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San Diego Says
~~YES~~ to Drugs, ~~SEX,~~ ROCK & ROLL

Early Wednesday morning, San Diego police arrested Reverend Thomas Beukowski, on charges of vandalism and resisting arrest. The vandalism charges are in connection with a series of bumper sticker defacements which has recently swept San Diego County. The bumper stickers, which carry the slogan "San Diego says no to Drugs", had been altered to read "San Diego says yes to Sex & Drugs & Rock and Roll".

Rev. Beukowski, who has a Doctor of Divinity degree from the Universal Life Church, is the founder and spiritual

leader of the First Church of the Inebriate, in University City. Shortly after his arrest, members of his church posted bail for the Reverend, and he was released from custody. By the time he had been released, the congregation of the First Church of the Inebriate had already begun a celebration "service", which featured six kegs of various imported beers, and which is planned to continue until the San Diego Police department officially appoligizes for arresting Rev. Beukowski, or until they run out of beer. When Rev. Beukowski arrived, he was greeted by prolonged

applause and boisterous shouts of heartfelt, although frequently incoherent, appreciation.

When asked by a *new indicator* reporter whether the charges brought against him are true, he replied "Damn straight, kid." When asked about why he altered the bumper stickers, he said "Because I'm sick and tired of all this puritanical bullshit that's been goin' on lately. It was bad enough when that candy-coated prude, Reagan, got himself elected again. Then They really started to go to town on this sacreligious anti—pleasure kick. They made those

sodomy laws that say "You gotta have sex our way, or you can't have sex at all". Can you believe the nerve of them, telling folks how to have sex!? And then a bunch of so-called priests started bad-mouthing Rock and Roll. Well, the anti-drug bumper stickers were the last straw, and I was bound and determined to do something about it. God created us in Its image. God created in us sacred yearnings for sexual pleasure; God created recreational chemicals as material reflections of Its Goodness; and

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Student Wage Cuts Threatened

An ultimatum issued by the University of California Student Association (UCSA) last Spring to the UC systemwide administration prevented a cut in student wages from going into effect on the UC Berkeley campus, as well as at several other campuses. The cut in wages for students employed at the Berkeley library was scheduled to take effect in Fall quarter 1986.

The UC Student Association (UCSA)—formerly known as the Student Body Presidents' Council—is comprised of 18 student representatives, one from each of the undergraduate and graduate student governments throughout the UC system. The UC Student Lobby, which is directed by the UCSA, has for years been involved in "consultations" with the UC systemwide administration to establish an adequate student wage policy, according to Dale Bankhead, Associate Director of UCSA.

Those have been consistently marred by bad faith on the part of the UC administration, Bankhead said. "They ignore our input," she declared. Bankhead further stated, "They have reneged on their commitments."

The controversy revolves around the UC systemwide's new "interim policy" on student wages, as well as the many broken promises and/or "misunderstandings" that have surrounded its formulation and implementation. The UCSA brought its concerns about what it considered an unfair and arbitrary student wage policy to UC President David Gardner soon after he assumed the presidency. In 1981, under previous UC President David Saxon, a 25% wage reduction had been imposed on students employed in the Assistant series at the Davis campus, said Kirk

Knutsen, Legislative Director of the UC Student Lobby. Similar wage cuts were handed down at the Riverside campus about a year and a half later, also while Saxon was president, Knutsen said, but after much student outcry the cuts had to be partially restored, resulting in an overall cut of seven or eight percent.

The wage cuts that student employees at Davis and Riverside suffered had resulted from the UC's policy of allowing the individual campuses to examine the 'prevailing wages' that off campus businesses in the area pay their employees for jobs deemed similar to ones on campus, and then "adjust" student wages accordingly. Prior to Saxon's approval of this procedure, there had been a uniform wage scale for students, Bankhead said. When Gardner assumed the UC presidency, the UCSA urgently requested that he review the arbitrary and unfair wage policy in effect and consult with the students' representatives (either directly with the UCSA or with the UC Student Lobby) when formulating the new wage policy. An agreement was reached whereby the UC Student Lobby would be involved in the construction of the new wage policy.

But the administration reneged on that agreement, Legislative Director of the UC Student Lobby Knutsen said. The systemwide administration devised the new "interim policy" on student wages on its own, in blatant disregard of the concerns of students and in direct contradiction to its statements to the UC Student Lobby. The new policy was leaked by a high level campus administrator during the summer of 1985, Knutsen said, alerting the Student Lobby to the administration's

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San Diegans Protest Apartheid in October

Over 300 people came together on October 11 in San Diego's Balboa Park to protest against Apartheid in South Africa—and in the U.S. The march went from the corner of Park and Presidents Way to the rally site at 6th and Laurel. As the crowd marched along Park Blvd., many passing motorists slowed down and honked their approval, adding to the enthusiasm of the participants. Signs carried by the protesters called for stronger sanctions, faster divestment schedules, and support for the South African liberation forces.

The spirit of the marchers was high despite the rather dismal weather, which kept some activists away. The march proceeded through the popular El Prado museum section of the park with the protesters' chants echoing off the walls and creating an inspiring wall of sound. Tourists and museum goers stared as the protesters yelled slogans such as

"Boycott South Africa, not Nicaragua."

October 11 is an internationally recognized day of protest against Apartheid and in support of political prisoners in South Africa. Events occurred around the world in solidarity with the people of South Africa. In L.A. over 3,000 people marched and rallied against apartheid.

The smaller, but just as spirited San Diego crowd, heard speakers such as Thomas Penn, father of Sagon Penn. Penn, whose son was victimized by racist police brutality and finally acquitted of the most serious charges brought against him, set the theme for many of the following speakers: "My case is as much Apartheid as any other." Many other speakers hammered home this connection between racism in South Africa and racism in the U.S. as the afternoon progressed.

