reagan is playing nuclear brinkmanship, refusing to relinquish his first strike option and provoking the USSR into a confrontation that may well spell doomsday for us all—even anti-Reaganists become unwitting accomplices by succumbing to the hate-Russia frenzy, a most dangerous indulgence.



The Soviet Union is not without blemish. But we must not dismiss its solid contributions nor relax our suspicions of the motives of its capitalist detractors. Although they are not above legitimate criticism, too many critics have been rendered incapable of objectivity, are lacking in knowledge and are simply wallowing in spleen.

My forthcoming book: "The Solidarity-Vatican-CIA Axis" exposing

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SUN. JANUARY 15

7:30 PM: An evening with Common Cause activist Dick Schroth, 4190 Front Street. Humanist Fellowship. 232-4801.

WED. JANUARY 18

9 AM: *Military Spending: Is It in Our National Interest?* Community forum broadcast live from Plumbers Hall, 3909 Centre Street, by KPBS-FM 89. Panelists include Morris Jones, Jack Morse, Alan Sweedler, Joel Yudken. 265-6431.

7:30 PM: *Does Peace Mean Unemployment?* presentation by Joel Yudken, including film *Who's In Charge Here?* Call for location. San Diego Labor-Community Coalition. 277-0804, 291-4692.

THURS. JANUARY 19

7 PM: *Education, Organization, Emancipation!* Special Committee Against Registration and the Draft meeting to plan Spring high school leafletting campaign. 3850 Westgate Place. New brochure informs students of rights and options. Volunteers, sign-up to leaflet your local high school! Please call CARD: 283-6878 or 753-7518.

7:30 PM: *The Power of the Media in This Time of Crisis: An Expose* presentation by Herbert Schiller. 4190 Front Street. Physicians for Social Responsibility. 483-7774.

FRI. JANUARY 20

7 PM: UCSD Political Film Series. Marcel Ophuls' *Sense of Loss* (1972) about Ireland's civil war. UCSD TLH 107. Free admission. Committee for World Democracy. 452-2016.

SAT. JANUARY 21

9 AM: *Beyond War Orientation* meeting. 2228 Guy Street, San Diego. 295-1500, 234-4137, 569-0454.

7 PM: *For A World Without Imperialism*. WWI Contingent discusses its recent participation in anti-missile deployment actions in Europe. 4190 Front Street. WWIC. P.O. Box 16033, San Diego, CA 92116.

SUN. JANUARY 22

6 PM: *Options for the Left in the Coming Elections* discussion. 5863 Hardy Avenue, near SDSU. Democratic Socialists of America. 583-3972.

TUES. JANUARY 24

5:40 and 9:10 PM: Andrei Tarkovsky's *My Name Is Ivan* (1962) and, at 7:30 PM, Grigori Chukrai's *Ballad of a Soldier* (1960). Ken Cinema, 4061 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 283-5909.

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the Solidarnosc campaign which is perhaps the biggest propaganda fraud ever perpetrated, will be available shortly.

Although Erlich charges me with anti-communism, it is the U.S. League of Revolutionary Struggle (M-L) which slanders the CPUSA—not I.

I did indeed mention the CIA history of infiltrating and splitting the left—a tactic all militants should be alert to. To dismiss or ignore the worldwide influence of the CIA is both naive and perilous. There is not a nation in the world free of its machinations. Only the gullible or deliberately deceitful would deny that government agencies infiltrate major campuses, peace and labor movements, progressive organizations and ethnic groups. Anyone who denies this practice only deludes himself and does a disservice to unsuspecting progressives. A sophisticated understanding of world politics must begin with a study of the CIA. Daniel Ellsberg's "Pentagon Papers," UCSD's Prof. Herbert Schiller's peerless books on mind management, "Covert Action & Information Bulletin" would be good for starters as an antidote to chronic mindset.

Erlich mentions a spy submarine incident offshore Sweden two years ago. My reference was to two brouhahas some months ago where, after saturation publicity and exploding depth charges, nothing was found. Again, we are on different wave lengths.

I cannot answer motivations or words unjustly and dishonestly attributed to me. Criticize please, but don't invent. He states that "the audience became angry." If that was anger, it was amazingly controlled. The groups who talked with me after the meeting adjourned were avidly interested and most friendly.

I appreciated the slide presentations which I reported favorably since I am anxious for everyone to know about the struggles of the people of El Salvador and Grenada (per my three articles, "Grenada, Farewell" in the n.i.). I join Erlich in opposing aggression.

oppression, exploitation, invasion, etc. But I do not level such charges indiscriminately without knowing what I am talking about. By definition and in fact, the Soviet Union is not an imperialist power. And when I read sectarian literature which substitutes epithets for reason regarding the Soviets, I cannot accept it as objective reporting.

Leo Chavez writes, "The audience came to hear about Grenada and Central America and not to listen to an argument over the geopolitics of the USSR." So did I. Which was why I was amazed when the speakers concluded their presentations with anti-Soviet blasts. I would remind Chavez: I did not try to inject some facts until the presentation was concluded and the floor thrown open for discussion. Too many pseudo-leftists would "save" the USSR by destroying it—just as Reagan "liberates" Grenada and other countries by bombing them. Both set up Reds as bogeymen. I reserve the right to expose false propaganda whether from the right or ultra-left.

I am certain that the angry letter writers would find that they have more in common with me than dissent—if we could enjoy some dispassionate dialogue and flexibility. Before castigating opponents for blinding themselves, falling into traps or maintaining illusions, they should ask why they themselves do just that. If they were to visit the Soviet Union, their prejudices would be dispelled. Trading their conditioned mindset for peace and friendship with the happy, warm and friendly people of that country would be a healthy exchange. I must confess that when I first ventured into the "dark enigmatic recesses" of the Soviet Union, I too brought with me many programmed notions. Expecting the worst, I was chagrined that I had been so easily gulled. If I have motivated just one person to research "the other side," I will consider the effort worthwhile.

Wishing all my friends—and detractors—a Happy New Year of peace and enlightenment...

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