

You Lose \$3 Billion...

Rally Planned March 4 To Protest Cuts In Education

Students at the nine UC campuses have set March 3rd and 4th for a UC-wide "day of action" to protest fee increases and Federal financial aid cutbacks, totaling almost \$3 billion dollars. At UCSD a protest rally is scheduled for March 4th at 12 noon at Revelle Plaza.

At the state level, UC students can look forward to a \$100 increase in fees next year, with the possibility of tuition fees looming not far ahead. It is expected that the 2½% cuts in state budgets will result in elimination of academic programs and consolidation of other programs.

At the Federal level, despite the Reagan Administration's opportunities for the truly needy, the proposed cuts will deny many poor and middle class people access to a college education. One aspect of Reagan's deep cut in loans and grants would be to establish a 3 tier system. One tier would be for the elite, Ivy League Schools, catering only to the wealthy. The second tier would consist of the less elite private schools and state universities and would cater to the middle class. And, lastly, the community colleges for low-income, working class

people, and would serve as vocational training for those who could still afford to go.

The proposed cuts by the Reagan Administration will total almost \$3 billion dollars for the '83-'84 fiscal year. The impact of the cuts will mean a 75% reduction in the \$130 million currently received.

If Reagan's proposal is accepted, the National Direct Student Loan program would be cut from \$186 million to \$179

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million by fall 1982, and will be completely eliminated the following year. The Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program would be completely eliminated by 1983, along with \$73 million State Student Incentive Grant.

Programs that face deep cuts include
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Victory for Graduate Students...

Literature Dept. Votes To Oppose Cutbacks in TAs

On February 19th 1982, faculty members of the Literature Department voted unanimously to re-affirm their support of a long-standing departmental policy to support graduate Teaching Assistantships (TAs), and Research Assistants (RAs). This vote followed in the wake of attempts made by Literature Department Chair Jamie Lyon, and Literature Professor Donald Wesling, over the last several weeks, to undermine the level of support given to graduate students.

The vote, by the faculty, overturns efforts by Lyon and Wesling for implementation of their "crisis alternative" and indicates a strong approval by the faculty for the Department of Literature to support—at 50% time for all TAs and RAs—its PhD students for a "total of 5 years or 15 quarters". Furthermore the new policy the Literature Department issued "affirms its desire to support those doctoral students who have exceeded this five-year period..." on a funds availability basis. This in effect means that the call for cutbacks has not only been resisted but in fact has been expanded to offer support for students.

Clearly, through the efforts of a handful of student representatives from the Graduate Students Council, and the overwhelming support of the rank-and-file faculty of the Literature Department, a major victory has been achieved in thwarting the imposition of a Reaganomics style cutback in the Literature Department by Lyon and Wesling.

The "crisis alternative" proposed by Chair Jamie Lyon, at the beginning of the quarter included:

- 1)a 50% cut in all TA salaries—guaranteeing only 25% TAships to all graduate literature students for 5 years;
- 2)guaranteeing 50% TAships for only three years;
- 3)begin TA support in the 3rd or 4th year;
- 4)award support on a competitive basis;
- 5)require a student to forfeit her/his TA

contract if absent during fall quarter.

Impossible to ignore, following the vote, are reports surfacing from students in the Literature Department (who are now less reluctant to speak to the *n.i.*) regarding the background to the controversy. Students contend that graduate student advisor Donald Wesling created an atmosphere of confusion and fear by "restricting" students from a meeting with section-heads discussing the "crisis alternatives" and through two memos dated February second and February 16th. His February second memo outlines one measure to eliminate support of TAs by admitting students from a higher income background; "Permit now (sic) persons who are able to pay their own way in Graduate school, and who will sign away their prescriptive right to support for 12 quarters; such persons will do the minimum required three quarters of teaching, and will be available to fill in during odd quarters when there are gaps".

His February 16th memo details reasons for the "crisis" brought about, according to him, because between two to four TA's cannot be supported each quarter. However he ignored the fact that similar shortages have been dealt with effectively in previous years, and that the Council of Provosts has indicated no sudden change in the allocation of TA's that would necessitate cuts in TA positions or salaries.

Other students point to the actions of Department Chair Lyon, as a contributing factor in creating disunity among graduate students within the Literature Department. For example, Lyon convened a meeting to discuss the "crisis alternatives", called for a vote and then later disregarded the "straw" vote as unimportant.

In an open letter to all graduate students in the department, Graduate Student Council Chair, Barry Hyman, called the vote a form of "psychological violence" practiced on students and a test of "loyalty" through which "troublemakers" are pointed out.

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Guerrillera Displays Confidence in the Salvadorean Struggle for Freedom
photo: Nickelsberg, Jump Cut Film Journal

El Salvador Solidarity Rallies Held In San Diego

On February 18th and 19th UCSD, North County, and San Diego CISPESes and the Peace and Justice Coalition sponsored a series of coordinated events as an emergency response to Reagan's "certification" of human rights in El Salvador, increased U.S. aid to the military junta and the training of Salvadorean troops in the United States. The rally at UCSD on the 18th, the 24-hour downtown vigil the 18th and 19th, and the downtown rally on the 19th were all successful, and this time around CISPES's downtown events received much favorable television coverage as well as mention in the press.

UCSD RALLY

The Salvadorean Solidarity Committee, CISPES sponsored a rally on February 18th on the gym steps. The noon-time events drew 75 to 100 people, who sat on the grass to hear speakers and to watch a skit performed by San Diego Student for Peace/UCSD. SSC/CISPES will hold an open meeting March 1, 7 P.M. at the Che Cafe.

24-Hour Vigil

North County CISPES initiated a 24 hour vigil at 11:30 A.M. on Feb. 18 in front of the Federal Building on Front St. Groups of between 3 to 15 people kept a continuous presence on the site overnight, and a number of religious people—Catholic and Protestant clergy—also participated. At night, a semi-circle of candles in sandfilled bags was lit, creating an attention-getting effect. At one point during the vigil, in the very early hours of Feb. 19, a police car rolled up to the vigil site, and the police asked the vigilers if they needed anything. The vigilers replied that they didn't need anything, where upon the police told them what an inspiring sight their candles and signs were at such an hour.

DOWNTOWN RALLY

As the vigil came to an end, the rally sponsored by San Diego CISPES started in front of the Front St. Federal Building. The rally went from 11:30 to 12:30 P.M. on the 19th, and in marked
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Hilton Obenzinger speaks at UCSD

Anti-Zionist Jew Speaks Out Against Zionism

Presented below is a transcript of a speech, in condensed form, given by Hilton Obenzinger at UCSD on February 17th 1982. Obenzinger is a member of the Jewish Alliance Against Zionism based in San Francisco. The following is the first of a two-part series.

I am an anti-Zionist Jew. I was not born instantly an anti-Zionist Jew. In fact, I was raised and was active as a Zionist for years. But because of the current domination of Zionism as a political movement and ideology within the Jewish community, it is easily forgotten that there have been and remain anti-Zionist Jews. I am a part of the tradition that in the past has extended from the very religious to the struggles of the Jewish-American labor movement. Today this tradition embraces religious anti-Zionists, on the one hand, ranging from orthodox groups like Nturi Karta to reform Judaism leaders such as Rabbi Elmer Berger and Moshe Menuhin; on the other hand, secular, cultural, ethical and political anti-Zionists such as Socialists and Communists like Uri Davis in Israel

and Maxim Rodinson in France and the Jewish Alliance Against Zionism (JAAZ), of which I am a member.

I stand along side of those progressive critics of Zionist policies within the Zionist movement itself, who while still maintaining adherence to Zionism, have courageously struggled against its most reactionary manifestations.

I am an anti-Zionist Jew because the moral, cultural, and ultimate interests of the majority of Jews if Israel or around the world are not served by Zionism. Zionism is an ideology and practice which in the course of oppressing Palestinians, distorts and debases the Jewish people and places them in greater isolation and danger in the world by effectively abandoning the fight against anti-Semitism by advocating as the solution for Jewish survival.

As an anti-Zionist Jew, I support the right of Palestinian people to self-determination and that the P.L.O. is the representative of the Palestinian people. I join the vast majority of the peoples of the world who are opposed to the
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Letters

UCSD Guardian Ignores Student's Plea To be Heard

Editor:

Less than a month ago the UCSD Guardian printed an article entitled "Anatomy of a Bomb Threat". I am the student who is suffering innumerable repercussions from the Guardian's feeble attempt at making news. Three days later I submitted an editorial to the Guardian. I not only wanted to tell my side, but to state several pertinent facts which were either misconstrued or overlooked due to their lack of space. A week later I was told by Randy Hill (the Guardian Opinion Editor), that my letter would create a negative reflection of their paper, and subsequently refused to print it. The following week I submitted a second letter to them in which I used weaker adjectives in my description of the "reporter" responsible. The Guardian's excuse this time: they never saw the letter! This is my third year in witnessing the Guardian's historic neglect in being an equitable and accountable news media.

During the midterm cycle I have struggled to have my editorials printed. The new indicator has granted me space so that I may finally be heard. I am truly grateful that students have an alternative means of a progressive, informative network of communication. Below is a copy of my original editorial to the Guardian.

Editor:

I am a student who has been persecuted by this institution, this city

and its media. The Guardian has contributed to these attacks and has clouded the circumstances of my case with false accusations characteristic of yellow journalism. This rag owes me equal space since it passed judgement and presented a distorted picture to support it. Had it bothered to talk with me after the bulk of my case was settled (1/28), a less sensational and subsequently more accurate story would have appeared.

Two weeks ago (1/20), Nick Hanna, the writer responsible for the story called me one evening. In a stammering, apologetic manner, he told me he was doing a story on how students can commit bomb threats without getting caught. He asked if I could offer any "tips", and at one point began whispering. I informed him that I offered no advice, but I would be interested in making a statement after the details of my case were settled. Obviously the Guardian did not want to be interested in the facts but would rather have unfolded a fairytale in which only my name and the charge were correct. Therefore, I wish to clarify the dense circumstances involved.

My plea of Not Guilty to a felony charge was changed to Guilty of a misdemeanor. This case of plea bargaining afforded the fervent District Attorney to "save face" in the media eyes, without having to prosecute. I was advised to accept this offer as my original plea would have entailed many months of frequent court appearances and costly litigation. Although the

evidence against me was either circumstantial or inadmissible due to violations of my rights, the final decision might be negatively influenced by my recent involvement with the sit-in at the Chancellor's office. I was told that by accepting this plea, the charge would be expunged from my record in a year. Coupled with international "terrorist" activity on the rise and San Diego's milieu of conservatism, my lawyer thought my chance of winning was equal to the chance that the court would make me an example to wave in the faces of other politically active students and the general public. I had five days to decide on the DA's offer; I chose the least expensive, yet guaranteed method of eventually being exonerated.

Hanna also misquoted my statements regarding the political nature of my case. It has been vigorously pursued and publicized on radio, television and in the papers throughout Southern California—before I was even informed of the charge. In each instance there was an abundance of misinformation. These reports have altered the nature of the charge and put pressure on the judicial system to use a hard-line approach.

The fact that literally hundreds of similar cases go uninvestigated, prompts me to question the motives of the University in going to ardent extremes to publicized and prosecute me. Was it that they sought justice or was it an attempt to harass and deter me from supporting legitimate grievances against them?

I also suspect that my reluctance in talking with Hanna until a later date, shadowed the attitude in which the story was written, (even the title was inaccurate), and I wonder upon whose behest it was printed. One thing is certain: in trying to milk juice from a raisin, The Guardian had to resort to scurrilous tactics, and I am its victim!

Robyn F. Broughton

New Indicator Draws Fire From Lit Students

Dear Collective,

We, the undersigned, past and current graduate representatives to the Literature Department's Graduate Studies Committee, wish to go on record in response to the article in the last new indicator "TA Cutbacks Threatened in Literature Department."

The article was correct in reporting that there is currently a controversy in the Department over means of solving an apparently chronic difficulty in budgeting support for all Ph.D students in the Literature Department. Graduate students, through their representatives to the faculty, have affirmed their belief that the Department should not alter its current policy of commitment to financial support, even for those students whom it will accept in coming years.

