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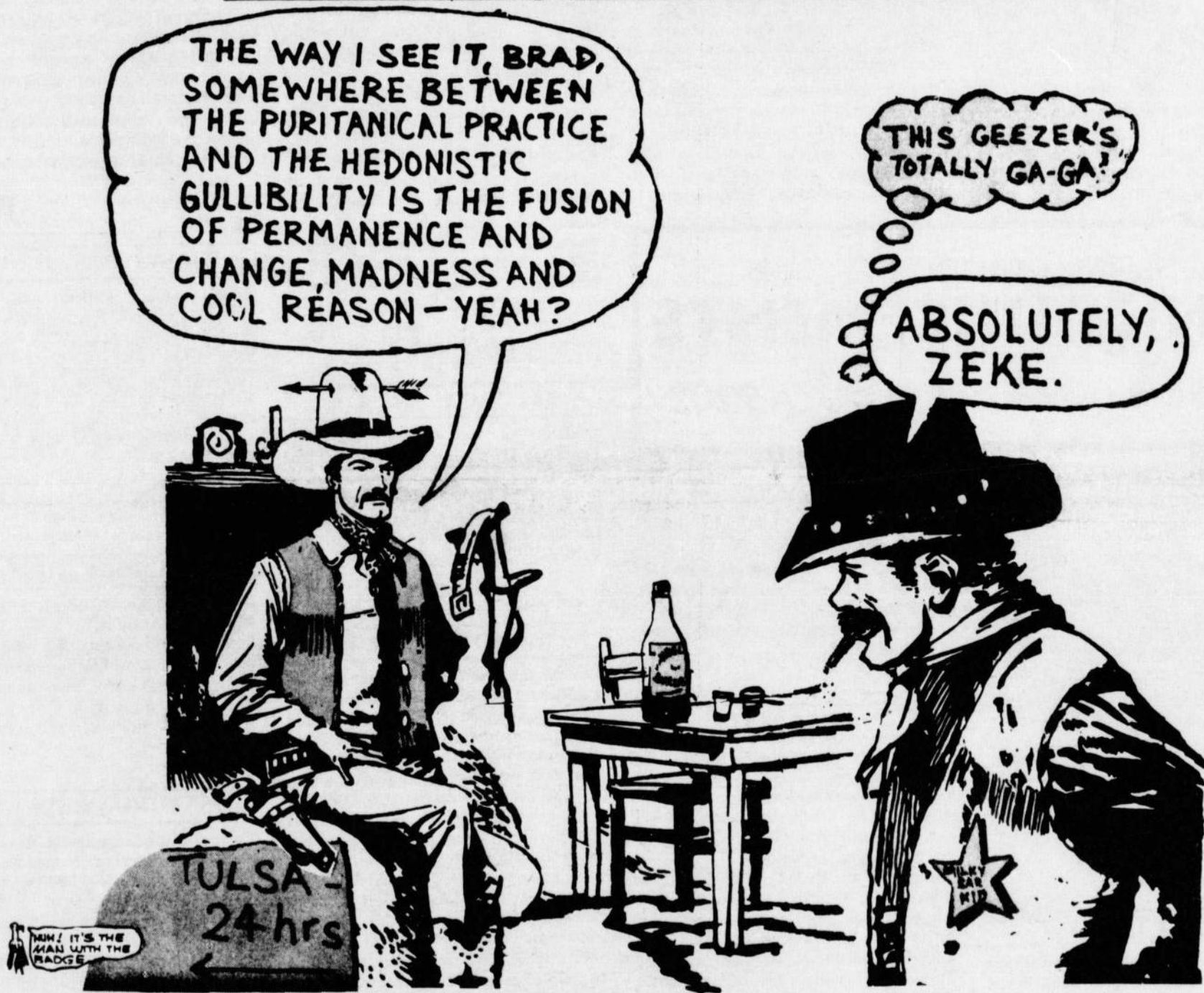
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**20 Years Of Struggle**

The *New Indicator's* 20th anniversary has come and gone with little fanfare. With the exception of a couple of articles in the *Los Angeles Times* and the *San Diego Union/Tribune*, little note has been taken of this auspicious occasion—either in the community or on campus. We received no congratulatory letters or plaques from the administration, nor were we the beneficiaries of a sumptuous dinner attended by the Regents and the university's pantheon of financial backers. Not one of the *N.I.* collective's members was even chosen to be "Student Activist of the Month" by the A.S.

What we did receive from the official bodies of the university was an attempt at a drastic cut in our budget, a physical assault against one of our collective members by an A.S. councilperson, the arbitrary dismissal by the A.S. Judicial Board of most of the charges we filed against the A.S. after they cut our budget (the money was only returned after we had to spend two-thirds of the fiscal year fighting for it), and benign neglect from the university's P.R. department. The administration has even rewritten some of its regulations governing student organizations in an attempt to limit the participation of some members of the *N.I.* in the *New Indicator* Collective.

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While there is a lower class I am in it,  
while there is a criminal element I am of it,  
while there is a soul in prison I am not free.

Eugene V. Debs



**And the War Goes On**

Over the past four months, President Nixon has been working out his "peace plan" for Vietnam. The "objectives" of his plan can be seen in the cables from between April 1 and April 15. 204 American soldiers killed, 40 dead in non-combat deaths, 300 were wounded enough to be hospitalized. In other words, in spite of Nixon's promises of peace his war goes on.

The Nixon line reiterated by Ladd has been couched in a kinder, gentler, and all previous American officials were. The American public is told that US troops can start withdrawing as soon as the JVN is strong enough to replace the existing CIA and other Saigon regime. It is strong enough to stand on its own feet, but the Nixon Administration knows well that neither the Saigon regime nor the

Of course, this is no surprise. The *New Indicator* has never had any friends in the administration (unlike our peers at the *UCSD Guardian* or the *California Review*). To them, our persistent publishing for 20 years is more of a cause for mourning than for celebrating.

However, we do find it a little disappointing that the San Diego progressive community has neglected to

note this important milestone. After all, there are very few left progressive publications based in San Diego.

So, in light of this unfortunate neglect, and at the risk of seeming to toot our own horn, the burden of pointing out the *N.I.'s* historic contributions to the progressive community falls on us.

The *New Indicator* has been an important part of the San Diego

dancers, four singers, and two guitarists. 2:00 & 7:30 P.M., at the Centro Cultural, 2004 Park Blvd. Adults \$10, Children \$5, reservations recommended.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24**

**Ex-CIA Case Officer and Marine Colonel Phillip C. Roettinger**, will speak on his experiences in 1920's Nicaragua, and his role in overthrowing Guatemalan President Jacobo Arbenz's government in 1954. Sponsored by the Friends of Nicaraguan Culture. At the 1st Unitarian Church, 4190 Front St. Call 459-4650 for info.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 13**

**Walkathon for Nicaragua.** The Teachers' Committee on Central America is sponsoring a walkathon to raise money to help their constructive efforts in Nicaragua. Meet at 10 AM at Mission Bay. For more info call 233-0918 or 729-2028.

**MONDAY, JUNE 15**

**Protest the "Myth" California Beauty Contest.** This sexist and exploitative meat market used to take place in Santa Cruz, but progressive forces there drove the contest out of the city by mobilizing and demonstrating each year. Contest officials decided to move it to "calmer" waters—San Diego. The protest starts at 7:30 pm at the Civic Center, 2nd and "C" St. Bring a costume (some women have been known to cover themselves in raw meat, or in fake dollars, etc.). Keep in mind that the authorities do not appreciate this demonstration, and as a result police last year were extra diligent in arresting and detaining people for dropping roses and cigarette butts on the ground (it's littering don't you know).

**JUNE 18-22**

**Building the Movement; Anarchist Gathering 1987.** Anarchists of all stripes will be flowing into Minneapolis, Minnesota to take part in workshops, concerts, banquets, and a warchest tour. For more info contact Back Room Anarchist Books, 2 East 27th St. Minneapolis, Minn. 55408. Or call (612) 879-0312.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 21**

**Art for Nicaragua** An art auction sponsored by the Teachers' Committee on Central America to raise money for their school reconstruction projects in Nicaragua. At the University of Humanistic Studies, 2002 Jimmy Durante Blvd. Del Mar.

progressive scene since its inception in 1966. Members of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) started the paper as UCSD's "official" campus newspaper. Since that time, the *N.I.* has—with varying degrees of consistency—covered local progressive events that have been ignored by the corporate media, it has given a public voice to many progressive writers that had been denied publication by the corporate press, and it has provided its resources to the community.

*N.I.* members have not only reported progressive events over the years but have also participated in and helped organize them. In addition, the *N.I.* has produced many activists, writers, photographers, and organizers who have played noteworthy roles in national and international left politics. Some of our ex-staffers have even gone on to be in the leadership of different U.S. left groups.

Of course, the *N.I.* has not been without its faults. The quality of this primarily student publication has been, at times, dismally embarrassing. As many of our readers know, especially those who have been reading the *N.I.* for a number of years, we do have somewhat of a bad reputation for printing excessively pedantic, rhetorical and shrill pieces. We have also printed many ultra-left pieces which served not only to lower our own credibility but the credibility of the left overall. In addition, we have published material that could be

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**FBI Agent Assaults Student**  
—UCSD student charged with assault of Federal Agent after defending herself

By Pablo Vragus and Chris Ehrick

UCSD student Kristen Crabtree is being pressured into accepting a deferred prosecution for defending herself against an FBI agent who she was photographing during a protest against FBI/CIA recruitment at the campus Career Center on May 21. Crabtree was on assignment for the *New Indicator* at the time of the incident.

At the event, FBI agent Maureen Allison ordered Crabtree, who had an *N.I.* press pass on her camera strap, to "not take a picture of" her. After repeating her command twice more, and without responding to Crabtree's question of "Why not?," the agent grabbed Crabtree by her shirt and camera strap. Crabtree first attempted to free herself by plying the agent's hand off with her own hands. Crabtree, who is several inches shorter than her assailant, was unable to free herself by hand, and, as a result, was forced to bite the agent's hand in order to get loose. The agent released Crabtree only after she had stopped biting. The agent and Crabtree left the Career Center, separately, shortly thereafter.

Approximately 90 minutes later, Crabtree returned to the Center and was arrested by four FBI agents after she was identified by agent Allison. She was brought to the downtown Federal Building for booking and interrogation, and later imprisoned at the nearby Metropolitan Correction Center.

**Student Support**

Overnight, in response to the assault and arrest, students organized a rally on the Gym Steps. The purpose of the rally was to "inform students about what was happening and to show that Crabtree had the support of students who would continue to oppose any FBI or CIA activities on campus, especially assaults on students, in addition to the trumped-up charges" stated rally speaker Lincoln

Mitchell. Approximately 200 people showed up to the impromptu event.

A second rally, which concluded with a march to the Career Center to protest any future FBI or CIA presence on campus, was held on Wednesday, May 28. The march, which had been organized by the Progressive Student Association and the Kristen Crabtree Defense Fund, proceeded into the Career Center, where students chanted "Hey FBI and CIA/Go away" and "No FBI, No CIA/Our Career Center Our Way" for several minutes. Afterwards they presented their demand to Career Center director Neil Murray that the Center not be used for FBI and CIA recruitment as long as "these organizations participated in heinous acts around the world." Murray replied that only the U.C. president or Regents have the authority to ban the FBI and CIA from the Center. Ishwar Puri, temporary UCSD faculty member, yelled out "That's the Nuremberg defense."

An unidentified student stated that he did not care who was responsible and that the protesters would come back to disrupt the Center and embarrass it in front of "all the rich university sponsors" until the university gives a guarantee that the FBI and CIA will never use the Center—built with student fees—again. Murray said that the students were free to protest so long as they did not violate the law or any U.C. regulations but that he did not have the authority to comply with the demands. Protester Craig Salling said that "the protest had been organized to both support Crabtree and to enforce the student referendum in which over 70% of the students said that they did not want their fees used for any FBI or CIA activities."

**Crabtree: "I'm A Regular Student"**

Crabtree is an 18-year old



Kristen Crabtree addressing noon rally following her release from FBI custody.

anthropology major and a second year junior at Third College (where she is also a Resident Assistant (RA). Her parents live in Washington, D.C.; her step-father is a retired Army Lt. Colonel. She has also lived in Germany, at West Point, and Norfolk, among other places.

The events of the last month have apparently had a big effect on her. Speaking of the 7 hours she spent alone in a small cell in the Federal prison she said "it was probably the worst seven hours of my life." Before her bail hearing, the jail wardens kept her in the cell, barren of everything except a small hole that served as a bathroom. She "didn't know if [she] had a lawyer or if her friends were going to pull through." She "demanded to speak to a lawyer," but was denied. The authorities finally allowed her to "talk to a lawyer after about one and half hours of crying."

She told the *N.I.* that, "we've been brainwashed to believe that our society runs fairly, that we are innocent until proven guilty and that we will get a fair

jury of our peers. I believed that till a month ago."

"If I were innocent until proven guilty I would not have served 30 hours in federal prison. I would not be being coerced into accepting deferred prosecution, and they would not have pressed charges if I was attacked." When asked why she did not think she would get a fair jury of her peers she said that many lawyers, including the ACLU, had told her that the average federal jury in San Diego consists of predominantly over 50-year old, white, ex-military or ex-government officials.

For this reason, and because of considerable advantages the FBI would have in getting information for a trial, she has been advised that a trial could be dangerous, even though she has an extremely solid case. The offer of deferred prosecution, which she is now considering, implies that all charges will

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**Janitors Rally For Rights**

—Service Employees union organizes picket

by Dan Epperly

A labor dispute between members of the Service Employees Industrial Union (SEIU) and the managers of the Executive Building led to a late afternoon picket in front of the downtown highrise on Wednesday, May 27. Over 80 workers and union organizers gathered in front of the

Executive Building to protest the management of the Executive Building claims that its decision was based on unsatisfactory service by the present labor force, and that it has nothing to do with the union. Medina asserted, though, that the staff was fired because the Executive Building's managers "decided that \$3.80 [the current hourly

company may have with job quality. The company, however, has refused to meet with the union to discuss their differences.