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Grade Slaves Grind It Out

So you thought that you were here to learn something...

As the weeks tick by you feel more and more like an indentured servant. Perhaps you are supposed to feel this way. Perhaps it is in your best interest.

You have little or no time to complete your reading assignments. Your knowledge of topics covered so far is definitely substandard. Never mind, you are assured. This is the quarter system, and you don't have time for such petty considerations as understanding content as you go along. That's not for people like you on the cutting edge of tomorrow's technocracy.

...Confined to the galleys, you continue to row...

Weekly quizzes, second week midterms, problem sets. These keep you in line, and your mind doesn't have time to open up during these, your college years—supposedly, God forbid, the most exploratory years of your life. Forget those foolish notions. Slaves don't explore anything.

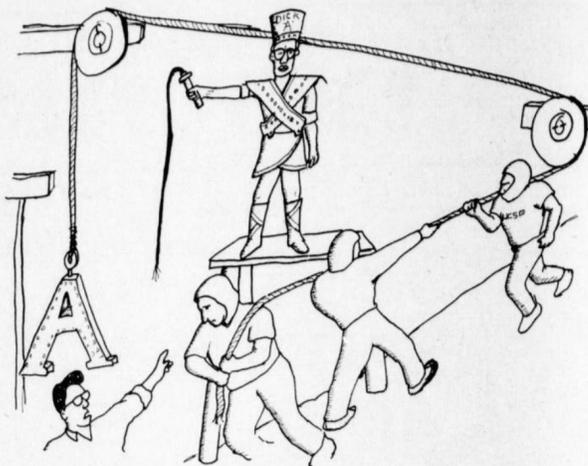
Historically, slavery rewarded its labor participants with only the promise of perhaps being able to eat some sort of substandard diet. This was predicated upon a steady, unrelenting work load which verified obedience. Get out of line, 40 lashes. Miss one problem set: a "B" for the quarter rather than the "A." It doesn't matter how well your overall

retention of the course is. Rules are rules. See how it works?

...Like Sisyphus, you continue to push the rock up the hill...

Only to have it roll back down. Is there no escape from Hades? And when you leave, what did you learn? Perhaps the system, at most. You might have learned how to make grades. While your right brain might have sat decaying for four years, slavery taught you to use that left side. Slaves don't pause to take in what's around them. Slaves are too busy working, working to get out of slavery. Or, perhaps in some cases, to ultimately remain in it.

Walter Pewen



Where Did the Garden Go?

Why are we on this earth? What is life all about, anyways? Are we just another macrorganism on just another planet, or is there more to it than that? Is there a greater being that watches over all of us? And, if so, can we justify any of our actions on the grounds that He wouldn't let us do it if there wasn't a reason for it? Or is He up there watching through tearful eyes as we move closer and closer to our own destruction and the destruction of our environment knowing that we determine our own destinies?

In the beginning, there was a garden. Whether it was a garden of flowers or a

garden of stone depends upon your own belief in either creation or evolution, yet why is it that instead of a peaceful garden, we have a world of nations poised on the edge of mutual destruction? Why are countless millions of people starving to death while others throw away up to one-fourth of their food? And why are the forests and jungles being torn down in the path of progress, threatening the stability of the ecosystem? What about the toxic waste situation? Why are so many companies getting away with polluting the land and water supplies with chemicals?

So many problems surround us today, and as students, it is even harder for us. We have to spend most of our time working or studying to try to get those A's. Yet one of the greatest problems surrounding us is our own ignorance. We try to ignore what is so blatantly obvious, when we should be attempting to right the many wrongs in the world. To any one person, trying to handle all of the world's problems would be suicidal, yet standing together the problems could be picked at, eaten away at, day after day, year after year, until the world is once again, the garden.

David Barbour

Pledges are being distributed by the San Diego Chapter of the National Emergency Response Network or may be obtained through the Friends of Nicaraguan Culture: PO Box 8305 La Jolla, Ca. 92038. (619) 459-4650. For Nonviolence Training call 223-8826 or 225-8796.

TELEPHONE HOTLINES

(202) 547-4343. For national legislation information.
(202) 332-9230. Nicaragua and Central America. (24 hour)
(202) 543-0006. Nuclear Arms control information.
(202) 547-3336. For space weapon information.
(202) 546-0408. South African info.

PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

Recovering from Eating Disorders Program (RED) is beginning support groups this quarter. The RED groups are for graduate and undergraduate students who are obsessed with weight control, dieting, who may alternately binge, fast, or vomit and who want to move toward recovery in a supportive and caring atmosphere. Call or drop by Psychological and Counseling Services

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at HL/Undergraduate Library 1003 or phone 534-3755.

FRIDAY, NOV. 7

Jazz flautist James Newton, called by the *New York Times* the "most accomplished and original flautist now playing jazz," will perform a benefit concert for *Black Nation Magazine* at the Normal Heights Community Center, 4649 Hawley Blvd., 7:00pm. Jazz ensemble *Main Force* will also appear along with poet Jesus Papoleto Melendez. \$6, \$4 students.

SATURDAY, NOV. 8

Chilean Pena will feature Andean music by *Cocharcas*, food, and drink. At the Normal Heights Community Center, 4649 Hawley Blvd. \$6.00.

Distinguished young San Diegan pianist David Korevaar, will perform at UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium at 8:00 pm. Korevaar will be performing Rachmaninoff's *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini*.

37 Teachers and students from San Diego and L.A. who worked on a Nicaraguan elementary school will present a slide show and discussion of

MacCrone Guilty, Lectured To

The Muir College Judicial Board has found Gregory MacCrone guilty of attacking a participant in university functions. Mr. MacCrone assaulted New Indicator Collective member, Montgomery Reed Kroopkin in the AS Council meeting of the 28th of May, 1986.

