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# ECO-DISASTER DAWNING!?!

Burning the Kuwaiti oil would destroy the ozone layer.



Oil fire in the Persian Gulf

#### War Preparations Damage Lives and Environment

# International Call for Nuclear Test Ban

Debi, Christy & Edword

Not a meeting of the bellicose leaders of the governments on the brink of nuclear holocaust, this Nuclear Test Ban conference was attended by concerned world citizens. Las Vegas, Nevada was the site of a remarkable gathering of about 3000 people from different parts of the same threatened planet. The American Peace Test and the Alliance for Survival organized the meeting of and an action in protest of the U.S. seizure of Shoshone land and the continued use of the land to test nuclear weapons. The following is a report from UCSD students who participated in the civil disobedience action.

We arrived at the site Saturday morning with high spirits and hope for a peaceful and successful demonstration. People from all over San Diego as well as other cities had boarded the Greenpeace bus the night before to embark upon a seven and one-half hour bus ride to the nuclear test site just north of Las Vegas in Mercury, Nevada. There was a great feeling of community to be there demonstrating with other people who share our views and have respect for the environment.

At this crucial time when war is imminent, we felt compelled to take direct action against this atrocity. The day began with a casual atmosphere of sharing information meeting new people and checking out the site. We were already strongly opposed to

nuclear testing of any kind, but we didn't realize the dire urgency of the situation.

Over 100 square miles (bigger than the state of Rhode Island) was completely dead due to the radiation from nuclear testing by the U.S. and dreat Britain over 900 nuclear explosions since 1951. Each one of these tests costs U.S. taxpayers approximately \$30 million, which of course does not include the real cost in environmental impact, the destruction of life and earth.

The euphemistically named Department of Energy administers the test site on land illegally seized from the Western Shoshone Nation, the native people of the region. The United States government continues to ignore the Ruby Valley Treaty of 1863 and claims jurisdiction over the land, including right to arrest trespassers.

Raymond D. Yowell, a Chief of the Western Shoshone National Council writes, "As Western Shoshone Indians, we have a great concern about our Earth Mother and that she is being used in an unintended fashion against natural law by the U.S. Department of Energy. We are also worried about the adverse cost impact of nuclear testing and nuclear weapons. Radiation does not respect nationality, animals, life and boundaries. We Shoshones are concerned that the Nevada Test Site will negatively affect peoples' lives worldwide.

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"Hell would break loose" from Der Spiegel, January 14, 1991 (NIC translation)

"We will set the whole region, altogether with its oil fields, on fire," Saddam Hussein announced 9/23/90. Then he proclaimed, "I will switch off the light for dozens of years." The speech by the Iraqi dictator to the revolutionary command was widely disregarded. The media covered the hostage crisis at this time. Politicians disqualified Saddam's dark message as propaganda.

At a conference in London early in January, scientists described an apocalyptic scenario: If only half of the 1,000 Kuwaiti oil wells are set on fire, every day 3 million barrels of oil will transform into dangerous gasses and soot, according to the chemist John Cox. In the oil fields of the emirate are 94 billion barrels of oil, the third largest resource on earth. Cox calculates that the black veil will reach the Indian subcontinent and hinder the buildup of the monsoon rain so significantly that the harvest for a billion people in India, Bangladesh and Pakistan will be threatened. Richard Scorer, meteorologist at the London Imperial College also

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Shoshones pass the Peace Pipe with Tahitian and Soviet victims of nuclear tests photo: Christy& Debi

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would lead to personal transformation so

that all people, regardless of sociopolitical

or economic status, are empowered to look

at their condition and be able to improve it.

Reception at 6pm; dialogue at 7pm. Free to

February 6-8

lence: A Statewide Effort Addressing Vio-

Panel Presentation on Citizen Oversight

Commissions, 1600 Pacific Coast Highway,

ing Board Chambers, Rm. 310, 1600 Pacific

rum Plan for the Community of San Diego,

Centro Cultural de La Raza, Park Blvd.,

Saturday, February 9

Center at its annual Souper Supper for Peace.

Enjoy the music of Sam Hinton and wonder-

ful soups, breads, and desserts. 6-9pm, Col-

lege Park Presbyterian Church, 5075 Cam-

panile. Tickets and info: Peace Resource

ALL MONTH

events and activities are listed; however,

other events are in planning stages. For the

most current updates on activities call:

Coalition for Peace in the M.E., 293-0167,

EVERY OTHER WEEK

**EVERY SUNDAY** 

1pm, Lily Pond, Balboa Park. Info: 265

EVERY TUESDAY

ter Collective, 4:00 pm at Groundwork

Business Meeting 10-11:30 am, Rm. 206

Student Coop Center, above Soft Reserves.

please call 233-1701. Info about draft status

only can also be obtained by calling the

Committee Opposed to Militarism and the

EVERY WEDNESDAY

the Middle East, 7:30-9pm, La Costa area.

