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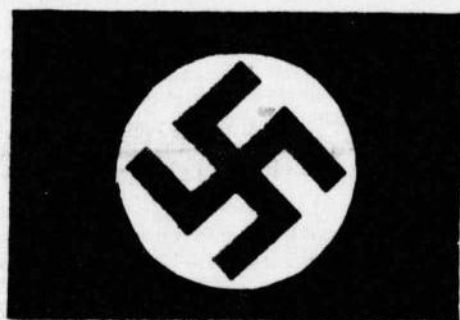
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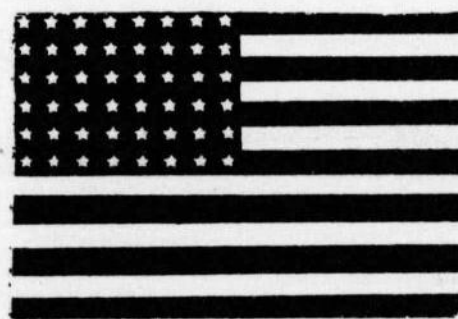


"Whoever publicly profanes the Reich or one of the states incorporated into it, its Constitution, colors or flag or the German armed forces, or maliciously and with premeditation exposes them to contempt, shall be punished by imprisonment."

*December 19, 1932, RGB 1-1,  
Statutory Criminal Law of Germany*

**1989**

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"The Congress and the States shall have the power to prohibit the act of desecration of the flag of the United States and to set criminal penalties for that act."

*June 22, 1989, H.J. Res. 305  
Proposed Amendment to the U.S. Constitution*

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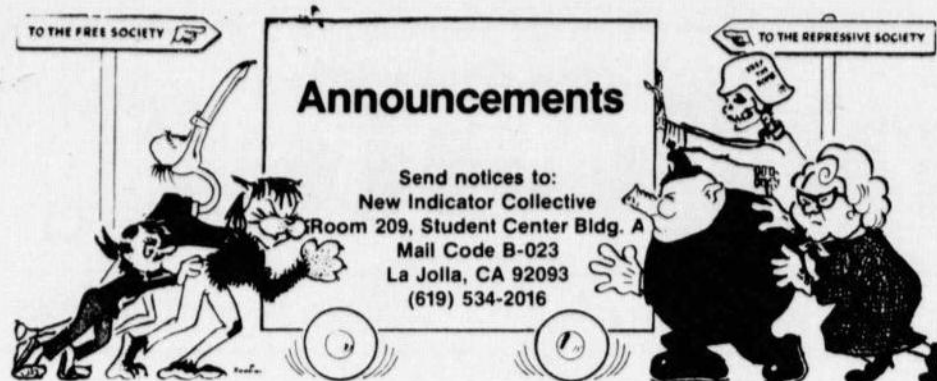
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## 2nd TUESDAYS

**Sierra Club Nuclear Issues Committee**, 7 pm, Sierra Club, 3820 Ray St. 299-1744.

## 3rd SATURDAYS

**CISPES —North County (Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador)**, 10 am, Palomar Unitarian/Universalist Fellowship, 1600 Buena Vista Dr., Vista. 728-8112 or 723-4286.

## 4th MONDAYS

**RESULTS, North County**, grassroots group on world hunger. 7 pm, call for location. 455-5297.

## 4th THURSDAYS

**RESULTS, San Diego**, grassroots group on world hunger. Call for location & time. 581-0426.

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**Oct. 29-Nov 4: Nuclear Weapons and National Security.** Adm. (ret) Noel Gayler dispels the illusion that our national security is enhanced by nuclear weapons. The military non-usefulness of tactical nuclear weapons in Europe is also discussed. A prescription for national security is presented.

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**San Diego Arts Festival: Treasures of the Soviet Union.** October 21 to November 11. An array of events including dance, opera, folk art, children's art and more. For a comprehensive list of events please call 1-800-245-FEST. You can also call Bob Manewitz at the US-Soviet Friendship Society, 464-4963 for info. Also, MEND's special Children's Art Festival, a display of Soviet and US children's art, will be at the Museum of San Diego History. Info: 454-3343. (Stay tuned for an article on what local artists think of this extravagant festival.)

**"Chile From Within" & "Arpilleras: The Chilean Murals of Today,"** works by 15 Chilean photographers during the years 1972-1988 and selected arpilleras. Mandeville Gallery, UCSD, Tuesday thru Sunday, 12 to 5 pm.

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## October 13

**Free Speech Demonstration**, at UCSD's (High) Price Center plaza, 12-1 pm.

**Neil Seldman, PhD** to speak. 7 pm, site to be announced. Seldman is co-founder and President of the Inst. for Local Self Reliance and currently serves as its Director of Waste Utilization. Get the latest info on recycling and waste management. Info: 461-7400. Entrance by donation.

**Educators Committee on Central America:** Share an evening of music, slides, camaraderie and first hand info on recent Nicaraguan events with members of this summer's building project. Potluck. Guitar music by Eduardo Garcia and Peggy Watson. 6:30 pm, 1160 23rd St. Info: 233-0918/488-5843.

## October 24

**Book Signing** UCSD Communications Professor Herb Schiller will be signing copies of his new books *Culture Inc.: The Corporate Takeover of Public Expression and Hope and Folly: The U.S. and UNESCO, 1945-1985*. 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the UCSD Bookstore, located in the (High) Price Center.

