

**U.S. peace forces take threatening actions**

## Local and International Actions Protest Against U.S. War Moves

Aggressive moves by the Reagan Administration in Latin America and Europe prompted two events in San Diego the past two weeks. The Nicaraguan and Cuban people have gone on full military alert since the United States began Naval maneuvers in the Caribbean, and in response to Haig's request for Pentagon studies on the feasibility of invading or blockading Nicaragua and Cuba. (The P.L.O. has responded similarly to U.S. operation "Bright Star" in the Middle East.) Local fears that this country was on the verge of taking serious military action in Central America or the Caribbean prompted the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) and the Communist Workers Party (CWP) to call an emergency meeting to respond to the government.

From an initial meeting of 35 individuals an Emergency Committee Against U.S. Intervention in Central America and the Caribbean was formed. The Committee, in conjunction with national protests, called for a picket at the Naval Training Center on Friday, November 20, at 4 pm.

Some 60 people responded to the call for a picket, as did 12 exile Cubans from the reactionary Alpha 66 organization who heckled the picketers. For a similar action in San Francisco on the 21st, over 2,000 people took to the streets to protest government threats that strong action against Cuba and Nicaragua would be taken shortly. And recently, the White House has stated that an invasion or blockade of either country was unlikely, in part because of the unpopularity of such a move with the American people.

Reagan has also been playing with the lives and futures of the peoples of Europe with his proposal to deploy

medium range nuclear missiles, like the Pershing and Cruise missiles, on European soil through NATO. The European peace movement has achieved a remarkable unity among pacifists, anarchists, social democrats, and Marxists in its opposition to Reagan's plans, and disarmament demonstrations in Europe regularly draw from 500,000 to over a million people. Over 65% of the West German people, in a recent poll, said they supported the movement for

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disarmament in Europe. And Reagan's current proposal to the Soviets, to withhold placement of these missiles in return for the Soviet dismantling of medium range nuclear missiles, is seen as a hoax. NATO countries such as Greece (which has recently acknowledged the presence of U.S. nuclear warheads on its soil) and Turkey have always allowed the deployment of American nuclear missiles, so Reagan's proposal amounts to asking the Soviets to unilaterally disarm.

Peace and nuclear disarmament are serious issues in Europe, and in solidarity with the European peace movement, 50 women walked, single file, through Mission and Fashion Valley on November 27 during the day. They were dressed in black and wore white mime make-up. They tied signs to themselves that read PEACE IS A WOMAN'S ISSUE, BREAD NOT BOMBS, NO MORE WAR, NO MORE VIET-NAMS, U.S. OUT OF EL SAL-

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Thousands March Across the U.S.

## International Palestine Solidarity Day Celebrated Last Saturday

Palestine Solidarity Day, an internationally recognized holiday, was celebrated by over 500 people Saturday in Los Angeles. The Solidarity Day demonstrators marched 2 miles to Pershing square. Once there, representatives from various progressive organizations spoke on the need to unite against and confront the resurgence of reactionary forces.

On December 12, 1979, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution declaring the 29th of November an international day of solidarity with the Palestinian People. This was the day—34 years ago—that the U.N. voted to partition Palestine. The adoption of this historic resolution was the culmination of a joint drive by an overwhelming number of member states to recognize the legitimacy and the struggle of the Palestinian people under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Forty-five progressive organizations, and individuals, joined in the November 29 Coalition in Southern California with millions of people around the world to

express solidarity with the people of Palestine. The celebration featured 5 speakers representing the All African Peoples Revolutionary Party, Casa El Salvador, the coordinating Latin Americana, Committee to Resist the Draft, the Lebanese National Movement, the National Black Human Rights Coalition and the Palestine Congress of North America. All emphasized four basic points: recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization as the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people; condemnation of zionism as a form of racism and racial discrimination, in accordance with U.N. resolution number 3379; an end to U.S. military aid to Israel; and all U.S. intervention in the Middle East be stopped immediately.

Most stressed that current U.S. domestic policy is directly linked to the increasingly bellicose foreign policy of the Reagan Administration.

Similar celebrations took place in San Francisco and New York uniting 1,000 and 3,500 people, respectively.

Ken Underwood

**Charges still pending...**

## Trial Date Set for "UCSD 34"

The "UCSD 34"—arrested on June 2 1981—had their trial set for January 28th 1982. They face misdemeanor charges of trespassing and failure to disperse resulting from the occupation of the Chancellor's office in support of the Third World Demands (see n.i.vol. 7 no.3 for text of demands) and tenure for former UCSD History professor Emory Tolbert.

The January 28th date comes after numerous attempts to have the charges dropped against the "34". The District Attorney, however, has refused to drop charges insisting that the "34" accept the latest offer. The "offer" was presented to several members of the "34" on November 23 by their attorneys; it comprises of the following: 1 year continuance of the case, a \$25 "assessment" for each person, 25 hours each of voluntary work with a non-profit community group and exonerated of their records (on June 2 1982) if the terms of the "offer" are fulfilled. Included in the "offer" is a clause prohibiting any violation of university rules and regulations during the 1 year period. Among various objections to the "offer" several people raised objections to the clause regarding university rules and regulations stating that this would leave them vulnerable to harassment by the university administration because of their activism in progressive groups or for petty infractions of university policy

(such as posting flyers illegally). If accepted, the "offer" will be administered by the Vice-Chancellor of Undergraduate Affairs (VCUA), Joe Watson.

According to Clifton Blevins, one of the attorneys for the "34", the latest "offer" was formulated with contributing suggestions from UCSD Student Legal Services attorney Nick Aguilar (representing the university), VCUA Joe Watson, and the District Attorney. The inclusion of the UCSD officials in the negotiations—even though the university has stated its intention from the onset to drop all prosecution charges—came as a surprise to many members of the "34". However, Blevins stated that this arrangement made it possible for the District Attorney to offer a compromise and "save face", and avoid sending the case to trial. It is expected that before the trial date, attorneys for the "34" will make a counter-offer in order to amend or delete objects to the D.A.'s "offer".