North Coastal Community for Peace in

Groundwork Books and Resource Cen-

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Association

Friends of Nicaraguan Culture, Call

Vigil for Peace in the Middle East

Crisis in the Middle East: A number of

Souper Supper: Join the Peace Resource

Community Hearing on Border Vio-

Wednesday, February 6: Roundtable/

Thursday, February 7: Public Hear-

Friday, February 8: Community Fo-

the public. Info: 235-6135.

lence and Hate Crimes.

Coast Highway, 5-11pm.

Balboa Park, 6:30pm.

Center, 265-0730.

265-0730, or 692-0434.

459-4650 for location and date.

0730, 293-0167, or 692-0434.

Call 534-4297 for info.

Draft, 753-7518.

Info: 633-1217.

Compiled by the New Indicator Collective and host Paulo Freire in a night of community with special thanks to the Peace Resource dialogue. We invite parents and others inter-Center's monthly calendar. If your group has ested in how education plays a role in social events that you want announced, please call and personal change. Paulo Freire has 534-2016 and let us know. worked to develop methods of teaching that

#### January 28-February 7

#### An Open Closet: Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual **Awareness Week**

#### Monday

Opening rally, 11:30-12:30, Price Center

"Developing and Maintaining Intimacy in Gay Relationships" Dr. Andrew Mattison, 12:30-2:00, Davis-Riverside Room, High Price Center.

#### Tuesday

"Beyond Gay, white and Male," by Professor Jaye Miller, 2-3 pm, Davis-Riverside Room, High Price Center.

Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals of Color, Panel Discussion 4-6 pm, Davis-Riverside Room, High Price Center.

"Law of Desire" (La Ley de Deseo) a film by Pedro Almodovar, 8:00 pm in the High Price Center Theatre.

#### Wednesday

Karen Marshall and Scott Fulkerson to talk about the community, the need for leadership and the importance of women's issues. 12:00-1:30, Davis-Riverside Room, High Price Center

Reyes at the LGBA Social, 4-6 pm Revelle Formal Lounge. Lesbian and Bisexual Women's Support

Dramatic reading of a play by Guillermo

Group meets 6:30-8 in the Women's Resource Center.

#### Thursday

"Lesbians, Dykes and Women-Identified Women: Instances and Images of Love Between Women in History" a historical slide presentation by Dr. Bonnie Zimmerman, 4-6 pm, San Francisco-Santa Cruz Room, High Price Center

Beach Bonfire at La Jolla Shores 8:00 pm

Gay Jeans Day: Wear denim to show your support of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Rights!

#### Saturday

Non-Sexist Dance at the Ché Café 9:00 pm 'til 1:00 am

#### All Week Long

"Our History," the Lesbian and Gay Archives of San Diego will display a time line of the Lesbian and Gay movement of the 20th Century, Gallery B, High Price Center. For information call LGBA at: 534-GAYS.

#### Wednesday, January 30

New Indicator Collective meets 6:30-?, "The Politics of Knowledge and Infor-Rm. 210 Student Coop Center, above the mation" Presentation by Edward Said, High Credit Union. Call 534-2016. New volun-Price Center Ballroom, 7:30pm. teers and contributors always welcome.

An evening of poetry and Music with The National Lawyers Guild Military priest/poet Ernesto Cardenal. University Law Panel holds a counseling session each Center-University of San Diego, Alcala Park Tuesday evening for members of the mili-(Linda Vista Road), 7:30pm. For more info: tary who need discharge help or other sup-459-4650. port or for people concerned about their Monday, February 4 draft status. For information and location,

The Vegetarian Society of Southern California, General Membership Meeting, 7:00 pm at the University City Community Library, 4155 Governer Drive. Everyone welcome! 492-8803.

#### Thursday, February 7

The Centro Cultural de la Raza will

#### EVERY THURSDAY

Green Collective at UCSD, 6:00 pm at the Ché Café

Candlelight Vigil sponsored by UCSD Alliance for Peace. Revelle Plaza 9pm.

Gay and Bisexual Men's Support Group, 6:30-8pm, Mountain View Lounge. For more info call 534-4297.

#### EVERY SATURDAY

Queer Nation San Diego, 7:30 pm, at the Lesbian and Gay Center, 3780 5th, Hillcrest. All genders and races welcome. EVERY OTHER MONDAY

Coalition for Peace in the Middle East, 7pm, Henry George Ctr., 2240 Morley St., 265-0730, 293-0167, 692-0434.