**U.N. Day Celebration** sponsored by the UN Association. Speakers: Andrei Kozyrev, Dept. of Int'l Organizations Affairs, USSR, and John Ruggie, IGCC. Susan Golding, Honorary U.N. Day Chair. County Administration Bldg. Lawn. 233-3970 for time and more info.

## Thrs., Oct. 26

**Eighth annual college fair.** Military recruiters and other murderers will be available for harassment at the (High) Price Center Ballroom at 7:15 pm and 8:00 pm.

## Sat. Oct. 28

**Save the rain forest reggae concert.** Pato Banton and the Cardiff Reelers will be playing at the La Paloma Theatre in Encinitas. The proceeds will go toward disseminating educational material about the destruction of the rain forests, and to direct action efforts in Central America, the San Diego Vegetarian Society and EarthSave-San Diego. Tickets are \$15. Available at alternative records stores and Tele-seat outlets. For more information call 944-1915.

## Sat., Oct. 28

**Jimmy Cliff in concert** at the Belly Up. 143 S. Cedros in Solana Beach. For info. 481-9022. Tickets at Ticketmaster and Off The Record.

## Wed., Oct 8

**Film: Torch song trilogy** 8:00 pm at the (High) Price center theatre. Free.

## Sat., Oct. 11

**Women's dance** at the Ché Café 9:00 pm to 1:00 am. Free.

## Sat., Oct. 18

**Non-sexist dance** at the Ché Café 9:00 pm to 1:00 am. Cost is \$3.00.

# Smoke-In Dope

reprinted from: Slingshot

Over 2000 students and community members filled the main thoroughfare of the UC Berkeley campus, on Friday, Sept. 29, to participate in a marijuana smoke-in.

Held in Biko Plaza, the smoke-in was in protest of the Pell Grant anti-drug oath and Bush's "War on Drugs." Sponsored by Defend Our Personal Ethics (DOPE), the smoke-in was the first in Berkeley since 1973, when a similar event helped pass a local initiative making marijuana related arrests the lowest priority of the Berkeley Police Department. This year's smoke-in sought to bring attention to more serious problems.

Even before the smoke-in began, hundreds of people gathered in Biko Plaza boldly sparking up joints brought from home. Excitement spread as the University Police Department video camera was pointed out to the crowd and several hundred pot smokers flipped off the cops shouting, "fuck off, pigs!"

Besides the surveillance camera, police presence was minimal—the cops' hands were tied by the huge crowd. Two young fascists from the Young Republicans held signs saying "Bennett for President" and "Just Say No." Big Deal. A pastor from a local church braved the crowd with a sign declaring that pot smokers would go to hell. Many welcomed his condemnations and blew pot smoke in his face.

The atmosphere was one of cooperation as people quieted down to hear two speakers discuss the Pell Grant issue and the "War on Drugs." The first speaker told the crowd how low-income students receiving Pell Grants are now required to sign a statement that they not "engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispersion, possession or



*"The 'War on Drugs' is war on the poor, and smoking pot is just one small way to make a statement against it."*

use of controlled substances." "Fuck this bullshit attack on our privacy. This oppressive requirement will only serve to elitify universities all over the U.S., possibly denying poor students the financial means to complete their education simply for smoking a joint."

*"I signed the statement (on the Pell Grant) because they forced me to, and not because I believed that I should have to give up these rights," the speaker concluded.*

Bush, Bennett, and the U.S. government's new "War on Drugs" is a massive propaganda device deceiving the public of its real intentions," screamed the second speaker. "A vicious war on poor and minority communities carried out by a massively equipped police force... Smash this fucking police state and expose the real drug dealers—George Bush and the CIA. The solution is awareness and action."

Suddenly from the rear of the crowd, a 12 foot joint was carried to the steps in front of Biko Plaza. It was set on fire and used to torch a banner with the Pell Grant oath on it, as the crowd cheered and began happily receiving the approximately 500 free joints passed out. The rest of the smoke-in was a celebration as people smoked, danced, played drums and chanted "don't pee for UC," "Just say Yes," "What do we want

# UK Bans Styrofoam

Students at the University of Kansas went head-to-head with the plastics industry and succeeded in pushing through a ban on all styrofoam products used by the campus dining service.

The ban was the first one at a major Midwestern university. Styrofoam has been banned in the past two years at such schools as the University of California at Santa Cruz and Greenfield Community College in Massachusetts. The student effort also has prompted such cities as Berkeley, California and Portland, Oregon to pass bans.

The ban was prompted by Environs, a student group concerned about the environmental hazards of polystyrene, the material used to make styrofoam. The non-degradable material creates hazardous fumes when incinerated and is dangerous to the health of the workers who produce it.

Environs and the Dart Corporation, the company that makes styrofoam for the university, gave testimony over the last several months to the Memorial Corporation, the governing board of the two student unions on campus. On August 26th, after hearing the arguments from both sides, the Memorial Corporation decided in favor of Environs and the phase-out.

The campus dining service will stop using all styrofoam food containers and

cups after the current supply runs out. The food service plans to switch to biodegradable alternatives some time around the first of the year.

"They (The Dart Corporation) were not prepared," said Mike Horan, President of Environs. "They didn't expect us to have done so much research."