As the "UCSD 34" face trial date they are in desperate need of funds to cover attorney and "assessment" fees. Readers are urged to make contributions—however small—to support the "UCSD 34". Checks should be made payable to the "UCSD 34" Defense Fund, c/o New Indicator Collective, B-023, UCSD, La Jolla, Ca. 92093.

**San Onofre Nuke**

## "You Have One Hour to Evacuate..."

This article was written by a member of the Community Energy Action Network (CEAN) and has also appeared in San Diego Newline.

Which nuclear power plant operated only 46 days during the last 19 months (a miserable 11% of operating capability)? Which nuke has had faulty valves in its emergency system since 1977 which could have caused a major meltdown accident? Or which nuke tied for first place in the U.S. in the category of "Especially Significant Mishaps" (serious incidents) in 1980? And which reactor was one of the eight listed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) as having the most serious weakening of steel that could cause it to crack and release radiation?

It's none other than our very own San Onofre (Unit 1). San Onofre has been plagued with problems in its 13 years of operation. Actually, the reactor has had only 8.8 "full-power" years, meaning that it was not working much of the time promised. It also means that ratepayers suffer the consequences of outages, inefficiency, and repair costs. San Onofre's Unit 1 recently had steam generator corrosion and leaks that cost \$68 million. The September 3rd

shutdown due to the failure of a voltage regulator revealed the faulty valves in the major emergency core cooling system. The repair bill for the valve problem will be in the millions, and the correction is considered *only temporary!* Naturally, ratepayers of SDG&E will eventually pay for the costs of replacement power and repairs.

The NRC considers San Onofre "average" in the number of problems encountered, according to a survey of 50 operating reactors in the nation. Following is a brief listing of San Onofre's difficulties:

**November, 1979:** A nest of field mice caused an electrical fire that shut the plant down for a week and cost \$2 million.

**April 1980-June 1981:** Steam generator repairs totaling \$68 million (YES! \$68 million) and a shutdown of 14 months. The repair of the leaking, corroded steam system is considered *temporary*, good for at best, five years! During the overhaul, 73 workers were overexposed to radiation resulting in an NRC-imposed fine on So. Calif. Edison of \$100,000 (largest NRC fine imposed by NRC for the year). Additional

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# LETTERS

## SDSU Black Student Union opposes Operation Bright Star

The current ideological attack illustrated by the deployment of troops, by the illegal settler state of the United States of America, shall not be tolerated on the African homeland.

Since the development of the United States its objective has been "the pursuit of happiness" meaning the exploitation and oppression of all non-white people. The unjust establishment of the Thirteen Colonies on Native American soil illustrates this point. Genocide was inflicted on the Native American by non-whites in their "pursuit of happiness." Happiness meaning the obtaining of resources—gold, land, oil, minerals... etc.—to meet their material needs. This "pursuit of happiness" has not only been limited to the colonization of Native Americans; through the importation of African slave labor Africans were colonized.

The connection between African slave labor and the expansion of the United States is directly related. Not only has slave labor been used to develop the United States; but the United States has usurped raw materials—uranium, oil, gold, diamonds... etc.—from the continent of Africa—using Africans to extract these materials. This process is being continued today under the code name "Operation Bright Star." Operation Bright Star, no doubt, denotes the Nova of the new military might possessed by the settlers of the United States. The possibility of nuclear and international war in Africa poses dangerous consequences to the process of peace and unity in Africa and the

Middle East.

We, the Black Student Union of San Diego State University, request all progressive individuals and organizations which have not yet done so to take steps to denounce Operation Bright Star.

We, the Black Student Union, vigorously denounce the vile character assassination of Mu'ammur Qadafi, leader of the Libyan nation.

We, the Black Student Union, demand the complete and immediate stopping by the United States of all military operations in any part of Africa. We, the Black Student Union, demand the complete and immediate withdrawal from Africa, of all U.S. military personnel and equipment. The immediate liquidation of all foreign military bases in Africa.

We, the Black Student Union, recommend that the following measures be taken to prevent nuclear or international war in Africa:

- (a.) Eliminating foreign intervention—stopping the flow of arms, personnel, and money, from outside Africa, except through agreed Organization of African Unity (OAU) processes.
- (b.) The immediate recognition of the South-west African People's Organization (SWAPO) as the sole authentic representative of Namibia.
- (c.) Recognize the present regime of South Africa as a racist, fascist, and illegal state.

Black Student Union

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PICKET VICE PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH:** The Peace and Justice Coalition is sponsoring a protest picket of George Bush's luncheon speech at the Sheraton Harbor Island Hotel from 11am to 1pm, on Friday, December 18. Before going home for Christmas, visit your Vice President and tell him what you think of 15% inflation and 9% unemployment.

**EMERGENCY PICKET! In Response To Arrests Of Draft Registration Resisters.** Federal Building-Front & E Streets. 12 Noon. The first workday after the first arrest takes place. For info, contact San Diego Committee Against Registration and the Draft (CARD), 283-6878 or 753-7518.

**Thursday, December 3, 7pm, Mid-City Community Clinic (4290 Polk):** A free film on white collar crime by Sherry Millner, **Crime Around The Collar.**

**Friday, December 4, 3pm, San Diego City College:** San Diego County MEChA's are sponsoring a rally on **Cutbacks in Education and their Effects on Third World People.**

**Friday, December 4, 7pm, Immaculate Conception Church, 8pm, Candlelight Procession to Heritage Park: Committee In Solidarity with the People of El Salvador** will sponsor a memorial mass and candlelight vigil commemorating the murder/rape of four North American religious women in El Salvador one year ago.

**Friday, December 11, 8pm, Adams Avenue Club Theater (3325 Adams Ave.): "A Women's Full Moon Dance."** Presented by Women of Color United. \$2.50 admission. All sisters of all colors come together and unite under the full moon. For info, call 284-8813.

**Friday, December 18, Grass Roots Cultural Center (30th and Grape Streets): Christmas Fundraiser/Party.** Ethnic meal at Big Kitchen, followed by music by Darrell Crain and friends at the Center. \$10 for dinner. For more info, call 232-5009.