The assault was apparently motivated by previous political animosities between MacCrone and the New Indicator Collective. MacCrone has become known for his violent irrational behavior—inside and outside—council meetings. Much of the hearing was spent by both sides presenting this background.

During the hearing it became evident that either the plaintiff and his witnesses or the defendant and his witnesses were lying. All of Kroopkin's witnesses confirmed the claim that Kroopkin first

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Student Wages

underhanded tactics. The Student Lobby raised numerous complaints about the new policy as well as the process by which it was adopted, Knutsen said. In March of 1986, the Council of Chancellors passed the "interim policy" over the objections of the UCSA and the Student Lobby, Knutsen said.

Associate Director of UCSA Bankhead complained, "our concerns have never really been addressed or incorporated into the policy...we have a lot of problems" with the so-called "interim policy" that has emerged. The "interim policy" includes the same onerous 'prevailing wage' method of determining and "adjusting" wages as the previous, unacceptable policy. In fact, the concepts in the new "interim policy" are the same as those in the previous one, just "refined," Bankhead said.

The new wage policy was slated to take effect in Fall of 1986, with the wage cuts at the Berkeley library looming ominously as its first manifestation. Given the systemwide administration's reluctance to cooperate with the UCSA on this issue, the latter decided to take a more militant stance. Last Spring the UCSA adopted a resolution specifying three conditions which the UC systemwide administration would have to meet or the UCSA would press for the introduction of a bill in the State Legislature which would place burdensome restrictions on the UC before it could implement its new wage policy. Speaker of the Assembly Willie Brown was ready to introduce the bill, Knutsen said.

Faced with this ultimatum, the UC backed down and met the UCSA's three conditions: 1) that the Berkeley wage cuts be rescinded immediately, 2) that a

systemwide moratorium be placed on student wage cuts until January of 1987, and 3) that the UC administration accede to meet with the UCSA to come to an agreement on a fair student wage policy, Knutsen said.

Although the Board did not give comment on why it found MacCrone guilty they found Kroopkin's evidence more convincing than MacCrone's. Part of the discrepancies in the testimony involved the incident that sparked the attack. MacCrone had stated that he had knocked over Kroopkin because he "stumbled on (his) sweater and lightly bumped into him (Kroopkin)." Another witness of MacCrone's agreed that MacCrone had, "pushed Monty (Kroopkin) over the plant." Another

witness for MacCrone stated that "Kroopkin pushed MacCrone" to start the fight. A final witness thought that MacCrone accidentally "bumped" Kroopkin and that Kroopkin then "violently pushed MacCrone." All these witnesses are members of the AS Council.

On October 30 the Judicial Board held the sentencing hearing and decided to censure MacCrone and to ban him from the media production area. At the hearing Kroopkin suggested that MacCrone be banned from participating in student government on the basis that he had continually showed his inability to restrain himself. MacCrone recommended that he receive no penalty.

Kroopkin commented on the sentence saying that the University's "condoning of violence" would only make the problem increase. He called the judgment both a "slap on the wrist and a pat on the back."

—Fred Mertz, Jr.

Announcements

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their experiences. The presentation will take place at the First Unitarian Church at 4190 Front St. at 7:30 PM. Donations of \$5 (\$3 students) are requested.

SUNDAY, NOV. 9

Gill Scott Heron and Linton Kwesi Johnson (LKJ) will appear in a not-to-be-missed concert at the Bacchanal. The Bacchanal is in Kearny Mesa, on Clairemont Mesa Blvd. For more info call 560-8022.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 12

Star Wars: What it is and isn't a debate between MIT physicist Joe Romm and a local Star Wars advocate, should be explosive. The debate is free, and it's at the Grass Roots Cultural Center, 1947 30th St.

"Boosting Manufactured Exports to the U.S.: a Viable Strategy for Mexican Economic Recovery and Growth?" Mario Dehesa economist of the Centro

de Investigation y Docencia Economicas (CIDE) Mexico and visiting fellow of the Center for U.S. Mexican Studies will give a seminar on this topic at 12 noon at the Center for U.S. Mexican Studies at UCSD.

SATURDAY, NOV. 15

Fela Kuti and Egypt 80 will appear at the Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles. Tickets are available through Ticketron. Kuti is a leading African anti-imperialist musician.

SUNDAY & MONDAY, NOV. 16-17

Join as we carpool from San Diego to the major citizen protest actions at the gate of the Nevada Nuclear Weapons Test Site (NTS). We will also visit San Diegan Art Casey who is visting full time at NTS, supported by his church. For info call the Alliance for Survival 277-0991.

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October Protest

San Diego Democratic Party Central Committee member, Irma Munoz, another speaker at the rally, called the issue of Apartheid "one of many issues dealing with human dignity." After briefly discussing the subject of racism in South Africa, Munoz pointed out the racist character of Proposition 63, which



would make English the "official" language of California, and strongly urged a "NO" vote on that proposition on November 4.

Jess Haro, a prominent member of the Chicano Federation and former San Diego City Councilman, compared work conditions for Blacks in South

Africa to those of undocumented workers in the U.S. Haro said that if the racist immigration law then being discussed in Congress passed (which it later did), it would establish a program for Mexican workers to temporarily enter the country and be exploited for the benefit of employers. Such a program is remarkably similar to the concept of "homelands" in South Africa, Haro said, where Blacks are allowed into the cities temporarily to work, but are not permitted to live. They must instead make the long trek back to their isolated and resource poor "homelands."

While the emphasis of the rally was on future actions, victories in the struggle against Apartheid were not forgotten. Matt Cronin, an anti-Apartheid activist at UCSD, and UCSD *Guardian* volunteer, spoke briefly on UC divestment. Cronin mainly directed his remarks on how the divestment struggle can be won. According to Cronin, Apartheid can be seriously weakened through the combined efforts of student and community activists. Such a united effort will be necessary to ensure that divestment—and sanctions—are not merely cosmetic.