The campaign for the ban began in January when Brian Schwegmann, an Environs activist, circulated a petition to ban styrofoam products.

"I was tired of using styrofoam at the Union," Schwegmann said. "I thought the school needed to use alternatives. So my friend and I began writing a petition that night and asking students, faculty, and residents of the community to sign it." In the following months, 2,600 members of the KU community signed the petition.

Along with the petition, Schwegmann and other Environs members Devin Schrubel and Linda Johnston began to research the environmental hazards of styrofoam. Environs compiled a fact sheet based on their research and passed it out to students on campus. The fact sheet alerted students to the hazards of styrofoam products and suggested alternative products, mobilizing people around the issue.

Environs submitted the petition and



# Columbus was An Illegal Alien

Thursday October 12 marked the 498<sup>th</sup> year of Christopher Columbus' rediscovery of the Americas. Most people in the United States consider him a hero of saintly proportions. However, from the point of view of the indigenous peoples, Columbus' arrival spelled their demise.

According to Howard Zinn author of "A People's History Of The United States", Zinn writes,

Then we read in history books given to children in the United states, it all starts with heroic adventure- there is no bloodshed-and Columbus Day is a celebration.

However, it is important to remember that Columbus was not a hero but a murderer. In todays terms he would be more like the anti-democratic Central American Contras that are attempting to overthrow the Nicaraguan government.

His mission was motivated by greed, to find gold and slaves at genocidal costs.

In pursuing his military mission he enslaved, raped, killed while destroying the culture of the native Arawaks who greeted him.

The Arawaks were natives of the Bahamian Islands. They were an intelligent, beautiful and sharing people. They greeted Columbus with open arms in 1492.

According to Zinn, The Arawaks lived in village communes, had a developed agriculture of corn, yams and cassava. They could spin and weave but they had no horses or work animals. They had no iron, but they wore tiny gold ornaments in their ears.

Columbus noticed the earrings. He took some prisoners and demanded that he be led to the source of the gold.

The admiral, as Columbus was called, killed children, raped women and depopulated the Arawaks. Zinn mentions an incident where a couple of Spanish soldiers met two Arawak boys carrying parrots. They took the parrots from the boys and just for fun beheaded them with their swords.

Often, the Spaniards would cut slices off the natives, "to test the sharpness of their blades." They "rode the backs of Indians if they were in a hurry."

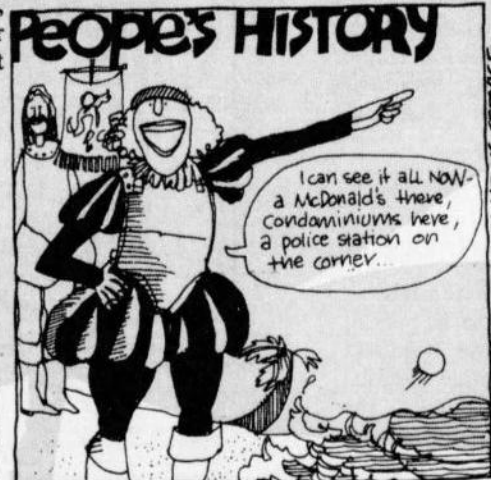
The Arawaks were forced to work in gold mines and other exhausting tasks until most of them met their demise. Husbands and wives were separated for many months at a time and "when they met they were so exhausted and depressed that they ceased to procreate."

Zinn quotes Bartolome de las Casas, who participated in the Arawaks genocide and later, when it was too late, he "became a vehement critic of Spanish cruelty." Las Casas writes that in one three month period on Cuba, "7000 thousand children died [because] their mothers, overworked and famished, had no milk to nurse them."

Between 1494 and 1650 the Arawaks of the Bahamas were reduced in numbers from perhaps 3 million to none. Zinn adds, "to emphasize the heroism of Columbus and his successors as navigators and discoverers, and deemphasize their genocide, is not a technical necessity but an ideological choice. It serves unwittingly to justify what was done."

Columbus Day should be a day of mourning and not celebration.

NEXT TIME IN BEN CEREMOS: FOLKLORE OF THE LEFT "THE FORNICATORIUM"



October 12, 1492: Columbus begins the European conquest of the Americas.

the fact sheet to the Memorial Corporation in February.

Schwegmann said there will be a temporary price increase of about a nickel on certain food items due to the ban, but the health benefits, he argues, outweigh any price increase.

"I've only heard good things about the ban," Schwegmann said. "We've gotten support from all the student media and most of the student body. I'm very pleased with the results."

This year Environs plans to work on implementing a recycling program on campus.

[Styrofoam was banned on the UCSD campus last year due to the vigilant efforts of the Recycling Coop. The Coop also has an elaborate recycling program. For information contact them at 534-1831.]

# Join the New Indicator Collective

Orientation for new members

(offer will not last)

Tuesday, Nov. 8

5 PM

New Indicator Office

in the student cooperative center or call 534-2016 if you can't make it.





## Robbery of Century at HUD

The elections in the U.S. are at least partially rigged. The U.S. government has numerous corrupt and criminal practices. The government rips off the poorest to feed greedy appetites. All these facts were laid bare by the Housing and Urban Development scandal.