**Saturday, December 5, 7:30pm, Militant Forum (1053 15th St.): Coming War in Central America and the Caribbean.** A discussion with Marjorie Rendon, the San Diego representative for the Sandinista Liberation Front; Mark Conlan, member of Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee; and speaker representing Socialist Workers Party. For info, call 234-4630.

**Sunday, December 6, 6pm, Downtown Y: Must You Choose Between Healthy Child and Job?** A forum on the reproductive rights of workers. Childcare available. Sponsored by San Diego Committee for Occupational Safety (SDCOSH) and the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW).

**Wednesday, December 9, 7pm, Casa Real, SDSU: The Family and the Mass Psychology of the New Right.** Lecture by Michael Lerner, sponsored by the New American Movement (NAM). Free. For info, call 276-6023.

**Saturday, December 12, 7:30pm, Grass Roots Cultural Center (30th and Grape): FBI, CIA, INS-On Trial, Defend the Bill of Rights Forum** with speakers: Betsy Soares (Socialist Workers Party National Committee), Simon Casady (political activist, retired newspaper publisher), Merrill Cohen (Machinist Local 1125, Young Socialist Alliance), and Poullette Miller (member, Service Employees International Union Local 535 State Executive Board). Entertainment by Womansong. Donation \$2, students, unemployed \$1. For info, call 234-4630.

## H-Block Prisoner to get Amnesty International visitor

(Collective note: In October the new indicator printed a letter from Monica Culbert whose husband is a prisoner in the H-Blocks of Northern Ireland's prisons—see vol.7 no.2. for a complete text of the letter. The following letter is an update of the fate facing Michael Culbert. Readers are urged to respond.)

The response to our last letter was truly heartening: scores of letters and telegrams from all over the world poured into the Northern Ireland Office protesting the frame-up conviction of Michael Culbert and the Diplock Court system of juryless trials which made it possible. The impact of this impressive international solidarity was increased by Amnesty International's announcement that they were planning to send an observer to Belfast for Michael's appeal.

Upon hearing of Amnesty's decision, however, the Northern Ireland Office suddenly postponed the appeal until 4 December in an obvious attempt to avoid publicity about the case and to demobilize our support. This was an especially cruel psychological blow to Michael and his family after two years of waiting. Moreover, there are now ominous signs that the government will attempt to confine the appeal to a summary one-day hearing; a mock

appeal to support a phoney conviction. It is more important than ever, therefore, that the British government be reminded of international concern about Michael's case. As we have explained in previous letters, Michael's conviction highlights everything that is morally and legally wrong with the current 'conveyor belt' system of mass producing political prisoners in N. Ireland. If a respected trade unionist like Michael Culbert can be condemned to life imprisonment without a single shred of evidence, a single witness or a written confession—but merely on the basis of his interrogator's testimony—then what hope is there for British 'justice' or its victims?

Please, do what you can to ensure that the British government knows of your continuing concern with Michael's fate. Send more telegrams and letters of protest to: James Prior, Northern Ireland Office, Stormont Castle, Belfast. In North America, call your local British consulate or tourist agency to protest. In Ireland and U.K., please contact your MP, TD or local Labour Party. Trade unionists should take up Michael's case in their branch.

Once again, our many, many thanks.  
Monica Culbert  
Mike Davis

For more information on this case and on the fate of others wrongfully imprisoned in Northern Ireland contact Jim and Carole at 583-2386.

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## San Onofre

violations and exposure of workers to a spent-fuel cask cost the utility a fine of \$50,000.

**May 1981:** Hundreds of cubic yards (800) of radioactive sand were discovered on the beach in front of the plant (50 truckloads). Cost: \$850,000.

**July 14, 1981:** A fire in one of the auxiliary diesel generators shut the plant down for four weeks. Repair bill: \$2.5 MILLION!

**July 17, 1981:** An "ignition" in a radioactive gas holding tank released 8.8 curies of radioactive Krypton gas and other byproducts into the atmosphere.

**September 3, 1981:** Voltage regulator failure reveals inoperative valves in emergency core cooling system. NRC estimates the valves may not have worked since 1977. The event, said the NRC, revealed "deficiencies in management and procedural controls."

**July 9, 1981:** NRC reports San Onofre is one of 14 U.S. reactors with serious "embrittlement" problems in the steel reactor which could crack and cause a severe radiation release. On Sept. 27, it is reported that Unit 1 may become unsafe to operate by 1983 due to the weakening of the metal from radiation bombardment.

**July 28, 1981:** Ralph Nader's Critical Mass releases NRC documents obtained through Freedom of Information Act request, showing San Onofre had 37 "events" or accidents during 1980, and tied for first place with two other reactors having the highest number (7) of "especially significant mishaps," a category of serious accidents.

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So, Calif. Edison spokesperson Russ Hawkes was quoted in an Oct. 11 article in the Long Beach Press Telegram regarding San Onofre's record: "We think the record is excellent, flawless... We insist that San Onofre is safe."

The problems and unreliable performance is Unit 1 steadily slides downhill. Unit 1 has been especially embarrassing to plant owners Edison and SDG&E during the NRC licensing hearings this summer and fall for the two new units 2 and 3. It raises the issue of competence and responsibility. "Edison has a miserable record of radiation accidents, overexposure to workers, poor operating management, and unreliability in electrical supply to consumers," said Tanja Winter, nuclear critic and spokesperson for Community Energy Action Network (CEAN), San Diego County's main anti-nuclear group. "If the utility can't responsibly operate a small 436 Megawatt plant like Unit 1, how can they be trusted to safely run two giant reactors of 1150 MW each? We are bothered by the fact that the reactor in Unit 2 was installed 180 degrees out of alignment, that it took Edison seven months to discover the error, and the corrective action was to simply reverse the writing in the control room," said Winter.

During November 13-23, CEAN and the Orange County Alliance for Survival sponsored "San Onofre Awareness Week". This included news conferences, vigils, leafletting plant workers, and door-to-door canvassing of San Clemente, Laguna Beach, Oceanside, and other communities in the 10-mile evacuation zone, and the extended emergency planning zone. All this was to

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## Funky La Jolla

Rambling Rosie

Interesting how things around the bureaucracy are kept quiet...Take for example the great cover-up taking place over at the Financial Aids Office. As I mentioned last issue, a series of miscalculations by the bureaucrats has resulted in a situation where people are either getting their financial aid package cut or are getting checks for 80% less than expected. While this in itself is creating havoc with many students' budgetary plans, their problem is compounded because students are not aware of these cuts until it's time to pick up their check. According to several students all they received was a reduced check and a note suggesting that it's a good time to look for a Christmas job...