Medina explained that the reason for the firings is purely economic. While union janitors, 98% of whom are Afro-American and Latino women supporting families, make a mere \$3.80 an hour, non-union janitors make only \$3.35.

According to a booklet put out by SEIU's support committee, most of the janitors earn a little over \$4,000 a year, placing them well below the poverty line. In addition, many of the workers bring

their children to work with them to help clean the buildings in order to meet the time schedules and earn enough money to support their families. "There is child labor in those buildings," said Medina.

The SEIU called the picket to put pressure on the owners to bargain with the union. Medina commented that while the building owners hope to avoid taking responsibility for the low wages and bad working conditions in the highrises by contracting cleaning companies to service the buildings rather than hiring their own staff, they do determine wages and working conditions since they are paying for the cleaning service. The picket is part of a major SEIU campaign to organize the downtown highrises. Of the 18 buildings targeted by local 102, eight are currently being represented by the SEIU. Medina credited much of the union's success to the oppressive working conditions

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**Students Off ROTC**

by G. Piccoli

The UCSD Pagan Skin Beaters (PSB) faced its first counterattack from UCSD's minuscule Reserve Officer Training Corp (ROTC) contingent. The PSB, which assembles every Friday in front of the Gym Steps to play a variety of percussion instruments, met with the sour faces of four ROTC members, three of whom were dressed in camouflage. According to one of the PSBers, the four were allegedly assigned by their

commander to sit in front of the PSB in an attempt to intimidate them.

The ROTC action was apparently in response to the anti-ROTC activities of certain participants of the PSB, who have been taking action to prevent the ROTC from setting up recruitment tables in Revelle Plaza. The placards, which show enlarged photographs of U.S.-backed El Salvadoran troops fiendishly poking

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Executive Building to protest the termination of the building's cleaning contract with the unionized contractor and its replacement with a non-union firm.

# Bonpane "Blazes" Away At US Backed Contras

By Bill Fields

Liberation theologian Blaise Bonpane urged a group of San Diegans gathered at a local church on May 27 to "try to commune with the logic of revolution." Bonpane, a former Maryknoll priest who now directs the Santa Monica-based Office of the Americas, severely criticized the Reagan administration's foreign policies, which he said only served the interests of the rich and powerful.

Bonpane was here for a "Peace Gathering" organized by the Friends of Nicaraguan Culture, to commemorate the death of Ben Linder, the first U.S. citizen to be killed in the U.S.-sponsored counterrevolutionary war in Nicaragua. Linder, a 27-year old mechanical engineer, was working as a volunteer on some development projects in a northern Nicaraguan war zone. He was murdered

by the *contras* on April 28.

Bonpane's analysis of history and current events, as well as his view of how the "good Christian" should respond to this understanding, are clearly shaped by his interpretation of the Bible. Bonpane, like the growing number of liberation theologians throughout the world, believes that one of the central messages of the Bible is that the oppressed majority of the people have the right to throw off their oppressors and establish a more just society here on earth.

Bonpane, speaking with characteristic passion, told the crowd that "we cannot serve empire and serve God." He described the "imperial ideal" as something close to "Nazism... do what we tell you or we'll break your face." Bonpane pointed to Reagan's policy in Nicaragua as an example of imperialism. He called the backing of the *contras* the

"biggest act of child molestation in history" since the Nicaraguan population is so overwhelmingly young.

The former priest also forcefully spoke out against what he called "imperial theology," which he said has victimized many people. Bonpane described imperial theology as the fairly common idea that "we must become perfect first, then we will work for

the ruling circles of the U.S. (e.g., the Iran-Contra fiasco, the militarization of Central America, the recent Supreme Court decision eliminating the right to bail), his message was far from fatalistic. Very clearly, Bonpane has hope. He said that "there is more grassroots organizing going on now than at any other time in U.S. history." He spent a good part of his time discussing many different ways in which U.S. activists are demonstrating their solidarity with the Nicaraguan people and opposing the government's imperial policies.

For example, Bonpane mentioned the trips to Nicaragua being sponsored by many solidarity groups in the U.S., the recent formation of the "World Peace Force" by Viet Nam veterans, the

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others." This view is an "imperialistic heresy," Bonpane asserted, because it justifies political inaction, since "we'll never become perfect." The world will be changed by imperfect beings "who are willing to give their lives for the poor of the earth," he said.

In this vein, Bonpane advocated that U.S. citizens become anti-imperialists as a first step in the right direction. Until people have taken such a stand, and then gone on to understand that the people of Central America, for example, are their brothers and sisters, Bonpane said, they will not have a spiritual life.

Though Bonpane frequently referred to very blatant examples of corruption and anti-popular policies carried out by

research and legal work being carried out by the Christie Institute, as well as the lobbying and electoral work being done by concerned activists.

He stressed that people involved in the movement must fight against destructive influences such as self-righteousness, and that none of these projects should be looked upon as competition with those being organized by other activists. In addition, Bonpane emphasized that those who do the less glamorous but fundamental work of licking envelopes and stamps, writing letters, working on political campaigns, etc., are also making valuable contributions and could even be considered "heroes."

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was true despite the fact that females traditionally did much of the real work, Molina said. Over the past few years, though, more women—including Chicanas—have been going for leadership positions, she said. After

challenged. In the middle of these destructive internal battles, the right wing has stepped up its attacks by, for example, trying to pass "English Only" laws. "Our community is growing and everybody is



Chicana picketers during famous 1950's copper strike in Arizona

winning the presidency of MAPA recently, however, she was reminded that women are still the objects of deep-seated male chauvinism: she has received personal threats, lawsuits have been filed against her, her job has been audited, and she sometimes needs to be accompanied by undercover police for protection. "It has been war" ever since she won the MAPA leadership, she said, as some vengeful male political enemies have challenged her credibility in ways that past (male) leaders were never

### Cultural Expression In Chicano Theatre

Anita Matos of Teatro de la Esperanza described how "teatro (Chicano theater) grew out of the whole civil rights movement of the 60's and early 70's, when people of color were

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# Right-Wing Embezzlement?

By Pablo Vragus

Despite strong protest from *Voz Fronteriza* and the *New Indicator*, the Associated Students Council gave the *California Review* an unprecedented \$2,100 increase in their budget. The A.S. Council justified the increase by stating that the *C.R.* staff was not as "experienced" with typesetting machinery, and that it had a "superior format" which required more time to assemble. As a result, the Council gave the four-year old publication three times the typesetting paper and nearly five times as much money for student salaries than it gave the other media. Only one year ago the A.S. Council increased the *C.R.*'s allocation by 100%.

Miguel Chavez, from *Voz*, and Jelger Kalmijn, from the *N.I.*, pointed out to the council that these were unnecessary

allocations of student funds. Both Chavez and Kalmijn pointed out that the *Review*, unlike the rest of the alternative media (which does its own typesetting), is planning to use these funds, at extra cost to the A.S., to have their paper typeset at an off campus location.

There were no members of the *Review* present at the meeting to explain these gross inequities, but their position was adequately represented by some members on the A.S. Council who seemed unswayed by the explanations and alternatives offered by *Voz* and the *N.I.*

After the A.S. meeting, *Voz* stated that it would rather offer up its \$372/year student salaried position to the *Review* than have the A.S. set a precedent of giving a certain media a disproportionately larger budget to pay for off campus typesetting.

# Chicana Leaders Come To UCSD

By Bill Fields

UCSD Mujer, a Chicana/Latina organization, sponsored a panel discussion on May 28 which featured three prominent Chicana leaders who described the sexism and pressure for assimilation that has shaped their lives. The three women invited to speak at the "Chicanas in Leadership" forum shared their experiences in the political, cultural and educational fields, respectively. MAPA (Mexican-American Political Association) president Bea Molina led off the discussion, followed by Anita Matos, a director in *Teatro de la Esperanza*, and Ana Maria Flores, a teacher at Southwest High School in San Ysidro.

Though the women focused mainly on relating their own individual experiences, some common themes united their presentations. All of them

have consistently had to overcome male chauvinist behavior to reach their present leadership positions. And all three have had to struggle against the oppression that denies Chicanos the basic democratic rights taken for granted by many people in the U.S.

### Chicano Organization To Push For Political Power

Bea Molina explained that MAPA is not a political party, but a support system from which to enter either the Democratic or Republican parties as candidates. MAPA was formed to put pressure on these parties to run more Chicano candidates and to address issues of special concern to the Chicano community that were being ignored.

MAPA, like most political organizations, was for many years almost entirely male dominated. This

# Dance Nets Money For Nicaragua

By Pablo Vragus

As part of its efforts to help aid the liberation movements in Central America, the Progressive Student Association sponsored a successful dance-party at the Ché Café on May 23 to raise funds to buy medical supplies for Nicaragua. In all, the fundraiser yielded almost \$400 to purchase much needed medical supplies for the people of Nicaragua. Due to the U.S. economic blockade, medical supplies, along with other necessities such as machine parts, tools, fuel, and other items, are very difficult to obtain. The supplies will be sent down to Nicaragua by way of the Friends of Nicaraguan Culture, a local community activist group opposed to U.S. intervention.

The Rainbow Warriors, the featured band, played original and cover reggae tunes to the party goers packed into the Ché. When asked about the event, organizer Joe Wainio from the PSA emphasized that the main idea was, "to make the event a success all the way around so that people would come back next time." He said that, "the PSA will be helping to organize a big statewide conference in October for progressive students from universities all across the state and we're trying to get together a really big gig for them."

Last March, at a similar conference at UC Santa Barbara where the statewide network was initiated, actor activist Martin Sheen and Abbie Hoffman spoke, along with Congressman Ron Dellums. PSA members hope to attract the same caliber of speakers to the October conference at UCSD, which will be co-sponsored with San Diego State.

# Palestinian Prof Draws Elite & Left

By Anita Levy

Edward Said, professor of English and comparative literature at Columbia University and Palestinian Intellectual and activist, delivered the Robert C. Elliot Memorial lecture to a crowded hall on May 19. Entitled "Culture and Imperialism," Said's lecture dealt broadly with the contribution of culture and the makers of culture such as intellectuals, academics, writers, artists and the media, to the theory and practice of Western domination of non-Western nations both in the European colonial past and the American imperial present.

His works include *Orientalism*, a polemical study of the written representation of the "East" by the "West", in his words "the enormously systematic discipline by which European culture was able to manage—and even produce—the Orient politically, sociologically, militarily, ideologically, scientifically, and imaginatively during the post-Enlightenment period", and *Palestinian Lives*, a photographic and textual account of the oppressive conditions under which the Palestinian people live. Due to the depth and breadth of Said's work, his lecture attracted different listeners for different reasons. If you were a Palestinian student or a native of a country once subjected to colonial domination, then the lecture you heard would be quite different from the one heard by the upper class white La Jollans or some literature professors who, gathered for the Literature Department event of the

season, applauded politely and hoped that a "Palestinian terrorist" as one matron is supposed to have called Said, would never be allowed back into the hallowed halls of academia.

As a white, middle class radical intellectual involved in graduate study at

this university, Said's lecture challenged and excited me. Said is one of the few intellectuals within the American academic institution who understands their intellectual work as the political work that it really is. He understands the power of language on representing reality according to the interest of the dominant group, be it a class or a nation.

And most importantly, he is highly critical of American intellectuals and academics who work and write from within the current center of world imperialism—America—without acknowledging that political and cultural fact and their own power to challenge, even subvert, American hegemony.



# Society In The Making

*This column aims to show that our society is continually changing. Through the actions of organized groups, what is often perceived as a static situation can be forced to change dramatically for the better. The information is paraphrased from the referenced journals.*

### Cologne, West Germany

The world's largest trade union, IG Metall, has won nationwide concessions for a 37-hour work week. The union, with a membership of 2.5 million, represents metal workers throughout the country. The accord was criticized by the leftist printers' union because it also stipulates that the union cannot make any more demands for a 35-hour week until their contract expires in 1990.

According to rough estimates, in today's modern industrialized society we would only have to work 20 hours a week to maintain our current standard of living. The other 20 hours per week go to waste on the military and other corporate extravaganzas.

Guardian

### San Andrés de Bocay, Nicaragua

On May 10-12 the Sandinista military routed one of the main contra camps in Nicaragua. The camp reportedly held 800 contras and was largely used as a base for raids and a supply connection for contras operating in Nicaragua. Most of the contras escaped the assault because the Sandinistas were unable to encircle the camp due to its proximity to the Honduran border. The Sandinistas did not want to create a pretext that the U.S. and Honduran troops currently engaged in the "solid shield" joint military exercises could use to enter the conflict.

The FDN, the leading contra organization, had planned to show off the base to the international press as an example of their military power in Nicaragua.

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### Honduras and El Salvador

May Day parades of 20,000 and several thousand, respectively, demanded an end to U.S. military involvement in Central America. The people at the rally in San Salvador, the capital of El Salvador, gave a long



standing ovation when it was announced that 200,000 people had marched in San Francisco and Washington, D.C. on April 25 against U.S. intervention in the area.

Both rallies also emphasized the poor economic conditions in the countries. In El Salvador there were demands for land reform, an end to austerity measures and for the expulsion of the international branch of the AFL-CIO, the fervently anti-communist AFLD, which is widely known as an operating base for the CIA.