The event ended with Campaign Against Apartheid chair, Rhonda Guy, making more explicit the overt, yet sometimes subtle, connections made by other speakers between the struggle of Black people in South Africa and Black people here in the U.S. for liberation and

self-determination. Guy pointed out that the issue of racism is not just a problem thousands of miles away. In her words, "there is no shortage of racism in the U.S."

The rally closed with music by the funk band, Par-tay.

G. Piccoli

PSA

PROGRESSIVE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Progressive Student Association

Liberals, progressives and leftists, UNITE!

The Progressive Student Association (PSA) is a broad, open organization that needs and welcomes your ideas and participation. We plan to work on the everyday issues affecting students at UCSD, while also organizing political activities and educational events with a wider focus. But we're not just a boring political group. We also put on parties, drink beer and have fun.

**Come to our first
General Meeting
Thurs., Nov. 6 at 6 pm
Undergraduate Affairs Conf. Room
International Center**

Larry Fiske—Rock's Greatest Social Critic LA Streetscene Is Smashing

The multi-ethnic, culturally diverse Los Angeles Street Scene happened in September once again amid hoopla and controversy. This event is the west coast's version of New Orleans' Mardi Gras. The Street Scene was started in 1978 to celebrate the city's cultural diversity. It has grown from a weekend gathering of 200,000 to the current 1,000,000 plus level.

Words and pictures can't do justice in describing this festival, as all the senses are overwhelmed simultaneously. The following will give you an idea of what the Street Scene is like.

Fourteen blocks of downtown Los Angeles are made available for the 350 diverse musical and dance acts. And with 20 stages provided there are often 10 performances occurring at once.

While rock is the predominant musical style performed, country and western, pop, jazz, reggae, salsa, classical, blues, R&B, rap, folk, and international music are all represented. Just as thrilling were the non stage "Street" performers who drew enthusiastic crowds. There's too much to once!

Do you enjoy dance? The Street Scene had dances from Hungary, the Philippines, Africa, Mexico, Scotland, Greece, as well as Native American and local dances.

Do you like ethnic food? There was over 150 food booths including Thai, Vietnamese, Chinese, African, Mexican, Indian, Greek, etc. And for the really adventurous there were the hot dog and hamburger stands.

Arts and crafts booths included carved wood, African jewelry, crafts

from over 20 countries around the world, Native American pottery, face and hair painting, Japanese Bonsai nursery, incense and body oils, etc.

For the children there was a petting zoo, a carnival, maskmaking, face painting, t-shirt painting, and clay sculpting. With their day-glo hair and psychedelic faces, the kids looked as hip as the adults.

Now if you take all of the above and mix it in with the most culturally and ethnically diverse crowd in the country, what results is the Los Angeles Street Scene.

And while we're on the subject of street scene festivals, L.A. has the best, but Chicago has the most and San Diego has the worst. During a visit to Chicago, this summer, I discovered that during the months of August and September, Chicago averages ten street festivals a week!

The festivals include Italian, Polish, Irish, Spanish, Asian, African, etc., as well as salsa, jazz, folk, blues, etc. Additionally, there are many ministreet scene festivals held in the city's diverse communities.

San Diego has its annual Michelob Street Scene also in the summer and what a laugher it is. The music is mostly rock with around 6 groups performing. There are no arts and crafts booths, and the ethnic food ranges from hot dogs to beer. Top it off with a ten dollar admission fee (the festivals mentioned above are almost all free), and you have 10,000 drunk rich white kids loving their cultural heritage. The eclectic crowd make-up ranges from preppie to yuppie.



Compared to the rest of the country, San Diego is not that reactionary and stagnant politically and culturally. There are thousands of cities and towns in the U.S. that offer little in the way of people's grassroots culture and politics.

San Diego is not as backwards as these others, but not close to the diversity of a Los Angeles. Unfortunately, the objective historical, political, and cultural conditions will keep San Diego in this lowly position.

One of the fascinating experiences at the Street Scene is choosing among ten different groups to see at one time, and not knowing one from another. Because so much of the music is worthwhile, stopping anytime at one of the stages often results in hearing great music. My two favorite stages were the International stage and the dance oriented Triforium stage.

On the International Stage the Rebel Rockers played an upbeat brand of reggae, while the Bonedaddy's dressed in African costume and played polyrhythmic African songs. The Triforium stage featured one great ethnic dance troupe after another.

The one music act I made sure to catch was Firehose, whose members include ex-Minutemen Bassist Mike Watt and drummer George Hurley, along with newcomer guitarist Ed Crawford. Firehose's sound has the dissonant herky-jerky style that characterized the Minutemen, featuring an eclectic fusion of rock, jazz, and funk.

I also saw them at the Spirit club a month earlier, and they played with the exciting energy that they displayed at the Street Scene. Firehose should have an album out on SST records shortly. One of the drawbacks of the performance was

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Iceland: Summit or Abyss?

World-wide hopes for nuclear arms reductions were crushed at the Iceland Summit on October 12, 1986. After agreement on seven substantial points Reagan rejected the solutions because the Soviet Union wanted to tie them with elimination of SDI (Star Wars) work outside the laboratory and a mutual test ban treaty.

The seven initially agreed upon proposals are as follows:

- 1) Remove all intermediate range nuclear missiles from Europe.
- 2) A world-wide limit of 100 intermediate-range systems each (deployment confined to Asian USSR and continental USA).
- 3) Freeze shorter-range missiles pending further talks.
- 4) A 50 percent reduction of long-range nuclear missiles.
- 5) A limit of 1,600 nuclear launchers, missiles and bombers (each side).
- 6) Limit warheads to 6,000.
- 7) Eliminate all ballistic missiles within 10 years.