Meanwhile, students walk over to the job board only to find that because of the hiring freeze imposed by Governor Brown, that jobs are limited—especially non work-study jobs. As thousands of students get shafted, everything continues as it was before...the bureaucracy continues and the bureaucrats continue to collect their pay checks.

Speaking of another kind of cover-up...what ever happened to Joyce Justus? After failing by far the best—in terms of students' concerns—in the Vice-Chancellor of Undergraduate Affairs search process, she was appointed by Atkinson to act as Assistant Chancellor of Affirmative Action. Since that time she has virtually disappeared into oblivion...Oh well, certainly not the first one to be consumed by the bureaucracy...

AS President, Jules Bagneris, has been flying his true colours lately. Somehow he thinks he has the right to overrule Council opinion...A couple of weeks back the AS Council voted by an overwhelming margin to endorse the

picket of the Naval Training Center by a group of UCSD students in protest of possible U.S. intervention in Central America. Bagneris, however, decided to veto that bill arguing that unless the Council can make a real "commitment" to the issue they have no business passing such a resolution...The problem, however, is that the inertia-filled ASers have trouble making any kind of commitment anyway...not to mention that, if they do by chance do real work on progressive issues Bagneris and others will scream on how that is not in the best interests of the "Association".

In another action Bagneris vetoed a resolution passed by the Council asking for a temporary freeze on his (and the V.P.'s) executive budget. If ever there was such a thing as conflict of interest...

Speaking of long-term investments...the AS Council has allocated \$3000 for the purchase of an 'AS vehicle'. While a vehicle such as this is of value to student orgs and media for delivery and pickups, word has it that several Council members voted for the bill so that they can use it to get to 'important' meetings and avoid walking...AS Rules Committee members have noted, however, their intention to make the use of the vehicle difficult for AS Council members and to give student orgs highest priority. Too bad for the junior bureaucrats. Who says life in the AS is an easy feat...

The Student Center Board in the meantime is busy finding a use for the vacant office next to EDNA. Rumor has it that they are tired of meeting in the North Conference Room and have their eyes on that office for their own conference room...with a \$2,000 oak conference table to boot...

Well, that's all for now. See you next year. For those of you writing exams that seem "impossible", remember that only fools make exams that the wise cannot answer...

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educate area residents of the inadequacies of evacuator planning CEAN and the Alliance for Survival are calling for the shutdown of Unit 1 and its decommissioning; conversion of Units 2 and 3 to natural gas, and extension of the evacuation zone up to 30 miles around the plant site while Unit 1 is operating; and an adequate, workable and demonstrated evacuation plan.

The San Onofre week of activities was to draw attention to the fact that the NRC may grant a "low-power test license" for Unit 2 as early as December 1981. "Allowing the low-power license means the plant can operate at about 5% power," said Elli Cohen of the Orange County Alliance for Survival. "This means that once the core of the reactor is radioactive, it is more difficult to convert it to a non-nuclear fuel such as natural gas." A study by the Los Angeles Federation of Scientists has found that it is economically and technically feasible to convert a nuclear plant to another fuel, and that it would financially benefit SDG&E and Edison ratepayers in the long run.

—Jim Jacobson

CEAN Update:

On November 21 we had a tremendous turn-out of 60 people to canvass Oceanside during the morning and afternoon. The responses from people were quite positive and the group of volunteers generated enthusiasm and excitement.

We need more volunteers to canvass in Carlsbad on December 5th. If we get enough volunteers we will also canvass Vista. This canvassing is door-to-door drop-offs—like circulars—no need to ring doorbells. Carpools will leave early morning.

We need more volunteers to canvass in Carlsbad on Sat., Dec. 5th.

Volunteers need to sign-up, so contact CEAN at 275-1162.

There will also be canvassing in January after the holidays. We will need money donated for mailings to the hard-to-reach rural areas.

Sign-up to canvass, the spirits are good, you're doing something worthwhile—educating the public—and you only give up a Saturday morning, with a full free lunch to top it off. Bring your friends.

—Leah Shubin, in behalf of CEAN

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## Local and International Actions Mount Against U.S. War Moves

VADOR, WE DON'T WANT OUR CHILDREN TO BE THE LAST GENERATION, and NUCLEAR WAR IS BAD FOR BUSINESS.

November 27 was the biggest shopping day of the year in San Diego, and the women carried shopping bags with the message SHOPPERS FOR PEACE, NO MORE WAR. Regular Valley shoppers were shocked by the presence of the 50 silent women, though a number of housewives did approach the women later to thank them for their bravery in getting the message out. The mall manager at Mission Valley briefly attempted to remove the women in black, but was soon convinced that they had not broken any of the mall's extensive rules on such matters.

The shopping mall event on November 27 was more successful, by far, than the November 20th picket at the Naval Training Center, receiving both favorable television and newspaper coverage and affecting more spectators. The November 20th picket was hampered by the lack of sufficient notice, by the fact that the Pentagon was simply studying the possibility of invasion or blockade of Nicaragua and Cuba, and by the SWP/CWP's leading role in calling the initial meeting. The November 27th action was clandestine, aimed at a large, captive audience, and organized by women without formal affiliation to any San Diego political group.

## UC Students face \$25 surcharge in spring quarter Budget Cuts May Eliminate UCSD Academic Programs

The San Diego Division of the Academic Senate met on Nov. 24 and heard an address by Chancellor Atkinson focused on the budget cuts imposed by the state. Several weeks back Gov. Jerry Brown ordered a 5% reduction in the base budget of this year, in preparing the 82-83 budget; in addition to take effect immediately, Brown ordered a 2% reduction in the current budget.