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### Fiji

The military coup of May 14 collapsed due to a general strike that shut down the Island. The Fijian consul in San Francisco claimed that the coup had been provoked by the U.S. because of the election of Prime Minister Timoci Bavadra on a platform of trade union rights, non-alignment and making Fiji a nuclear free zone. The Australian Waterfront Workers Federation, also involved in the push to keep out U.S. ships carrying nuclear weapons, pointed out that the fact that Vernon Walters, U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. and former CIA deputy director, had visited the island just before the coup was highly suspicious.

People's Daily World

### Durban, South Africa

85% to 100% of the South African workforce went on a two day strike on May 5 and 6 to protest the whites-

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only elections, according to the Council of South African Trade Unions (COSATU). The strike proceeded almost without violent incidents in spite of government provocations. Meanwhile, whites went to heavily guarded polling places and gave the right-wing Nationalist Party of Prime Minister P.W. Botha a resounding victory.

The strike was censored out of all South African newspapers and broadcasts as part of the government's censorship policy.

Guardian

### Denver, Colorado

In line with their support of other actions across the country, the Teamsters and bakers unions have refused to cross supermarket picketlines in Denver and Colorado Springs. Over the last several years supermarket chains have mounted a campaign to keep down employee wages and benefits. This has resulted in many strikes, including one in California last year.

In Colorado, the King Scopers chain is demanding an 8% wage cut, elimination of vacation and health benefits for some employees, and abolition of seniority privileges. Last year the chain made \$26 million in profit, the chairman's salary being \$1 million per year.

People's Daily World

### New York, New York

To condemn the racist police beating of a Chinese family on January 2, several hundred people marched to demand that the cops involved be brought to justice. Prior to the march, community members had gathered 4000 signatures demanding that the charges against the family be dropped and that the police officers be prosecuted. All the charges: bootlegging cable TV, assault and resisting arrest, were dismissed.

This attack fits into the pattern of racially motivated violence occurring throughout the U.S., especially in the South and in New York. The racism is in part motivated by worsening economic conditions throughout the country which lead to a search for a scapegoat. As in Nazi Germany, racism easily fits the bill.

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# ROTC Invades Mission Bay High

Contributed to the NI

The effects of the Reagan regime's militarization can easily be seen around us. Rambo is a role model to, sadly enough, more than one child. Cartoons often glorify violence as the only solution. Toys dealing with violence gross obscene profits for the companies that spawn them upon our youth, the list

On certain weekends the Explorers participate in mock wars, held to train them for future use in combat. Recently a member of the military was invited to the campus for a lecture presentation.

While the military is given *carte blanche* to come on campus, people opposed to war are not allowed on at all. The only time, within the last year, that a pacifist was allowed to make any form of



seems endless.

From a purely objective view, this can be seen as the blatant military propaganda of a fascist regime. However, this situation has now developed beyond mere propaganda. The militarization campaign is now having an immediate effect on certain youths at the Mission Bay High School campus.

The formation of a small quasi-ROTC movement called the "Explorers" has begun to establish a definite mark upon the campus society. These people denounce all forms of communism, praise militarism and have formed a neo-Nazi clique. The "Explorers" are supported by the local Coast Guard, which includes actual sergeants, commanders, etc. within the Explorer structure. The Explorers are furnished with hands-on knowledge of weapons, how to recognize and destroy foreign aircraft, and so forth.

comment was when the COMD (Committee Opposed to Militarism and the Draft) members passed out recruitment leaflets in front of the school.

In response to this unacceptable military presence, pressure needs to be placed upon the administration to:

- 1) Allow a pacifist, Marxist, or at least someone with a non-national militarist point of view to speak.
- 2) Actually speak out against allowing the military on campus.
- 3) Encourage the school newspaper to write essays on opposing political views.



Hinckley missed, but Ben predicts Contragate will get Reagan.

Ben Ceremos

# Rabid Radical Rambles Rhetoric

Reaganism is dead! Right? That's the conclusion many people are drawing as the Contragate hearings enter their fourth week. But let's not jump to hasty conclusions. From my point of view, at least, these hearings threaten to become a platform for the administration to launch a new initiative or, said better, to remold an old one. The new policy that is being pushed at the Contragate hearings is nothing less than overt congressional support and funding for the contras.

Sound impossible? If it does, then you haven't been listening closely enough to the hearings. The one theme that has united the first three witnesses, Secord, McFarlane and Owen, is their bleating complaint that poor Mr. Reagan and good old Ollie North wouldn't be in this jam if Congress hadn't forced the whole contra support business underground in the first place.

The witnesses argue that this ugly mess would have been avoided if the well-meaning representatives of 50 states had seen their way clear to do in 1984-5 what they did in 1984. That is, allocate tens of millions of our tax dollars for bullets and rockets for Calero's Coca-Contras. Then our paid public servants wouldn't have to go begging for bucks from the Saudis, the Taiwanese, or even

the poor Sultan of Brunei. And like those who preceded him in the witness stand, Calero, contra commander and the CIA's favorite lap dog, has been granted a coast-to-coast platform for pontificating on the evils of communism.

What a revolting spectacle, to watch this murderer of civilians, this servile operative who shoots his own countrymen in the back for money, being asked to lecture us on democracy, freedom and human rights! One Republican after another grovelled at the feet of Calero, asking him to please explain the hardships of trying to organize his mercenary band under the constraints of the constitutional democracy that supposedly reigns in the country that pays him. It makes you want to say to these Republican congressmen, "If you don't like it here, why don't you move to Honduras?"

Likewise, McFarlane was given ample time to run through the administration's litany of lies about Central America. He, like the other right-wing nitwits, insists that Nicaragua is a Soviet base, a Soviet surrogate, a Soviet beachhead for Hemispheric Hegemony. He goes on and on about

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2, 1987; they have pushed us far. We will not go down whimpering this time!!! Until this policy is reversed, or amended (to the students approval) we shall continue to fight. Like the contras in Nicaragua, we too are freedom fighters in Ronald Reagan's eyes. Just as our brothers in Vietnam overcame the oppressive giant of imperialism, and corruption, we too shall be victorious over the administration. You cannot defeat a people united, and we are united against this policy. Please, encourage the parking committee to work with our AS, and students, and save us from this ensuing war. As Hawkeye in MASH said, "War is worse than Hell, because innocent people (parking meters) are killed." Because if you don't change this policy now, the university will pay, pay, and pay and pay. Slashed tires, and broken or lost parking meters are only the beginning. We have already distributed over 10,000 pesos to random meters on this campus, and more may be needed. You may think that you can inconvenience us, the students, with your parking policy, but we think we can inconvenience you more. Is it worth it? If the policy does not change, when we return next fall, war will begin and we shall win!!!



Will UC Police give in, or will a blood-bath ensue?

P.L.O. Parking Liberation Organization

# Get Radical This Summer

by G. Piccoli

Summer is rapidly approaching, and while some of us will be lucky enough to leave this country for adventures to Europe, Asia, Africa or Latin America, most of us will be stuck here without much to do besides plod through the summer with a boring summer job. But, for those of you who want to do something exciting and socially relevant, we have compiled a list of local activists groups, along with a short description of what these groups are about and what they do.

**Progressive Student Association (PSA).** On top of the list has to be UCSD's own Progressive Student Association. The PSA has put on a myriad of highly successful events around such issues as Central America, the nuclear build up, and environmental issues. Over the summer, the PSA will be focusing its efforts on organizing the California Alliance of Progressive Student Activists (CAPSA) fall statewide conference. PSA will be co-sponsoring the conference with activists from SDSU. They will be deciding on speakers, workshops, panel discussions, along with entertainment, housing, and outreach. If you are interested in helping out call 534-2016.

For those of you interested in organizations opposed to U.S. intervention in Central America, there are several groups in San Diego county that you can hook into:

**Friends of Nicaraguan Culture.** The "Friends" have been around for a number of years and are a very active group. They have sponsored a number of forums, lectures, and protests around U.S. intervention in Central America. They also sponsor friendship tours down to Nicaragua. Call 459-4650 for more information.

**The Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (CISPES).** CISPES is one of the oldest

national organizations opposed to U.S. intervention around. San Diego CISPES has also sponsored forums and protests against U.S. foreign policy, and has an office located at the Grassroots Cultural Center where you can go to obtain all kinds of information about the region. Call 231-4984.

**San Diego Teachers Committee on Central America.** This group of concerned educators has sponsored brigades down to Nicaragua to help rebuild schools destroyed by the U.S.-

information on current developments in Central America. Call 583-2925.

Ironic as it may appear, San Diego, one of the most militarized areas in the U.S., also has one of the more active peace movements around. These groups organize around everything from opposing the draft to opposing the nuclear fleet in San Diego harbor:

**Committee Opposed to Militarism and the Draft (COMD).** COMD had been around (formerly it

**Alliance for Survival.** The Alliance is definitely one of the more broad-based groups in San Diego. They work on issues as seemingly divergent as anti-nukes and the forced removal of Native Americans at Big Mountain. Call 275-1162.

**Draft Resisters Defense Fund.** The DRDF raises money and sponsors events to help support draft resisters being prosecuted by the government. Call 282-9968 for info.

**The Peace Resource Center.** The Center houses a collage of peace and justice groups. They can connect you up with speakers, literature, and videos related to the peace movement. Call 265-0730

For those of you who do have a limited amount of time to spend on activism, yet want to get involved just the same, there are still ways for you to plug into the progressive movement. San Diego has several radical bookstores constantly in need of progressive minded people to put in a few hours a week to help staff the bookstore.

**Grassroots Cultural Center.** Grassroots has been around for a number of years, providing both books and records, as well as space for progressive speakers and performers to put out their message. Grassroots can always use volunteers to help staff. Call 232-5009

**Groundwork Bookstore.** Groundwork is UCSD's radical bookstore. Its one of the few places in San Diego where you can find volumes by Marx, Lenin, Goldman, Mao, Trotsky, Piccoli, Vragus, and Fields. Call 452-9625.

Last, but far from least, you can always work on the *New Indicator Collective's Disorientation Manual*. We need writers, editors, typesetters, and paste-up people to help assemble the Manual. Call 534-2016.



# PLO Attacks UCSD PD

—parking is a problem

UCSD Parking pigs:

You have left us no alternative. We have sought peaceful solutions in the past. We have tried hard to avoid this escalation of violence and wastefulness, but you have made this the only course left to us by cutting off all other options and dealing in a deceitful and lying fashion. Several events over the last 3 years have caused the undergraduate students at UCSD to fight back, because peaceful measures have been ignored by our administration.

- 1: Parking permit prices were raised mid-year despite the fact that students had paid for a full year of parking. Small print in the contract was the excuse given by the administration. It was promised that prices would not rise for the next few years.
- 2: The next year, prices were raised regardless of the promise made the year before. Trust between the students and the parking committee was growing.
- 3: Meters were changed to quarter only

without student input at all. To top it off, it was done during the summer, when most students were away, and unavailable for input.

4: Permits will now be required until 10pm and on weekends!!!!

Number 4 brings us into the picture. Not only is this policy unjust to the poor, non-permit students, and S-permit students, we all know that it will not be fairly enforced. When the chancellor has special events after 5pm, we know people parking in the Revelle lots to see the show at Mandel-Weiss from our affluent La Jolla Community will not get tickets. It will be those students with S-permits parking in A spots close to the Library who will be targets. This new policy will only inconvenience those who it claims to help, and it will fill the coffers of the administration with the students' hard earned money. We cannot allow this to happen. Imagine, a young woman, walking through the woods from the Central Library, to the nearest S-space, is raped only to find a parking ticket on

her car from invalidly displaying her permit. This will not happen. We will stop it. When the administration condones activities such as notifying the students on April 30, 1987 of this new policy, and requiring responses by May

**PSA**  
Progressive Student Association

**Want to spend your summer doing something socially relevant?**

If so, the PSA is the organization for you. We know it's summer, and we'll be at the beach too, but there is also work to do. The PSA, along with progressive students form SDSU, will be hosting the California Alliance of Progressive Student Activists statewide conference next Fall. We need people to help with outreach, contacting speakers, and arranging housing for this important event. Call us at 534-2016, or come by our office at room 209 in the Student Center.

**Have a great summer, and we'll see you in Fall!**

**Disorientation Manual**

**It's that time again, time to get to work on the Manual. We need writers, proofreaders, graphic artists, photographers, and paste-up people. Come work on the 11th annual edition of the manual, be famous, be politically correct, join us this summer. Call 534-2016 today!**

Ben Ceremos

## For The Last Time...We Hope

By Ben Ceremos

Welcome to the last comfort induced denial column for the quarter from the mind of Ben Ceremos. It wasn't that long ago that I was a fledgling college kid with bushy eyes and a bright tail. Now my eyes are wider and less bushier and I spin taller tales. I've been busy running around avoiding the pigs while collecting potentially damaging notes on possible campus frat-gate conspirators.

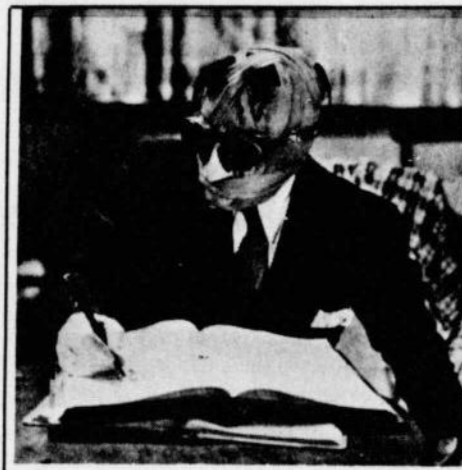
What do convicted, former AS senator Greg MacCrone, the law firm of Stutz-Rentto-Artiano, and MacCrone's father's insurance company *all have in common?* Well, Greg MacCrone is costing his old man's insurance company big bucks. You see MacCrone is involved in continuing legal battles with *New Indicator* member Monty Kroopkin. The law firm of McCormick and Royce was hired by papa MacCrone's insurance company to sort the legal hassles out for Greg. You see it's apparently cheaper for the MacCrone's to offer an out of court settlement than to pursue further costly legal battles. Stutz et al is the law firm retained by the University. You'll recall the AS council was also named as a defendant stemming from the May 28, 1986 fight during the council meeting. How much money does an out of court settlement bring these days for pounding to a pulp a member of the opposition? \$60000 to be precise and that doesn't even cover the legal cost incurred by Kroopkin's legal team.