However, we object to the article's analysis of the reasons for the current discussion. The author implicitly accepts Barry Hyman's contention that Department Chair Jamie Lyon is actively "practicing psychological violence on graduate students" by inventing a non-existent "crisis." We wish to make these points:

1) We deplore unsubstantiated personal attacks upon the integrity of Professor Lyon and other faculty members. Barry Hyman is entitled to express his opinions, but he speaks neither for the graduate students in Literature nor for the Graduate Student Council as a whole. Barry Hyman is not a member of our department. Moreover, our previous representative to the Graduate Student Council, Richard Boyd, recently resigned in protest over Mr. Hyman's use of his title as GSC Chair in

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Babylon—By-The-Cove

By Rambling Rosie

It's amusing to what extent administrators go in formulating policy...Take Vice-Chancellor of Undergraduate Affairs, Joe Watson for example...In a memo sent to the Committee on Educational Policy regarding "Bomb threats on Examinations" Watson outlines ways in which to deal with bomb threats during examinations. Of special interest were his comments on ways to discourage bomb threats...According to the memo, he suggests offering a cash reward for evidence leading to the identification of a "threatener"; another suggestion, a take-off from "Name that tune" no doubt, is playing the police recording of the call in the class "for all students to hear."

Else where in the bureaucracy, Housing and Food Services is considering hiking the rents between 20-30% next year for on-campus housing next year. This along with the federal cutbacks in education will tend to force lower income students even further away from this institution...

At the junior level...the AS Council got it together to vote down an allocation for a movie sponsored by a religious cult group, commonly known as the "Moonies". According to one ASer, Activity Fee Chair, Tollner, introduced the legislation with the argument that the movie should be funded because it gives the "US side" of the story in El Salvador...When the vote was called only one person—Revelle Rep, Mark Diamond, who you may recall "raided" the AS Council carrying plastic pistols along with other CIA members last quarter—voted for the allocation of money to the "Moonies". According to one source this Revelle rep is in bad need of a "deprogramming" class...

Rumor has it that this rep is working with other people who find the UCSD Guardian "too liberal" to establish the California Review. According to one source close to the Review the "Moonies" and the Review are not necessarily mutually exclusive. That explains that...

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El Salvador Support Rallies in San Diego

able to draw a large diverse and militant crowd. Between 250 and 300 people watched Teatro Raices perform and listened to speakers Ozzie Vensor (North County CISPES) and Rebecca Tarvar (CISPES Southwest Regional office). The crowd of men and women included large student contingents from UCSD, SDSU and City College, individuals from most every progressive community organization, local political figures, elderly and handicapped people, workers, children and military personnel.

The rally held as it was next to a construction site and on a working day, drew the attention of Federal workers in the Federal Building and construction workers on the building site. Several hard-hatted workers joined the crowd out of curiosity and interest as Rebecca contrast to past community rally's as well as the UCSD event, CISPES was Tarvar spoke, and navy personnel in uniform were also seen in the crowd. At

one point during the rally, money was collected to maintain CISPES' San Diego office. One anonymous CISPES donor promised to match money collected and send it to the people of El Salvador in the form of medical aid. Over \$250 was collected.

Overall, the CISPES emergency events were a success in drawing attention to the issue of El Salvador and to CISPES as an organization. The crowd at the downtown rally their militancy and variety, as well as the television and radio coverage, gave CISPES exposure and momentum in the community. CISPES belongs to the Peace and Justice Coalition of San Diego County, which helped to promote the events and mobilize its constituencies.

Emergency events are difficult to organize, given only 2 weeks notice. The February 18 and 19th CISPES events demonstrated that the issue of El Salvador is gaining more and more public attention as the Reagan Administration continues to make moves towards intervention in El Salvador.

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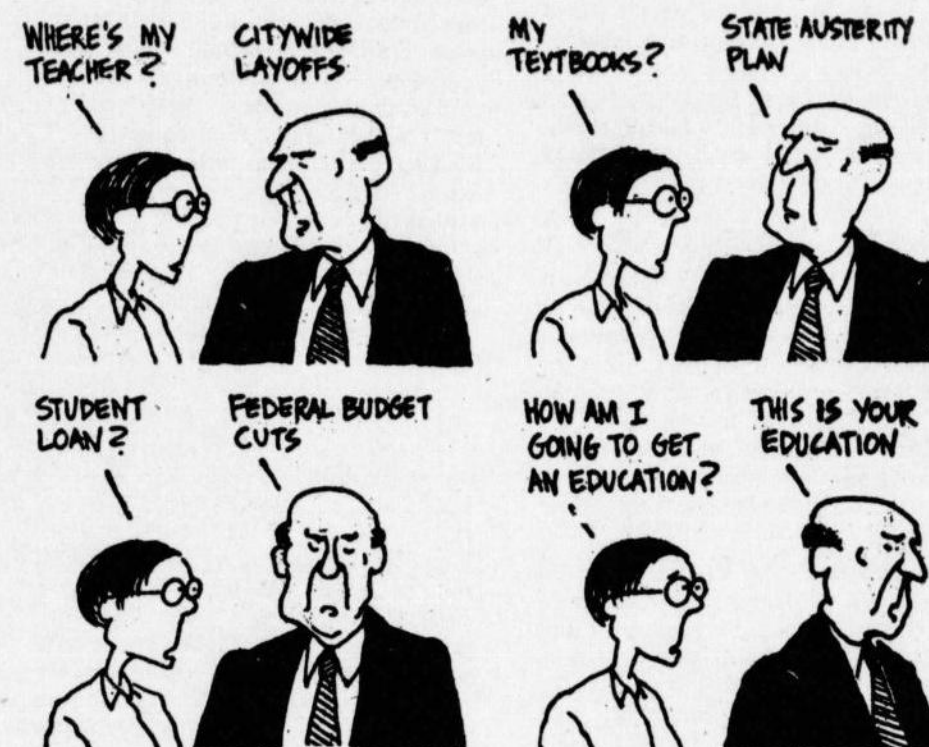
Education Budget Cuts

The College Work-Study Program which would be reduced from \$550 million to \$398 million by 1983.

The \$3.4 billion Guaranteed Student Loan—currently used by over 3,000 UCSD students—will lose \$900 million under the Reagan plan. The

2.4 billion Social Security Program. This will only serve to enlarge the pool of eligible students for other programs—programs that are threatened to be cut.

The proposed financial aid cutbacks, coupled with attacks on the U.S. public education system is placing the entire school system in a paralyzing position—at least as far as working class people are concerned. The rich of course, would continue to receive nothing but the best.



administration proposes to raise loan fees and make it more difficult for middle income students to qualify. Meanwhile, Pell Grants for poor students, would lose nearly half its funding, topping about 1 million of its 2.7 million beneficiaries off the rolls.

The latest proposed cuts follows congressional approved to phase out the

The argument about no money is a fallacy, a pretext to cut the heart of the country's education system and impose one system for the rich and another for the poor. Any political system that can afford to spend \$1.5 trillion on building strategic military weapons over the next five years can also afford to provide aid to its educational system at the expense of its bloated military budget.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARCH ACTION/PROTEST CALENDAR

MONDAY, MARCH 8: INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY—local activities include march/ guerrilla theater to begin at the San Diego Federal Building, 880 Front St., at 11:30am, and to wind through downtown. Sponsored by Women's Peace Action.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9: Women's Peace Action strikes again with march/ guerrilla theater at San Diego State University, 11:30am.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27: NATIONWIDE SALVADOREAN ELECTION PROTEST—to protest the rigged elections in El Salvador March 28. More details to follow. Sponsored by Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador, and Peace and Justice Coalition.

SUNDAY, MARCH 28: RALLY TO STOP SAN ONOFRE—Noon to 4pm, Doheny Beach State Park, Dana Point. Sponsored by Community Energy Action Network.

CAMPUS:

New Indicator Collective, Student Center, UCSD, 452-2016:

Tuesday, March 2, 6pm: UCSD Student Center, Rm. 209: **New Indicator Collective** meeting. To discuss current issue and plan future issue. Volunteers welcome.

Tuesday, March 9, 6pm: UCSD Student Center, Rm. 209: **New Indicator Collective** meeting. To discuss copy for next issue. Volunteers welcome.

Friday/Saturday, March 13/14, all day: UCSD Student Center, Rm. 210: **New Indicator** production. Volunteers welcome to produced next issue of paper. No experience necessary.

Groundwork Books Collective, Student Center, UCSD, 452-9625:

Friday, (& every 2nd Friday of month) March 12, 4:30 to 6:30pm: **TGIF**. Live! conversations on how to smash imperialism. Refreshments.

Friday, (& every 4th Friday of month), March 26, 4:30 to 6:30pm: **Work Party** Hard work & some conversation. No experience necessary. Come meet the Groundwork Collective people.

Political Film Series, Committee for World Democracy, 452-4450:

Friday, March 5, 7pm: TLH 107, Free: **El Salvador: Another Vietnam?** A disturbing look at the current U.S. role in Central America, which suggests that many of the fatal mistakes which led to U.S. intervention in Vietnam are being made again. **Nicaragua: Free Homeland or Death.** Beginning with scenes filmed during the Fall '78 Sandinista uprising, the film shows why and how the Nicaraguan people raise up to fight and ultimately crush the dictatorship of Anastasio Somoza.

Friday, March 12, 7pm, TLH 107, Free: **Sacco and Vanzetti.** A powerful account of the infamous frame-up and execution of two Italian immigrants in the wave of anti-Red hysteria which followed the First World War.

COMMUNITY:

Tuesday, March 2, 7:30pm: San Diego Federal Savings and Loan Building, 2751 Via De La Valle: **CISPES Anniversary** meeting to discuss actions for March 27 and celebrate CISPES's anniversary. Sponsored by Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador.

Saturday, March 6, 3pm: Macho's Restaurant, Midway and Rosecrans: **Teatro Raices Presents** a play, a cry from the heart revealing realities of workers' struggles. \$5/person.

Tuesday, March 9, 12-2pm: Council Chambers, Aztec Center, SDSU: **Women In The Peace Movement**, A Women's History Week Event. An historical overview of women's unique contributions to the peace movement, presented by Carol Jahnkow. The film, "Women's Pentagon Action" will be shown. Sponsored by Women's Studies Students Association-SDSU and SDSU Women's Studies Dept.

Saturday, March 13, 6pm: Great Hall, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Fifth & Nutmeg: **Peace Potluck**, the continuing campaign for a Nuclear Free Pacific. Special Guest, Teresita Ulechong from Micronesia, Native of Belau. Bring a dish to share with 4-6 persons. Sponsored by Peace and Justice Coalition of San Diego County and other progressive community groups. 459-4650 for information.

Saturday, March 6, 7:30pm: Grass Roots Cultural Center, 1947 30th St. at Grape St.: **Women's Cultural Night**, "Generations of Women's Performing" featuring New Image Theatre, Mexican and Latin folk music, Zaida Batt, Carlota and Mona and others. For this and other events offered by Grass Roots Cultural Center, call 232-5009. (Public Art in the New Nicaragua, art show runs Tuesday through Sunday, Grass Roots Cultural Center)

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To Oppose Cutbacks In Education

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Women In Revolution

Reagan Housing Cutbacks Hurt Women

Reagan Administration proposals to cut public housing programs endanger women. Early in December, David Stockman announced plans to sharply curtail federal support for publicly subsidized housing programs. By the fall of 1982, the Administration proposes to end construction of new public housing projects and to rescind earlier authority to construct about 150,000 units, according to the *Washington Post*.

Ten percent of all American households or 2.4 million families live in publicly-subsidized housing. Approximately half or 1.2 million of these households live in public housing projects. The rest live in publicly-subsidized housing in the private sector. Reagan proposes to move the 1.2 million now in public housing projects into rental units in the private market.

Women are 3/4 of all heads-of-households who participate in public housing programs. They also are 3/4 of all heads-of-households who have been approved for participation, but for whom suitable units have not been found. Waiting lists for public housing are long.

Reagan Administration proposals to reduce public housing subsidies and to house eligible persons in the private rental market mean bad news for low-income women. Major cities have reported consistently low vacancy rates. Low rates of new housing construction and increased rates of condominium conversion mean a shortage of rental stock. Even with housing vouchers, it is unlikely that most low-income women could afford the inflated prices of available housing in the private sector. The widening gap between men and women's wages is an indication that women are comparatively disadvantaged in coping with the inflated housing costs which have outpaced average wage increases.