Atkinson stated that it was "difficult" to come to grips with the 2% cut for this year "mainly because the fiscal year has already started. Other factors such as the imposition of a \$25 "surcharge" for students beginning Spring quarter, and full-funding received from the state for over-enrollment this academic year will make the size and extent of the cut difficult, Atkinson said. Regarding the 5% cut for the '82-'83 fiscal year Atkinson said the "matter was still vague." A U.C. Regents committee is discussing the cuts with Governor Brown, who has stated his hard-line stand on the issue. Blaming

Reaganomics and the state's fiscal problems, Brown and the rest of the state legislature have played their roles as accomplices to Reagan's attacks in education and other social services.

Next year, UCSD students can expect to see 2.5% of the 5% cut covered by increased fees—this was improved in concept at the last Regents meeting. The other 2.5% cut is expected to come in the form of across-the-board-cuts and elimination of some academic programs. According to Atkinson, it is uncertain exactly how many programs will be eliminated at UCSD.

In other business, the Academic Senate voted to implement a policy that requires full-time undergraduate students to pursue 36 units as "minimum progress" in any 3 consecutive quarters. Failure to do so will make students subject to disqualification from further registration, at the discretion of the provost.

Shirley Lowe

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GEORGE BUSH



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### BUSH PROTEST

Reagan Administration representative George Bush will address a luncheon at the Harbor Island Sheraton Inn on Friday, December 18. Pickets will form at 11 a.m. in front of the hotel.

### SHUTTLES

Shuttles to the picket site will be provided. Pick-up point: Pacific Highway and Cedar Street, adjacent to the San Diego County Administration Building.

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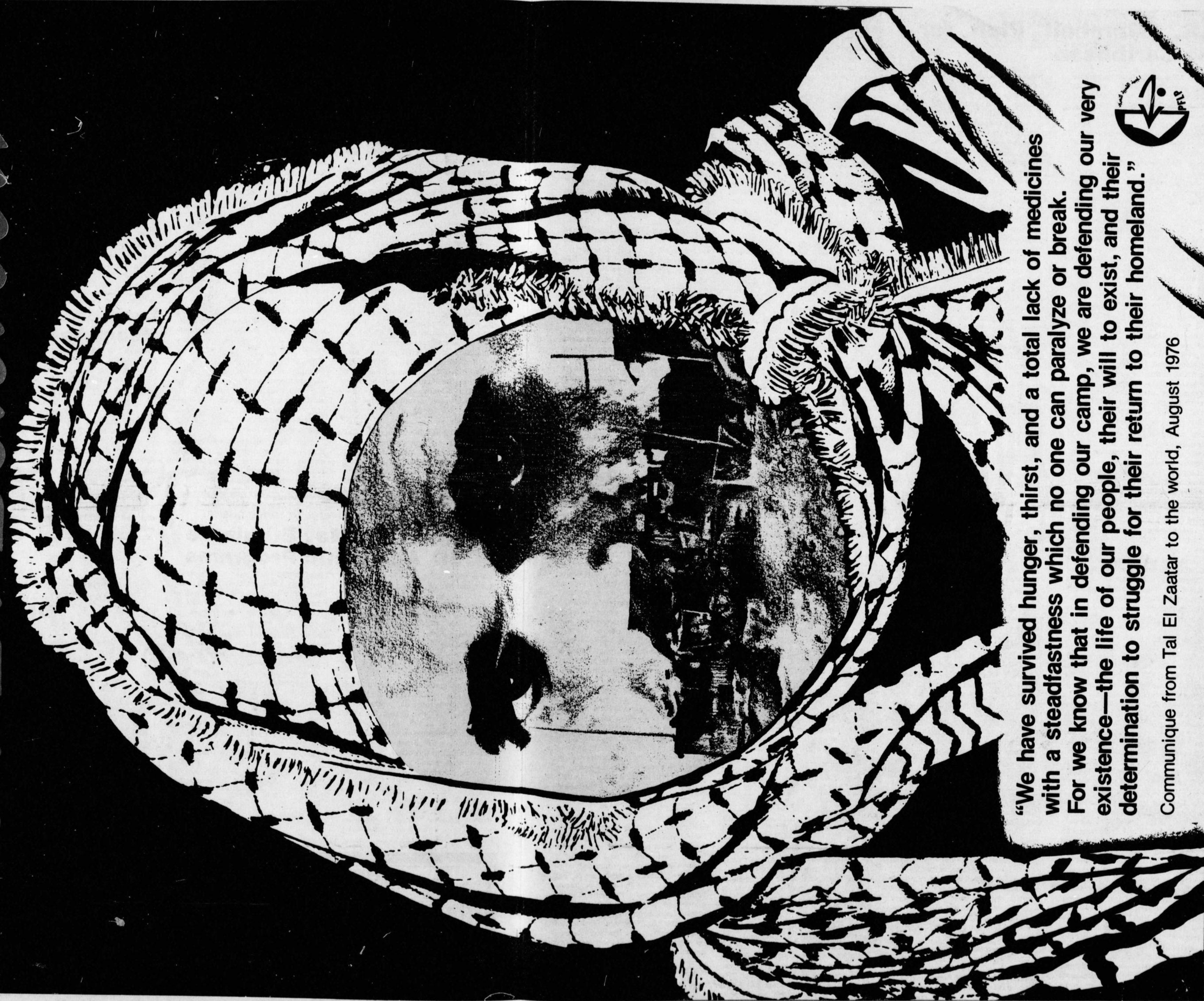
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# Tal El Zaatar



**“We have survived hunger, thirst, and a total lack of medicines with a steadfastness which no one can paralyze or break. For we know that in defending our camp, we are defending our very existence—the life of our people, their will to exist, and their determination to struggle for their return to their homeland.”**



Communique from Tal El Zaatar to the world, August 1976



Counterinsurgency...

# U.S.' Marshall Plan for the Caribbean

Money and guns: for more than eighty years, these have been the main instruments of U.S. foreign policy in Latin America. Shifts of emphasis, variations in approach and some amusing rhetorical flourishes have broken the monotony from time to time, but the main objectives are the old familiar ones: the exclusion of "alien interests" and the maintenance of an open door for U.S. capital's inexhaustible appetite for fresh foreign investment opportunities has been matched by Washington's willingness to apply raw military power on its behalf. The policy failed badly only once—in Cuba, an early victim of U.S. imperialism that finally exorcised the beast in 1959. Now the policy is being threatened again in Nicaragua, in Grenada, and on a different level in Guatemala and El Salvador.