New but not improved AS president Dave Marchick has a "kitchen cabinet" called the ZBT fraternity. Without ZBT, "I would never have been elected" admits

Marchick. But he denies that ZBT is consoling and advising the president on AS appointments and policies.

You want to talk advising with Randon Woodard, just go to an AS council meeting to see the administration's eyes and ears for yourself. There he is at every AS council and most committee hearings, interrupting whenever he wants and even staying during executive sessions of council meetings (executive sessions are reserved for AS members only.) Gee! I didn't know Randon Woodard was elected by the students of UCSD to serve on council.

Communications Commissioner, and member of the Republican Party Steven Tauber, a fair and objective administrator! HaHaHa I was joking and trying to see if you were paying attention.



Ceremos accuses Nixon of writing vile bathroom graffiti.

Oh, if you get any of those phone calls from the 1987 gift committee trying to squeeze more money for the University Center here's what you do: keep them on the line as long as possible thereby preventing them from soliciting from others for the corporate monster. We convinced two operators to quit their jobs already.

Lastly, I'd like to leave by sharing some bits of graffiti from the men's room walls in Third College lecture hall: "Dear Little Robot."

Student, baby bureaucrat, executive in diapers, technocrat, cop-whoever you are, welcome to UCSD Inc. and the Lets-Build-Computers for War club. In your pathetic, submissive, obedient, genteel, ass-kissing stupidity, you probably actually think you're lucky to be here!

On your way to a processed, managed,



totally empty existence as a cog in some bureaucracy, "civilian" or "military" which has as its main product the death of everything vital and human. Maybe you'll be able to buy a condo, a VCR and a BMW of your Very Own before your heart-attack, your last teeth, or the next world war. Welcome to the rest of your life SUCKER!  
Love and Kisses, Karl-Marks-A-Lot"

Here are a few responses.

"Take it from someone who goes to Mesa (college)"

"Dear Mr. Marks-a-lot,

It's too bad you're such a pessimistic ass maybe you should change your major to Econ or Bio instead of the useless pre-1987s lit major. Maybe you'll actually make something of your misreable(sic) life.

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Ben Dover

Karl's response, "At least lit majors can spell."

Re:lv. "I may not be able to spell, but you'll be eating macaroni and cheese for the rest of your shitty existence.

B.D.

More replies, "Karl we certainly wish we were all endowed with your incredible wisdom, like wow."

"This guy's probably insecure about his sexual preference."

"Life is what you make it. I am sorry you're unhappy."

"Pessimism is a sign of those who are insecure."

"The blame lies in the fiction we propagate."

That's all for now, see you later.

# Letters To The New Indicator

—Doc points out misinformation, sectarian samplings

Dear Editor,

I have just read an article in the *New Indicator* (Vol. 12, No. 12) entitled "Women Control Their Bodies." Frankly, I am horrified that this destructive and potentially dangerous information is still being circulated.

As a woman, a mother and a gynecologist, let me begin by saying that I am and always have been a strong advocate of personal participation and responsibility (for women and men) when it comes to health care. I communicate with and educate my patients as thoroughly as possible. I listen carefully to my patients, and I encourage patients to examine themselves with me and at home to become as familiar with their bodies as possible.

I am well aware of the careless and paternalistic attitudes with which women have been treated down through the centuries and of the atrocities that have been perpetuated in the name of good medical care. Nonetheless, I feel that it is crucial to work within the boundaries of common sense and sound medical knowledge to ensure safe health practices.

Suggesting that menstrual extraction is an easy, simple procedure that can be done by a woman at home with equipment from the local hardware store is not only archaic but dangerous. This completely disregards the fact that instrumentation of the cervix and uterus can cause severe infections, bleeding, and perforation of the uterus even when done under the best sterile conditions by an experienced gynecologist. Prior to the legalization of abortions, thousands of women died or became ill or infertile

because of "criminal abortions." Is this article suggesting a return to these medieval practices?

This article also suggests that cancer of the cervix can be self-treated by tinctures and poultices. We have the means to detect and treat most abnormalities of the cervix (such as dysplasia or carcinoma-in-situ) before they become frankly cancerous with minimal discomfort and risk to the women. Is this article suggesting we blithely play games with pre-cancerous conditions?

I've only pointed out two of the most glaring, misleading, and dangerous concepts put forth by the author; there are, unfortunately more.

We are now light years ahead of where we were even twenty years ago in women's health care, in part because of strong interest and activism by women, lay and professional.

We must continue to improve health care practices from all people, encouraging participation and questioning by the patient as an active member of the health care team. Irresponsible, misleading articles such as this only promote distrust, fear and dangerous practices.

Sincerely,

R. Elaine Hanson, M.D.

Assistant Professor

Division of Obstetrics & Gynecology

Dear Friend,

We are sending on to you some of the publications of the San Diego Marxist-Leninist Group. The task of the San Diego Marxist-Leninist Group is to work for the formation of a Marxist-Leninist Communist Party in the U.S. where none exist. The most important work, therefore, is the *Ten Burning Questions?*, which offers an ideological basis for a M-L Party, covering one after another the main points being confused by the opportunists. Other works cover the stand of the International Marxist-Leninist Communist Movement against such opportunist campaigns as the Contadora process, detente, the Rainbow Coalition, divestment, civilian review boards, bilingual education & so on, all of which try to cover-up the savage character of the dying imperialist

order & hold back the masses from seeing the necessity to take up the revolution as the order of the day.

Comrades of the San Diego Marxist-Leninist Group are eager to talk to anyone who is interested in revolution as the road, the only road, to peace, democracy, national liberation & the liberation of women; in a word socialism. They would be glad to talk to you or anyone else about what needs to be done, or to come and defend Comrade Stalin & the International from the filthy lies spread by the bourgeoisie & their pet professors, Khrushchevites, Trotskyites, anarchist, & "new" "really left" communist sects.

Yours

The San Diego Marxist-Leninist Center

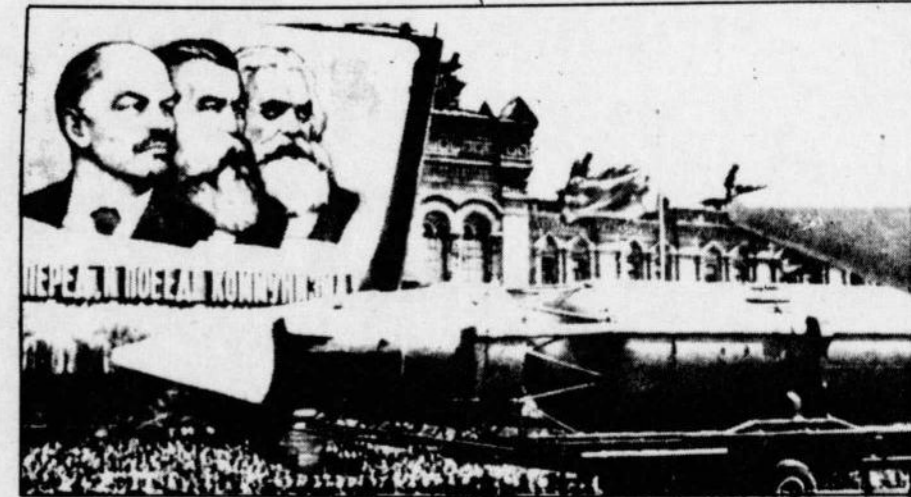
## Dialogue on Marxism

—dismayed leftist

Dear Editor,

I seldom write letters to publications however I have become increasingly dismayed with the level of political discussion on this campus. After reading a recent issue of your magazine I feel compelled to vent some of my frustration. I recently read an issue of your publication from cover to cover and became so disgusted that I have not been able to completely get it off my mind. Before you dismiss this letter as being nothing more than the rantings of a capitalist apologist, let me state that I consider Marx one of the greatest social thinkers of all time. However like any thinking individual I use Marx's ideas to bring greater understanding to complicated issues and not as a crutch or toy with which to play junior radical.

time at all studying these systems from a theoretical perspective can easily discover their inadequacies. This, which is superior shit, sounds a lot like "my daddies(sic) stronger than your daddy".(sic) Marx made his mark in the world by going beyond the conventional thought of his time not mindlessly repeating the same old arguments of the past. Many neo-Marxists try to do this however most have only vulgarized his ideas. This however is totally irrelevant since the article I referred to never even addresses capitalism or communism, instead it joins into common everyday rhetoric of politicians (not all politicians) and the uneducated by comparing the Soviet Union and the United States. If this wasn't juvenile enough it never discusses the relevant



Secret of Soviet economy's success revealed.

The most disturbing and asinine article in the issue I recently read started out something like, "The purpose of this article is to answer the most important question of our time. Which is superior capitalism or communism (could have said socialism)"(sic) I threw the copy out so I do not know who wrote it, but it doesn't really matter because it seemed to reflect the overall tone and quality of the whole issue. I find it difficult to imagine a college newspaper printing such mindless tripe. First off the whole premise that this is a question of any worth at all let alone the most important question of today or any other time is childish and ridiculous. Both are extremely imperfect forms of social organization. Anyone who has spent any

strengths and weaknesses of the two societies, instead it addresses the strength and efficiency of the two economies, as if a society can be reduced to its economy.

Even if we overlook all this nonsense and address only the argument found in this article, the article still fares very poorly. While I will not argue with your figures for economic growth over the past twenty years, the assumption that economic growth in and of itself says anything significant is simplistic to put it kindly. The author failed to address the nature of their growth. Growth in the Soviet Union has been almost exclusively in heavy industry, which has

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### Summer Nights at the Ché

The Ché Café continues its exiting line up of alternative entertainment throughout the summer. Whether it's Reggae, Jazz, African, or Latin, you'll find it at the Ché this summer.

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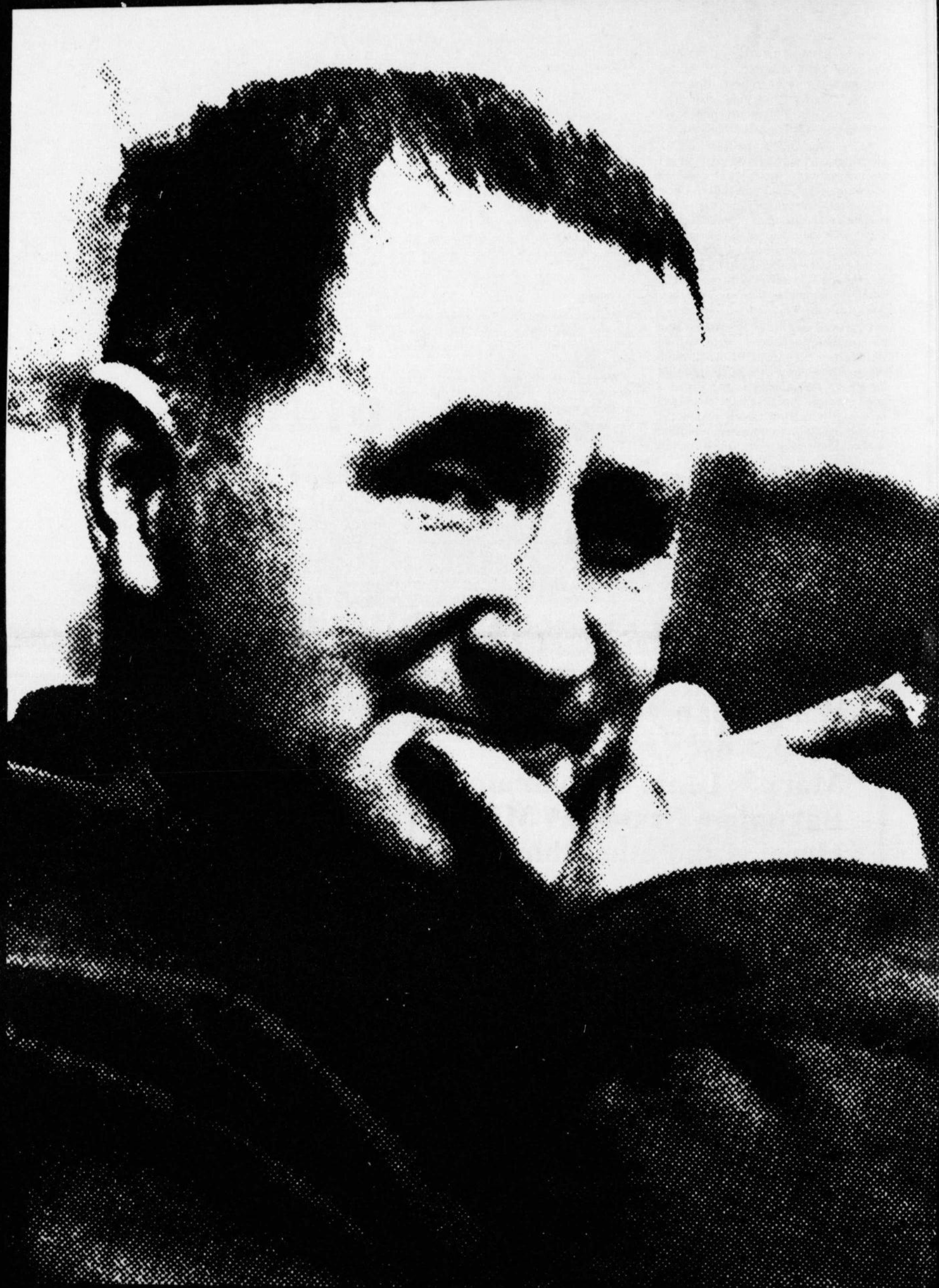
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## Praise of Communism

It's sensible,  
 anyone can understand it.  
 It's easy.  
 You're not an exploiter,  
 So you can grasp it.  
 It's a good thing for you,  
 find out more about it.  
 The stupid call it stupid  
 and the squalid call it squalid.  
 It is against squalor and  
 against stupidity.  
 The exploiters call it a crime  
 But we know:  
 It is the end of crime.  
 It is not madness, but  
 The end of madness.  
 It is not the riddle  
 But the solution  
 It is the simplest thing  
 So hard to achieve

**Bertolt Brecht.**

# Revolutionaries, Democrats, And The Rainbow

By G. Piccoli

The 1988 presidential elections are approaching and with it comes an increase in the left's never ending debate on whether it is strategically better to back a Democrat—in this case meaning Jesse Jackson—run their own candidates, or abstain. While there is agreement on the left that we do want to have an impact on this arena of struggle, and that it would be good if we could come to some sort of consensus on this issue, the agreement pretty much ends there.