In addition Gorbachev offered the radical suggestion of eliminating all nuclear weapons in ten years. Reagan vetoed this idea.

Star Wars Wrecks Summit

SDI was the stumbling block of the summit and stopped all other progress. SDI is a space-based weapon system in which nuclear explosions power an X-ray laser which would, if it is feasible over which there is debate, destroy missiles as they lift off.

While Reagan's position was that SDI is "an insurance policy" that the U.S. needs and "the key to a world without nuclear weapons," Gorbachev argued

that "only a madman" could proceed with arms control if Star Wars continued and that nuclear weapons in space would make nuclear disarmament on the planet's surface impossible. Let us look at both sides' arguments a little closer.

- Reagan's primary claim are that
- 1) SDI is the key to a world without nuclear weapons.
 - 2) SDI is a bargaining chip.
 - 3) SDI is an insurance policy which the U.S. needs.
 - 4) If the U.S. accepts the USSR's proposal to eliminate all nuclear weapons within a ten year period, then the USSR would have a 3 to 1 superiority in conventional forces.
 - 5) It is impossible to make the world free of nuclear weapons and hence (1)-(4) are so important.

In (1) Reagan asserts that we must deploy a space shield against missiles that would have been dismantled if the proposed elimination of all nuclear weapons had been accepted. This must mean that either Reagan does not want to get rid of nuclear weapons of that he does not believe this is possible.

The answer to (2) is so what; he didn't use it. If SDI is a bargaining chip then why did Reagan use it as a block after seven major conclusions had been arrived at which included many concessions by the soviets?

As to (3), does this imply that we might have a nuclear war? (4) is as illogical as (1). Assuming SDI were abandoned since the treaty to disarm were accepted, the U.S. would have a ten year period to achieve conventional parity if not superiority.

The argument of the USSR:

- 1) The extension of nuclear weapons to space makes nuclear weapons control and disarmament on the planet's surface impossible.
- 2) SDI is an offensive or potentially offensive weapon.
- 3) The elimination of nuclear weapons is possible and desirable and hence should be done.

(1) is true. Although Reagan claims the nuclear-powered X-ray laser is a non-nuclear defensive device which would be used only to shoot down launched missiles in enemy territory, it has the capacity to be used against ground targets in a first strike.

In (2) Gorbachev overlooked the fact that SDI may potentially lead to the elimination of planet based nuclear weapons. SDI has such large offensive potentials that it might make them obsolete. If this is the case it is unlikely that Reagan plans to share the research results of SDI research as he claims he would.

With respect to (3), Gorbachev believes it is possible to create an adequate system of verification and detection by on-site inspections and other means. This is the core of conflict which led to the breakdown of talks. Let us analyze this further.

Is total nuclear disarmament possible? This was the question presented to the world once again, but this time by a major superpower. Bourgeois arguments against a positive answer are that:

- 1) Adequate verification of testing and manufacture is impossible.
- 2) A "crazy man" or smaller countries could get a hold of a nuclear weapon and use it.
- 3) A world free of nuclear weapons would lead inevitably to conventional warfare.

The arguments for a positive answer counter exactly these points:

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Society in the Making

Grenada

The Grenadian Council of Unions has called on the international labor community for support in its struggle against the Blaize government's policies on wages. Although prices have continually risen wages have been held at fixed levels.

The Unions also opposed the Blaize government's foreign policy which is a carbon copy of Reagan's. For instance, Grenada and the U.S. were the only two countries to not vote for sanctions against the South Africa in the United Nations.

People's Daily World

Washington D.C.

Four U.S. veterans on hunger strike on the steps of the capitol decided to start eating again. The vets had claimed that they would continue to strike until there was a substantial increase in the public outcry over the U.S.'s involvement in Nicaragua. They hoped to reverse the trend in U.S. policy that seemed to prophesize that this country is "doomed to repeat its past mistakes." Three of the veterans were from the Vietnam war and one was from World War II.

The veterans have switched their fast to maintenance fast, which means that they will eat a few times a week. They have kept their same demands in an effort to raise the consciousness of Americans about the U.S. war on Nicaragua.

Veterans Fast for Life Support Group

Soviet Union

Argentina has announced that it plans to build a new "ecologically clean" capital city 900 kilometers to the South of Buenos Aires. Aldo Neri, chairman of the commission responsible for the project said that a minimum of 20 to 25 square meters of forested park area have been set aside for every one of the planned 450,000 inhabitants.

Pravda

Cleveland, Ohio

Two socialist candidates running for governor and lieutenant governor have been denied ballot positions. They handed in the petitions with a two-fold excess of the necessary signatures three months ago. Now, just before the elections when there is no more time to gather signatures, election officials have disqualified thousands of the signatures for various technical reasons. The candidates will continue their campaign as write-in candidates.

Militant

El Salvador and U.S.

The recent public disclosures about the CIA's and El Salvador's role in the Reagan Administration's attempt to overthrow the government of Nicaragua has forced El Salvadoran officials to reconsider their future participation. Their options are, however, limited because the U.S. provides El Salvador with much financial aid.

El Salvador's president, Duarte has a "credibility problem" as he has continuously claimed that El Salvador did not help the *contras*. Nevertheless, a U.S. official said that El Salvador will continue its covert support because of U.S. pressure.

New York Times

Evanson, Illinois

Black students have started a counter-attack against the administration of Northwestern University which has decided to eliminate the department of African American Studies. The University in 1968 made a commitment to hire nine faculty for the department, up to this point they have only appointed two faculty. The Black students had a rally on October 2.

Unity

Argentina and U.S.S.R.

Raul Alfonsin, the President of Argentina, met last week with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, the first Argentinian President to ever do so. In their meeting they discussed the growing economic relations of the two nations. Since the U.S. grain embargo to the Soviet Union, the Soviets have been annually buying 4.5 million tons of grain. In total the Soviet Union buys about one-third of Argentina's export goods.