Female-headed households tend to be

less well-housed than the general population, according to a 1978 HUD study "How Well Are We Housed? Female Headed Households". Women renters tend to live in older homes which suffer from more frequent plumbing and maintenance flaws than the national average. A woman's chance of living in inadequate rental housing is increased if she is older, a woman of color, or the head of a large household. Those who are eligible for public housing programs tend to fit the profile of those who are least well-housed. Consequently, if Reagan's plans are carried out in the 1983 federal budget, we can expect that women users of the housing vouchers will be housed in less adequate units than the national average. The Administration has not indicated that it plans to establish a special program to monitor the conditions of privately-owned units.

Another problem with the Administration's proposals is discrimination against women, minorities, low-income persons, families with children, the disabled, and gay persons in the private rental market. Housing discrimination against racial minorities was prohibited by the 1968 Federal Civil Rights Act, which was amended in 1974 to include sex as a protected classification. However, the federal law has weak enforcement provisions and does not specifically prohibit discrimination on the basis of families with children, which affects female-headed households, or on the basis of sexual orientation.

Finally, the larger question must be raised about the long-term housing needs of American women. Whether they are home owners, renters, in transition, institutionalized or homeless, women are comparatively disadvantaged. Given a sexual wage differential of 59%, women have less income available for housing expenses. Women are simply unable to compete on an equal economic basis with men. In March, 1978, the median income for all families was \$17,640. For families maintained by women, that figure dropped to \$8,537. In contrast, the median income for families headed by men was \$15,966.

Only 47% of female heads-of-

households own their own homes, compared with 63% of male heads-of-households and 73% of married couples. When women do own homes, they are typically older units of less than average value, acquired on the death of a spouse. Women's low rates of home ownership are not surprising, given the combined effects of wage discrimination, state property laws, federal and state loan programs favoring veterans, mortgage and insurance discrimination, and the overwhelming fact of female poverty. We need federal housing policy and local initiatives which, at minimum, would help women to obtain equal housing opportunity.

Not only do women own homes at low

Women Organize To Fight Harassment

Over the past decade women, singly and in groups, have used new and inventive techniques to fight harassment and abuse. Take Back the Night is one method.

Women's causes in trade unions have been demanding and receiving sexual harassment clauses in their contracts. They also want special grievance procedures to deal with sexual harassment and educationals to inform the members of this problem. The intersection of the women's movement with the workers' movement is one of the most effective ways women can make real gains in this society and to eliminate the discrimination that we face.

Women in some cities, angered at police and politician statements that the only way for women to reduce assaults upon them is to stay home after dark, plastered official looking posters in their cities. The posters, supposedly issued by the police chief and the city hall bureaucrats stated that due to the high number of rapes and assaults on women a 10:00 p.m. curfew for men has been ordered. No man may appear on the streets after 10:00 p.m. unless accompanied by two or more women. Many people were fooled and police were outraged en masse.

Women's groups have used publicity and embarrassment to curb the rapists and harassers. A group of women

surround a known sexual offender, yelling at him, taunting and criticizing him. Leaflets would be distributed naming the culprit and his crimes. Sometimes, his car or house would be spray-painted. This play is especially effective in cases where the rapist is a doctor, lawyer or other 'respectable' member of society.

Anonymous leaflets naming sexual harassers distributed at the workplace and posted in the women's washroom also sometimes embarrass the workplace offender enough to stop.

As individuals, some women are no longer tolerating lewd comments. One sister challenges every street harasser she meets, if there are other members of the public around. She yells, screams and acts hysterical. As people gather around, the street harasser usually looks decidedly uncomfortable. His previously smirking friends desert him, relieved that it's not a woman he'll remember "the crazy woman who acted wrong" and refrain his impulse.

Wen-do, the womanly art self-defense, has become very popular and wen-do classes are available in every major city. Wen-do keeps women fit. It teaches them how to defend themselves and it helps develop a woman's self-confidence, making her a less likely target for assault.

These are some of the tactics used. Through the development of the women's movement more ways of fighting will be introduced. Women will continue to fight and to make gains until the last vestiges of this patriarchal society are eliminated.

Strike

Prosecution of Non-registrants pending...

Conscientious Objectors And The Draft

The following is another installment in our series on Registration and the Draft by the National Lawyers Guild's Military Law Panel.

The President who promised to end draft registration if elected has now committed himself to continuing registration and assures us he has no intention of reviving the draft. It's fair to say that Reagan's promises lack credibility at this point, and it is increasingly important for young men of draft age to think about their prospects if the draft is reinstated.

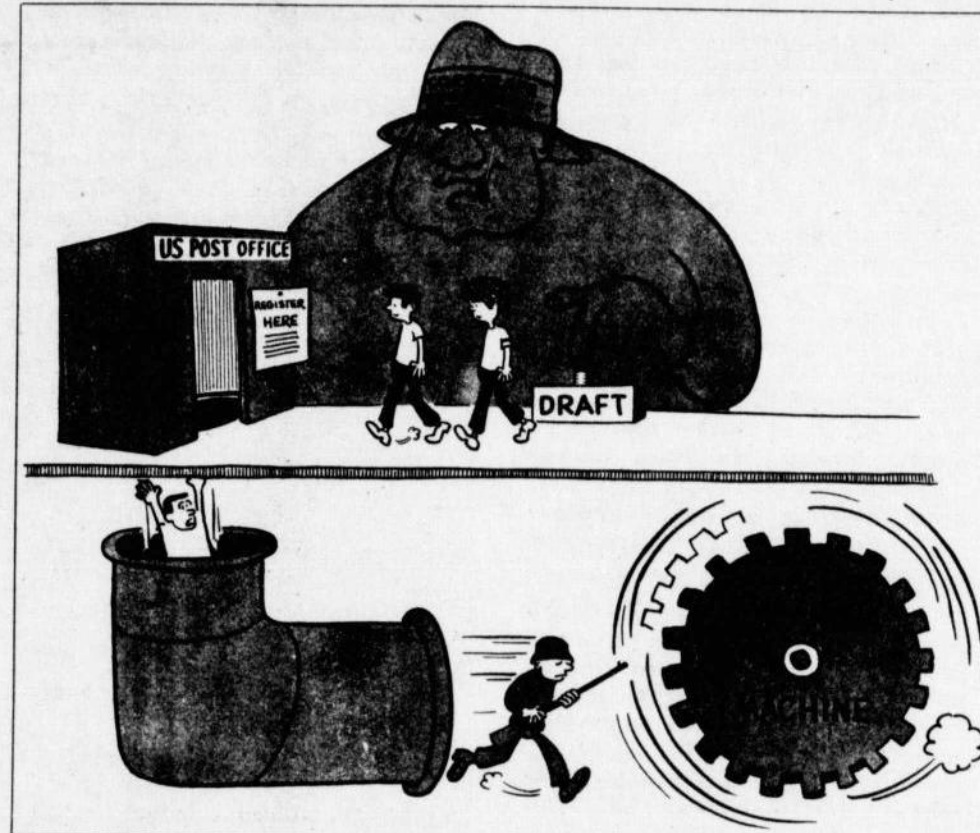
For those who have registered or plan to register, and for many who intend to resist by refusing registration, exemptions and deferments are an important option. (Exemptions are usually permanent, while deferments are temporary.) Under the new Selective Service regulations, which were published earlier this month, draftees will not be allowed to apply for deferments or exemptions until after their induction notices have been issued, and they will have only a short time to act. People who get a head start on this procedure by deciding on deferments or exemptions now, and beginning to document them, will run a much smaller risk of being drafted. This article will discuss conscientious objection, one of the common exemptions; other classifications will be discussed in future articles. These articles are not a substitute for draft counseling, and those interested in conscientious objection or other classifications should talk with a counselor or attorney.

Conscientious objectors are divided into two categories by Selective Service: Those who are opposed to participation in combat military training and service (but are not opposed to non-combatant service) are classified as 1-A-0, and if drafted must serve in non-combatant military jobs. Many end up as medics and chaplain's assistants. Those who are opposed to participation in war in any form are classified 1-0, and if eligible to be drafted will be assigned to work in an "alternate service" program outside the military. In either case, the objection to war must be based on religious, moral or ethical beliefs. The beliefs must be a central part of the person's life, so that he would not have "rest or peace" if forced to serve against his beliefs. And in either case, the objector must be opposed to participation in any foreseeable war; it is not enough to be opposed to a war in El Salvador, or an aggressive war.

On the other hand, a conscientious objector need not be opposed to all violence. Many would be willing to kill in self-defense or defense of their loved ones, and many (like Mohammed Ali) participate in violent activities. A conscientious objector need not belong to a pacifist church, or any church at all, and it is not necessary that his religious or moral views be shared by any group of people. It is sufficient if his own conscience tells him that war is wrong, and he is sincere in these beliefs.

When you stop and think about it, a great many people fall into this category. Particularly in a nuclear age, and in an era where the memory of Vietnam and the prospect of El Salvador are heavy in our minds, many people have decided that war is not an amoral solution. It may well be this popularity of conscientious objection which caused Selective Service to set up the "alternate service" requirement—a way to penalize those who seek CO status. During Vietnam, a great many conscientious objectors worked in hospitals and charity groups, usually for low pay and in poor working conditions. However, a number of CO's were able to develop their own jobs with friendly churches, and free clinics.

The draft boards and appeal boards which judge CO claims are supposed to determine whether or not beliefs are deeply held, whether the applicant is sincere, and whether he is truly opposed to all war. These aren't easy things to prove or disprove, and much of the



decision rests on the kind of documentation a CO provides. Each CO must fill out an application with several essay questions analyzing his belief and his history. A CO can also provide documentation from other people (friends, family, professors, and so on) supporting his beliefs and his sincerity. And a CO can provide documentation showing that the beliefs are of long-standing (statements written before the draft began, for example). While a CO need not have a long history of objection, claims that developed on the day a draft notice arrived are often treated skeptically.

This is a fair amount of documentation. It will be exceedingly difficult to put it all together once draft notices start going out. A CO can save himself a great deal of trouble, and increase his chances of success, by beginning to document his claim now.

At a minimum, a CO can write out a very brief statement of his beliefs, go over it with a counselor or attorney, date it, and file it away. Better still, the CO can write out a longer statement, or begin to work on the essay questions contained in the CO application form. At the same time, the CO can think about other people who should write letters, or work on other expressions of his beliefs—poetry, photo studies, participation in peace-oriented activities, and so on. All of these should be reviewed by a draft counselor or attorney, and all can become part of the CO's own file.

Some CO's also try to communicate their ideas to selective service. A CO statement sent to the SSS headquarters will simply be returned, usually with a letter saying that CO applications cannot be accepted before induction notices go out. But this letter of rejection, or the copy of the letter sent to SSS, will provide proof that the CO attempted to notify the government of his beliefs before the draft began. However, nothing should be sent to selective service that has not been reviewed by a counselor or attorney familiar with draft law!

A little work on a CO claim now can be invaluable in the conscientious

objection should also look into other deferments and exemptions. Many will find that other claims fit them better, or just as well, and it's quite possible to submit multiple claims. Since a CO who is medically (psychologically or morally) unfit for induction is also unfit for alternate service, many CO's will want to document medical or similar problems at the same time they work on CO claims.

Draft counseling is available through the National Lawyers Guild's Selective Service Law Panel, which operates a

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Literature TA Cutbacks

The new policy, announced Feb. 19th, for the moment averted cutbacks. However, throughout the controversy, two key factors have emerged: first, disunity among the graduate students was exploited by the Administration who used divisive tactics in attempting to diffuse the situation as quickly as possible; second, the need for graduate students on this campus to unionize was clearly underscored.

Lack of union protection has been costly to graduate students, both in the salaries offered and the stability that goes along with a strong union able to negotiate a good contract. Graduate students carry a large percentage of the teaching load but are not justly compensated for their labor; instead they face attempts such as those in the Literature Department to erode the already limited level of support they receive. With the reactionary White House proposing crippling cuts in education, now, more than ever, it is time for graduate students to come together to form a union determined to secure a contract that offers decent working conditions and a decent wage.

The choice is very clear.



counseling clinic every Wednesday evening, and counseling will soon be available on the UCSD campus. For more information, call the NLG at 233-1701, or the new indicator...

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- Commissioner of Elections
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- Commissioner of Public Relations
- Commissioner of Programming
- Commissioner of Student Welfare
- College Reps
(Three from each College)

Stay tuned for more information about the AS Spring Elections!