I don't want to overstate the level of disunity on the left over this issue. There is some agreement, especially within the "revolutionary left,"—that is the sector which sees the complete replacement of the current system as necessary for the establishment of socialism. No one on the revolutionary left views the Democrats, let alone the Republicans, as the party of the working class, or even as reformable. The main differences lie around whether or not, and if so how, to work in the Democratic party.

It would appear, at this time, that the question of whether or not to work with the Democrats is obvious—we have no choice. After all, running openly left candidates is hardly a viable thing—or is it? There are, currently, openly left candidates in public office, such as Bernie Sanders, an open socialist who has three times been elected mayor of Burlington, Vermont. There is also Oakland congressman Ron Dellums, a member of the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA), and former Berkeley mayor Gus Newport.

However, these victories represent only a very tiny fraction of the elected offices. Nonetheless, they significantly demonstrate that, given certain situations, people do find left politics attractive and will support openly left-wing candidates. There is a danger, though, in giving more meaning to these victories than what they represent. The areas which these officials come from are not very reflective of U.S. society on the whole. Berkeley, for example, has a history of left-wing activism unknown to most of the U.S. In the case of Burlington and Oakland, both are depressed areas dominated by working class people who make up a vast majority of the voting base. Since there is not a core of middle class voters which the mainstream parties can appeal to, political debate within those communities tends toward the left.

## Political Debate Aimed At The Middle Class

Unfortunately, the rest of the U.S. bears little resemblance to these areas. Most U.S. communities have substantial middle class populations which make up the majority of voters. And, as we know, middle class people—especially middle class whites—are hardly the most progressive sector of society. As a result,

mainstream political debate remains conservative. This is unlikely to change until more working class and Third World people begin to participate in the electoral system.

As it stands now, bourgeois democracy, meaning the form of democracy we currently have in this country, is denied to the masses of people in the U.S. Third World people, especially, are denied the right to participate in the process. In the south, Afro-Americans are still denied the right to vote via restrictive voter registration rules and Klan-type intimidation tactics. In the southwest, Chicano/Latino voters are disenfranchised by way of attacks on bilingual ballots and political campaigns which are run exclusively in English.

The alienation of the most oppressed sectors of society has served to keep the political debate to the right. Candidates only have to worry about appealing to



Jackson candidacy draws out progressive forces, but what are the risk?

"mainstream voters," that is, middle class white voters who support conservative, to at best liberal political platforms.

While some would argue that running an openly left candidate could draw out Third World and working class participation, I find it unlikely. The left at this time is minuscule and fragmented and no single left tendency in this country has the financial or human resources to offer a viable candidate. It would only be possible through some sort of united left, or united front operation, but alas, this is unlikely to occur in the near future.

Another consideration is the amount of anti-communism prevalent in U.S. society. Until this factor is dealt with, left candidates will continue to be neutralized by being successfully portrayed, along with followers of Lyndon LaRouche, as part of the discredited political "lunatic fringe."

## Limited Options

In light of the fact that electing left candidates is not possible now, what are our options? How can we affect the electoral arena? Should we merely restrict ourselves to running "issue candidates" who have no hope of winning, thus objectively allowing the bourgeoisie to install any candidate they wish? Or do we, in these days of right-wing reaction, support progressive and liberal Democratic Party candidates who are at least susceptible to pressure from an organized mass movement?

While many on the left tend to view the differences between the Democrats and Republicans as being negligible, there actually do exist substantial differences. Without a doubt both the Republicans and the Democrats wish to maintain the existence of monopoly capitalism. However, there is an

raising for years, but which the corporate media has been ignoring. Yet with Jackson—one of the leading presidential contenders—raising these issues, the media cannot ignore them. Jackson's populist appeal has successfully brought in masses of Afro-Americans, bankrupt farmers, and workers into the electoral process, and has raised the issues that they are concerned about.

As a consequence, the whole political debate shifts from candidates debating over how much aid to give to the contrast, to how much aid to give to the farmers. The bigger Jackson's campaign, is the more the media and other political figures have to deal with the issues he raises.

But Jackson is, of course, just the means to an end. In the final analysis Jesse is a bourgeois politician—that is, he has no interest in destroying

capitalism. Jackson's real role in the revolution lies in his being a vehicle to push the overall political atmosphere in this country to the left, to a place where we on the left are no longer the fringe, but are instead part of the "mainstream."

## Jackson Campaign Poses Risk

Backing Jesse does have its dangers though. The left cannot afford to become invisible partners in the campaign. If the left mindlessly backs him, and does not put out its own political platform and goals it may very well find itself isolated once the campaign ends. Another danger is that the masses of people pulled into the process may very well either become assimilated into the Democratic Party, or may once again return into the grip of apathy.

Yet, the potential benefits definitely outweigh the risks. Backing Jesse, and using the campaign, along with other progressive and liberal campaigns, to put out our views to masses of people is an opportunity we cannot pass up. To support Jackson under the current political situation, and to work for his victory, should be a main task of the left.

Backing him should not be seen as counterposed to "grassroots organizing," but instead should be seen as complementary. The Jackson campaign will afford us the opportunity to reach people we are usually unable to reach and bring them into the movement. As it stands now, a victory for Jackson is a victory for the left.

## Jackson Campaign Holds Promise

The upcoming Jesse Jackson Presidential campaign is an excellent chance for the left to make gains. Jackson's populist political platform brings up issues that the left has been

# The Case For Socialism; Part II

—developing capitalist vs. Soviet support

By Glenn Sacks

In the previous two sections we have compared the Soviet Union and the United States first within the context of economic growth and improvement of living standards, and then within the context of division of wealth and amelioration and/or elimination of economic misery. In part III of this series we will take the same criterion used in part I and II and apply them to the capitalist and socialist nations of the developing world.

## Eastern Europe compared with countries at a similar level of development in 1945

It is common in the West to try to "prove" that capitalism is superior to socialism by comparing the standard of living in Eastern Europe with that of Western Europe. However, like the comparison between the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R., this is extremely misleading. This is because we are comparing the small, previously backward and war-ravaged nations of Eastern Europe with the larger, highly industrialized nations of Western Europe. But it is absurd to compare the standard of living of formerly feudal Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, or Romania, with that of France or England, nations which have been industrialized for 150 years. It is equally absurd to compare the standard of living of a slice of Germany which had been bombed back to the stone age, or that backward and completely decimated Poland with that of the larger, less damaged, and highly industrialized nations of the West.

A far more accurate test would be to compare small, formerly agricultural nations like Bulgaria or Yugoslavia with similarly small, formerly agricultural nations like Chile, Bolivia, Paraguay, Uruguay, or Ecuador. In 1945 all of these nations were largely unindustrialized. While Bulgaria and Yugoslavia had suffered greatly during WWII, their condition was more or less similar to the conditions of the forementioned South American countries.

According to the *L.A. Times*, ...Yugoslavia emerged from the bloody fighting that racked the country during WWII, leaving 35% of its industry destroyed and 15% of its population dead. Since then, employment has risen from 1 million to 6.6 million, and the country manufactures as much in a month today as it did in all of the year 1946. Its economic growth rate until the late 1970's was one of the highest in the world, ranging from 5% to 8% a year (4/7/87).

Bulgaria has been similarly successful. Her economic growth has been striking as she has become a healthy, industrialized nation capable of providing all of her people with a decent standard of living, adequate housing, medical care, education, jobs, and transportation. Indeed, Bulgarian leader Gregori Zivkov was able to brag recently that the per-capita income of his nation has increased eight times since 1956.

Contrast this, however, with the unmitigated misery experienced by the citizens of the forementioned capitalist countries. Whereas these countries were no worse off 40 years ago than Bulgaria was, today in Bolivia, Uruguay, Paraguay, Chile, or Ecuador malnutrition averages around 50%, as does unemployment. Inflation is always in triple figures and, in the case of Bolivia, quadruple figures. In every country in Latin America (with the exception of Cuba), per capita income

and living standards have been falling for several years and, in some cases, for decades. In addition, practically every one of these countries sits under the weight of a huge and unrelenting foreign debt.

Whereas the infant mortality rates for Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, and Romania are 21.8 per 1,000, 31 per 1,000, and 33.6 per 1,000 respectively, the infant mortality rates of Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay, Ecuador, Colombia, Thailand, and Pakistan are 77.3, 39.7, 84.2, 45.9, 65.8, 46.6, 25.5, and 142 per 1,000 (World Almanac, 1982). Whereas the Physical Quality of Life Index (PQLI) for Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, and Romania are 90, 84, and 91, the PQLI for the forementioned capitalist nations are 47, 79.75, 87.70, 36.75, and 38 respectively.

Eastern Europe compared to Western Europe

Just as the economic growth rates of the Soviet Union have been far higher than those of the United States, so too have the economic growth rates of the East European nations been higher than those of the West European nations. Indeed, whereas over the past ten years the economic growth rates of the East European countries (with the exception of strike-torn Poland) have consistently been in the 3-5% range, the economic growth rates of the West European nations have consistently been in the 1-3% range. From 1950 to 1976 the disparity in economic growth rates exceeded 50% (Scientific American, 9/80).

Just as the Soviet Union has far surpassed the United States in its ability to distribute wealth equally amongst different classes and different races, here too have the Eastern European nations succeeded whereas the nations of Western Europe have not. Contrary to popular belief, the nations of Western Europe (socialist states like Sweden and Denmark included) have just as high a maldistribution of wealth as does the United States or, for that matter, the nations of Latin America.

As in the United States, in the nations of Western Europe the wealth is distributed unequally amongst different ethnicities and there are oppressed races which produce a disproportionately high percentage of national wealth yet enjoy a disproportionately low percentage of national income. In France the Arabic population forms this oppressed caste, as do the Turks in Germany, Holland, and Austria and the West Indians (Caribbean blacks), Indians, and Pakistanis in Great Britain.

By contrast, in Eastern Europe wealth is spread more or less equally amongst different races and nationalities. For example, whereas the income per capita of the Czech and the Slovak populations were grossly unequal 40 years ago, today national wealth is divided almost equally between the two.

The ills of unemployment, homelessness, and malnutrition also exist in varying degrees of abundance in Western Europe. Today there are roughly 15 million unemployed workers in Western Europe.

By contrast, like the Soviet Union, Eastern Europe experiences a labor shortage and unemployment simply does not exist. Like the Soviet Union, in Eastern Europe housing and food are subsidized by the government and kept well within reach of even the lowest paid workers.

## China compare to India and other large Third World nations

An excellent way to compare the performance of socialism and capitalism to examine India and the People's

Republic of China.

Both China and India are huge, overpopulated nations whose present form of government began at roughly the same time, China in 1949, India 1948. At the time of independence both countries had just thrown off one or another form of foreign domination. Both nations were largely feudal, had little industry and a great deal of malnutrition and starvation.

example, the PQLIs of oil-rich Iran, mineral-rich Indonesia, diamond and gold rich South Africa, natural resource rich Brazil, Kenya, and oil-rich Nigeria are 52 (in 1977), 55, 60, 69, 48 and 28 respectively. Whereas the infant mortality rate of China is a mere 37, the infant mortality rates of the above mentioned countries are 108 (in 1977), 125, 60, 83, and 85 (World Almanac, 1980).



Cuba compared to Latin America

Today, however, whereas millions starve in India, China is able to feed her own people. According to the Institute for Food and Development Policy, while tens of millions of people starve to death every year in India, China has eliminated visible hunger (Food First: Beyond the Myth of Scarcity, Institute for Food and Development Policy, 1979). According to Oxfam America, the per capita intake of food in India is actually declining. In addition, half of India's population lives in "absolute poverty", absolute poverty being defined as "the income level below which adequate standards of nutrition, shelter, and personal amenities cannot be maintained."

By contrast, while China still faces enormous economic problems, the amount of absolute poverty in China is nil, there is no starvation, and malnutrition, while present, is between five and ten percent. By contrast, the malnutrition rate of most Third World countries is over 50% and the malnutrition rate of many nations, such as Brazil, approaches 75%. The infant mortality of most Third World countries is over 50% and the malnutrition rate of many nations, such as Brazil, approaches 75%. The infant mortality rate of China is 37 per 1,000 live births, compared to 122 per 1,000 in India (World Almanac, 1982). The literacy rate in China is over 70% compared to only 36% in India, despite the fact that the Chinese language is incomparable more difficult to learn to read. The Physical Quality of Life Index (PQLI), the established method of judging the overall quality of life for Third World nations, is 71 in China compared to only 43 in India. The average life expectancy in China is 60.7 for males and 64.4 for females, compared to 41.9 for males in India and 40.6 for females. In China there are 185 hospital beds for every 100,000 people, whereas in India there are only 75.