The current trade leaves the Soviet Union with a \$1.6 billion trade deficit with Argentina. The Soviets will thus likely push for more reciprocal trade.

Christian Science Monitor

United States

Around the nation picket lines have been set up at Shell gas stations by activists opposed to Shell's connections with the Apartheid government of South Africa. Several local gas stations have reported losses of 15-20%.

Labor, civil rights and Anti-Apartheid organization have organized the boycott on a national level. The campaign has been taken up in other nations too. For instance in The Netherlands last year 15 Shell protestors attacked 15 Shell stations, tearing up the pumps and throwing sand in the holding tanks.

People's Daily World

Washington D.C.

American opposition to the Star Wars program has begun to take violent proportions. Police officers pulled protestors away from the entrance to the main office for the SDI program, 27 of them were arrested for disorderly conduct. In Cleveland and Sunnysvale protestors also blocked roads to show their opposition to SDI.

All but the American corporate heads and their political representatives have described SDI as a program that will not make the world safer and probably will not even work after millions of dollars to large contracting companies. (See Photo)

New York Times



Pyongyang, South Korea

Representatives of 80 countries and 32 international organizations attended a conference on the De-nuclearization and Peace on the Korean Peninsula. The purpose of the meeting was to show world-wide protest over the militarization of South Korea, it is difficult to estimate at this time its effects.

South Korea has the densest concentration of nuclear weapons in the world, over 1000 or one for every 100 square kilometers. Ever since the Korean war the United States has maintained a large military detachment in South Korea and there are still many U.S. troops divided over 40 bases, hundreds of planes, stockpiles of chemical and nerve gas, and last but not least the neutron bomb.

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Iceland

1) If we can develop the most sophisticated technology for annihilation, we can develop equally sophisticated technology for the prevention of this annihilation.
2) One crazy man or the limited capacity of a smaller nation to control nuclear weapons and their necessary constituents is qualitatively safer than Mutually Assured Destruction (MAD), two superpowers letting go their arsenals. In addition, it would be easier for such a "crazy man" to get hold of a nuclear weapon if they were constantly in production. Furthermore, if the man were crazy, our having nuclear weapons would not make much difference to him.
Also, detection systems and a worldwide security system could be strong enough to prevent such an occurrence.
3) The reasoning for (3) is much the same as for (2). It reflects a certain value system. The claim is that it is probably true that conventional warfare would be more likely without nuclear weapons, but this is more desirable than the possibility of nuclear annihilation. Civilization could survive conventional warfare; after a nuclear exchange it would end.



Tower of Babel
Aashi Shimizu / Tokyo

industrial bourgeoisie concocts all kinds of clearly fallacious arguments.

A World Without Nuclear Weapons

We do not need SDI; we need nuclear disarmament. Nuclear warfare, especially after world scientists' discoveries surrounding "nuclear winter," is an unviable option of conflict resolution. The option of nuclear annihilation was chosen by Western capitalists and forced on the Eastern Bloc bureaucrats. This option is not a choice of the majority of the planet and it will require their will and determination to overcome the helpless feeling of being able to do nothing against the system, "nuclear madness" and to terminate this option in the hands of undemocratic forces, i.e. the Western ruling class and the bureaucratic elite of the Eastern Bloc.

Robyn Ardies

Recycling, Imagination, Carpets, Broomsticks,...

Do you find yourself piling things up in the corner that are too old to use, but too new to throw away? Well you can get rid of those piles by reusing and recycling old items like broomstick handles, buttons, candle stubs, carpet, and a multitude of other household items. It's easy.

Instead of throwing away old or ripped stockings put them to good use. Stuff a sponge inside a stocking to use when washing cars or windows. Use cut-up stockings as stuffing for pillows and toys. It's tough, lightweight and washable.

Use old phone books as a work table for messy jobs. Open the phone book, do your work, then tear out the messy pages to reveal a new clean work space for your next dirty job.

Worn out pieces of carpet can be made into a new scratching post for Mittens or a bed for Spot. Trace your feet on a piece of carpet and insert the traced pieces in boots for warmth or work shoes for extra comfort.

Wax from candle stubs can be used as a temporary adhesive for quick jobs or melt it for rust protection of tools you plan to store. Then there's always the old trick of making new candles out of a few old candle stubs. Melt down the old stubs in a can and pour the new mixture into new molds.

The broomstick handle off a broken broom can revive an old mop, hoe or rake. It can also be a help to a falling houseplant. An old broom with a little life left can still be used as a dolly when

trying to move large objects such as crates or cedar chests.

Old household items can always be reused, so don't despair at the old pile in the corner. Be creative and reuse or recycle what you have. For more information or details on how to reuse household items, call Recycling Referral Services at 222-1155 or 1-800-523-3381.

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Drugs, Sex, ...

God created Rock and Roll. Damn it, sex & drugs & Rock and Roll are the ways of our Lord, and I won't sit by and watch them wiped out of existence by a bunch of uptight nitwits who have no more idea of God's way than fish have of cross-country skiing."

The First Church of the Inebriate adheres to a religious doctrine of "Divine Hedonism", which asserts that whatever brings pleasure and happiness to God's creatures is a reflection, on Earth, of God's transcendental Goodness. According to Douglas Pendragon, a long-time Inebriate, "Whatever makes us happy, makes God happy. Those who seek the frustration of our sacred yearnings for pleasure are working against God's ways. There are people who force others to live in poverty, in hunger, in endless sobriety and dullness of spirit. These people are assholes in the sight of our Lord."