If you have any questions contact the Student Organizations Office at X4083

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A Celebration of International Women's Week

Monday, March 8

WOMEN IN SCIENCE RECEPTION at the International Center, 3-6 pm, will be a reception for faculty, graduate and undergraduate women in the sciences to meet and discuss issues of mutual interest.

Wednesday, March 10

MUJER POETRY READINGS at the Che Cafe, 7pm, an appreciation of women's poetry presented by the authors.

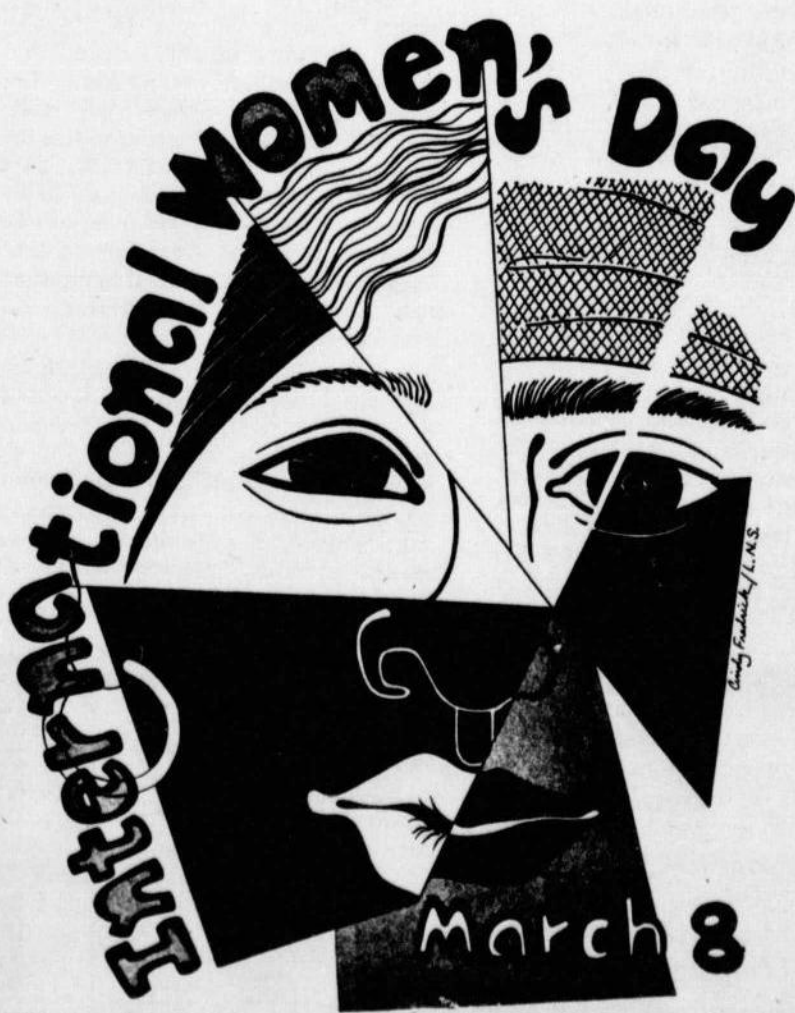
Thursday, March 11

WOMEN ON CAMPUS at the International Center, 4:30 - 6:30 pm, a gathering of all the influential women and women's groups at UCSD to establish some valuable networks.

Friday, March 12

CELEBRATION DANCE at the Che Cafe, 8-12 pm, with live band.

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Letters...

Literature TA Cutbacks

documents sent to Literature students and faculty. It is true that there are students within Literature who accept his analysis, but that is another matter.

2) We cannot pretend that Literature graduate students are entirely satisfied with the way the faculty has handled the current discussions. Communication with students was begun hastily and too late. But both faculty and students, through the Graduate Studies Committee, are currently working intensely to resolve differences. Barry Hyman's public labelling of students who do not immediately assume an adversarial position towards the faculty as "kiss-asses" is insulting in the extreme. As an argumentum ad hominem, it is in itself a form of "psychological violence," one which has damaged working relationships within the Department.

3) There is a factual error in the account of our general meeting with Prof. Lyon on January 28. Students did not vote to support any "crisis alternatives." A straw vote was taken, and none of the major proposed changes were approved. Prof. Lyon himself observed that the vote indicate support for the status quo, i.e. current levels of financial aid. There was absolutely no "kiss-ass" carte blanche, given to faculty proposals; that is why discussions are continuing. As graduate students, we seek to protect our interest, but we also respect the integrity and concerns of our faculty. We must insist on an end to outside intervention aimed at polarizing our department.

4) We therefore request that if the new indicator considers this whole issue worthy of continued coverage, you

gather fact and opinion from a wide variety of sources among students, faculty, and Administration.

Sincerely yours,

David Sewell
Anne Burdick
Martha Houle
Amy M. Harber
Robert Ruffin
Marguerite Mizrahi Morton

Response:

Thank you for your letter. I invite you to re-read my article. The article quotes a memo from Graduate Student Council Chair, Barry Hyman, stating that "management" are practicing psychological violence on graduate students. It is you who define "management" as being Literature Department Chair Jamie Lyon, not the article. What Hyman's quote is attempting to convey is that management—be it the Literature Department or in society—have historically used whatever tactics necessary, including psychological violence, in order to foster a situation when one set of workers are pitted against another. An index of the "management's" effectiveness is achieving this in the Literature Department, as evidenced by the number of signatories to your letter.

You deplore "unsubstantiated personal attacks," yet you neglect to point out where the "personal attacks" are mentioned in the article. Hyman criticizes Professor Lyon's proposal to cutback TAs as "unfortunate and detrimental to graduate students." One cannot help wondering how this statement is a personal attack. Hyman's criticisms are directed against management for creating the crisis and then expecting students to pay for it. In cases of such repression one cannot expect people to change the reality of a skunk by calling it a rose.

You state that Hyman speaks neither for Literature students nor the Graduate Student Council and then point out that Hyman "is not a member of our department". Does this imply that as a concerned student—regardless of his bureaucratic title and position in a department—he cannot address issues when faced with repression? Your failure to see the much broader consequences, and their impact on students, of the issues raised by Hyman is obvious and indeed unfortunate. A dog-in-the-manger attitude such as that displayed by you, is not unlike the tactic used by some trade unions to mislead workers into the belief that the employing class have interests in common with the workers.

Furthermore, mentioning Richard Boyd's resignation in protest of Hyman's use of his title as GSC Chair, only diverts attention from the issue of combating TA cutbacks, and appears, on the face, a "feeble" reason for a "student advocate" to resign from a post.

Your letter is correct in stating that there are Literature students who accept Hyman's analysis. However, you pass over it as "another matter." For your information, as the article in the current n.i. points out, those students who you refer to as "another matter" played a leading role in the decision of the Literature faculty to avert TA cutback attempts.

You maintain that a straw vote was taken. Call it what you like; as the article points out, straw vote or not, the consensus reached was disregarded anyway, by Wesling and Lyon. In the final analysis, you appear not to realize that unless opposed, management will continue to do as it wishes at the expense of students. The point you ignore is that

the vote was an attempt by management to legitimize their "crisis alternatives."

This issue—is worthy of further coverage in the n.i.—as is any issue where people take stands against repression. I would like to point out that I have complied with your request. The article was based on "fact and opinion" of students, faculty, and administration. Thank you for your interest.

R.T.

UCSD Should Deal...

Dear Editor:

Sitting in Physics lecture, waiting for the last example to hit the board, I'm kept alive with the thoughts of marijuana packed into a large bowl attached to an ice-cold bong. But I come back to my dorm room and my roommate didn't score the quad and my friends down the hall ran out last night while watching Superman. Quickly I call any and all connections but all to no avail: "fresh out", "won't be back til late", or no answer at all. Soon it becomes a dorm floor obsession. "We need weed!" There is something wrong here. What happen to the "daze" of plentiful pot? Certainly UCSD hasn't gone so far to the right that pot is something the hippies did in the sixties? While others, according to the Guardian, relax on beer, many of us enjoy a large spleef passed between friends. Come on dealers, let's deal. Open your doors. Expand your horizons and our minds. Besides, it's a great income.

D.T.

CISPES/UCSD questions n.i. statement

Thank you for helping publicize the CISPES rallies on Thursday and Friday, February 18 and 19, in the new indicator. There was one sentence in your article, however, which I found very puzzling. You say that the CISPES group at UCSD is "more overtly anti-imperialist" than other CISPES groups. Such a statement simply does not make any sense. For one thing, CISPES as an organization (and all local CISPES groups) opposes U.S. intervention in El Salvador, and has stated this position as often as possible in every possible manner. U.S. intervention in El Salvador is imperialist; therefore, the CISPES position is anti-imperialist, and could hardly be more overt. There is no sense in which one CISPES could have this position in a more overt manner than any other. Secondly, the CISPES group at UCSD is part of CISPES San Diego; the members of the UCSD chapter are also members of CISPES San Diego. It is meaningless to speak of CISPES-UCSD as a different group with a (putatively) different orientation.

We invite all those who are interested in CISPES to attend our next general meeting, Monday, March 1, in the Che Cafe at 7pm. There we can explain in more detail what our present activity is, what kinds of action we plan to take, and how our activity will contribute to that of CISPES San Diego. At this moment when the need for action is so urgent, we of the UCSD chapter want to insist on the unified position of all CISPES chapters.

Susan Norwalk
Ellen Banberger
Cheryl Pary
Robert McDonald
Ed Long
Bridgete Aldaraca
Ed Baker
CISPES-UCSD

Thank for your informative letter. Unfortunately, your logic is faulty. It reminds us of a syllogism: "We oppose organization X's position; organization X's position is socialist; therefore we are anti-socialist," a completely false

equation of logic. One can oppose certain socialist lines without being anti-socialist. Similarly, one can oppose U.S. intervention in El Salvador without being anti-imperialist, because right-wing and liberal nationalists may also claim to oppose outside interference in El Salvador's affairs.

You also make the mistake of assuming that a general, unified position among all CISPES chapters precludes differences in approach, emphasis and response by individual CISPES chapters. The leaflet for the UCSD rally called on people to protest U.S. training of Salvadorean troops and U.S. aid to the Junta. The leaflet for the community rally called for popular protest against Reagan's "certification" of human rights in El Salvador. We maintain that the emphasis on human rights is more liberal and less anti-imperialist than an emphasis on military aid and training. An even more explicitly anti-imperialist position would make the connections between the situation in El Salvador and the situation in the rest of Latin America, and would link American imperialism to its economic roots.

The urgency for action is no excuse for submerging real differences that exist, nor should it be used to make a call for unity that would eliminate the positive diversity that CISPES benefits from. Indeed, an organization that hopes to build a popular opposition movement must be able to appeal to different sectors of the population, which will require different orientations for these different sectors. A campus CISPES chapter does not have to maintain a "respectable" (i.e. moderate) profile, so important to community CISPES chapters. Indeed, CISPES is in need of more dialogue on imperialism—its nature, its scope, how to organize around it and how to oppose it—because CISPES fails to publicly address the linkages between El Salvador and U.S. imperialism in Latin America, the threat to El Salvador and the threat to Nicaragua, Grenada and Cuba, and U.S. imperialism and American capitalism.

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Unemployment Highest In Forty Years

Just as cynically as the Nazis placed that legend (Work makes you free) above the gate at Auschwitz, Ronald Reagan stood at a recent press conference and waved the classified section of the Washington Post, saying that anyone who wants to work can find a job. Ignoring the fact that most of the jobs advertised are highly technical, if they even exist (many companies place ads simply to give the appearance of life), his administration is in the process of cutting off money for most federal job training programs. At the same time, they have drastically reduced unemployment benefits for the millions who are out of work, so that only 37% of those who are unemployed are receiving any compensation. The unemployment

administration, Democratic or Republican, of the past 50 years, they seem willing to expose the true nature of the American economic system, and to provoke a showdown based upon ideological grounds. This is a consummation devoutly to be wished, for, brainwashed and bombarded with propaganda as Americans may be, given a reasonably clear choice between the ideologies of the left and the right, the left will inevitably prevail. That was one of the reasons Thomas Dewey gave in opposing Robert Taft (sort of Jesse Helms with a brain) in 1952: If elections were decided on the basis of ideology, the results would always be the same. "The Democrats would win them all, and the Republicans would lose them



Depression, San Francisco 1934 Dorothea Lange

rate has now reached its highest point since the Great Depression of the 1930's, and everyday on the news you can see scenes which look as though they were taken from the pages of James Agee's *Let Us Now Praise Famous Men*, or the photographs of Walker Evans and Dorothea Lange.