Not since the rule of Salvador Allende's Popular Unity government in Chile from 1970 to 1973 have U.S. interests been so gravely endangered in what Pentagon strategists like to call our "southern flank." Washington intervened materially to assist the overthrow of Allende, and is once again positioning itself for an intervention more dramatic than the mere transfer of arms and advisors. This time, the U.S. government's attention has been arrested by the popular upsurge in Central America against the oligarchies that have ruled on Washington's behalf.

The response of the Reagan administration has been to more than double the flow of weaponry into Caribbean basin countries whose leaders are threatened by popular revolt, and to propose what has become known as a "mini-Marshall Plan." (All references to the Caribbean basin, or the region, refer to the island nation, the countries of Central America not counting Mexico, and to Columbia, Venezuela, Guyana and Surinam on the South American coast.)

This fall, the administration will begin consulting the leaders of industry and Congress to formulate a specific program for the so-called economic development, or "Marshall Plan" component of the Reagan policy. By January 1982, according to the State Department's timetable, a second meeting of the United States and its designated partners in this effort—Mexico, Venezuela and Canada—will have taken place to decide how the plan will be drawn up. As outlined by the administration, the United States will attempt to encourage development in the region by stressing the build-up of local private enterprise (through U.S. aid as well as local government initiative), and the provision by the recipient governments of further incentives for U.S. private investment and trade. Mexico, Venezuela and Canada are supposed to be developing separate plans subject to some kind of coordination with Washington.

As described by Thomas O. Enders, Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs in testimony last July 28 before the House Inter-American Affairs Subcommittee, the plan will emphasize "the supply side...to create new competitive production capacity and take better advantage of the basin's existing resources and capital." So, Enders continued, "we will begin asking these countries as we meet them: What can you do to retain your skilled labor and capital? How can you create predictable, favorable conditions for enterprise? Such ideas as insurance against political risk for domestic as well as foreign investment, investment treaties ensuring fair treatment, regional investment codes, and in general more favorable tax and legal treatment for investments should be considered."

Stephen L. Lande, the Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Bilateral Affairs, told the committee that, "the first step is to identify the major impediments to private investment in the basin and in cooperation with the basin countries to try to devise approaches to remove these impediments." An official of the Agency for International Development (AID) called for major policy changes to stimulate production for the export in the region, and pointed to the example of the Latin American Agribusiness Development Corporation, S.A. "We at AID," added John R. Bolton, AID general council, "are vigorous advocates of supply side foreign assistance."

This openly neo-colonial strategy is being echoed at the World Bank which has proposed across the board currency devaluations, higher prices for basic goods and services, the elimination of trade restrictions, and private takeover of government-owned facilities as a way to establish a "social compact" in which "developing countries would agree to needed economic changes in exchange for the promise of increased aid from the industrial world, both in bilateral grants and credits from the World Bank." The United States is already implementing this policy at the Inter-American Development Bank, where the U.S. representative, in an "unprecedented" move, vetoed a \$20 million low-interest loan to Guyana because it would have supported government subsidies to rice farmers.

Expanded military assistance to friendly governments in the region is an inseparable part of the Reagan "Marshall Plan." In his testimony before the House subcommittee, Enders noted that, in addition to the economic strategy, "military and political aid" are needed to "solve the security and political problems of the area." United Nations Ambassador Jean Kirkpatrick has also called attention to the importance of granting military assistance in tandem with so-called "development" aid. The increase in military aid in fiscal year 1982 is colossal. Under the Foreign Military Sales program, the Pentagon has been authorized to sell an estimated \$50.7 million worth of military articles in fiscal '82 to eleven countries: Barbados, Columbia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Panama, and Venezuela. This represents an increase of 15% over 1980 sales to countries in the region, and a 96% increase over 1981 sales. Funding for the military training of the region's armed forces personnel will leap 178% from fiscal '80 to fiscal '82 to a total of \$4.7 million. Licensed commercial sales of U.S. weapons are estimated to rise 48%, to \$25.3 million.

At the same time, the U.S. Department of Justice has permitted the training of counter-revolutionary exiles in bases in Florida where they are openly preparing attacks on Cuba and Nicaragua in violation of the Neutrality Act. Recently, the Cuban government announced the arrest of five counter-revolutionaries who landed on July 5, 1981 with weapons, explosives, and a plan to assassinate Fidel Castro. And when Secretary of State Alexander Haig accused the Soviet Union of stepping up arm deliveries to Cuba, the Wall Street Journal reported that "U.S. officials have said recently that a series of steps, including some 'actions', are planned for the near future to clarify U.S. policy toward Cuba."

What, precisely, are some of the interests at stake for U.S. corporations in the basin? They were plainly, if crudely, expressed by President Reagan nine days after his inauguration. Responding to a news conference

question about the election of a conservative government in Jamaica, Reagan said: "And I think this opens the door for us to have a policy in the Mediterranean (sic) of bringing them back in—those countries that might have started in that direction—or keeping them in the Western World, in the free world. And so, we are looking forward to cooperate with (Jamaican) Prime Minister Seaga." Two months later, a U.S. AID functionary reminded the State Foreign Relations Committee that "The United States has vital economic and security interests in Latin America and the Caribbean," which together account for 77% of all U.S. investment in the Third World. "The continued health and growth of this large market is vital to our need to increase export earnings...and the importance of foreign sales to our income and employment is likely to be even greater in the future."

At the Pentagon, a spokesperson justified the expanded U.S. military presence in the Caribbean (further described below) as a response to U.S. "strategic interests and security threats." The two main security threats in the Caribbean are Cuban support of insurgent subversion in various countries (by providing arms and training) and the threat to our sea lanes of communication. The military stake in the region was also outlined by Florida Congressman Dante B. Fascell: "We have both a commercial and a military stake in the Caribbean's sea lanes—through which travel—all the naval and commercial vessels using the Panama Canal, a significant proportion of shipping bound to or from the South Atlantic and much of America's imported oil—and a similar stake in the region as a prime source for critical industrial raw materials. Because of the region's location, we have a stake in its use as a military basing point for U.S. installations and—perhaps even more—as a potential one for U.S. adversaries."