Theoretically, elections in the U.S. are based on the electors deciding between different candidates in a well advised way. The problem with this theory is the 'well-advised' part. We are supposed to learn about candidates through TV ads which give little more than images of grandeur, or from candidate debates where the height of the podium and smart responses matter more than issues. Now if anybody could put a TV ad on the air or provide commentary in newspapers about the particular positions of candidates, then one or two comments about the height of the podium would be no great tragedy. Unfortunately, only a very few select groups of people have access to these resources. Television ads are very expensive so only those with lots of money can run ads.

What does this jargon have to do with the H.U.D. scandal? The H.U.D. connection works by H.U.D. giving contracts for subsidized housing to developers that will politically support them. Political support means that the developers contribute to their campaign funds. In fact, developers and real estate companies have contributed more to campaign funds than any other sector of the economy. In the last several elections they have given money to 432 out of 435 races for the House of Representatives

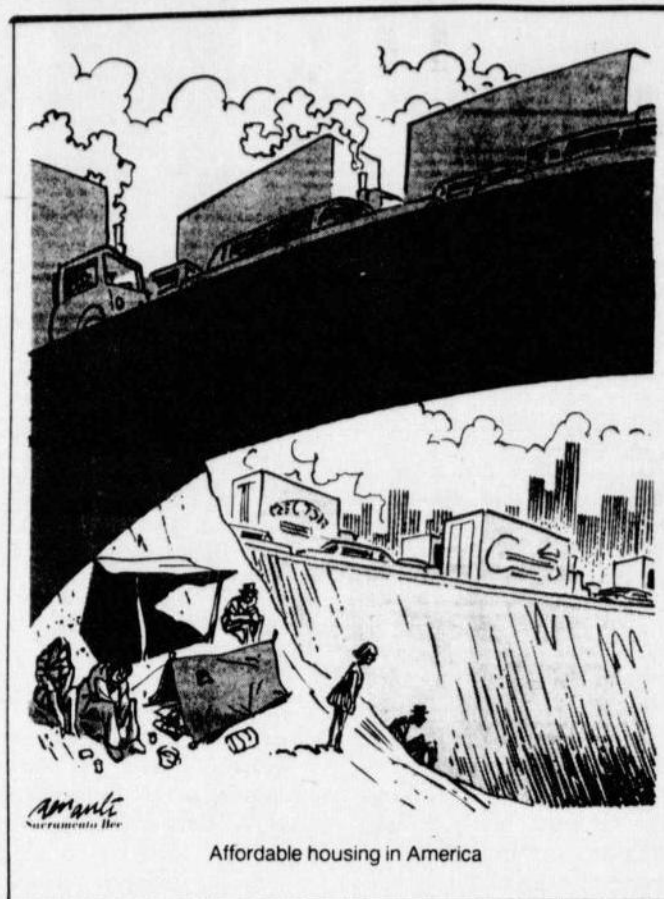
and 100 out of 100 Senate races.

Thus, when it comes to producing these imageful ads, and in general in getting people elected, developers and real estate companies have quite a bit to say. They can decide who gets more of these ads and hence who has a greater chance of winning. As we know, in turn for campaign contributions, the elected officials send sweetheart deals to their loyal supporters.

Thus, H.U.D. has engaged in stealing billions of dollars from taxpayers and needy home recipients and donated them to development corporations. This means the government is guilty of one of the greatest crimes of the century: the robbery of billions of dollars.

### Lock'em Up!

The Housing and Urban Development department's official function is to make sure that everybody in the U.S. has the opportunity to obtain decent housing. The theoretical recipients of H.U.D. money would be the poor of the country. With 3 million homeless people in the U.S., this laundering of money amounts to robbing thousands and perhaps millions of people of their homes. Wouldn't any robber of this magnitude immediately be put in prison without bond? Shouldn't those who have taken these sweetheart deals be accused of possessing stolen property?



Affordable housing in America

Deborah Dean, one of Pierce's executive assistants, a master crook? Is it Sam Pierce himself? Most likely all of the above plus some. The payoffs practiced during the Reagan years were not unique to his administration. With recent investigations, information indicates that during the Carter administration the same thing was happening. Shouldn't we put all of these people on trial too? In fact, almost everyday we read in the paper about some other well known politician who is up to his neck in this scandal. Think of James Watt, President George Bush and innumerable congress persons and former H.U.D. employees. Who knows where the list will stop. In all these cases there exists documented correspondence regarding these laundering deals.

Realistically speaking, what do you think will happen? More than likely Pierce and others will continue to use the fifth amendment or get some kind of congressional immunity until all the storm passes. Then a few lesser officials, like Deborah Dean, will be slapped on the hand or maybe even spend a couple years in prison. This is about the scenario that occurred with the contrain rate scandal that almost brought the whole executive branch of government crashing down. This will be how one of the biggest robberies of the century will end. Well, in actuality it probably will not end; the laundering will more than likely continue independent of Pierce's, Dean's and the others' fates.

Mark these words and wait and see!

## Society In The Making

This column aims to show that our society is continually changing through the actions of organized groups. What is often perceived as a static situation can be changed for the better, in spite of any temporary setbacks. The information is drawn from the publications cited.