For the first time in my life, everywhere around me people are in pain, scared, desperate, and without hope. Today a man, middle-aged and neatly dressed, knocked on my door to ask if I needed any yard work done. Obviously, one more person had slipped through the safety net. The callousness and casual cruelty of the Reagan administration is appalling. At a time when millions of Americans are suffering great financial distress, they dine off gold-plated china and the president's wife wears extravagant gowns given to her for free. Marie Antoinette never actually said "Let them eat cake", but Nancy might.

Of course, Reagan and his fellow Lafferites assure us that everything will get better by and by, if we just have faith in "supply-side" economics. Unfortunately, as Harry Hopkins told the Senate 50 years ago, "People don't eat in the long run, they eat every day." And "supply-side" economics is just a new name for the old, discredited "trickle down" theory. Perhaps the classic example of the "trickle down" theory was enunciated in 1931 by E.F. Hutton, who felt that if the rich would just have more faith in the U.S. economy and take their yachts out of drydock, the employment created would revive the economy, and the entire country would simply yacht its way out of the depression.

Any laughter which such stupidities inspire must stick in our throats, however, when we realize that, cloaked in far more sophisticated rhetoric, this is the economic policy of the current administration. Nonetheless, there is one small favor for which we must thank the Reagan administration: unlike any other

all." That, of course, is why rodents such as Howard Baker and Robert Dole are rapidly deserting the Reagan budget this time around.

Regardless of this, the Reagan administration has taken upon itself the task of championing unrestrained economic exploitation. This is not to suggest that previous administrations were in any way hostile to the interests of business, but simply that they were more adept at misleading the populace into believing that they had their best interests in mind. It should be noted, amid all of the recent hoopla, that Franklin Delano Roosevelt, celebrated as "friend of the working man", was actually the saviour of capitalism in the United States, and those who condemned him as a traitor to his class were simply short-sighted.

While it is not pleasant to make political capital out of the misery of millions of people, there is really no choice if we are ever going to get out of this endless cycle of boom and bust to which the present economic system condemns us. What the American people are just beginning to understand, and what must become common knowledge before any significant change is possible, is the fact that unemployment is not an aberration or temporary failure of the present economic system. In fact, unemployment and underemployment, and the threat of them, are essential instruments in the international, monopolistic economic system which exists today. I have avoided the use of the term "capitalist", because the present international monopoly economy is not capitalist (i.e. in the traditional, laissez faire sense). In America, capitalism disappeared without a trace beneath the enormous, monolithic trusts such as Standard Oil, U.S. Steel, Alcoa, DuPont, and others which overwhelmed the economy in the decades following the Civil War. The trusts had grown so enormous, and operated so far beyond the control of the law by the turn of the

century that even a conservative, militaristic, but also moralistic person like Teddy Roosevelt was appalled by their size and power. His vaunted "trust busting", while perhaps sincerely motivated, was little more than a nuisance to the Rockefellers and Morgans and Mellons, who promptly led us into the First World War in order to protect their profits.

The Great War, fought not "to make the world safe for democracy", but almost entirely for international economic reasons, was a harbinger of things to come. Today the international economic picture has become so convoluted and bizarre that the US government recently paid \$71 million, to prevent the Polish government from going bankrupt, because that would have adversely effected the West German, French, and English banks which have financed most of Poland's loans.

Today, in this age of international monopolies, even "colonialism" has lost its old meaning, and the people of the United States are being colonized by international corporations. Some of these corporations are based in the U.S., and some are not, but profits show no nationality, and neither do these corporations. Somehow, I don't think that this was the meaning intended in *The Internationale*.

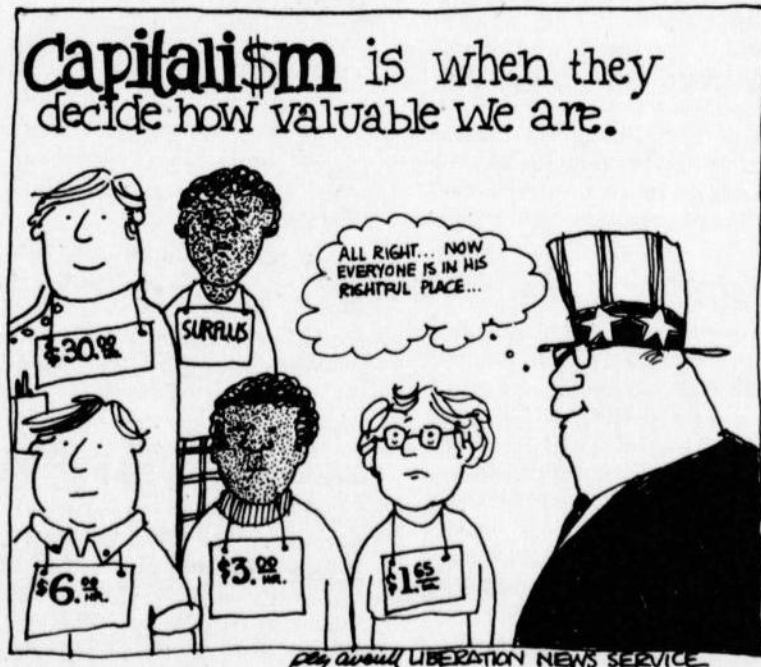
Despite all of the calls for international solidarity among the workers, it is the owners who have exploited internationalism. They have done this by taking their business and the associated jobs wherever in the world the wages are the lowest and the workers are the least organized, whether it be Korea, the Philippines, or North Carolina.

Industrial jobs are being systematically removed from the more politically and economically advanced countries, and transferred to reactionary, anti-union regions such as the southern and western U.S., and the many military dictatorships which seem to bloom like Amanita mushrooms throughout the third world. The loss of industrial jobs in the US is particularly ominous for American workers. They have only to look to England to see what happens to an industrial power when it begins to lose its industrial base. While

I.W.W.) have been the most militant and pro-union, but with their jobs in extreme jeopardy they can now be kept in line much more easily than in the past. The recent "give-backs" of hard won benefits by the United Auto Workers and United Mine Workers are a case in point. Second, while thousands of workers can be organized in one stroke at a steel mill or an automobile assembly plant, it is much more difficult to organize the workers at each separate McDonald's or Burger King, or in every individual office in a large building. The owners are well aware of this point, and they have fought hard to have every Jack-in-the-Box and Denny's considered as a separate site. This means that the unions cannot simply organize all of the fast-food workers in a particular area, they have to go to every single fast-food establishment and get a majority of the workers to agree to be represented by the union. Given the precarious nature of most of these jobs, and the fact that many of them are held by students who aren't terribly concerned about long-term gains, union organizing in these areas has proved virtually impossible.

The final benefit to the owners has come from the rapidly increasing percentage of women in the work force. For a number of reasons, many of them rather controversial, women have traditionally been very difficult to organize, and they currently make up a very small portion of organized labor in the U.S. Some of the reasons may be the same as for students: women's jobs were precarious, and they were not looked upon as long-term occupations. With an increasing number of women becoming members of the permanent work force, it is crucial that they take their rightful place in the American labor movement. In fact, the future of the moribund labor movement in the U.S. depends largely upon its success in organizing women in the next two decades.

The fundamental point which I have been trying to demonstrate throughout is very simple. The unemployment and other economic problems which are currently afflicting millions of Americans, and tens of millions in other countries, are not temporary aberrations of the economic system: **They are the economic system.** Unless fundamental



the number of industrial jobs in the U.S. has declined sharply over the past decade, most of the new jobs created are for service workers: clerks, secretaries, waiters and waitresses, and other menial occupations. One of the areas which has created the most new jobs in recent years has been the fast-food business. While it may be intrinsically no more demeaning to work for McDonald's than for General Motors, the fact is that the non-union, mostly part-time workers at McDonald's earn less than 1/4 the hourly wages earned by the workers at GM.

There have been significant benefits to the owners from the de-industrialization of the American work force. First of all, industrial workers (such as those in the

changes are made in this system, what is happening today will happen again tomorrow, and the day after that, ad infinitum. This vicious cycle has continued to occur with clockwork regularity for more than 100 years, and unless we want to face it for another 100 years, then it is time that we take action to alter the nature of the international economy system. This will not be easy, and cannot be accomplished by a single country, although the US dominates the world economy, and therefore any significant changes will have to begin here. We are living in the belly of the monster, and we had better destroy the monster before it destroys us.

David Pierotti

Do You Have A Referendum Question For The AS Election?

If Yes, submit your referendum questions before the first Wednesday in Spring Quarter

Submit Your Questions Soon!!

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Anti-Zionist Jew Speaks Out

involvement of the U.S. government and multinational corporations in the Middle East and throughout the world.

To be an anti-Zionist Jew is to support as well as struggle with the peoples of the Arab countries against exploitation by local Arab reactionaries such as the late Anwar Sadat and Saudi Arabian monarchy. In this regard, the Camp David Accords must be pointed out as an example, not of genuine peace plans, but of the deepening alliance between the U.S. corporate interest, Zionism and Arab reaction. The Camp David Accords is a war pact, not a peace plan, with the late Sadat and now President Mubarak offering themselves to play the role once performed by the deposed Shah of Iran as the police officer for the interests of the U.S. in the region.

The Camp David Accords offer only a phony autonomy plan for Palestinians that does not involve the Palestinians in actually determining their own destiny. The Camp David Accords only entrench the Israeli occupation further, draw Egypt out of the United Front against Israeli expansion and into the reactionary orbit of U.S. interests and sets the basis for further Israeli annexation and aggression, most notably in Southern Lebanon.

In this regard, the recent Eight-Point peace plan proposed by Prince Fahd of Saudi Arabia while appearing to support Palestinian self-determination does not advance the cause of a just peace. The Saudi Plan, which was accompanied with calls by the Saudi regime for the P.L.O. to purge its ranks of communist and "other radicals", joins Camp David in proposing a process for the joint Israeli-Arab reactionary exploitation of the Palestinian people. The stability of the region for further exploitation on the part of the U.S. and its multinational corporations hinges on the suppression of the Palestinian resistance. The Saudi Plan merely echoes the Camp David process in the interest of imperialism, Zionism and Arab reaction. The chauvinism of the Zionists prevented them from unity with any Arab force in such a way as to even present an image of Arab dignity and self-determination. And of course, the Palestinian Resistance rejected the perpetuation inherent in the Saudi Plan. For the time being, the Saudi Plan has not replaced or expanded the Camp David sphere.

But let us examine some recent phenomena from which we can gain some political insight, particularly in regard to the nature of Zionism and its distortion of the Jewish people. Not too long ago, the late Moshe Dayan made some comments regarding the quality of the U.S. army. He noted that the volunteer army was filled with too many blacks whose level of intelligence is below standard, in his opinion. Dayan remarked that what the U.S. army needed is more white people, who will be

more intelligent, presumably. And he was confident that Ronald Reagan would do everything possible to make America's military effective. This little story is not surprising. People who have kept track of the career of Moshe Dayan over the years have been kept very aware of such persistent racism, whether in regard to the American Blacks, or by his whole-hearted support of the U.S. government during the Vietnam War.

Now let us consider this statement along with what Rabbi Alexander Shindler, the head of the Union of American Hebrew Congregation, said last year in San Francisco. Rabbi Shindler accused the Moral Majority of fostering an atmosphere of anti-Semitism when leaders of that right-wing organization declared that "God Almighty does not hear the prayer of a Jew," or that "Jews have funny-looking noses," or when these leaders demand a right-wing, "Christian" Bill of Rights. The Rabbi called upon moderate Christians, Jews, and Blacks to unite against what he called "the chilling power of the radical right."