The Caribbean holds about one-third of all U.S. investment in Latin America, or about \$5 billion worth. Export-import trade with the region comes to \$16 billion a year. It is still the United States' main source of bauxite, an ore needed to produce aluminum. One-fourth of U.S. petroleum imports are refined or shipped through the Caribbean, and U.S. and Canadian oil companies are intensifying their search for oil in the region where Guyana and Jamaica are said to be the likeliest source of rich deposits. Many of the Caribbean governments are offering highly favorable concessions to foreign oil companies, including permission to retain up to 70% of their profits.

Jimmy Carter, of course, understood all of this as well as Ronald Reagan. Indeed, Carter should be claiming the credit for initiating both the "Marshall Plan" idea and the stepped-up U.S. military presence. In the fall of 1979, Carter's administration revealed the existence of a mysterious Soviet combat brigade in Cuba—a revelation unanticipated by the prompt acknowledgement of the Soviet Union that the brigade had been there since 1962.

Carter used the presence of the brigade to announce, in a dramatic and war-mongering television address to the nation on October 1, 1979 the following actions:

- Expanded U.S. military maneuvers in the Caribbean basin and surveillance of Cuba by U.S. intelligence agencies.
- The establishment of a permanent military headquarters on Key West, to be known as the Caribbean Joint Task Force.

Five weeks later, in a message to Congress, Carter proposed to "expand our support for development and security in Central America and the Caribbean" by spending \$175 million in the coming year on various economic assistance projects. He added that, "We hope that other nations and international institutions will increase

their efforts to accelerate the social and economic development of Central America." The spending program had been planned at least since the spring of 1979, as the rebel forces in Nicaragua were gathering strength for their final victory that summer. A Caribbean Group for Cooperation and Economic Development was formed by the United States and international agencies, and several countries were pledging to spend \$275 million on the Caribbean in 1980.

As one consequence of the "Soviet brigade" scare, the annual military maneuvers in the Atlantic and the Caribbean were expanded. By 1981, the war games had become the "largest U.S. maritime exercise in recent years" combining "a series of previously scheduled exercises into a compressed time period in order to provide realistic and integrated training in a war-at-sea scenario." This year's Atlantic-Caribbean maneuver was called Ocean Venture 81, and the Caribbean phase took place from August 20 under the command of the Joint Task Force in Key West, with units from the Netherlands and the United Kingdom participating. The exercise sent 16,870 U.S. military personnel into the Caribbean on 12 ships and more than 100 aircraft.

This dangerous and provocative show of force may have been Jimmy Carter's idea, but it is also something Reagan clearly relishes as he showed by his delighted response to the U.S. provocation over Libya's Gulf of Sirdra in August 1981. Reagan's recklessness was evident early in 1980, when the presidential candidate told CBS interviewer that a blockade of Cuba was one way to "show the Soviet Union how seriously we take this aggression of theirs" (in Afghanistan). Of course, he added, that was only a suggestion: "There might even be better options than that."

If successfully implemented, the Carter-Reagan plan to "help" the countries of the Caribbean basin will further reinforce their dependence on the United States—politically, economically and militarily. These countries will continue to be at the mercy of the United States as the United States is their principal export market and price-setter for agricultural products (in a region where malnutrition is the main health problem) and raw materials of all kinds. As these governments offer the required "incentives" to U.S. businesses the living standards of their people—already afflicted by rising unemployment and price inflation—will decline further, even as more profits are shipped abroad, and as the already stratospheric levels of external debt skyrocket. The prices they get for their commodities will fluctuate unpredictably, but the prices of imported goods, often including food, will climb higher. The resistance that all of this will evoke among the people will be met by the bullets that the U.S. government has thoughtfully provided to the authorities on generous credit terms. In return for the unpleasant repression that the authorities will be obliged to apply to keep the peace, the Reagan administration will defend their behavior as necessary "authoritarian" repression against "totalitarian" Cuba and the Soviet Union.

This is pretty much how U.S. foreign policy has always been conducted in Latin America. Ronald Reagan has merely restated its premises more plainly, having inherited a situation in which a new and more promising level of popular resistance is talking shape. But like Jimmy Carter and all the presidents before him, Ronald Reagan will never understand the lesson that has been demonstrated again and again in Asia, Africa and Latin America, especially in the last twenty years: The struggle may be postponed, but it will never be defeated.

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Repression continues in Iran...

# Khomeini Regime More and More Isolated from International Community

The reactionary regime of Khomeini becomes more and more isolated from the international community. This is a result of the Mojahedin's world wide exposure of the regime's crimes and its relations with world imperialism and zionism.

Contrary to Khomeini's claims of popularity, he has resorted to executing young children and pregnant women in groups of 50 a day to stay in power.

Since Khomeini's regime is not able to arrest the resistance guerrillas, young revolutionaries and innocent people who have been arrested in street demonstrations or through house to house searches are executed for the "crime" of supporting the Mojahedin and the revolution.

Recently, Mojahed Rajavi in charge of the National Council of Resistance (NCR) exposed documents related to the execution of three more pregnant women and requested Amnesty International for a second time, to investigate these crimes. Last month—AI's request to investigate Iran's prisons was rejected by Khomeini.

However, the National Council of Resistance has successfully reached worldwide attention and exposed the atrocities of Khomeini. In this respect, the German publication, *Aftonbladet*, reported the execution of children (9 to 16 years old) behind the walls of Evin Prison (This prison is known as the most atrocious building in the world.) *Unita*, the official newspaper of the Communist Party of Italy, writes about the Inauguration of Khomeini (the new president) which was accompanied by executions without trial. Also, supporters of Mojahedin and Fedaii Guerrillas, held a demonstration in front of Cuban and Vietnamese embassies in Paris. The representatives of the demonstrators met with the ambassadors of the two nations who condemned the inhumane executions in Iran.