China's PQLI of 71 is impressive even when compared to that of countries with far more economic resources, far less people, and infinity less problems. For

Another excellent way to compare the progress of socialism and capitalism is to compare Cuba with comparable countries such as Paraguay, Chile, Argentina, Ecuador, Brazil, Colombia, Bolivia, Peru, Uruguay, Honduras, or Guatemala.

Cuba was roughly at the same level or at a slightly higher level of development as these countries at the time of the Cuban revolution. Indeed, at the time of the Cuban revolution the per capita income of Cuban peasants (the majority of the population) was less than \$100 per capita (The Economic Transformation of Cuba), E. Boorstein, 1968). However, if we were to compare the economic situations in these countries today the difference is startling. Whereas the infant mortality rates of the above countries averages 65, the infant mortality rate of Cuba is a mere 24.8. Whereas the literacy rates of the above capitalist nations averages 73%, the literacy rate of Cuba is 94%, reputedly higher than that of the U.S. The PQLI of the above capitalist nations averages 76, whereas the Cuban PQLI of 92 is comparable to that of the United States and the advanced capitalist nations of Western Europe (World Almanac, 1982).

Today Cuba has the distinction of being the only country in Latin America whose economy and income per capita is rising. Whereas the unemployment averages between 30% and 40% in Latin America, Cuba's unemployment rate of roughly 5%. Whereas inflation rages in triple or quadruple figures in most of Latin America, it does not exist in Cuba. Whereas the economic growth rates of all of the nations of Latin America were either stagnant or in negative figures, the economy of Cuba has averaged an annual growth of 7% during the past five years (South, 3/21/85).

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# Lawsuit Aims to Expose Corrupt 'Secret Team'

By Bill Fields

A "secret team" made up of high-ranking former U.S. military officers, Central Intelligence Agency officials, international organized crime figures and others has been illegally conducting its own private foreign policy for a number of years, according to a lawsuit filed late last year by the Christic Institute.

The Christic Institute is a public interest, interfaith law and public policy center. Much of the allegedly illegal conduct the Institute raises in its lawsuit overlaps with the revelations of corruption and illegality that have emerged from the ongoing Congressional hearings into the Iran/Contra scandal. The Christic suit differs from the official investigations into the alleged wrongdoing by the Reagan administration and "private" U.S. citizens, however, in that it digs much more deeply into what the various actors were really doing.

The Christic Institute lawsuit names 29 defendants, many of whom, like former Air Force General Richard Secord, businessman Albert Hakim, former General John Singlaub, right wing Cuban expatriate Felix Rodriguez, and conservative activist Robert Owen, have already been compelled to testify before the Congressional select committees investigating the Iran/Contra scandal. It has become apparent through disclosures in the Congressional hearings as well as information compiled in an affidavit filed by Christic Institute General Counsel Daniel Sheehan that the secret team members were motivated both by fervent anti-communism and a desire for profit.

The secret team, accused in the lawsuit of kidnapping, political assassination, drug smuggling, illegal weapons sales and other crimes, has been deeply involved in supplying the counterrevolutionary forces (*contras*) of Nicaragua with weapons and other material aid, acting for most of the past several years as the *contras'* chief weapons and ammunition supplier.



Hasenfus: Small fry of the Secret Team.

Part of the money used by the fanatically anti-communist secret team members to purchase these military supplies was raised by smuggling many tons of cocaine into the United States from the Costa Rican ranch of John Hull, a U.S. citizen with close contacts to the CIA, according to the affidavit filed by the Institute's Sheehan.

Members of the secret team are charged in the Christic Institute lawsuit with having planned, supervised and carried out many political assassinations—with varying degrees of success. For example, the secret team is alleged to

have plotted the assassination of former U.S. Ambassador to Costa Rica Lewis Tambs.

Two Colombian cocaine kingpins (Jorge Ochoa and Pablo Escobar) also named as defendants in the lawsuit allegedly were offering a \$1 million reward for Tambs' death. Christic Institute General Counsel Sheehan's affidavit states that "Escobar was reportedly infuriated at the efforts made by Tambs, when Tambs was U.S. Ambassador to Colombia, to obtain an extradition treaty between Colombia and the U.S. which would allow the extradition of Escobar and other cocaine traffickers to the U.S. for prosecution for drug smuggling. The [secret team] hoped to additionally collect the \$1 million bounty to aid them in their purchase of military equipment for use in their military effort against Nicaragua."

The Christic Institute is not working alone in this federal civil lawsuit, but instead is representing plaintiffs Tony Avirgan and Martha Honey. Avirgan and Honey—who are married—are journalists, and it was while they were working in Costa Rica that they first became entangled with the secret team. Avirgan, an ABC News television cameraman, was covering a La Penca, Costa Rica press conference called by *contra* leader Eden Pastora in May of 1984 when a bomb exploded, killing and injuring several of the journalists present. Avirgan was himself severely injured in the bombing, which had apparently been meant to kill Pastora.

Pastora, who survived the bombing, had called the press conference "to denounce Adolfo Calero, Calero's FDN *Contra* organization, and the American Central Intelligence Agency for trying to destroy Pastora's independent and nationalist Nicaraguan anti-Sandinista force based in Costa Rica," according to Sheehan's affidavit. The CIA, as well as members of the secret team, were trying to unify the different *contra* forces into a single counterrevolutionary organization that could more effectively fight the Sandinistas.

But Pastora resisted these attempts to unify his army with the FDN and Calero because he believed Calero to be a pawn of the CIA and the FDN to be led mainly by generals loyal to deposed Nicaraguan dictator Anastasio Somoza. Pastora also made enemies with right wing Cuban expatriate members of the secret team who wanted to join his *contra* army by refusing to allow non-Nicaraguans to join, according to Sheehan's affidavit.

After the La Penca bombing, journalist Honey investigated (while Avirgan recuperated) to try to find out who was behind the assassination attempt. This investigation, funded by grants from the Committee to Protect Journalists and the Newspaper Guild, led Honey and Avirgan onto the trail of the secret team.

In the course of their investigation, the journalists discovered a bizarre right wing conspiracy involving the "smuggling of guns, ammunition and explosives to [American] John Hull's ranch from Florida, via Ilopango Air Force Base in El Salvador," the affidavit reports. The conspiracy did not stop there, however. Some of the same planes that had been used to transport weapons to the *contras*, via Hull's ranch, were then loaded with Colombian cocaine and sent to Miami, New Orleans, and Memphis. Hull was working closely with the CIA during this time. Part of the profits from the cocaine sales went toward the *contra* supply operation, the affidavit says.

Avirgan and Honey learned intimate details of this operation through a

official U.S. government policy. It was especially difficult to determine who was following official U.S. policy since the operation was covert and unauthorized by Congress.

The "private" sub-operation, "supervised directly by the Mafia's Havana Lieutenant Santo Trafficante," was "to be a political assassination unit assigned to murder Cuban President

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former *contra* soldier who had witnessed Hull's operation firsthand. They "began to receive telephoned death threats—ordering them 'to stop your investigation or be killed,'" the affidavit states. The journalists "prepared a written report of their findings and publicly released this report at a press conference held in San Jose, Costa Rica in the Fall of 1985."

Hull soon afterward sued Avirgan and Honey in Costa Rica, charging them with criminal libel. The Christic Institute, which had been conducting its own investigation into the crimes of the secret team, agreed to defend the journalists against Hull's suit. (Hull's suit was later dismissed.)

In effect, what Hull and Avirgan had uncovered was a part of the activities of the secret team. The Christic Institute investigators were able to fit this important piece into a much broader and comprehensive, though still incomplete, picture of the secret team's corrupt dealings.

According to Sheehan's affidavit, the secret team has been involved in the same type of drug smuggling, political assassination and arms trafficking described above—its peculiar brand of U.S. foreign policy—for over 25 years. This is the very complex, bizarre and yes, disgusting story that has so far been entirely ignored by the mainstream media. [It is this broader story of mass political murder, unchecked profiteering and drug smuggling—performed in the interests of the U.S. monopoly capitalists—that is unlikely to ever receive much attention from government investigators or in the pages of the *New York Times*. Such unpleasanties tend to shake people's faith in our "democracy."]

The story told about the secret team's origins and subsequent pursuits in Sheehan's affidavit is the result of three years of research done by many professional investigators.

The secret team's origins can be traced back to late 1959, when "Operation 40" was established within the National Security Council by then Vice-President Richard Nixon. "Operation 40" was set up to destabilize the revolutionary government of Fidel Castro in Cuba.

From the beginning, the distinction was blurry between who was working in the "private" part of the operation, set up by Nixon, and who was carrying out

Fidel Castro, his brother Raul Castro, Che Guevara and five other revolutionary Cuban government leaders," the affidavit explains. One of those selected to be on the "private" hit squad was Felix Rodriguez, who recently appeared before the Congressional select committee investigating the Iran/Contra scandal. [Rodriguez testified that he has met with Vice-President George Bush more than once during the past two years.]

In 1961, after the failed Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba, JFK reorganized "Operation 40," replacing it with "Operation Mongoose," a covert war against Cuba waged until November 1963. "Operation Mongoose" was supervised by a man named Theodore Shackley; his deputy was Thomas Clines. Shackley and Clines worked for the CIA, usually together, until 1979.

These two CIA agents, leading members of the secret team, were transferred to Laos in 1965. There they became involved in the illegal opium trade, backing one kingpin named Van Pao and enabling him to gain control of the local opium trade. Shackley and Clines directed in Laos a secret program "to train indigenous Hmong tribesmen in guerilla war tactics for use in 'unconventional war' activities. These activities included the art of political assassination. Starting in 1966, their "special operations" with the Hmong tribesmen began to be secretly financed by Van Pao," according to Sheehan's affidavit. Over the next few years, Shackley and Clines supervised the Hmong tribesmen as they "secretly assassinated over 100,000 non-combatants... in the countries of Laos, Cambodia and Thailand."

Many other equally amazing exploits of the secret team, such as its activities in Vietnam, Chile and Iran, are also described in Sheehan's affidavit. In addition, the affidavit provides useful insights into how Somoza formed the *contras*—with the help of the secret team—after his overthrow in July of 1979.

Copies of the Sheehan affidavit are available (at \$2.50 plus postage) from the Friends of Nicaraguan Culture, Box 8305, La Jolla, Ca. 92038. For a cassette tape of a Sheehan speech in which he outlines the Christic Institute's investigation of the secret team send \$4.00.

# "Larry Fiske: Rock's Greatest Social Critic" U.2. Can Have XTC

Since there are hundreds of albums released each month, choosing the handful for critique is not an easy task. I concentrated on exposing musically and lyrically creative groups, as well as giving a more unique perspective on certain popular artists. My purpose is made easier by using a historical context and grassroots analysis to separate the mediocre from the fantastic, (with gray areas in between).

Now is an appropriate time to reflect on the current most popular group, U.2., as the hype is starting to die down. Just as with Springsteen and the Beatles having been somewhat demythologized in this column, so must U.2. Their *Joshua Tree* album is interesting in many ways. Some songs are rockers, (*In God's Country*, and their acid influenced *Bullet or Blue Sky*), some are minimalist mood pieces, (*Exit*, and *Mothers of the Dissappeared*), and some are just plainly mediocre (*Running: Stand Still*, and *Red Hill Mining Town*).

The single *With or without You* is the most blatantly commercial and lousy song that they've put on vinyl. *Trip Through Your Eyes* is an unspectacular, though decent blues rock song. *I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For* and *I Tree* are enjoyable and solid songs. While not poo-pooing on U.2., this record could have been great if not for a few key areas.

One area is the airy, minimalism of some of U.2.'s songs (*The Unforgettable Fire*), that leave me with an incomplete feeling. Because of the lack of song structure, development, and melody, these songs are fragmented, stunted, and unfulfilling. Another area is Bono's

tendency to write vague, general, lyrics, which sometimes leave me confused as to what he's talking about, e.g. *Mothers of the Dissappeared*. To his credit Bono has continued to improve as a lyricist, which is reflected in the socially conscious themes on the *Joshua Tree*. Bono made a recent trip to Central America, and that, along with self education about current issues, has broadened his outlook.

Bono says that "dismantling the mythology of America" is an important part of the *Joshua Tree* artistic objective. "I had to try to come to terms with my feelings about America—loving it yet hating the violence of American foreign policy in Central America..." Added guitarist The Edge, "America seems to be everything that is great about the world and everything that's terrible about the world all rolled into one..."

About his experience working in a refugee camp in Ethiopia Bono says, "Spending time in Africa and seeing people in the pit of poverty, I still saw a very strong spirit in the people, a richness I didn't see when I came home. I had no culture shock going, but I had culture shock going back. I saw the spoiled child of the Western World."

U.2.'s spiritual themes appear throughout the album, complimenting and blending well with the socio-political ones. Bono's vocals and the Edge's guitar playing highlight the atmosphere. U.2. will continue to grow and improve as a band while maintaining their roots and dignity. "We think we are overrated," says Bono, "writing songs for me is as easy as walking down the street. Writing good songs is not." U.2. will continue being one of the most relevant groups of the 1980's, as well as a moral conscious for



U.2. in Dublin 1978, playing for progressive causes from the get go.

enlightened people around the world.

XTC is a band that's been around for 10 years now with the release of their current album *Skylarking*. When an album is produced by Todd Rundgren it usually is well crafted and polished, and *Skylarking* is no exception.

Most of the numbers are slick, mainstream, and pop-orientated, as only some of the cuts are real creative. Since after 1982's *English Settlement* XTC has become more mellow and musically/lyrically conservative. The song *Earn Enough For Us* is hopefully outdated with its traditional role models having the man work while the woman doesn't.