Gen. Strike

Zoot Suits and El Teatro Campesino

Valdez Urges End to Borders

World famous Chicano playwright Luis Valdez gave an interesting, if confusing, lecture on the topic of "borders" at the Mandell Weiss Theatre last Friday. Valdez's talk was sponsored by the California Council For The Humanities. Valdez is famous for his inspirational lead in creating the concept of Chicano Theater, which encompasses the presentation of "actos," that is one or two act plays, that center mostly around concrete issues affecting mostly working class Chicanos and Latinos.

Valdez is also well known for his creation of El Teatro Campesino, which participated in and was inspired by the labor struggles of mostly Latino farmworkers in the Southwest for the right to form a union, the UFW (United Farm Workers). The creation of El Teatro Campesino inspired the development of similar companies throughout the Southwest and other areas with Latino populations. This art form has also influenced other nationalities, which have copied the style and intent of Chicano Theater.

More recently, Valdez has become well known for his play and movie, *Zoot Suit*, which features actor Eddie Olmos as a symbolic character representing Machismo disguised as Chicano pride. Olmos plays a fictional shadow figure who narrates the factual account of the racist frame-up of three Chicanos and an Anglo youth for the murder of another youth in Los Angeles in the 1940's. *Zoot Suit* exposes the racist attitudes of the police and armed forces of that period who, under the guise of patriotism, beat up the Zoot Suiters, primarily Third World and working class youth who were not caught up in the war frenzy.

Valdez has recently written and directed another play entitled *We don't Need no Stinking Badges*, and he is currently working on a film, *La Bamba*.

foretold the coming of a great cataclysm which would end the Mayan world as they knew it and would lead to the creation of new world. They called this

ZOOT SUIT



Edward James Olmos, Charles Aidman, Tyne Daly, Daniel Valdez, John Anderson
Universal; Written and Directed by Luis Valdez

While the assumption was that the topic of Valdez's talk would be on political borders, Valdez instead dwelled on the cultural borders that separate people. His often humorous, and always interesting, talk was punctuated by anecdotes about himself, as well as historical ones about the ancient Mayan people of southern Mexico. Much of Valdez's talk was based on his knowledge of the Mayans, especially of Mayan mysticism. Valdez asserted that the ancient Mayan scriptures, which have miraculously survived both the Spanish Conquest and Inquisition,

cataclysm the "beginning of the beginning." While the prophecy did not specify what this cataclysm would be, Valdez feels that this earth-shattering event, which was predicted hundreds of years prior to the Conquest, was the invasion of the Americas by the Spanish *Conquistadores*. For proof, Valdez remarked that Cortez landed on the exact same day that the scriptures foretold as marking the "beginning of the beginning."

Valdez maintained that the Conquest, as well as the subsequent European, African, and Asian migrations to the

Americas, was predestined. The Americas were meant to be a meeting ground for all the world's races, Black, White, Red and Yellow, all of which would mingle and create a new race and culture, a "cosmic race." According to Valdez it was necessary that the Asians, Europeans, and Africans come together with the indigenous peoples of the Americas, in order to fulfill the prophecy. According to Valdez, the fusion of these different nationalities and cultures is the "promise of America."

While Valdez's vision of the purpose of the Americas was metaphysical, its sentiment was somewhat alluring to the entranced crowd. Valdez's unique vision represented a departure from the assertion that the purpose of America was to fulfill the needs of Europeans, as well as the ideas propagated by others who seek to negate the European presence in the Americas, and claim that it has no validity whatsoever.

Valdez's ideas were a sort of mystical multi-nationalism, a spiritual explanation for a cruel and unfortunate historical phenomenon. Valdez appeared to take no moral position on the Conquest; he would not say whether he felt it was good or bad, just inevitable. However, Valdez, to his credit, did not ignore the social injustices that occur today, many of which are a result of the Conquest. This awareness is also very clear in his art.

Perhaps the main flaw in Valdez's talk was his refusal to lay out some sort of plan for eliminating borders and the injustices they bring. His claim that, "I cannot rest until there are no more borders," rings hollow in light of his refusal to give us an idea on how to eliminate them. Unfortunately, Valdez made the same mistake as others who rely on mysticism to explain material realities. While spiritualism may give one a temporary good feeling, good feelings, in the absence of material gains, remain just that—temporary.

G. Piccoli

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Streetscene

that Ed's vocals were muffled, so the words were hard to hear. Audience response to the band was enthusiastic, and Firehose will be a band to watch. Unfortunately, some other young rock bands were unwatchable due to the anti-social behavior of a small segment

of the crowd. These rude, drunk white males messed up a handful of rock performances by throwing beer bottles and cans in the air and on stage. I saw these irresponsible actions prevent the political band Agent Orange from playing.

During the disappointing set by Fishbone, these drunk punks went into their thrash dancing routine while pushing and shoving thousands of

people around them. Pleas from the band to "look out for each other" fell on deaf ears, as these anti-social idiots were too self-absorbed.

When the rock band the Ramones was advertised to play a show that they were never booked to play, irate fans started hurling rocks and bottles at the stage. Police came and skirmished with the violent white males resulting in 40 people getting injured, and 56 arrests for assault with a deadly weapon.

Due to a clerical error by the Street Scene the Ramones had been included in the master list of performers that was publicized. "It was purely and simply our fault," said Milt Perry, who booked bands for the Street Scene. What should have been done was to have signs posted that an error was made and announcements made over the radio about the mistake. Additionally, there was one murder at the Street Scene, and four stabbings.

In the aftermath Mayor Tom Bradley decided to cancel next year's festival citing the altercations and violence. Politically, this was a move to appear tough in his race for governor with

Deukmejian. The L.A. City Council instead ordered an investigation into the violence but made it clear that it has no plans to scrap the greatest show on earth. The following is a combination of their suggestions with mine to prevent that small troublemaking element from causing any outbreaks.