Yet despite these admonitions, recently, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin presided over a commemoration honoring the founder of Begins ultra-reactionary brand of Zionism, Jasratensky. He presented Reverend Jerry Falwell, leader of the Moral Majority, with a gold medal for "distinguished service to the state of Israel and the Jewish people." Begin has unity with the anti-Semitic, racist speechifiers of "pray T.V.", the fundamentalist ideologies. According to Jerry Falwell and the other distorters of Christianity, Zionism is God's chosen ideology. Fabricating convoluted interpretations of biblical prophecy, they look forward to the day of inevitable nuclear war with the Soviet Union. They see the Trilateral Commission as part of the 7 years of tribulations. A precondition for the second coming of Jesus is unwavering support for the state of Israel, according to the so-called religious leaders of the new right. Supposedly they have influence over fifty million people in the U.S.

And yet more and more established leaders in the Jewish community are calling for an alliance with the Christian Right. Last October, Nathan Krolmutter, head of the Anti-Defamation League declared that "liberal-Protestants are said to be less anti-Semitic than the fundamentalists. But at the same time the fundamentalists are among Israel's strongest supporters," and he called upon developing this alliance.

The struggle against anti-Semitism is reduced to which reactionary force will support the Zionist state the most. While most Jews shudder at the prophecies these so-called Christians have in store for us, which includes our destruction, at which point Jesus will return, the Zionist movement continues to court Falwell and the rest.

Meanwhile, the actions of Zionist fanatics in the Occupied Territories of the West Bank and Gaza continue. Recently we have seen West Bank mayors patriotic to the Palestinian people get their legs blown off, and unarmed children shot at by the military. Reactionary Zionists declared the West Bank to be Judea and Samaria, the ancient biblical names. They term the Palestinians "Ishmaelites", and demand, and I quote Rabbi Meir Kahane of the Khat Party, "government terror against the Ishmaelites in their ultimate removal from the land. Only thus. Then, we shall see the renewal of the blessing that once was ours; the people shall hear and shake; the inhabitants of Philistia shall be seized with fear and trembling." This demagogue, incidentally, just published a book titled *They Must Go*, referring to the Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza. The Zionist fanatics are concerned only with the annexation of more land, with true outright theft of the West Bank and Gaza. These fanatics are Menachem

Begin of the future—Begin, the leader behind the massacre of Deir Yassin and other atrocities.

Today these ultra-Zionists are the shock troops for annexation, armed and dangerous. The World Zionist Organization, which is mainstream Zionism, still maintains the recently developed five year plan, the Drobles plan, for massive increases of settlements in the West Bank and Gaza. And outright annexation of the Golan Heights without the legal niceties has now been accomplished, even without phony biblical justification.

These reactionary and mainstream Zionists are interested in maintaining the exclusivity of the Jewish state by the extension of colonialism. And just so we won't forget, Begin, in the midst of the recent election campaign, spoke to settlers on the West Bank, declaring that Israel "will never withdraw from the Occupied Territories."

Israel exploits the West Bank and Gaza as a captive market for Israeli goods, banned from most of the rest of the Arab world.

Palestinians from the Occupied Territories currently make up seven percent (i.e., 100,000 workers) of the total Israeli work force—as of figures from 1976—working in jobs that Israelis refuse to do, dirty jobs called "Arab jobs." With 95 percent of Israel's water reserves used up, Israel now depends on 30 percent of its national water requirements to come from the West Bank, the Palestinian village wells drained off to new settlements and Palestinian peasant farming undermined. Recently, a delegation from the Jewish Alliance Against Zionism went to the West Bank, one of whom was an ex-Israeli, and were able to vividly see dried out Palestinian fields next to Israeli settlements with swimming pools.

Clearly, Zionist leadership has only one intention—no matter which party is in power—the complete annexation of the Occupied Territories.

And now, in the midst of the last Israeli election campaign, we read in the newspapers of Menachem Begin attacking West Chancellor Helmut Schmidt as a Nazi, because he—Schmidt—considers the rights of the Palestinian people as a factor for achieving peace. How demagogic, how despicable for Begin, called a Jewish Hitler by David Ben Gurion, to go about shouting that Schmidt is a Nazi when the Israeli government arms, aids, and supports Lebanese fascists today. Since 1976, the Israeli government has spent millions of dollars in aid to the Lebanese Phalangist Party.

The Phalangists, inspired by Hitler and by Spanish fascism, is an explicitly fascist line and perpetrates endless massacres of the Lebanese people. The press prefers to view the situation in Lebanon as Christians versus Muslims, and the Israelis protecting the Christians. Actually, the situation is far more complex than this, with many different types of Christian groups and many different Muslim sects, and a split between the Phalangists and other fascist organizations and the progressive Lebanese National Movement.

The Phalangists call for Maronite Christian supremacy and for a Christian Lebanon. On the other hand, the Lebanese National Movement calls for a democratic secular state where religion does not play a role in determining power, economic and social relations. Short of dominating Lebanon, the Phalangist seek to partition that country, calling for a Christian Lebanon similar to the way the Zionists called for a Jewish Israel. The Phalangists concoct racist theories. For instance, they maintain that the Christians in Lebanon are not Arabs, instead, they are descendants of the Phoenicians, and they call for anti-Arab racism. They blame the Palestinians for all the troubles facing Lebanon, considering them as aliens, scapegoating them in a similar fashion as Hitler scapegoated the Jews

for the troubles facing Germany in the '30's.

Ironically, the Zionist leadership supports these fascists, one of the bitterest betrayals of the World War II Jewish resistance against fascism. And when I was recently in Beirut, I was able to witness the car bombings and the killing of people carried on by an organization calling itself The Front for the Liberation of Lebanon from all Aliens; a fascist group financed by Israel.

The reign of terror unleashed by the Israeli government against the civilian population in southern Lebanon is astounding. Using highly sophisticated U.S. weaponry, Israel has succeeded in displacing virtually the entire population, some 250,000 people. No longer called retaliation for guerrilla attacks, the Israeli raids have been termed "pre-emptive," resulting in a scorched-earth policy throughout southern Lebanon.

The Zionist leadership seeks the liquidation of the Palestinian Resistance movement in Lebanon. They seek the annexation of southern Lebanon up to the Litani River considered by many ultra-reactionary Zionists as part of "Eretz Israel" (greater Israel), invaluable for badly needed water resources. Israel seeks to partition Lebanon or at least to create a destabilized Lebanon, to prevent the establishment of a progressive Lebanon on Israel's northern border. With napalm and fragmentation bombs made in the U.S., Israel seeks to divide the Lebanese people to sponsor the presence of the Palestinian movement. Still, they cannot and have not succeeded in their plan. However, they still press on. There have recently been reports of the Israeli army's mobilization on its northern border and the expectation that Israel may again be invading Lebanon as it did in 1978.

With racism and anti-semitism on the rise in the U.S., we find Zionists upholding racism in the demands of the U.S. government and corporate power in the Middle East; and in this all, we find the American Jewish community becoming increasingly schizophrenic, torn apart and undermined by this contradiction. Jews seek democracy and pluralism in the U.S.; but in Palestine, Zionists seek exclusivity and colonial domination.

However, many Jews are responding to an accurate assessment of reality, even amongst the ranks of the Zionist movement itself.

Nahum Goldmann, 85 years old and former president of the World Jewish Congress, declared that Israel is "in the process of total disintegration." Citing increasing corruption and crime, increasing polarization within the Israeli Jewish society between Ashkenazim (Jews from Europe) and Sephardic (also known as Oriental or Eastern Jews, from Arab countries or parts other than Europe) communities torn apart by poverty, domination, by orthodox Judaism to the exclusion of reform secularists and other Jews, increased repression of women and an astounding inflation rate that is expected to reach 150—200 percent this year. He warned of the power of Gush Emunim and other right-wing fundamentalist Zionist paramilitary groups "which may be small numerically, but are capable of unlimited sacrifices and may combine to bring about a civil war in Israel." One of the leading Zionists of his generation, Nahum Goldmann said that "Israel as it is has not only failed to solve the Jewish problem which Zionism purported to do, but in many countries it has actually aggravated it. The creation of a small Jewish state, increasingly arrogant and unpopular, as the pinnacle of Jewish history as the solution to the Jewish destiny. It is a defamation of the tragic, heroic, national history of the Jews."

The editor of Haaretz, the Israeli equivalent of the New York Times, Gershon Schocken, echoed these

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Third World Struggles

Revolutionary Forces Unite

Guatemala Struggles For Freedom

The revolutionary forces in Guatemala took a key unity step last week that represents a quantum leap forward for their struggle. The move also highlights, however, the growing danger that this tiny, brutalized country will become the Reagan administration's "next El Salvador."

Guatemala's four principal revolutionary organizations announced Feb. 8 that they were joining forces in a unified coalition. The goal is formation of a "broad front of national patriotic unity" that would form the basis of a revolutionary government.

In the name of the Guatemalan National Revolutionary Union (URNG), the Guerrilla Army of the Poor (EGP), the Rebel Armed Forces (FAR), the Organization of the People in Arms (OPRA), and the Guatemalan Labor Party (PGT) proclaimed that their unity was based on the strategy of "popular revolutionary war." They outlined a detailed 5-point program for a "revolutionary, patriotic, popular and democratic government."

The unity of the revolutionary forces gives the Guatemalan people a very clear and concrete alternative to the repressive military regime, landowning and industrial sectors and their political parties, who are planning elections next month. This united force provides a popular tool for winning over the uncertain and unconvinced, and may also eventually enable the revolutionary movement to obtain international recognition from foreign governments.

The unity and growing strength of the revolutionary forces have increased the Reagan administration's anxiety over the fate of its embattled and internationally isolated, but strategic, ally. It is likely that it will attempt to resume massive military aid or sales after next month's presidential elections in Guatemala, with or without congressional approval.

The URNG, in their founding statement, said that the people of Guatemala are unleashing "the greatest revolutionary war in their history," and described the guerrillas' unity as "the same unity that our massacred populations are forging day-by-day on a grassroots level to defend themselves from their enemies."

Since the overthrow of the reformed government of Jacobo Arbenz in a CIA-engineered coup in 1954, they claimed, some 83,500 Guatemalans have been killed in political violence. "In 1981 alone," they added, "government repression killed 13,500 people," or an average of over 1000 people per month out of the country's population of 7 million.

In 1981, the statement adds, "the killing moved from an individual level to the wiping out of entire villages," forcing many survivors to seek refuge in Mexico.

Summing up the advances of the revolutionary forces, the URNG statement stressed the importance of the massive participation of the country's majority indigenous peoples, who "are deciding the destiny of this war."

The unity process of the Guatemalan revolutionary movement dates back to informal contacts in the mid-1970s. In that period, the guerrilla organizations were emerging or reemerging after the defeat of the armed movement by U.S.-directed counterinsurgency campaigns in the late 1960s and early 1970s. In May 1980, the four organizations published their first joint document, affirming their commitment to the unity process, and in

October 1980 they announced the formation of a unified command.

In the long run, the most significant part of the unity statement may be this broad, yet uncompromising 5-point program. If put into effect, it would revolutionize the foundations of Guatemalan society.

First, begins the program, "the



revolution will eliminate once and for all the repression against our people and will guarantee to all citizens the supreme rights of life and peace."

Second, "the revolution will set down the foundations for resolving the basic needs of the great majority of our people by eliminating the political domination of the repressive rich, both national and foreign, who rule Guatemala." Properties of the "very rich" will be nationalized, and "a true agrarian reform" will be carried out, the guerrillas promise, "giving land to those who work in an individual, collective or cooperative fashion."

Among the lands to be redistributed will be those of the "military hierarchy and the corrupt, greedy and repressive functionaries and businessmen." Small and medium-sized landholdings and commerce would be respected, national industry developed, jobs created, price controls established, and decent salaries guaranteed to all workers in the countryside and the city.

"Once the people have power," the program points out, "we will have a base to begin to solve the great problems of health, housing and illiteracy which afflict the vast majority of the population."

Third, "the revolution will guarantee equality between Indians and ladinos (people of mixed ancestry), and will end cultural oppression and discrimination." The first step toward eliminating cultural oppression, according to the

program, is the participation of the indigenous population in political power, so that their "needs for land, work, salary, health, housing and general welfare" can be met.

"The second condition toward guaranteeing this equality," the document continues, "is respect for their culture and recognition of their rights to maintain their own identity. The development of a culture which gathers and integrates our people's historic roots is one of the greatest objectives of the revolution. Indians and ladinos in power will freely decide Guatemala's future contours."

The fourth point of the program guarantees "the creation of a new society in which all patriotic, popular and democratic sectors will be represented in the government." The democratic and social rights specified in this point include the "people's right to elect local,

equal rights for women, and protection for children and the aged.