#### FIRST MONDAY

Coordinating Council for Peace and Justice, 5:30pm, 2202 Morley. All groups are invited to send a representative. Info: 265-0730, 277-0991.

the People of El Salvador), 7pm, Big Kitchen, 3003 Grape St. 238-5724. Vegetarian Society of Southern California, S.D. Chapter, 7pm, Univ. City Li-

CISPES (Committee in Solidarity with

#### **FIRST TUESDAY**

brary, 4155 Governor Dr. 492-8803.

Central America Information Center, 7pm, Wesley Foundation, 5716 Hardy, 583-2925. Also meet on 3rd Tuesday.

#### FIRST WEDNESDAY

Big Mountain Support Group, 7pm, 2202 Morley. Info: 277-0991.

#### THIRD MONDAY

U.S.-Cuba Friendship Society, 7pm, 4247 Fifth Avenue, San Diego. Info: 296-

#### THIRD SATURDAY

Middle East Cultural and Information Center, 10am, Henry George Ctr., 2240 Morley St., Linda Vista. Info: 293-0167.

#### FOURTH SATURDAY

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

#### FOURTH TUESDAY

National Organization for Women, 7pm, 1st Unitarian Church, 4190 Front St., Bard Hall. 238-1824.

#### FOURTH THURSDAY

Peace and Freedom Party, 7pm, Henry George Rec. Room, 2240 Morley St. Info: 530-0454.

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

#### LAST MONDAY

The Green Store sponsors a "Consensus for Groups Workshop," conducted by Steve Saint. Workshop covers how to establish guidelines that make consensus really work. 7pm, Green Store, Ocean Beach. Info:

#### ALL MONTH:

Amnesty International has a number of community groups in the county. For the chapter nearest you, call 295-0376.

The Greens have a number of groups around the county. For the group nearest you, please call 222-5393.

#### **ONGOING**

The United Farm Workers grape boycott pickets continue at Vons Supermarkets in Chula Vista and San Ysidro. To volunteer, please call 544-0661.

Active Boycott of Folgers Coffee: The boycott of Folgers Coffee, largest purchaser of Salvadoran coffee beans continues. The Central America Information Center is holding boycott actions every weekend at Big Bear Markets to remove Folgers coffee from the shelves. For info or to get involved, contact CAIC at 583-2925. To contact Folgers and let them know what you think about their continued support for death squads in El Salvador, call 1-800-344-7490.

Continuous Vigil for Peace at Winnie Mandela Library entrance (aka HL, HUL, HELL, UGL, UGLY, GBH) on Revelle campus, UCSD.

#### RADICAL TV-GUIDE!

Frontiers of Reason: Cable TV series with topical programs on peace, social justice and the environment now shown on 4 local cable stations! Cox Cable Ch. 24, Sundays 8pm; Del Mar Cable Ch. 38, Thursdays 4:30pm; Southwestern Cable Ch. 16, Mondays 8pm; Oceanside Community Ch. 37, Thursdays 5pm and 8:30pm. Please contact the Peace Resource Center for a listing of weekly topics, 265-0730.

Labor Link TV: Cable program on labor issues. Cox Cable Ch. 24, Sats., 8:30pm. Southwestern Cable Ch. 16, alternating Tues., 5:30pm. Del Mar Cable Ch. 38, Fridays 4pm. Times-Mirror Dimension, Ch. 2, Wednesdays, 2pm, Info: 455-5725.

"America's Defense Monitor," produced by the Center for Defense Information airs on KPBS-TV at 11pm every Wednesday.

#### 1990 New Indication Collective

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## Test Site Action

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gally in 1951 by an executive order of cross the fence, knowing that they would be President Truman in violation of Shoshone arrested. Plastic ties were used for handcuffs land rights and the 1863 Treaty of Ruby Valley. We never agreed to give our land to the United States; this is Shoshone land."

At about 11:30 we settled down for the speakers to begin. Travelling from many parts of the world, speakers addressed the effects of nuclear testing by various countries. A Shoshone leader shared a peace pipe with a Tahitian activist and a member of the Supreme Soviet.

The Tahitian speaker informed us that the French had moved their nuclear testing site from Muroroa to another island, Fangataufa. Scientists had discovered that radiation was seeping into the ocean due to damage from the nuclear test on Muroroa. appropriated and repeatedly bombed lands they consider to be wastelands. The residents of these "wastelands" tend to disagree with this assessment and destruction of their

People from the USSR, Great Britain, New Zealand, Canada and the U.S. also made informative and inspiring statements clarifying the insidious connection between caused by the tests, and the preparation for nuclear war.