- 1) Establish a perimeter fence that would restrict entry to the festival of those with weapons or booze.
- 2) Ban the sale of alcoholic beverages, as people can drink at home, clubs, restaurants, etc. If they can't control their insecure, narcissistic needs for a day, then they can stay home.
- 3) Employ more security, especially at the musical performances just like they do at clubs.
- 4) Eliminate the musical acts that attract rowdy fans, i.e. punk rock, heavy metal, hard rock. And if need be then eliminate all rock acts entirely. There's so much to hear musically that the elimination of rock, only means more room for other styles.
- 5) End the festival at dusk to avoid these unstable people acting out at night.

There is no question that the media overplayed and sensationalized the few violent acts caused by a few hundred people out of one million plus. But to get more money for television advertising and to sell more papers, their emotional brand of reporting was expected.

However, to put the violence in a historical context, then recent events of 1986 must be made clear. There were rock and bottle throwing melees, vandalism, police altercations, etc. at Palm Springs during spring break, at a surfing tournament in Huntington Beach, and at a Fourth of July celebration in Santa Monica.

Hence, there is a larger problem of alienated, rejected, unstable, anti-social white young males who act out these frustrations in alcohol abuse, drugs, and violence.

The Street Scene will happen again next year with some necessary changes.

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Land of the Free?

Four Soviet emigrés having each lived in the United States for ten years have decided to return to their homeland. Rashid Atamalibikov, Alexander Belikim, Yuri Chapovsky, and Israel Glickman are disappointed with life in the land of freedom and democracy and are returning to Russia where jobs are more challenging. Atamalibikov is going back because he misses Russian culture and has become an ardent Marxist while living in Jersey City, N.J. Chapovsky doesn't like his life here because the United States' deeds have not equaled the meaning of the words freedom and democracy. He finds that he is not free when he has to be attached to the place he works and fear starvation. He is looking forward to his return to the Soviet Union where people are provided with jobs and there is more spare time. So much for the free market system.

L.A. Times

2) *The Wizard of Oz* for having a good witch and for depicting traits such as intelligence, courage, and compassion as being personally developed rather than God-given.

3) *The Revolt of the Mother* for attacking the biblical family.

4) A story that depicts a child's imagination as a "third eye" inside the child's head because such representations are considered occult and put too much emphasis upon a person's imagination.

5) Stories which mention other religions such as Islam and those practiced by American Indians.

6) *The Diary of Anne Frank*, since it suggests that all religions are equal: "Oh, I don't mean you have to be Orthodox ... I just mean some religion ... It doesn't matter what. Just to believe in something."

This group finds so many things offensive to its religion, it's a wonder they haven't banned the Bible. After all, it depicts witches, has stories about other religions, has incidents of incest (Genesis 19:33-36), and polygamy (Genesis 31:17)—not quite the biblical family, eh?

L.A. Times

Patriotic Coke

Cola wars continue: Pepsi releasing a line of fashion apparel to compete with Coca Cola's. Although the sales of clothing will add negligible profits to the companies, it's a form of free advertising. As Lee Wilder, a soft-drink industry analyst, says, "where else can you have a consumer pay for your advertising?" Naturally this is important in the days of VCR's, Public Broadcasting, and Cable T.V. when people can actually purposely avoid commercials. But Coca-Cola and Pepsi loyalists wearing advertising can bring these dissidents back into the fold by being walking Pepsi or Coke ads. Why would anybody do this? "It's patriotism," Cohen, editor of *Psychology and Marketing* says: "Coke clothing is a chic way of wearing an American flag." As for Pepsi labels, it's the new counter-culture. Ah, homogeneity.

Dollars and Sense

wing paramilitary groups taking shape in Costa Rica.

These groups are building in strength because they are supported by people in high positions in Costa Rica: The vice-president of the Free Costa Rica Movement (MCRL), which is the largest of the paramilitary groups. It happens to have ties to Guatemala's White Hand of Death Squad. Being the vice-director of *La Nacion* has its advantages. However, when the Free Costa Rica Movement led an attack against the Nicaraguan Embassy last year, the MCRL insignia on the attackers' shirts had been blacked out—the vice director of *La Nacion* was in the picture.

Hermes

Caustic Pills Burn

Emergency Medicine reports that many pills being taken today are very caustic and can cause severe burn injury if they don't pass quickly and easily through the esophagus.

The solution is easy; all you have to do is make sure you stand up when you take a pill, down it with a lot of water, and take it less than a half an hour before you go to bed. Be careful because potassium chloride, iron, some heart medication, steroids, other anti-inflammatories, and anti-biotics produce the most harm. The worst one is the slow releasing potassium chloride tablet which had killed three times.

Aspirin is another bad pill. Still, caustic burns seem to some to be a good alternative to hangovers as the pain from the burn may distract you from the pain from having drunk too much.

Earth Island Journal

DOE not DOA

Reagan's forgotten to keep another of his 1980 campaign promises. This time, he's gone back on his vow to abolish the Department of Energy. Of course this oversight won't stick to the teflon president because it would be more consistent for him to break this promise: the DOE is where they make nuclear bombs.

The Progressive

More Death Squads

The United States has once again been able to discover an ingenious way of solving its biggest problem in Nicaragua, namely the fact that the Nicaraguans don't want a new government. The U.S. decided to open a "second front" against the Sandinistas in Costa Rica. The problem was that Costa Rica has no army which could receive U.S. military aid. Solution? Train and support right-

OZ rated X

Some Christian Fundamentalists in Tennessee have won another legal battle. Their children will not be required to read texts which are offensive to their religious beliefs. Some of the books objected to include:

1) *Macbeth* and *Cinderella* for mentioning magic



These photos are taken from the exhibit now on display in the East Room of Mandeville Center. The exhibit, which runs through November 10, is entitled "Images of Daily Life in Today's Nicaragua" and features the work of artist Carlos Pinedo. For info or directions call 453-9164 or 695-8943.