### Managua, Nicaragua

Thousands of internationalists attended a symposium on 'Democracy and Revolution' as part of the tenth anniversary celebration of the Sandista revolution. Representatives from the so-called socialist nations, the Latin American bourgeois parties, the Fourth International, and many others formed a very broad political spectrum to discuss the topic.

Daniel Ortega stated that the "July 1979 armed insurrection was the most democratic act in the history of the Nicaraguan people in its whole history." Rosario Ibarra, a member of the Mexican Revolutionary Workers' Party, insisted that a multi-party system and even the formal rights of bourgeois democracy were essential to building a democratic and egalitarian society.

International Viewpoint

### Hartford, Connecticut

Workers at the Colt firearms factory shot to victory after a three and one half year strike. The strike began when the company demanded concessions of \$2100 from every worker. Local Chapter 376 of the United Auto Workers, which represents the Colt workers, had rallied broad labor and community support for the strike. The settlement also grants up to \$40 million in back pay for the slighted workers.

In a time of increasing labor struggles such as the continuing strike at Eastern Airlines, the numerous teachers' strikes, and the Pittston Coal Mine strike, this victory represents a significant milestone.

Unity



"Here I am!"

### Turkey

For the third time since the founding of modern Turkey, a broad Human Rights League has started to challenge the continuous political oppression felt in this country. At this moment, the League is supporting a 50 day old hunger strike of over 150 political prisoners. Two have already died, largely due to the beatings and other tortures they had received from prison guards. The group was organized in 1986 and has several national campaigns involving hundreds of thousands of people and its 10,000 members.

This new league has also provided an opportunity for a very divided left to work together, something that has not happened for quite a while in Turkey.

International Viewpoint

### Nurrungar, Australia

Almost 500 anti-nuclear activists have been arrested during a five day protest at this remote U.S.-Australian military intelligence-gathering base. They were arrested for entering the security perimeter without authorization. The base is considered a likely target in a superpower nuclear confrontation.

New York Times

### United States

Earth First recently sponsored a successful national tree-sit week. At 12 locations across the country demonstrators climbed trees. One of the trees was located in the front yard of Assemblyman Dan Hauser, who has acted as a stooge for the timber industry. The demonstration also included several actions at the Fort Bragg Pacific Mill in northern California.

These demonstrations are part of a broad increase in environmental awareness across the U.S. The ravaging of natural lands has already irrevocably destroyed much of the wilderness in our country.

Industrial Worker

### Washington D.C., U.S.

The nationally produced quilt commemorating all those who have died of AIDS is now being displayed for the last time in its entirety. The quilt, consisting of 10,848 panels and weighing 13 tons, has become too large to lie in the Washington Mall. The quilt was produced, for among other reasons, to raise the public's level of awareness and to show the need for humane treatment of those infected by this plague of the 20th century.

New York Times

# The War on Drugs

This is the first installment of a contribution from the El Grito Collective. The N.I.C. does not necessarily agree with all the views presented.

submitted by: El Grito

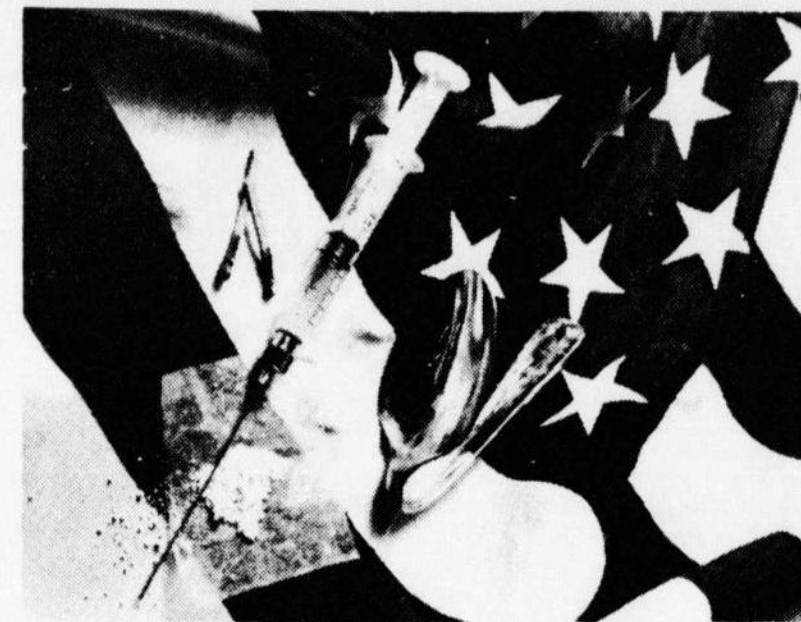
According to the U.S. billionaires and their representatives in government and the media, 'we' all are living through great times. 'We' are in the second longest 'boom' in peacetime history, and all would be well if it weren't for some 'bad guys' (non-White people living in 'our' ghettos and barrios, and in 'our' backyard', i.e. Latin America and the Caribbean). These 'bad guys' (non-White-don't forget) do not love 'our' democracy and 'our' way of life. They want to hook 'our' kids on drugs and communism and then lead them like sheep from 'our free enterprise system' to the 'godless, soulless police state' of communism. What's to be done about this dirty problem?--We need more 'good guys' ('White' Rambos and Dirty Harrys) to 'take back our streets' and to aid the 'moderate forces' ('moderate authoritarians') to take back their countries ('our backyard') from the 'bad guys.'