Then, the 3,000 of us marched to the entrance to the test site, which was surrounded by a barbed wire fence and guarded by cops and men wearing desert camou-

The Nevada Test Site was created ille-flage. Almost 700 demonstrators chose to and there was no violence displayed by either party. Previous actions at the test site have been marred by incidents of apparently selective violence against African-American and other protesters on the part of the police.

> In 1963, the Partial Test Ban Treaty forced nuclear testing underground. One of the two underground testing sites in the Soviet Union has been successfully shut down by protester. Only after the area had sustained serious damage, of course.

The closing of the Soviet testing site is encouraging, but there are still at least five existing sites which continue to be poisoned with radioactivity in preparation for war. For the past five years, the Soviet Union and Like the United States, the French have the United Nations have appealed for a Comprehensive Test Ban which would permanently ban nuclear weapons testing worldwide. The United States of America has consistently opposed the effort.

As the war rages in the Persian Gulf, peace loving people around the world protest the current violence. The protests of Nuclear Test Site remind us that the violence is constant and so must be our vigilence and the severe permanent environmental damage action. When the current conflict ends, the violence and terror will continue to be developed in the name of research at our universities and test sites and inflicted on various peoples around the world, even when there is no official war going on.

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#### **Book Review:**

## Unit 731: Shocking **Medical Experiments** Revealed

Japan's Secret Biological Warfare in World War II Francis Freeley (Former NIC member)

Peter Williams and David Wallace have written a richly textured story of what is in their estimation "one of the best kept secrets of World War II." In a tapestry of vivid details the story begins in 1984, in Kanda, Tokyo's student quarter, where a postgraduate student from Keoi University, browsing in a used book store, comes across a box of miscellaneous papers which include à map and some medical records. The student was struck by the fact that records with scientific precision described different symptoms of human diseases from inception up to the point of the "patient's" death. Such complete records would have been impossible in a normal medical setting. This discovery was a key to what Japanese General Shiro Ishii had called his "secret of secrets

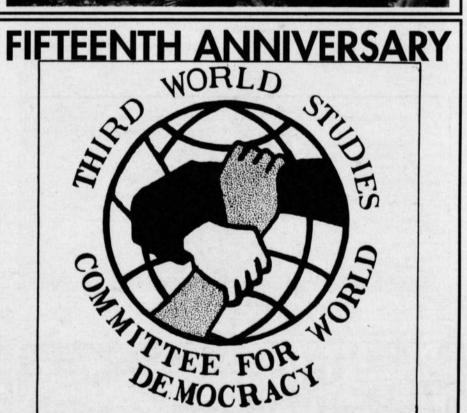
The co-autohors of <u>Unit 731</u> are trained investigative reporters. Williams is Head of Factual Programs at Britain's Television South in London. Wallace conducted the research for the TVS documentary on Unit 731. This film has never been allowed to air in Japan and for good reason. The film, like the book which was subsequently written by these two reporters, carefully establishes, beyond any reasonable doubt, that a conspiracy existed between high U.S. government officials, including General Douglas MacArthur, and their Imperial Japanese counterparts, including the Emperor of Japan. The authors reproduce General MacArthur's message to Washington, D.C. on May 6, 1946, in which he recommended that "biological experimentations by Japanese doctors not be used as evidence in the 'war crimes' trials." (195) The U.S. government agreed to suppress this evidence in hopes of obtaining access to the "invaluable" data which had been hidden by the Japanese and which recorded over a decade of biological experiments on living human

In the course of its operation, Unit 731

kept some 3,000 human guinea pigs, which Japanese technicians called "mutras," in a aboratory prison. They were well fed and kept in cells much like laboratory animals. If a "mutra" survived one experiment, he or she was used for another until death intervened. Among the experiments the physicians in Unit 731 undertook were human vivisections to observe the different stages by which induced diseases progressed inside the human body. A pressure chamber much like the one built at Dachau was used in experiments for the Japanese Air Force. Doctors observed with "professional detachment" the terrible suffering as individuals' eyes popped out of their sockets first and then blood oozed through the pores of their skin before final death. Human blood was replaced with horse blood in living humans. Men, women, and children were mummified alive under the heat of hot, dry fans in a laboratory to study the effects of dehydration. Their corpses weighed only one-fifth their normal weight at time of death. Limbs of living mutras were frozen solid to study new treatments for frostbite.