And, "based on the principle of self-determination, the revolution will guarantee a policy of nonalignment and international cooperation, which poor countries need in order to develop in the modern world."

In light of the unity of the guerrillas and the increasingly critical military situation in Guatemala, the Reagan administration may view Guatemala as "another El Salvador." Thus the U.S. will very likely attempt to send the same type of massive military and economic aid to the Guatemalan military regime that it is currently sending to El Salvador to prop up the junta. The Guatemalan government's record of gross violations of human rights, confirmed even by the administration's recently-released annual human rights report, has been the main obstacle to renewed U.S. aid.

The administration, thus, is banking on the March 7 elections to change Guatemala's image, enabling it to bypass congressional and public concern over U.S. involvement in Guatemala's civil war. The elections are opposed by the URNG, who in their statement warned that they will fail in 60% of the territory "because there the people reject them and the areas are recognized as combat zones."

The Reagan administration is reportedly pushing for the election of one of three right-wing civilian candidates, Alejandro Maldonado, of the "opposition" coalition made up of the National Renovation and Christian Democratic parties.

Most observers agree, however, that the official candidate, Gen. Anibal Guevara, will be imposed through fraud by the ruling military clique centered around current president Gen. Romeo Lucas Garcia and his brother, Gen. Benedicto Lucas Garcia. The president's brother, recently appointed army chief-of-staff, personally led the army's recent counterinsurgency campaigns and has become the government and military's most visible spokesperson.

This seemingly guarantees the Lucas clique's continuation in power, even in the unlikely prospect that U.S. pressure forces the generals to accept Maldonado as a figurehead president, "a la Duarte" of El Salvador.

The advance of the Guatemalan revolution and the country's strategic importance to Washington point to the approaching danger of massive U.S. intervention in yet another Central American country. The movement against U.S. intervention in Central America must thus incorporate a new and urgent demand: "U.S. hands off Guatemala!"

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El Salvador and the IRS...

Don't Pay For Another Vietnam!

Millions of Americans are currently suffering as a result of cuts in federally-funded social services, yet the Reagan administration has proposed a \$264 billion war budget for the U.S. military in 1983, the largest sum ever requested for the Pentagon during peacetime.

Reagan intends to send more money, guns and "trainers" to Central America and elsewhere, hoping to sustain unpopular, undemocratic, repressive regimes, such as the ruling junta in El Salvador. This is precisely how the U.S. got involved in an undeclared war in Southeast Asia, which cost more than 55,000 Americans their lives, and billions of U.S. tax dollars.

This year, 56¢ out of every tax dollar collected by the IRS will go directly to the military. In response, hundreds of thousands are refusing to pay 56% of

their federal taxes, or at least some token amount. Many donate this amount to alternative funds which provide health care, food and shelter for those harmed by Reagan's shifting of tax revenues from social service programs to the military. Others file a blank return, or simply include a letter of protest with their tax return.

For more information about war tax resistance, request free literature available from any of the following organizations: Committee Against the New Right, P.O. Box 90312, San Diego, CA 92109; War Tax Resistance, 3417 Carlin Springs Road, Suite 202, Baileys Crossroads, VA 22041, (703) 578-0625; War Tax Resistance, 2118 8th Street, Berkeley, CA 94710, (415) 849-2360; Conscience & Military Tax Campaign, 44 Bellhaven Road, Bellport, NY 11713, (516) 286-8825.



Progressive Student Network Conference Set For March 5 thru 7

From March 5 to 7, the California Students United Network (CalSUN) and the Stanford Progressive Alliance, in cooperation with the Stanford Coalition of Chicanos, Afro-Americans, Asian-Americans and Native Americans, will hold a progressive student conference "Students at the Crossroads" at Stanford University dedicated to networking and fighting racism. I.F. Stone, Rev. Herbert Daughtry (Chairperson of the National Black United Front) and Deirdre English (Editor, "Mother Jones") will be the featured conference speakers.

Panels on Third World People in the U.S., the Nuclear Arms Race, the Draft and Intervention, the Fight for Women's Equality and Budget Cuts in Education will be offered, with the conference's main focus being on education cuts and racism. CalSUN strongly supports the struggles of Third World students—against the rise of racist violence, elimination of programs such as Ethnic Studies, and cutbacks on the already limited access to higher education—and it has set up a special task force to to budget cuts in education. In addition, workshops will be offered on the Nuclear Weapons Freeze Initiative, the University and the Military, the Japanese-American fight for redress and reparations, El Salvador and Central America, South Africa, building support for Ethnic Studies, the Draft, opposing budget cuts in education, women's leadership and participation in the Student Movement, recruitment and retention of minority students, reproductive rights, building student organizations, networking, and violence against women.

California Students United Network (CalSUN) originated when Students United Against War and the Draft (SUAWD) split in the summer of

1981. SUAWD was originally Students United Against the Draft, a California-wide coalition of active groups from some 30 campuses which formed soon after President Carter announced draft registration.

A number of tendencies existed in SUAWD: the line of the Bay Area League of Revolutionary Struggle (LRS), the liberal line of Tom Hayden's Students for Economic Democracy (SED), and the line of the Los Angeles Resist the Draft. Resist the Draft wrote a letter to SUAWD criticizing its Maoist orientation because of their perception of the domination of the LRS, and SED used the letter to initiate a split in SUAWD.

Two student coalitions emerged from the split: Progressive Student Network and California Students United Network. Progressive Student Network tends to be those organizations that sided with Students for Economic Democracy and it is active on some 20 campuses, centered in Santa Barbara. Its program covers all the issues that the program of CalSUN covers, except that the Progressive Student Network lacks a clear sense of focus. Recent education budget cuts may provide this focus.

California Students United Network is composed of organizations that did not go along with the effort to split SUAWD because of the presence of the League of Revolutionary Struggle, and it is active on some 15 campuses. It is centered in the Bay Area and locally the New Indicator Collective belongs to CalSUN. CalSUN has focused on combatting racism, and more recently, on education budget cuts. For more information on the March 5-7 Stanford Progressive Student Conference, or for car pool information, contact the AS Office 452-4450.

World-Wide Protests Held Against Khomeini Regime

Three years ago, the Iranian people overthrew the Shah's tyrannical regime. They had hoped that the Shah's downfall would herald the emergence of a democratic and flourishing way of life, offering peace, good welfare and progress to the nation.

Yet after 3 years, Iran is still ruled by a repressive and brutal dictatorship. Unable to realize the people's aspirations; Khomeini has silenced all opposition, while, at the same time, bringing the country to a total collapse and economic bankruptcy. 70,000 people died during the February 1979 revolution, but widespread shortage, high cost of living, 300% average inflation rate, 33% unemployment rate and 2 million war refugees, testify that none of their just demands have been met by Khomeini. Instead, Iranian people have been given 8,000 executed (4,000 officially announced) children, pregnant women, and aging men and women, along with 25,000 political prisoners who are subject to the most savage, medieval torture, by Khomeini.

On the anniversary of the 1979 Revolution Moslem Students Societies in Europe and the US supporters of the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran, organized a world-wide demonstration to expose Khomeini's atrocities and to call for human rights in Iran. Marches and rallies were held on Friday February 12th in San Francisco, Montreal (Canada), France, Germany, Italy, Sweden and India. These demonstrations are part of a world wide campaign to achieve international condemnation of Khomeini's regime to stop the wide-spread execution and torture of innocent people.

More than 600 people attended the demonstration in San Francisco, chanting "Khomeini, Khomeini, you are

just like the Shah, torture, repression, that's your law" and "Khomeini, you can't hide, we charge you with genocide". More than 4,000 demonstrated in Paris.

Similar demonstration held on Feb. 16th in New York city, in which more than 700 participated. Following the Feb. 16th rally, M.S.S. (US) staged a hunger strike in New York city and Montreal along with other M.S.S. in India, Sweden, W. Germany, Italy, Belgium, England, and France. The hunger strikers demanded:

1. Freedom of 30,000 political prisoners in Iran.
2. A stop to the torture and mass execution.
3. International observation missions to be sent to Iran.
4. The United Nations to use all means to stop atrocities of Khomeini.
5. Governments to condemn the brutality of Khomeini and cut their relations with the regime.

The hunger strike ended on its fourth day (Feb. 19) after the representatives of M.S.S. (US) met with the UN's human rights committee. In this meeting, M.S.S. representatives, with more than 100,000 signatures that was collected during a 10 day campaign were able to get positive promises of support for their demands which are supposed to be represented at a human rights conference in Geneva. Also several progressive forces and individuals, including father Caloni founder of CISPES in the US, and Mohabed Masoud Rajavi, sent messages to the hunger strikers urging them to end the hunger strike, which was stopped after the message of Mojahed Rajavi was read to the hunger strikers.

Supporters of M.S.S.

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Anti-Zionist Jew Speaks Out Against Zionism

sentiments when he wrote an editorial declaring that "Zionism has failed, and new alternatives must be examined." Here in America, 650 progressive Jews, Orthodox, Reform, Secularists, Zionists, non-Zionists, and anti-Zionists, met in a conference in the end of December 1980 in Washington, D.C., to found a new Jewish organization—the New Jewish Agenda—that represents the emergence of a trend within the American Jewish community to question the hegemony of reactionary views within the community. In a statement, the conference declared, "Israel is besieged; its economy collapsing, hopes for peace fading, and anti-Semitism everywhere on the rise. America remains a deeply troubled nation with inequalities and confusion; its new administration seemingly is preparing for another era of repression, unlimited arms race, and destruction of the environment." Calling upon Israel to be an ethical, democratic and peaceful country, a resolution stated, "Israel cannot rule over the Palestinian Arabs of the West Bank and Gaza as an occupying force. Israeli settlements in occupied territories endanger the peace process and must be opposed." Calling for Israel to negotiate with any representative Palestinian group, the conference supported "the Palestinian right to national self-determination, including the right to create a Palestinian state," along with "Jewish national self-determination within the state of Israel." This was held at the conference as a non-binding straw vote for which I am sure the Zionists will struggle to try and overturn. And while I have certain differences with the way these formulations are put out, it has to be seen as the most advanced expression of the progressive sentiments of the Jewish community at this time.

But why bother about Zionism? After all, isn't there already a state of Israel? Are we beating a dead horse? No, Zionism, as a particular ideology and political movement, very much exists and continues to guide the actions of the Israeli government and the American Jewish community. The Zionist movement is not monolithic; it is often at odds within itself. However, if examined closely, there is general agreement

around certain perspectives. Zionism claims that anti-Semitism is a permanent feature of life, unchanging in its character and never ending. Jews are aliens, living in strange countries. All Jews form a nation whose redemption is found solely in the colonization of the ancient homeland. Thus, this ingathering of Jews coincides with the forced out-pushing of the native people, the Palestinians.

—To be continued—



Opening Soon In San Diego "Missing" Shows US Complicity With Murder in Chile

The U.S. State department—in an attempt to discredit the movie "Missing"—recently issued a three-page report denying complicity of the U.S. government in events depicted in the movie.

"Missing"—directed by Constantino Costa-Gavras—is based on a story about Charles Horman, a young Harvard-educated American journalist, who was killed in the 1973 fascist coup in Chile. The film reveals that Horman stumbles upon the CIA's role in Chile and implicates the U.S. government in his death and the subsequent cover-up attempt.

While the movie generalizes the location—it can be applied equally well in any repressive Latin American country—it is clear the events are those that transpired in Chile in 1973. The film shows the CIA engineered overthrow of democratically elected President Salvador Allende, and the execution of Charles Horman.

The State department contends that the U.S. government made exhaustive attempts to trace Horman after his reported disappearance, and that special investigations produced no evidence on his whereabouts or cover-up attempts.

Embassy officials went so far as to suggest that Horman staged his own disappearance and went into hiding. However, Thomas Houser's book, *The Execution of Charles Horman*, from which Costa-Gavras took much of his material, suggests that the U.S. government was involved in the murder of Horman.

The State Department's interest in a Hollywood movie underscores the circumstances in which one should view "Missing". The movie relates well to the present day situation of fascist governments in Chile, El Salvador, or Guatemala for example, denying complicity with "right-wing death squads" in the killings of thousands of "leftists"; and to the contradiction between reports from official government sources and independent on-the-scene reporters. In an interview with *People's World*, Costa Gavras concludes that the number killed or the number on the "disappeared" list cannot be determined "we won't know the real numbers until the regime is overthrown."