(By 'us,' the U.S. rich obviously mean themselves and their supporters, the Yanki petty-bourgeoisie and labor aristocracy, a zombie class and strata now wholly dependent on transfusions given to them by U.S. imperialism of profits from the neo-colonies, and the traitor bourgeoisie and officer strata of Latin America.)

Such is the moronic scenario that U.S. imperialism wants to spread in order to hide from the masses the unspeakable ruins and starvation it has brought upon the working masses of the Americas. The well known and easily documented reality is that the U.S. billionaires got out of the last crisis their system fell into in 1980-82 (the crisis of falling profits and property values) by shifting the whole burden of the crisis

prices that U.S. pays for the raw materials it imports from Latin America for its hi-tech manufactured goods. U.S. imperialism continued its attack by the raising of interest levels, repatriation of profits without further investment, forced devaluation, etc. which led to a

These peoples' guerilla forces have learned that the leaders of the trade unions, peasant unions and political parties that represent them cannot survive the U.S. government-trained local death squads and reactionary armies, unless the people take up arms to defend themselves. Such



forced tribute from impoverished Latin America of 100's of billions of dollars in the 80's. The area as a whole was ruined and driven to bankruptcy. Not only were the workers stripped of even the bare necessities, but the foreign banks ripped off everything from the petty bourgeoisie (teachers and other professionals, farmers, small store owners and small business owners in general). Now they flee to the U.S. looking for unskilled jobs!

As for the workers and poor peasants, who make up the vast majority of the population in Latin America, they are being worked to death while their families starve before them. Their children are dying one after another, weak and helpless before the now spreading epidemics and plagues. Hunger, no medical attention, open sewers running through the shack towns, and no drinkable water are examples of the type of 'life' the children of the hardworking peoples of Latin America have--eventhough every year they produce more blood tribute to keep afloat the U.S. banks and corporations and to keep up the luxurious lifestyles of the idle and rich in the U.S., Europe, Japan, and even Russia.

Naturally, workers, peasants and other victims of this inhuman system have not taken this lying down. Insurrections of the starving, with whatever arms they can find, have spread all over Latin America and the Caribbean. From desperate Haiti to once wealthy Argentina and Venezuela, the tanks have been called in to the streets by the traitor governments, *los gobiernos hambrientos*, to massacre the people at the orders of the foreign imperialist investors and their IMF. Why had the people in these countries risen up even against such powerful and inhuman forces? Because the people had no choice. At the dictate of the IMF, the 'national governments' cut the subsidies that kept down the prices of the bare necessities: food, housing, transportation and taxes. How were the people to feed their families?--and if they couldn't, then why die quietly when they could die fighting their oppressors' hired mercenaries, the neo-colonial army and the police.

In some countries of Latin America poverty was more widespread to begin with--even before the most recent crisis and imperialist attack. Since the suffering there has lasted longer and become most horrible, these nations had long ago developed active armed revolutionary armies of peasants and workers, lead by the jobless students and college graduates.

peoples' forces have already led to the overthrow of the U.S. imposed Somoza dictatorship (installed as part of the 'Good Neighbor Policy' by the liberal Democrat, Franklin D. Roosevelt). Similar forces are near victory in El Salvador, and Guatemala is staggering. But most of all, the U.S. imperialists fear the great growth of the revolutionary forces in Colombia and Peru.

The U.S. imperialists should know that they have a lot of 'good experience' in these countries. Right after the end of WWII, in 1948, the cold warriors of Truman and Eisenhower ordered the murder of the leftist Liberal candidate for president in Colombia. They didn't have 'Colombian drug dealers' to blame it on back then, however. And when the people of Bogota rose up against the assassination of Gaitan, the reactionaries unleashed a reign of terror that killed 300,000 in less than ten years. In Guatemala, Eisenhower landed armies of paratroopers dressed as 'tourists' and 'national' army forces to overthrow the only openly elected government the country had chosen since WWII. It was in this way that the U.S. imperialists drowned in blood the United Front of workers and peasants that had led the battle against fascism.

Again in the sixties the U.S. faced a crisis in these same areas due to the wretched and worsening conditions of the masses and to the recent victory of the national liberation movement in Cuba. To fight this and preserve 'our' unholy profits, Kennedy and Johnson created their 'Alliance for Progress'. Under a flood of propaganda

about the 'Peace Corps' and 'land redistribution', they pushed fascists like Duarte of El Salvador into office and sent specialists to organize the death squads, giving them training at the U.S. military bases in the U.S.'s colony (itself grabbed by military force under the 'progressive' presidency of Teddy Roosevelt). Colombia and Venezuela, which had large areas that the guerillas had liberated, were sent helicopters and tanks that unleashed a new blood bath under the national state of siege that was declared and which is still in force in Colombia now. The Dominican Republic was also invaded with Brazilian fascist troops while reactionaries were then put into power.

Why do the oppressors do this? Because they have no choice. The U.S. imperialists and their allies in South America know that once one country gets truly free, insurrections will break out all over Latin America and the 'wonderful' era of fat profits will be over. U.S. imperialism is in a desperate trade war with European and Japanese capitalism for the world market. U.S. imperialism has old and out dated factories and is having a desperate time competing. Only the cheap labor and captive markets in its colonies and neo-colonies keeps the U.S. above water. Defeat in South America would sink many great U.S. fortunes and corporations into bankruptcy. This and this alone is the real basis of the recently announced 'War on Drugs' by U.S. imperialism.