In Oct. 1941, Dr. Hisato Yoshimura published his paper over turning the traditional remedy of incipient frostbite. Instead of rubbing the affected area of the body, Yoshimura found from carefully filmed and recorded experiments on humans that the application of lukewarm water at a tem-

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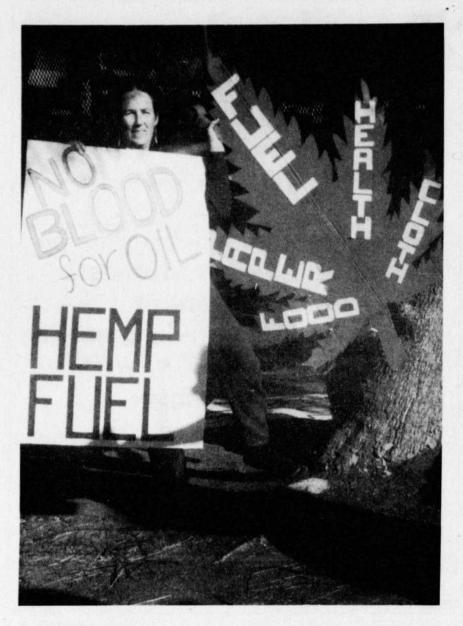


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## Persian Gulf Eco-Disaster

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cloud in the Gulf: "It could cover Baghdad and Bombay simultaneously and go around the world in one month."

At a conference, Basil Butler, a member of the board of directors of the British oil company British Petrol, described the difficulties of fighting an oil fire. Because crude oil is subject to heavy pressure in its natural depositories underground, explosions will pump it up to feed the fires above ground continually. Butler, who lived in Kuwait for 13 years, calculates that the fires will last 6 to 9 months. "The problem," declares Butler.

As early as 1986, the atmospheric chemist Paul Crutzen analyzed oil fires via computer simulations at the Max Planck Institute for Chemistry in Mainz, Germany. Professor Crutzen assumed that 300 million tons of oil will burn, a number which he estimates to be even higher in the case of Kuwait. In the early 1980's Crutzen was the first researcher to compute the effects of a nuclear winter ash clouds miles high and months of darkness as a consequence of a nuclear war. If Saddam Hussein burns the oil in Kuwait, Crutzen expects a similar global disaster that "produces a nuclear war-like situation." As a basis for his calculation, Crutzen assumes the burning of 10 million barrels of oil daily, a widely accepted

is concerned about the spread of the soot figure. The black soot particles will be spread by the wind so quickly and evenly that the cloud will increase by one million square kilometers daily. "Hell would break loose," Crutzen says. And not only in the Persian Gulf or the Indian subcontinent. Crutzen fears that the dark carpet will cover much of the northern hemisphere and cause an average temperature drop of 10 degrees Celsius. "This also implies a loss of harvest in Europe, wide parts of which would become uninhabit-

But it's going to be even worse world should start thinking about this sunlight will heat up the gigantic cloud, causing some of its components to rise into the stratosphere. There, according to Crutzen, the fatal process starts. Soot particles and gasses warm up the stratosphere and destroy the protective ozone layer. Up to 60% of the ozone layer, Crutzen estimates, would be lost. Beyond that, everything is bizarre. Although the dark cloud will absorb visible light, the loss of the ozone layer will allow more harmful UV radiation to reach the earth. Crutzen describes this as "It's dark outside, but nobody is allowed to go outside." On January 9th, the scientist made a desperate appeal to UN security general Perez de Cuellar. Because the environment "in an immensely large area" is threatened, he urged de Cuellar to take whatever measures are necessary to avoid war.

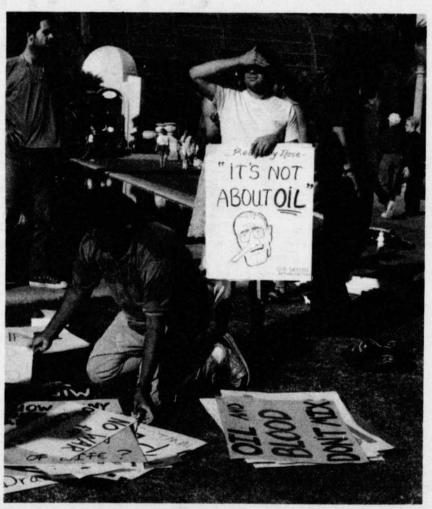


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photo by Dayan Golden

For the short of patience and the short of wit here's the UC police's favorite, to be taken with varying degrees of seriousness:

# STORIES

# LONG

#### **Peace Victory**

Hessen, Germany: Greens and Social Democrats won a majority in elections for parliament in this German state riding on an anti-war sentiment in the population.

#### **Local Zit Activity**

Censorship on the UCSD Campus: Tom Tucker, Ass. Chancellor for Vice and undergraduate affairs (or something like that) cancelled a pub event because it was advertised with "all ages welcome." Note that there was no alcohol to be served at this event, and that there is no (absolutely no) university policy that authorizes anybody (especially not an administrator) to cancel an event because he doesn't want 17-year-old college students to enjoy themselves. Fuck censorship and terminate T.T.