The crackling exception on this album is the song *Dear God*, which features a rollicking, tight melody with controversial lyrics. This song is reminiscent of 1980-1982 XTC when the group was writing great socially conscious lyrics and jazz/classical/rock melodies.

The song, which criticizes the deity for tolerating religious wars, famine, and disease, is being banned in most of the Bible Belt, e.g. the South and Midwest. One radio station in Florida received a bomb threat and other stations won't play the song out of fear.

Geffen Records, which didn't put the song on the first pressing of *Skylarking* because of its controversial lyrics, has put it on the second pressing due to college radio exposure. Hopefully, the song will promote self-reflection and discussion amongst people.

Joe King Carrasco hails from Austin, Texas, yet he doesn't believe that an invasion from Nicaragua is coming. On the contrary, his *Bandido Rock* album features songs such as *Arriba Sandino*, *Hey Gringo*, *No Pasara*, and *Fuera Yanqui*.

Combining Mexican musical styles with Western rock, Carrasco has put together a splendid album. No other North American rock group is talking about Central America like Carrasco and the music is upbeat and uplifting!

Since I'll be moving to the Berkeley/Oakland area this summer I'd like to recognize and thank some people who've made my time here a stimulating

one. I'll still be the minister of culture, as my articles will continue to appear in this paper.

Thank you first to the *New Indicator* for the opportunity to get my message across. But let us try to cut down on the funky titles that you give to my articles (ed. note, we did it so you'd start coming up with your own Larry)! Thanks to the Che Cafe, Food Coop, KSDT, UEO, CWD, and the Assorted Vinyl for everything. People like Susan, C.C., Richard, Monty (long gone) et al make the Che the warm, hip place that it became.

Thanks to all the people who are working for change in San Diego at the campus and community level. Recognition goes to Team Africa Productions, Tim Maze, Grassroots Cultural Center, Centro Cultural de la Raza, et al. These groups are responsible for most of the alternative progressive cultural events in San Diego.

So long to all the hip people that I met during my years of activism in San Diego: Colin, Eloise, Clara, Alan, Elizabeth, Lynn, et al.

Finally thanks to Kid Vid, for the chance to see and have all those groups on video. Lots of love to Bryn and Peter for the relationships.

I've seen San Diego develop over the years into a solid place for progressive/alternative culture thanks to the aforementioned organizations. This city is definitely getting better. Unfortunately, the lack of interest and support for progressive/alternative culture and political happenings is quite frustrating. Although the *Zeitgeist* is improving, the low energy and laid back attitudes of most San Diegans can be toxic. The small number of activists attests to that.

Although San Diego is America's finest militarized zone it is not as crazy as Miami. Miami looks like the day after with its boarded up shops and condemned buildings. Almost everyone wears heavy gold chains, drives Cadillacs, and lives in segregated areas. Ethnic and racial prejudice and animosity is everywhere. Miami is very depressing and almost totally dead.

So San Diego is doing pretty well by comparison. But its not like the Bay Area, where the values, attitudes, energy, and activism are stimulating. Adios.

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# The Leftist News Circuit

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This is another in our series of (very) occasional columns intended to acquaint our readers with a wide range of alternative publications. This issue offers a quick-and-dirty introduction to some of the basic newspapers and magazines in the field—the non-affiliated, independent, relatively-large circulation periodicals which aim at a more general audience.

Many of these are carried by Groundwork Books at UCSD, or by Grassroots Cultural Center in Golden Hill. All are available at the UCSD library, so addresses and subscription info is not given here.

**Mother Jones:** Certainly the left's circulation leader, this glossy monthly seems increasingly aimed at Yuppies trying to keep track of their social conscience. But it still runs some good exposes on various corporations and right-wing outfits, hits hard at the Republicans (occasionally taking a wibe at the Democrats too), and gets mass market circulation. You can do a lot better, but then you might by reading *People* instead.

**The Nation:** Number two in the circulation race, and also on many newsstands, *The Nation* is a weekly newsprint magazine that has moved sharply to the left in the past few decades. In recent years it has run hard-hitting exposes of KAL 007, the Statue of Liberty restoration, and similar patriotic affairs, along with articles on economic, political and social

**The Guardian:** A weekly tabloid (bi-weekly during summer) featuring coverage of 'national liberation struggles' in the Third World, but also strong coverage of anti-war, Rainbow Coalition, and other progressive movements. This is the *Time* magazine of the left (as close as we get anyway). Not really an exciting paper, but solid and much more open than in recent

much else ( unless you're into lengthy reports on the doings of the somewhat left of center European parties, and their counterparts here in the States).

**The Progressive:** This monthly formerly featured in-depth, fact-filled articles on subjects such as the H-bomb secret, pesticides, etc. Although such articles still run on occasion, the *Progressive's* main focus is on shorter opinion pieces. The editorial section that opens each issue is quite good, especially the generally hilarious "No Comment" page (short items, many of which ultimately find their way onto the *N.I.'s* Long Stories In Short page).

**Dollars & Sense:** The progressive movement's answer to *Fortune* magazine, this monthly offers easily



developments world-wide. Some very good writers, from diverse backgrounds running from the liberal wing of the

Democratic Party leftwards; *The Nation* also features Alexander Cockburn's often caustic writings on the press, and columns on books and the arts.

years.

**In These Times:** A social democratic alternative to *The Guardian*, featuring longer articles and more of a focus on European developments. Some very good columns, sharp graphics, but not

understood articles on contemporary economic issues as well as keeping track of the important economic indicators (such as unemployment, poverty and inflation rates). You won't get rich reading it, but then if you're reading this rag you're probably not aiming at getting rich anyway.

## Larry, Boring Or Not?

"Neal, you're so boring," declares Vivian on television's Young Ones. How to work on not becoming a boring person is an eternal dilemma, and requires lots of effort. There is no contradiction between not being bored yet still being boring.

Boring people are frequently self-preoccupied and self-absorbed, and have the attitude of "if it doesn't effect me why should I care." Yuppies and fraternities fall in this area.

When a person's focus is mostly/only on self, he/she inevitably becomes boring. It's as if the world doesn't exist outside of one's job, home, family, routines, pleasures, and problems.

The solution for boring self-preoccupation is to learn about other areas of life besides one's career, e.g. peoples' cultures, nations' socio-political make-up, etc. Diversity is the spice of life. Getting involved with some social/cultural/political activity or group will also make a person more unique and interesting. Think, feel, explore and develop on an open, literated level.

Another major area is substance versus surface communication. Boring people spend most of their time talking on a surface level and find it quite engaging and enjoyable. These areas consist of triviality, gossip, small talk, irrelevant details (where did you go shopping, what did you buy, how much did it cost, etc.), family gossip, complaining, worrying, blaming, etc.

Everyone is familiar with the first three areas. Some examples are the weather, one's weight, car and clothes, famous people/celebrity gossip (did you hear about so and so's wealth, position, power, relationship, etc.), obsessive sports trivia, etc.

No one can avoid surface communication. The question is how much time one devotes to it. The idea is to communicate about more meaningful issues on a personal/social/cultural/political level. The more one learns and

participates in life, the more he/she can discuss stimulating issues/topics.

Most people are bored some of the time and most people are boring most of the time. Another major aspect of this condition is having generic interests, e.g. dining, movies, sports, the beach, exercising, etc. Whoopie! Almost everybody and their pets likes these leisure activities; they're as routine as going to the bathroom and brushing one's teeth.

The cure is to become passionate and involved in specific activities and interests, which then puts more substance and meaning in life. There are many realms of social/cultural/political activities and pursuits to explore and partake in., hence, generic interests become less important.

Boring people can either be laid-back and/or too serious. The laid-back types are so passive that they don't care about much besides their own self-interest. Remember jocks, macho insecurity is boring. The too serious types mostly talk about problems, while angrily complaining about this and that.

Both of these types need to develop a personality and/or sense of humor. (At the clinic I work at, I've seen a paranoid-schizophrenic client develop a dry sense of humor.) What's needed is passion, energy, liveliness, playfulness, and assertiveness. Hence, to be or not to be boring, that is the question.

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## FBI

"If I were innocent until proven guilty I would not have served 30 hours in federal prison. I would not be being coerced into accepting deferred prosecution, and they would not have pressed charges if I was attacked." When asked why she did not think she would get a fair jury of her peers she said that many lawyers, including the ACLU, had told her that the average federal jury in San Diego consists of predominantly over 50-year old, white, ex-military or ex-government officials.

For this reason, and because of considerable advantages the FBI would have in getting information for a trial, she has been advised to accept deferred prosecution, which she is now considering. Deferred prosecution implies that the charges will be dropped as long as Crabtree remains "out of trouble" for the next year. In addition, the settlement would likely stipulate that neither side file civil suits. It is likely that the offer of deferred prosecution will be renewed before the pretrial hearing, which was rescheduled for June 10 from June 2 because the prosecution wanted to wait for the results of a blood test that they had insisted she take before releasing her on a \$5,000 personal security bond.

### Crabtree Defense Fund

Several students have been making T-shirts and have started to collect donations to pay for Crabtree's defense. Without any trial action yet, she has already had to pay \$1,500 to her lawyer. So far, almost \$600 has been raised. An organizer of the Defense Fund said that persons interested in buying T-shirts—which say "Bite the hand that bugs you"—should call 452-0321 and ask for Kristen.

Supporters of Crabtree recently visited U.C. Irvine for an anti-FBI event held there. Abbie Hoffman and Amy Carter (who bought one of the T-shirts) attended. The Defense Fund raised almost \$200 at the event.

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## Ben Bangs Reagan

Nicaragua favoring "revolution without boarders", that its army is led by 2500 Russians and thousands of Cubans, that the Sandinistas are The Suppliers of the revolution in El Salvador. Then there's Mc Farlane's hallucination that—are you sitting down?—that the Sandinistas have a fleet of combat helicopters which are technologically superior to U.S. helicopters.

Then Mc Farlane repeated the biggest lie that the administration tells about Nicaragua—that the contra war was necessary in order to "bring the Sandinistas to the bargaining table." Yet, to date, even six months after the Contragate scandal emerged, there has been no detectable change in the administration's attitude towards the elected government of Nicaragua. In fact, it was the Sandinistas who have proposed negotiations with the U.S. government, and the U.S. government that refused to "come to the bargaining table."

The reality is that the White House has no desire to come to any table with the Sandinistas, their basic assumption being that the current Nicaraguan government is flatly unacceptable, and must be swept away.

I must say, however, I respect the Republican side of the select committee; it has been more than forthright in articulating its interventionist agenda. These martini-filled wheeze-bags don't dare use their allotted time to make any serious investigation into what is clearly not only immoral and illegal, but also unconstitutional behavior by the highest-ranking authorities in our government. Their time is instead whiled away, fulminating against the real and imagined demons of the current

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## Picket

within these externally benign looking structures.

While the current union contract is limited in what it offers, it is at least a start. Eventually, Medina said, the union hopes to get the scale back up to what it was five years ago: \$5.00 an hour. The current contract, however, does provide employees with six days sick leave, one week vacation after a year, and a minimal health plan.

Medina stated that the union's organizing effort has gained immense support from the community. A support committee, called Justice for Janitors, has already been formed to assist the local. Included on the committee is the San Diego and Imperial Counties Central Labor Council (AFL-CIO), both the Black and Chicano Federations, the Peace and Justice Commission of the Diocese of San Diego, as well as various other labor, religious, and political organizations.

At a short bilingual talk following the hour-long picket, Medina emphasized the labor solidarity shown by janitors from the nearby organized buildings and by other workers from the Teamsters and Ironworkers unions, who were there to support the Executive Building workers. Medina commented that the Executive Building's action was unfair, and that next time they should "keep the workers and fire the contractor." He then called up Guillermo Gonzalez, a janitor at the Executive Building, who briefly thanked the crowd for its support.

According to SEIU Vice-President Charles Gaines, the union's next action is to contact tenants within the building to get their support, and to look into the Executive Building's corporate connections for additional ways to put pressure on the owners to bargain with the union.

American political ideology: Sandinistas, Russians, Cubans and god knows who else?

To borrow a phrase from McFarlane: "Is it not passing strange that in the midst of our greatest constitutional crisis in decades, our elected guardians would rather spend their time discussing what is wrong with the Sandinista regime than with our own?" A reminder to our congresspeople: Please, the crisis in Washington, not Managua!

And what about the Democrats? They merit no respect; except from those impressed with the acrobatics of unbridled opportunism. Not one has risen yet to counter the distortions, myths and outright lies that have so far emerged from the congressional hearing rooms. It is not because the Democrats have remained silent because they wish to rise above the level of petty political bickering, oh no! For the lies we are talking about, in fact, are the ones that have been left unchallenged by the Democrats, and also the ones that just happen to constitute the underpinnings of the entire U.S. policy in the Central American region. Not one Democrat has asked McFarlane by virtue of what moral right the United States wages war against a country that in no way threatens us. Why not question Mr Calero about his so-called "Democratic Resistance," originally trained, by his own admission, by agents of the Argentine military dictatorship. A case study in paleo-Nazi anti-semitism and obscurities.

These questions have not been asked because the fact of the matter is that the Democrats have no differences with the Republicans when it comes to the basic outlines of regional policy. To the Democratic Party, the Sandinistas are

just as unacceptable a presence as they are to the Buchanan conservatives. Democrats believe every bit as much as Republicans that the United States has a divine right to police the Third World and, differing perhaps between one method or another, to reshape the destiny of any country we choose.