George Bush, ex-boss of the CIA, would like us to believe he is leading a 'war on drugs' to 'save our youth from themselves,' and that it is for this high-minded and pure reason that he is shipping U.S. planes, helicopters, machine guns along with U.S. 'advisors' to all the greatest centers of guerilla power in Latin America. He would also like us to believe that it is for this same noble cause of 'protecting our children' that he has sent the same machines of hell to the ghettos and barrios in the U.S., along with Green Berets and other advisors, to show the local police how to build up militarized SWAT teams. For the U.S. billionaires and their representative George Bush, there is obviously only one 'pragmatic' response to the drug problem--the further development of the militarized police state.

So we are to be protected from the drug traffickers by the CIA! This can be expected only in the U.S., where, in California, we are 'protected' from the private utilities by the 'Utilities Commission', which is an 'impartial' government agency composed of utility company executives and their bankers, and where, at the national level, we are protected from the banking industry by the Federal Reserve Board, with 'elected' representatives, one chosen by each of the great New York Banks. Surely, in such a country, it is only fitting to put the leaders of the CIA, DEA, and police vice squads in charge of the 'war on drugs.'

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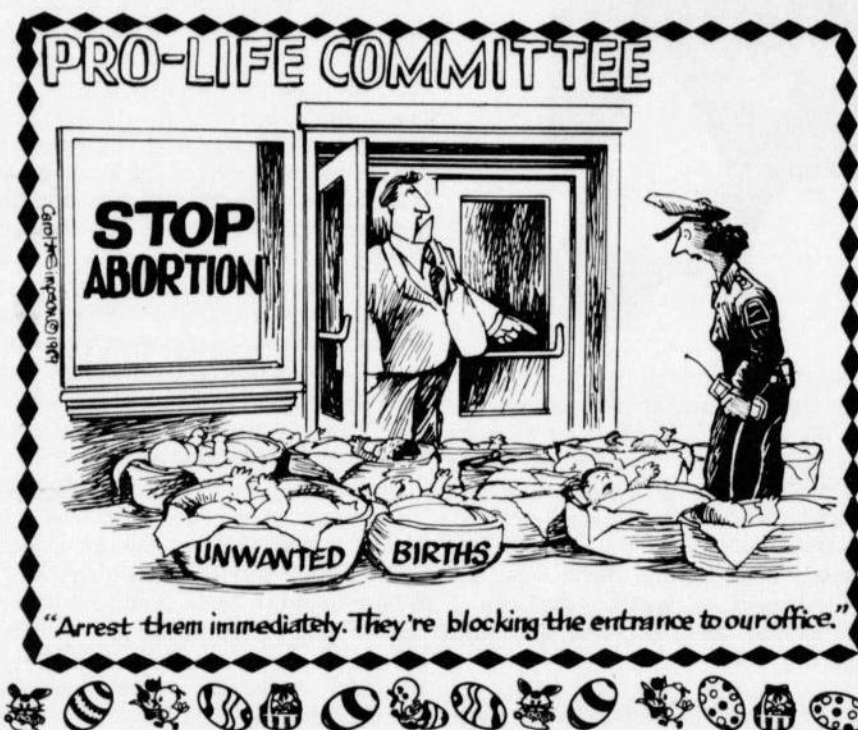
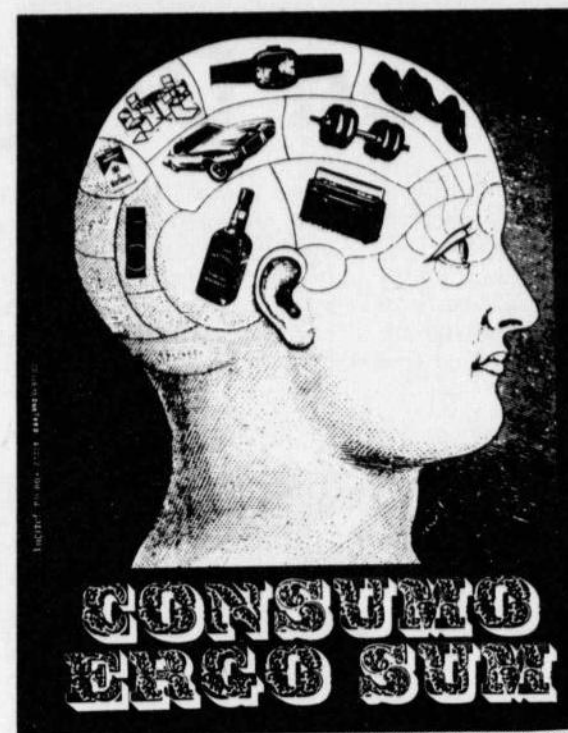
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Collective Notes: Committee for World Democracy

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The most popular movie ever shown is Peter Davis' "Hearts and Minds."

This film is more than a study of the Vietnam War; it is an exploration of the American psyche and a look at cherished ideals in conflict with reality. It is a complex study of politics and ideals, of human nature and the nature of war itself. This academy award winning film draws between 500-700 people. It was last shown on campus in the spring of 1987.