#### 18 de enero 26 de enero 1 libreria ALEMANIA 21 de enero HONDURAS 18 de anaro GRECIA - 24 de enero 22 de enero - 1 banco francés: 1 muer 1 banco británico, aeropuertr (1 muerto y 20 herida 23 de enero - 2 representaciones de EEUU (1 herido) y embajada de EEUU ECUADOR 18 de enen de EEUU MALASIA embajada de EEUU American CHILE 18 de ener ATENTADOS VINCULADOS A LA GUERRA DEL GOLFO DESDE EL 17 DE ENERO

# IN SHORT

#### Politics-in -Translation:

Clearasil?

Schwartzkopf means "blackhead". Now that's probably the first truth since we started hearing about the fucking war in the mainstream media. Does anyone have any

### Super Bowl Safe, But. . .

Bush delivers Hussein's package to the world: With the war in the Persian Gulf only 10 days old, terrorist bombings and other attacks have already been reported around the world. Bombs have exploded in South America, Europe, Africa and Asia. In Chile alone, 9 bombs exploded during the first week of the war. The primary targets of the attacks are banks, embassies and other institutions which support North American interests in the Gulf war. As predicted, Hussein's campaign against North Americans has no boundaries. People throughout the world are now facing the consequences of the decisions of George Bush and Saddam Hussein.

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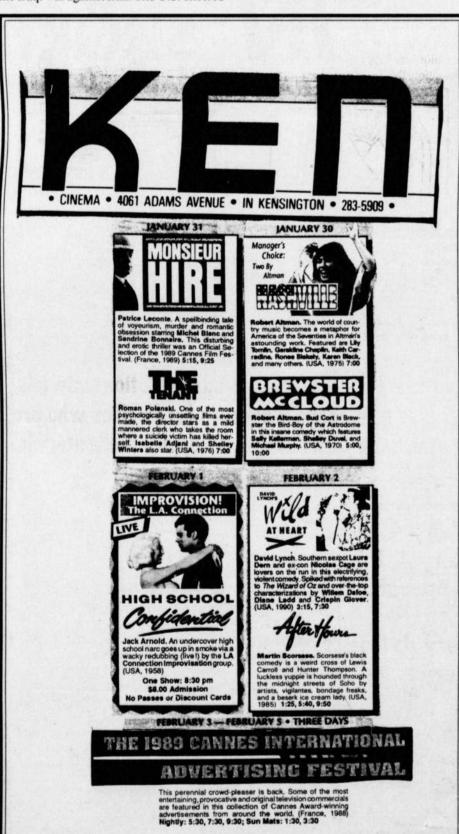
#### Errata:

The January 16 issue of the new indicator contained an article "A People Without a Country: A (very) Brief History of the Kurds." Due to a layout error, the article was cut short and the following was omitted:

"Now as the U.S. Government is attempting to sell a war with Iraq to the American people, the Bush administration sheds crocodile tears for the suffering inflicted upon the Kurds by the Iraqi government. The U.S. lavishly and uncritically supported this same government for eight years during the Iraqi war against Iran. The U.S. cheered

when Iraqused mustard gas on Iranian troops, and was silent during the bombing of the civillian population in Iranian cities. Turkey remains one of the U.S.'s most valued allies in the region.despite, if not partially because of, its vicious and unrelenting attacks upon the Kurds. Are we now suddenly to believe that the wholesale aerial bombardment or invasion of Iraq by U.S. military forces is somehow going to benefit the Kurds?"

The commentary entitled "Anti-Fascist or Anti-Semitic" contained a typographical Where "\$300 billion" appears, it should read "three billion."



## Unit 731

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perature between 40 and 50 degrees Centigrade could avoid death of an affected area. The prison lab at Pingfan was populated by victims of Dr. Yoshimura's experiments: people with no fingers, or only bones where fingers once were, others with rotting limbs and skin blackened by necrosis. Some had their limbs amputated to be preserved for still other experiments.