I want to make this final point by anecdote: The other night I was at a fund-raiser for the peace movement, and in a conversation I had, a woman remarked to me that, as a result of these hearings, she was sure that Reagan policy in Central America was dead. A seemingly reasonable assumption, but actually a naive one. Ask yourself this: How much of the policy in the region is

machinery of U.S. interventionism was cranked up two more notches. Some 10,000 U.S. Marines staged a mock amphibious assault on the northern coast of Honduras in open rehearsal for such a venture in Nicaragua. What did we hear from Congress about that? And at the same time, the Administration announced the sale of new sophisticated combat aircraft to Honduras. Not a whisper from Capitol Hill. Not a whisper because both Democrats and Republicans were too busy that week glad-handing the president of Guatemala, who just happened to have stopped by to beg for a doubling of U.S. military aid for his repressive administration.



in fact Reagan policy, and how much of it is just plain old, high-partisan, U.S. foreign policy? Need we be reminded that history did not begin on October 3, 1986 when Eugene Hasenfus' plane was shot down, the first stitch to come unraveled in the current tapestry. Nor did history begin in 1980 when Ronald Reagan was elected to the presidency. American Interventionism goes back a long way, and is part of the development of the American economic system. Democrats, I would argue, do indeed have a worse historical record in this regard than do Republicans.

Yes, Reagan may be a dead duck politically, but the policies he favors were around long before him, and apparently are going to be here long after. Just last month, as Congress was supposedly wringing its hands over this messy war in Central America, the

So yes, maybe Ollie North will get indicted and McFarlane will have to do a bit of time, probably just enough to prepare what will be a two or three million-dollar book deal. But after all is said and done, the real winner might just be Calero's Coca-terrorists. Congress is much more likely to decide it's easier to fund the whole counter-insurgency program in Central America, openly and above boards and constitutionally, rather than make a radical shift in historic policy and just let the people of Central America decide what they want.

A final note: remember that less than two dozen Democratic votes in Congress constitute the necessary swing block to allocate another batch of bombs for the contras. And the expert opinion in Washington is that the Administration still stands a one-in-two chance of accomplishing that goal. Reaganism is Dead! Long live Reaganism!

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## ROTC Off UCSD

dead bodies, adjacent to ROTC recruitment tables in an effort to make prospective recruits think twice about joining the ROTC.

The PSB participants' efforts have proved quite successful—ROTC recruitment tables are no longer seen in the Plaza.

According to one person, the intimidation tactics of last Friday were obviously meant to scare the PSB people from carrying out their crusade to keep the ROTC off campus.

The ROTC's tactic, however backfired. Upon their arrival two PSBers left the scene and contacted other progressive activists who immediately rushed to the scene. Other activists who were passing by on the way to classes joined the PSBers in a frenzy of banging and clanging a variety of percussion instruments.

Meanwhile, two members brought out the placards and flanked the ROTC members, while two Progressive Student Association members stood behind them, one holding a U.S. flag upside down, and the other a poster which read "Stop U.S. Intervention."

After a few terse minutes the ROTC was forced to back down and left the scene, much to the enjoyment of the over 20 progressives who mobilized the spot to oppose the ROTC's cruel and ineffective intimidation tactics.

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# Blazing Away

Another central theme of Bonpane's address was that "there is a common good" and that people can become more spiritually fulfilled by striving to attain it. In the course of establishing a social and economic system that more adequately serves the common good, as in the case of many revolutions occurring throughout the Third World, tensions often arise between civil liberties and human rights, Bonpane observed. "It is difficult culturally for us to understand" the trade offs that are often made in such revolutionary situations, he said.

As an example, Bonpane said that if you own 16 houses, and only occupy one of them—while 15 are empty—and at the same time there are many people without any housing at all, you do not have a right to those 15 other houses, and they should be taken away from you in order to accommodate some of the homeless. Some would be outraged at this expropriation as an infringement of sacred property rights, while others would see it as justifiable in human rights terms, in terms of the common good.

"We have to learn from the revolutionaries," Bonpane said. People

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# NI Dies Hard, But Wants Help

construed as being ethnocentric and, as in the case of the infamous "Sado-Masochism" piece published several years ago, patently sexist.

The paper definitely has a mixed legacy. The current collective feels that we are beginning to pull the *N.I.* out of the pit it has been mired in for too long. We are trying to do this by limiting the rhetoric and empty sounding phrases (such as "imperialist capitalist vermin," "international death bureaucracies", etc.), expanding our coverage, and improving the overall quality of the writing.

If we successfully meet these goals we

feel that we can rebuild the paper's reputation as a credible and serious publication, a reputation which it certainly had in its earliest years. The benefit of having such a publication for the San Diego progressive community is obvious. There needs to be a local, broad based people's publication to help counter the "official" stories issued by the corporate media. It is our opinion that the *N.I.* can realize that goal—but a lot needs to be done before that happens.

The *N.I.*'s ability to survive for 20 years is a result of it being both a political project and an institution. It is a very dynamic organization which changes

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# Chicana Leaders

demanding the right to speak out, to be proud of who you are and where you come from...that's what theater is, a chance to speak out, to say I am this, or I want this..."

The work of *Teatro de la Esperanza* is known for its realistic depiction of the lives of Chicanos and Mexicanos on both sides of the border, Matos said. The early classics of Teatro, "Guadalupe," "Hijos," and "La Victima," Matos said, "had to do with the vital political situation going on at the time...there was something vital to be said, and it got said through theater."

"Theater is an arena for debate, philosophizing and discussion; therefore, women have to participate in positions of leadership," Matos declared. But women have only very infrequently been allowed to enter leadership positions such as directing, she said. After about twenty years of working in nearly every aspect of theater, she said, she is finally being given a chance to direct. That makes her one of only a handful of Chicana directors in theater today.

### Chicano Education

Ana Maria Flores teaches Spanish language, arts and dance at Southwest High School in San Ysidro, as well as being in charge of the bilingual program there. Flores came to the United States

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# Case For Socialism

As the eminently conservative London *Economist* admits, "By Third World standards Cubans live well. They are well-clothed and enjoy free education and health care...for Cuba's poor majority life has improved..."

Despite Cuba's tremendous

accomplishments and the enormous obstacles she has overcome, it cannot be emphasized enough that without Soviet assistance much of this progress would never have occurred. This aid comes in the form of subsidized purchases of Cuban sugar and totals between \$1 billion and \$4 billion a year. Soviet

should not be afraid of Marxism, he declared, especially when they do not even know what it is. The rulers of society and their media bombard us with anti-Marxist propaganda, associating it with terms like "savage" and "cannibal," Bonpane asserted. But in truth, he said, very few people in the U.S. are even free to study Marxism. "Over half of the world is analyzing some of their problems this way," he added.

Of capitalism, Bonpane commented, "it's grab the money and run and everybody knows it." He said that some bishops raised the issue of "atheistic capitalism" to the Pope in 1979 when he headed a conference in Puebla, Mexico, and that the Pope had apparently never before thought of capitalism in that way.

drastically with the influx of new people. For example, two years ago the paper was primarily anarchist in orientation and now it is primarily Marxist. And maybe in two years it will be anarchist again. By continuing to make this paper a project, we are able to use it to educate and train new writers and activists and create a new generation of progressive leadership.

Lately, the paper has hit upon lean times. The lull in the movement has led to a drastic shortage of people interested in working on an openly radical newspaper. Yet changes are coming. Over the last two years, we have all witnessed the growth of the left and left sympathies. Already our staff has begun to increase. New people are coming to the forefront who are willing to take over the paper and insure its survival (of course, with the help of others who have worked on it in the past).



The future of the *N.I.* is undoubtedly looking brighter. But the survival of the paper is dependent upon the support of our readers—in the community and on campus. So if you like us, don't take us for granted. Submit an article or two, come to a meeting, and send us a card congratulating the hundreds of people who have kept this paper alive for so many years. And if you consider yourself progressive or left-leaning but find our product inadequate, instead of simply dismissing the *New Indicator* and/or criticizing its weaknesses, join us and help make it better. We would welcome your participation.

assistance has helped Cuba overcome the many obstacles she faces: unrelenting hostility between her and her powerful Northern neighbor, the fact that she has had to consistently maintain the largest army per capita in Latin America, the fact that she lost billions in having to completely re-orient her economy away from Western machinery and towards Soviet-bloc equipment, the fact that during the 1960s she lost practically her entire educated classes, despite the fact that she has had to endure the absurd and debilitating over-centralization symptomatic of the despotic rule of Fidel

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# More letters...

left the population squeezed from most consumer products. Because consumer products are so rare it takes an average soviet(sic) worker 2.9 times the working hours to purchase the daily necessities of life, and 11 times the working hours to purchase a television or car. Only housing is cheaper in the Soviet Union. On top of this the Soviets are quick to admit that the quality of most of their consumer products is extremely poor.

However what is even more disturbing than the simplistic thrust of this article is the fact that by playing "My economy is bigger than your economy" the author failed to point out the things that the Soviets can truly be proud of. The most important of which is that the Soviet society creates a place for everybody, and does not merely disregard the inefficient or nonproductive members of its society. While it is also true that their society often locks a person into their place, the same can be said about portions of our society.

The assertion that the Soviet economy is stronger than ever is to ignore their own reports. To claim that the U.S. economy is on the verge of collapse is premature. It never ceases to amaze me how so called Marxists keep predicting the collapse of capitalism, and Christians keep predicting the second coming. For what it's worth I think the capitalist economy is extremely shaky and that it is quite obvious capitalism can not survive indefinitely in its present form.

To put it bluntly based on the garbage I recently read and a few others I have glanced at, your whole publication is poorly written, mindless garbage, that does nothing but insult Marx and all other political and social thinkers. If it makes you feel any better I have been told by people I respect that the right wing California review(sic) is no better, although I can't say for sure because I have never read it. I have read the *Guardian* and it is also terrible, but it aspires to be nothing more but a campus bulletin of recreational events and trivial issues such as the cost of parking meters. The only possible excuse for the state of your publication is that perhaps it is written entirely by freshman(sic), but even this is a poor excuse since a lack of education can hardly account for all the bullshit you print. I can only assume that you are nothing but a bunch of middle class "radical" brats that have nothing better to do than try and shock your parents. I suggest you all close down the paper, go to class, read a few books and start over in a year or two. Please forgive the name calling but I can only take so much nonsense without getting a little bent out of shape.

Sincerely,  
Michael Christopher

Castro, the fact that she has been fighting a medium-scale war in Angola for the past 10 years in addition to several other military interventions in Africa, the fact that she exports a great deal of her technical resources to other Third World countries, and despite the fact that she has had to spend an enormous portion of her budget on the military.

In conclusion we see that in the underdeveloped world socialism has surpassed capitalism in its ability to improve living standards, distribute wealth, and eliminate economic misery.

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# Long Stories In Short

## You tell me that it's evolution

## Beating them at their own game

No one is surprised that so few people win the contests that corporations run as promotions. Companies design the games to give them the maximum advertising for the minimum payout. But some of the corporations have made a few mistakes lately. In a PepsiCo contest, customers tried to spell their names with letters printed on bottle caps. Since very few caps had vowels on them, the company expected very few winners. The only problem was that the soft drink giant forgot about Asian names like Ng, which are quite common in the United States these days.

General Mills fared even worse. Thanks to a printing typo, every package was a winner in its sweepstakes. The cereal giant canceled the game.

The most embarrassing snafu belongs to Beatrice/Hunt Wesson Inc. In its football contest, participants had to

scratch silver-coated footballs off cards and hope that the uncovered numbers would add up to the touchdowns and field goals scored in real games. The chance of winning was pretty small.

Enter Frank Maggio, computer buff and salesman for Proctor & Gamble—a Beatrice competitor, incidentally. He discovered that the numbers on the cards, instead of being truly random, repeated in one of 320 patterns. By scratching off one line, he could figure out the remaining numbers on any card. When a game ended, he would simply scratch out the correct score. In fact, he and some cronies collected enough cards to claim nearly 4,000 winners. At \$5,500 per card, that's \$21 million. Like General Mills, Beatrice tried to stop the game and refuses to pay up. Maggio and his friends are now in a free-wheeling legal contest with Beatrice.

Yuppies in jogging suits were not what John Lennon had in mind when he wrote the song "Revolution." But the song has gone the way of the eighties. Michael Jackson, who bought the rights to the Beatles' catalogue of lyrics for \$47 million last year, has licensed the song to the Nike athletic shoe company. "Revolution" has thus become the first Beatles song to be used in its original form for a commercial purpose.

Nike licensed the publishing rights from Jackson and use of the master recording from Capitol-EMI in Britain for its \$20 million "Revolution" TV ad campaign. According to Nike

spokesman Kevin Brown, "The song epitomizes what is happening in the country today in the movement toward wellness, fitness, exercise, and knowledge of nutrition, as people make a revolutionary change to take care of themselves."

John Lennon may be turning over in his grave, but other Beatles are cashing in on commercials. Paul McCartney bought the publishing rights to many popular Motown songs, and these tunes now grace ads for everything from raisins to fast food. And Ringo Starr, hawking Sun Country Wine Coolers in the United States, is the first Beatle to appear in a TV commercial.

Dollars and Sense

## Deadly efficiency

From *Military Review* magazine: "To meet the requirements of digging a grave every fifteen or twenty minutes, the U.S. Army Troop Support Command's Belvoir Research, Development, and Engineering Center is experimenting with a grave-digging machine.... The machine can be combined with similar

machines to dig more than 200 graves in an average ten-hour shift. In operation, the machine would be towed to a cemetery site where it could maneuver under its own power during the digging process. The machine could be used later for exhumations as well."

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... HE COULD BE PRESERVED AS A "LAKE RESOURCES" ASS SET IN ICE.



OR, AS THEY SAY, A FROZEN ASS SET. BUT WHAT WOULD BE DONE WITH HIS PRIZED COWBOY HAT?



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