The Committee for World Democracy in cooperation with Third World Studies is a campus organization whose goal as stated in its charter is,

"to make available to the campus community significant statements in film regarding the struggles of people, both in the U.S. and abroad, to secure full democratic rights."

The committee is comprised of activists from the left, professors, grad. and undergrad students, alumni and film buffs from the community. C.W.D. as it is known, does not always agree unanimously on film selection, nor do they always subscribe completely to a film's thesis, but they do feel it is important that people have the opportunity to see and discuss films dealing with issues of vital concern to us all.

In this regard, attendance at the Oct. 13th. screening of the Hungarian film "Time Stands Still" was down somewhat from 1987's average attendance per screening of 235 people. Just think what the attendance would be if C.W.D. had a little help with publicity.

The quarterly calendars that provide movie information are available at the new indicator office or GroundWork bookstore. Also, you can help by picking up ten copies at the next show on Friday night and distribute them in your community. Historically, the San Diego community finds out about the films by picking up the Reader or Sunday L.A. Times newspapers. You can lend a hand by sending an extra calendar to the newspaper. Also, a fun time can be had at one of C.W.D.'s banner painting parties. It is an opportunity to meet new friends and express yourself artistically. The banners have been posted all over campus. But by far one of the greatest resources C.W.D. provides outside of free movies every Friday night is the chance to meet with activists at their information tables set up in the lobby of the theatre. Often, after the movies discussion groups of 30 people stay to share their thoughts on the film. Sometimes these discussions continue on at local pubs and beyond.

Those of us concerned with expanding this worthwhile organization need to become involved in a supportive way. It only takes two hours a week to make a difference. It will not take much time and energy to bring the average audience attendance per screening back up to the 1987 level of 235 people.



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At the reggae fest the rasta man shouted:  
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but in the back, one man pouted

not that he didn't want apartheid smashed  
that he wanted very bad  
it was his recent trip to the border  
that was making him so very sad

A middle aged couple being forced into a green and white truck  
is what he had saw  
and when he complained and said "that's not fair!"  
the border patrol replied, "it's the law"

So at the price center when the Rasta man shouted:  
"END APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA"  
He proclaimed back, "END APARTHEID IN SAN DIEGO"  
but the crowd told him, "this is the land of the free, this is America"

so the rasta man shouted again  
"WHAT DO YOU THINK OF NUCLEAR WAR?"  
and we answered with a big "BOO!"  
Then the sad man cried some more

"WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS SPENT ON MILITARY RESEARCH ON THIS CAMPUS?"  
he cried out loud  
but we did not listen  
didn't hear a sound

too busy denying our guilt and sipping Frosties  
to pay attention to some lunatic yelling:  
"Oh sure, scream about Apartheid and nuclear war but don't do anything else because we're getting so much money from the military, and don't even think to mention that our Frosties are costing an Amazonian his way of life, cuz Wendy's gave money for the show."

I am the lunatic inside.  
Let me out.

by Arnold Anarchiavitch





# Long Stories In Short

## It's About Time

### Cher Saywer

Diane Sawyer: "Tell me Cher, is there anything that scandalizes you?"

Cher: (quietly thoughtful for a moment and then ...) "Yes, there is—a President who lies."

Sawyer, who got her media start in the Nixon vacation White House as San Clemente, ignored Cher's response and changed the subject.

Integrity Times

"I take it that all these things are steps toward our getting out of Nicaragua. In that view of it, I am in hearty accord with the [peace] program. We sent our marines to Nicaragua twenty-one years ago. We have been there practically ever since. We've set up governments and taken down governments... I'm in favor of the Nicaraguans having the kind of government that they want, changing it as often as they want and in the manner that they want. I hope it is true we are not going to let anything change our place to get out and stay out." Said by Senator William E. Bloch, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

New York Times (4-18-31)

### My Heart Bleeds

President Bush said he was saddened by the death of Ferdinand Marcos. Former President Reagan said he was deeply saddened.

NBC Nightly News

### Abortion is Bad for Business

Anti-abortion demonstrator Clint Day, who operates a Del Taco restaurant in Norcross, Georgia, told Atlanta reporters that he was concerned about the adverse business impact of twenty-four million abortions performed in the last fifteen years. "Think of the customer base that would create," he said.

Progressive

### Ismelda Trump

When Ivana (Mrs. Donald) Trump needs to buy clothes, she flies Paris couturiers to New York, according to *Women's Wear Daily*. "They stay in our hotels and they have a great time," she says, and anyway it beats flying to France: "I could buy five more dresses for the \$100,000 it costs me to bring my plane to Paris."

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### Hopeless Homeless

"People don't think of the homeless in the summertime, but they're still there," says Donna Brazile, national coordinator of the October 7 march in Washington. With a wide range of endorsers and over 300 local affiliates, the march was the first national demonstration for affordable housing.

If anything, the housing crisis has worsened since we last wrote about it in *Dollars & Sense* ("Endangered Species," November 1988). The federal housing budget has been cut 77% in the last eighty years, and the homeless now number 3 million. By the year 2003, 5 million more households will need low-rent units—27% of the supply of subsidized housing will be lost. The National Coalition for the Homeless estimates that unless there is a shift in national priorities, 19 million people will be homeless by the year 2000.

Dollars and Sense

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