Additional experiments with mustard gas, blood gas, cyanide bombs and other toxic chemicals were conducted at Unit 731. Men, women and children were suffocated by gasses introduced into a cloud chamber the size of a telephone booth made of thick steel and reinforced glass windows through which Japanese scientists could observe and record their results of their experiments. Experiments with malnutrition were also conducted under the auspices of Unit 731. One medical orderly observed an experiment on how long a human could survive on only water and biscuits. Two prisoners, deprived of sleep, and allowed only biscuits and water to eat, were required to walk a prescribed course on the grounds of Unit 731 carrying a 20-kilogram sandbag on their backs. They both died after about two months. (47-48)

Unit 731 was located near the village of

Pingfan, 24 kilometers south of the city of Harbin in Japanese-occupied Manchuria. Harbin was a commercial center with wide streets and European-style buildings. With a population approaching 400,000, it was known as "Paris of the East." This cosmopolitan city in southern Manchuria was the home of over 80,000 Russians, 240,000 Chinese, and 4,700 Japanese. In 1933, Dr. Shiro Ishii had set up a laboratory just outside Harbin in an old soy sauce distillery. Over the next couple of years Dr. Ishii's staff grew to over 300, including about 50 physicians. Toward the end of 1935, the lab relocated inside the city limits to a new twostory building near the Harbin military hospital and close to the railway station. It was in the basement of this new red-brick building that human experimentation took place. The human guinea pigs used in these biological warfare experiments had been arrested by the Harbin police for Soviet sympathies or anti-Japanese sentiments. They included Russian merchants, and Chinese Christians including university professors and medical doctors. Soon the basement near Harbin military hospital became too small for the increasing number of experiments required for Japan's biological warfare unit. In June 1938, preparations were made for the construction of a new

military installation at Pingfan, where a staff of some 3,000 Japanese technicians would eventually gather to live and work in relative luxury for the remainder of the war.

Until 1943, most of the experiments inside Unit 731 had been conducted on Chinese, Manchurian, and Russian residents of Harbin, while bacteriological warfare had been waged on villages in China and Russia as a result of Unit 731's experiments.

But Japan's quest for complete scientific data brought English, Australian, and American POWs into the project. For obvious military reasons, the Japanese decided to conduct research on the reactions of an immunizing serum inoculation according to races. During the summer of 1943, technical experts from Unit 731 were sent to a prisoner of war camp near Mukden, some 300 miles south of Pingfan. By November 1943, when the Red Cross inspected Mukden, the camp population had fallen from 1,485 to 1,274, of which 84 were British, 16 were Australian. The remainder were Americans. (59)

Experiments conducted by Unit 731 allowed Japan to make solid gains on the rest of the world in the field of microbiology. Japan mass-produced penicillin several years before the United States. Research at Unit 731 produced new knowledge on nutrition and the significance of the vitamin "B" complex, and more efficient remedies for

In the last chapter of this book, the authors reveal the success of this conspiracy between the former enemies. Many Japanese leaders directly involved in Unit 731's human experiments remained prominent leaders in post-war Japan. Dr. Ryoichi Naito, to take only one example, later founded the Japan Blood Bank. He was elected a member of the New York Academy of Sciences, and received numerous awards for his pioneering work on artificial blood for Japan's Green Cross Corporation. He died in July 1982, and Green Cross Corporation is currently planning to name a huge new complex in Los Angeles in his honor - an honor everywhere except in the nation of his origin, Japan, where, like the documentary film made by Williams and Wallace, it is not available to the public.

Unit 731: Japan's Secret Biological Warfare in World War II. By Peter Williams and David Wallace. New York: The Free Press, 1989. PP. xif, 303. \$22.95.

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## Along the Color Line: WHY BLACKS FEEL THREATENED

Dr. Manning Marable



Several days ago, a Philadelphia newspaper editor suggested that Black welfare mothers should be "encouraged" to stop reproducing sexually, by implanting in their arms the new, five-year birth control device. To many African-Americans, this was yet one more indication that the Black community was under attack, targeted by a new, more sophisticated form of white racism.

In politics, the Bush administration ignored the advice of prominent Black Republicans such as former Secretary of Transportation William T. Coleman and Secretary of Health and Human Services Louis Sullivan by vetoing the 1990 Civil Rights Bill. The excuse given by Bush, that the legislation made it too difficult for employers to defend themselves against charges of racism, in effect appealed to the white supremacist wing of the Republican party. On this issue, Bush was closer to David Duke than the majority of Americans.

The ink on the vetoed bill was barely dry before the next racial controversy, the new policy which would deny Federal funds to colleges which awarded scholarships to minority students on the basis of race. Black and Latino educators pointed out that colleges had allocated special scholarships for decades to athletes and others with special skills. Nearly all scholarships for minority students were not based narrowly on race, but on economic need as well as other important criteria. The sharp reaction against this new policy forced Bush into a quick turnabout, declaring that scholarships specifically for racial minorities could be drawn from private funds. But in effect, the entire episode implied that Blacks, Hispanics and other people of color should be excluded from higher education.

For African-Americans, these two incidents seemed to symbolize the end of an entire historical period, the Civil Rights Movement for democracy in America. For many years, a sense of optimism and hope pervaded Black politics. The movement from racial segregation to full participation within the American mainstream was taken for granted. Now, all the evidence points to a deterioration in the economic and social status of Blacks in American life, and the Bush administration seems willing to push minorities over the abyss.