"Missing" is scheduled to open in San Diego on March 12th at the Centre 3 Cinemas in Mission Valley.

American Journal: Radiation and Human Health

As a youngster, I used to enjoy going to the shoe store, but not to buy shoes. I liked looking at my feet through an X-ray machine kept on the premises and operated by a salesperson. The bones looked white and scaly against a backdrop of kelly green. Because I was young and growing, I needed new shoes frequently. Every trip to the store meant another peek in the magic machine, and another unmeasured and dangerous dose of radiation.

Such casual, off-the-street exposure to radiation doesn't occur much now that we know more about the risks involved. But ostensibly controlled exposure is still very common. Some 130 million Americans get medical X-rays every year, thousands are treated with new nuclear medicine techniques, and many more—dental assistants, pilots and flight attendants, uranium miners and workers in nuclear power plants, among others—are exposed to radiation on the job.

Every one of those persons should read Dr. John W. Gofman's new book, *Radiation and Human Health*. Gofman is both a scientist and a medical doctor whose specialty is the effects of radiation on people. His credentials are impressive; he co-discovered Uranium 233 while still a graduate student, helped isolate Plutonium for the Manhattan Project, studied health and radiation for the Atomic Energy Commission (forerunner of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission) from 1963 to 1972. Over the years, Gofman has gone from being a champion of nuclear energy in all its peaceful uses to one of the most articulate and knowledgeable critics of nuclear energy.

When I first laid eyes on my copy of

Radiation and Human Health, I didn't know where to begin. It's quite a tome, over 900 pages long, stuffed with mathematical calculation amongst the trenchant observations. After the shock subsided, I turned to the index. This proved to be a wise move, as the book is simply too dense to read quickly, for pleasure. I looked up subjects I was interested in (irradiation of the thyroid gland for instance) and immediately lost myself in the volume. I won't say what I've found out is exactly pleasurable, but it is crucial.



Among Gofman's assertions and discoveries:

- *Cancer deaths in the United States—currently about 400,000 a year—can be expected to jump to 600,000 fairly soon, chiefly because of the maturation of radiation induced cancer with long (up to 40 years) latency periods.

- *Children are approximately 5 times as sensitive to radiation's lethal effects as adults.

- *There is no safe threshold below which radiation can't hurt you—and low-level radiation may be more harmful per rad of exposure than large doses. In line with this, government standards for exposure, lowered recently, are not nearly low enough.

- *Doses from X-ray machines vary incredibly—up to 50 times—for

supposedly standardized tests and treatments.

*If the nuclear power industry succeeds in fully realizing its plans for expansion, deaths from Cesium 137 alone will reach nearly three million annually—even if the Cesium is 99 percent contained.

Concerning this last point, Gofman writes, "Do you believe that fallible men and machines are going to contain Cesium 137 better than 99 percent perfectly, and are going to contain every trace of several hundred other fission products perfectly, at every point in the nuclear fuel cycle? Those who can answer this question in the affirmative will probably not have any concern about nuclear power, aside from mammoth accidents, bomb proliferation, terrorism, cost and unreliability."

Perhaps most importantly, Gofman sets out to demystify the subject of radiation, reproducing the math that allowed him to reach his sobering conclusions, and explaining how readers can do their own to evaluate future information. Consequently, we don't have to trust blindly in what experts, Gofman included, tell us. Gofman isn't slamming shut the door to the nuclear clubhouse; he's inviting us in. *Radiation and Human Health* is the first self-help book of the atomic age.

I haven't seen many reviews of *Radiation and Human Health* in the public prints. That is unfortunate, because it is very likely the most important book on public health published so far in the eighties. At \$29.95, the hardcover price tag is as hefty as the book, but a somewhat less expensive trade paperback edition (also published by Sierra Club Books) is also available. It's worth hunting down a copy, especially if you are exposed to radiation on the job or for medical reasons. This book properly used, could save your life.

David Armstrong

Urgent Appeal

To all progressive people who supported the struggle of the Iranian masses to overthrow the Shah and are in support of the overthrow of the Islamic Republic regime:

The people of Iran, who had thousands upon thousands of their children jailed, tortured and executed in the Shah's prison, are once again being subjected to the same cruel and inhumane treatment. Only this time it is the Islamic Republic regime that is doing the same atrocities using a different set of butchers. In recent months more than 6,000 of the best sons and daughters of the Iranian people have been executed, and tens of thousands have been jailed and subjected to barbaric torture.

In continuation of its actions, this week the Islamic Republic regime initiated a new wave of widespread attacks on revolutionary forces; the result of which hundreds were killed or were captured and currently their lives are in serious danger. Among these victims of the Nazi-type raids of the regime are: Alireza Sepasi Ashtiani, Hossein Ahmadi Rohani and Massoud Beegari, all of whom have a long history of revolutionary struggle against the Shah's regime and his true followers, the Islamic Republic regime of Iran.

The lives of these three and many other revolutionaries are in grave danger. Voice your militant opposition to these barbaric acts of the government of Iran. Send telegrams and letters to the Iranian government and international agencies demanding the immediate and unconditional release of A. Sepasi Ashtiani, H. Ahmadi Rohani, M. Beegari and all other revolutionary political prisoners. Your action could save lives.

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Cost of Living: \$225,000/year

The delegates to the recent convention of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT) know as well as any one that the cost of living is, and has been, rising steadily. So they voted their new President, Roy Lee Williams, a \$68,750 raising bringing his annual salary to \$225,000. They also voted Secretary-Treasurer Ray Scholesing a raise--\$75,000--bringing his salary to \$200,000. And the union's international vice presidents were given annual pay increases of \$15,000 each. The convention also acted to make sure that none of the union hierarchs falls behind in the continuing race with the cost of living by guaranteeing them a cost-of-living adjustment every July 1 (starting in 1982) equal to each percentage rise in the Consumer Price Index. In addition, top officers "may receive additional compensation and expenses as determined by the general president."

Strike!

Jobs, not Welfare

The National Confederation of Labor (CNT), Spain's 300,000 member anarcho-syndicalist labor union, has been coordinating a mass peasant movement in the region of Andalusia in the last few months. In Cadiz, the city hall was occupied. Refusing to accept government welfare, the people demanded jobs. They proposed that idle lands belonging to the wealthy landowners be cultivated by the unemployed by forming a voluntary collective open to everyone in Cadiz. This would be a rebirth of the experience of the anarchist revolution of 1936. This movement has spread to all the towns and villages throughout Andalusia and parts of Extremadura. The anarchist labor union has been recognized by the local government as the sole representative of the militant peasants. *Don't expect to read about this sort of thing in the Denver Post...*

L.E.A.F. Newsletter

Cheap and Unreliable

The high point of James Miller's inaugural press conference as new chairperson of the Federal Trade Commission was his defense of "imperfect products." He said they should be available to all, because consumers have "different preferences for defect avoidance. Those who have a low aversion to risk--relative to money--will be more likely to purchase cheap, unreliable products." Just as surely as ketchup is a vegetable product, people who can't afford good-quality merchandise should be able to buy cheap, defective products instead.

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Boycott Dole Products!

The United Farmworkers of America (UFW) has called for a boycott of all Dole products in support of a two and a half month strike in Ventura, California. The current struggle between corporate farmers and workers is over labor rights in the mushroom industry. In November 1981 West Foods Mushroom, a subsidiary of the \$4 billion conglomerate Castle and Cooke which also owns Dole, refused a wage package proposed by the UFW. The proposal calls for salary increases from the current wage of \$4.51 to \$5.35 per hour, as well as health care benefits, sick leave, and a one year contract. The company has fired over 200 workers in the past four years under a system where they receive a three-day suspension for three absences and are fired for a subsequent absence even if for reasons such as sickness or emergency. The union is seeking a five day sick leave period per year.

In October 1981 the California Labor Relations Board brought 52 charges of bad faith against the company. A recent hearing on this matter was postponed when the company said it wasn't prepared to answer the charges.

Agriculture is a large scale corporate industry. Major farmowners in California include Del Monte, Bank of America, and Standard Oil of California. A vital resource for these businesses has always been cheap labor.

Agribusiness uses more than 750,000 low paid workers, particularly ethnic minorities, immigrants, women, and children to pick and care for California's fields. Farmowners have traditionally pitted one race against another, and one union against another, to keep the workforce divided. Employers often paid different wages to different races, creating antagonisms, keeping wages low, and making union organizing difficult.

During World War II, the U.S. government became an importer of cheap foreign labor for the growers. Citing labor shortages, growers

presured Washington D.C. to negotiate a special agreement with the Mexican government to recruit and transport Mexican nationals, to work in California fields. The "bracero" program brought in low paid labor to work the fields of the southwest. Closely regulated by the State Farm Labor Placement Service, "braceros" were not allowed to organize unions. Only after the termination of the program in 1964--through pressure from organized labor--could the UFW begin organizing.

When unionization seemed inevitable, business decided to promote a lesser evil--the "company union". In California, the Teamsters have been the choice of agribusiness since 1937 when they were used to break up an organizing attempt by the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO). This pattern was repeated in the 1960's and 70's when Teamsters harassed and beat up strikers.

UFW use of the picket line in combination with boycotts is an effective means of pressuring management. The success of these tactics can be seen in past struggles, such as the lettuce boycott and strike, which forced vegetable growers to form contractual agreements with the UFW. The UFW is calling upon this weapon once again. We can make it work by not buying Dole products.

Going My Way?

From the student handbook at fundamentalist Bob Jones University, Greenville, South Carolina: "No young man may walk with a girl on campus unless both of them have a legitimate reason for going in the same direction. Couples may not invent a reason to be going the same way; they must both be going in the same direction for a definite purpose."

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Nuke 'Em The Slow Way...

Texas State Senator Walter "Mad Dog" Mengden has suggested storing U.S. radioactive waste in El Salvador, explaining: "We've marched all over the world for democracy, and there are other places in the world where it (nuclear waste) can be stored...If we secure El Salvador for that dictator, then we should store our nuclear waste there...We want something in return..."

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CIA language Program

In October, a House post-secondary education committee unanimously approved an \$87 million-a-year program to encourage the teaching of foreign languages in schools and colleges. This action does not signal a sudden Congressional interest in promoting understanding between the U.S. and citizens of other countries. According to committee chairperson, Paul Simon (D.-Ill.), the program is intended to enhance the capabilities of the defense department and intelligence agencies and improve the U.S.'s position in international trade. Simon said he expects to win approval for the bill by focusing on its potential to aid national security. "Where there is a national need, we have to meet it," he said in a *Washington Post* (10/10/81) interview.

CIA Deputy Director Bobby Inman testified in a July subcommittee hearing, even though the CIA is prohibited from promoting legislation. Inman bemoaned that the nation's "rapidly deteriorating" foreign language capability was having an "adverse impact" on intelligence. "We are especially vulnerable when it comes to the more exotic languages, such as Urdu, Arabic and Farsi." These three languages are spoken in areas of the world where the CIA, the Pentagon and the multinational corporations are facing increasing resistance to their penetration, manipulation and exploitation.

CounterSpy

Governs least, Governs best.

A mythical minister was voted one of West Germany's most popular politicians in an opinion poll published recently. The respected Emmid Institute placed "Minister Meyers" on a list of government official submitted to voters for a routine popularity test. The result: the non-existent minister was voted sixth most popular, ahead of such political heavyweights as Defence Minister Hans Apel and Interior Minister Gerhart Baum.

An Emmid Institute spokesperson commented that "contrary to the assumptions of politicians and opinion pollsters, large sections of the population have a high degree of ignorance about politics." A more accurate assessment might be that large sections of the population couldn't give a good goddamn about politicians or pollsters.

Strike!

UC Nuke Labs Laser Money

The University of California Weapons Labs Conversion Project has been monitoring the Department of Energy funding for laser fusion research. The trend in government spending on the laser fusion project reveals a very interesting contradiction: the recent increase in already exorbitant spending comes at a time when there is a wide increase in skepticism over the practicality of the project. More and more is being spent on a project that is realizing fewer and fewer returns. This contradiction suggests that funds are being appropriated from something other than what is apparent on the surface. This contradiction gives more credibility to the suspicion that the laser fusion project is a military project--not an energy program, the guise under which it is still being sold to the public.

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