For example, in terms of health care, an alarming gap has been created between African-Americans and whites. According to the National Center for Health Statistics, the life expectancy for Black men has fallen to 64.9 years, below retirement age. Millions of Black women aren't receiving adequate prenatal care, and infant mortality rates are not surprisingly twice the rate for Blacks than white. Another recent health study found

that Blacks, who represent only 13 percent of the total U.S. population, now account for 80 percent of all premature deaths — that is, deaths of individuals between the ages of 15 to 44 years — because of abnormally high rates of pneumonia, asthma, bladder infections, and other diseases. Blacks, Hispanics and low income people die sooner than upper class whites, because they have no access to regular healthcare services and because many have no health insurance.

Economically, the same picture of inequality emerges. The recent failure of Harlem's Freedom National Bank, one of the largest minority-owned financial institutions in the country, revealed that the government was unwilling to bail out economically distressed institutions when they held Blacks' funds. As the recession deepens, the jobless rates in the Black community have soared, while the Bush administration does nothing.

What all these elements have in common is the phony concept of "reverse racism," that Blacks have been given too much over the years. The only way to reverse these trends is to rebuild the Black protest movement, to challenge the system which perpetuates inequality.

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## 1991-92 **UCSD Financial Aid Application Workshops**

To assist entering and continuing students with the completion of UCSD's financial aid application materials, a number of workshops have been scheduled. There is also a weekend workshop for families who are interested in touring the campus in addition to receiving assistance with financial aid application materials.

#### DAYTIME WORKSHOPS

Tuesday, February 19, 9:00-10:00 am Gallery A, Price Center Thursday, February 21,1:00-2:00 pm Gallery A, Price Center

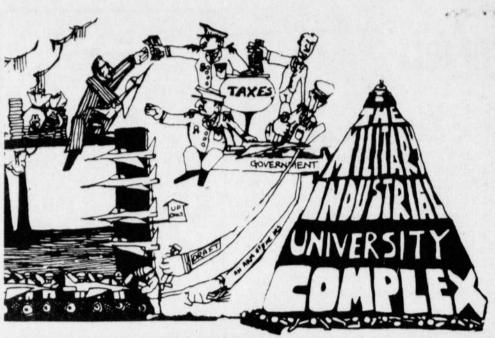
Friday, February 22, noon-1:00 pm Santa Barbara/Los Angeles Room, Price Center **EVENING WORKSHOPS** 

Tuesday, February 12, 7:00-8:00 pm Gallery A, Price Center Monday, February 25, 7:00-8:00 pm Gallery A, Price Center

WEEKEND WORKSHOP/CAMPUS TOUR

Saturday, February 23

Campus Tour 1:00pm Meet in front of Information window, Price Center Workshop 2:30-4:00 pm Gallery A, Price Center











# "If You Don't Like the News in the Papers, Make Your Own!"

In response to the war against Iraq, and in support of the international peace movement, the New Indicator Collective has decided to suspend our "business as usual" and go into an emergency operational mode. We will be producing a weekly, four-page bulletin, containing undercovered news of the peace movement, local events announcements, and statements from peace organizations.

At this time, the New Indicator Collective invites the entire progressive activist community to join us as we conduct a special training exercise on "How To Make Your Own Newspaper." We will go step-by-step through the reporting, editorial, sales, and production aspects of publishing a 20-page issue of the New Indicator. We will emphasize the skills required for cooperative decision-making, drawing upon the Groundwork Books Collective's publication known as "the Red Documents" and our own short "Guide to the New Indicator Collective" and taking all the time we need to treat the exercise as a low pressure, study group experience. We hope the result will be to enrich the community by providing a quick injection of fresh, trained, community activist journalists.

We will not be asking that participants in the training exercise make any commitment to becoming regular staff members of the new indicator. We strongly feel that the current crisis, especially the disturbing censorship we are seeing, calls for extraordinary efforts by community activists, not only in the peace movement, but in all fields of concern, to bring critical information and perspectives to the public more effectively. We see one of the best contributions our organization can make now as being a conscious effort to share our skills, to spread them around as widely as possible. Of course, anybody wishing to join our staff will still be more than welcome.

# SPECIAL NEW INDICATOR COMMUNITY ACTIVIST JOURNALISM WORKSHOP

First Planning Meeting Will Be Held Saturday, February 2, 1991 1 p.m. at the New Indicator Office, Room 210, Student Co-op Center at UCSD, above the Credit Union office. Bring: pencil, notepad, a coffeemug, & a friend.



"What the world needs now "
is weapons, weapons, weapons."