In response to worldwide pressures, Khomeini criticized the government for its weak foreign propaganda. He said in a speech broadcasted on Teheran radio that, "we need to send more people abroad to propagandize the Islamic Republic." He has also ordered the Iranian embassies and interest sections not to extend passports to the Iranian students who oppose the regime, ordering instead to confiscate them.

Mojahed Rajavi in a letter addressed to the General Secretary of the United Nations, Waldheim, has referred to the document regarding the objection of the consular sections of Khomeini's regime in renewing passports of Iranian students, confiscation of their passports, their refusal to furnish students with educational expenses (sponsored by their parents), and imprisonment or execution of the extradited students by Iranian authorities. By calling to attention the charter of the United Nations and Universal Declaration of Human Rights, he has requested:

1. Iranian citizens, if necessity arises, be given the sanction to use United Nations passports.
2. Government of different countries to be notified of the facilities pertinent to consular affairs, residence permits, and the right to work and employment authorization licenses
3. Recommendation to governments of different countries with respect to prohibition of deportation and extradition of Iranian citizens to Iranian authorities which will certainly lead to their torture and executions by the Khomeini regime.

Despite pressures on the progressive and revolutionary Iranian students, they continue to play a decisive role in exposing the reactionary regime of Khomeini as they did under the Shah.

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# American Journal: David Stockman & Reaganomics

Jeez, David Stockman has really done it this time, hasn't he? He went and told the truth about Reaganomics and made the president mad. For that, Stockman had to contritely offer his resignation and apologize to Reagan, claiming he really didn't mean those nasty things he told the Atlantic. Better he should apologize to the American people for lying through his teeth for the past year about the true nature of supply-side economics. That's not likely to happen, however. Stockman likes his job too much to jeopardize it again.

It's interesting casting, Stockman as a whistleblower on the policies he helped sell Congress. Of course, the whistleblowing was unplanned. The whiz-kid budget director thought he was speaking off the record when he let down his blow-dried hair and dissected Reaganomics by allowing that:

"Government budget-cutters made "snap judgements" about what programs to slash during the search-and-destroy hysteria of last summer.

"The pentagon is a "swamp" awash in "blatant inefficiency, poor deployment of manpower (and) contracting idiocy."

"The Kemp-Roth tax cut plan is a "Trojan horse" designed to hide tax breaks for the rich.

"Supply-side economics is just a trendy name for traditional trickle-down policies, in which the rich are allowed to do what they want, in the hopes they'll toss a few crumbs to us when they are finished their feast.

Stockman even acknowledged that, "Whenever there are great strains or changes in the economic system, it tends to generate crackpot theories, which then find their way into the legislative channels." Thank you David. That's just what some of us have been saying for some time, and you put it very nicely.

Stockman will apparently keep his job—at least for now—because of his high visibility and encyclopedic knowledge of the budgetary maze. If only that was the case with the less entrenched but more civic minded government employees. You know the type—federal workers who go public with criticisms of pet Pentagon projects and end up manning a desk in Tierra del Fuego. Or, say, the

diplomat in the Carter years who was so impolitic as to actually apologize to an international conference for destroying the Allende government in Chile, and was then made to apologize for apologizing.

As for Stockman, his mea culpa to the White House is a case study in the fine art of covering one's behind. While sputtering that he didn't mean to embarrass the president, Stockman didn't deny saying what the Atlantic reported, and his explanation that his words don't mean what they say is as strained as Nancy Reagan's smile.

The real point of all this, in any case, is not whether Stockman's career is or isn't in jeopardy, but what the policies he's promoted mean for the country and the world. A hint of that can be gleaned from some statistics out of Washington in recent weeks.

One is the 8 percent unemployment rate, highest since the recession of 1975. The other is the U.S.'s continuing double-digit inflation, a skyrocketing stat that will continue to climb despite the Tweedledum and Tweedledee policies of the Republicans and Democrats, and despite a sly bureaucratic decision to stop including soaring housing costs in the inflation index. That's the way to whip the economy into shape—just jiggle the numbers and redefine your problems out of existence.

Clearly, that solution—so comforting in the suites of Capitol Hill and the chic restaurants of Georgetown—won't wash in the lengthening unemployment lines elsewhere in the country. Reaganomics, as our budget director has acknowledged in spite of himself, is simply a restatement of 19th century laissez faire capitalism, and laissez faire never worked for any but the few millionaires whose descendants now back Ronald Reagan. That's why the reforms of the New Deal were so hastily enacted during the system's most severe crisis. As Reagan and his advisors—with or without David Stockman—undo those reforms, they will not salvage the system. Rather, they will hasten another fiscal collapse, maybe the final one.

David Armstrong

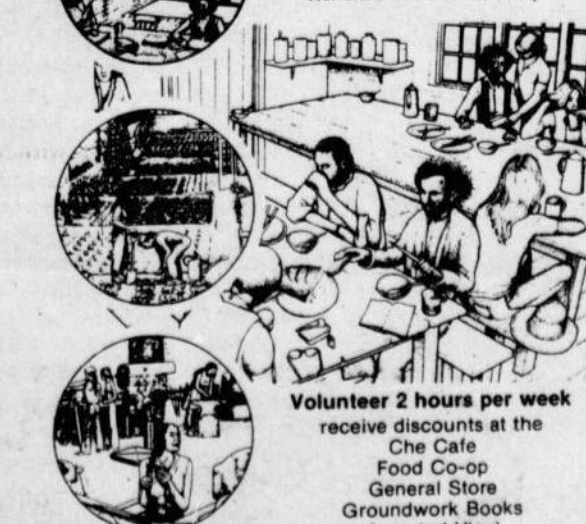
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# Long Stories In Short

## The Pope and the Mission of Women

Pope John Paul II reaffirmed the idea that women's place is in the home, devoting themselves "exclusively to their families." He was willing that they be paid for this, lest having to work outside the home hinder the "primary goals of the mission of the mother."

Industrial Worker

## Hayakawa's Heart won't Break

Republican Senator S. I. Hayakawa of California wants to defuse thousands of American bombs littering Laos, but he's not in favor of removing live bombs from Vietnam. Asked if he really meant to say it was alright for the bombs to kill innocent Vietnamese farmers, Hayakawa replied: "It wouldn't break my heart."

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## Sinful Books Set On Fire

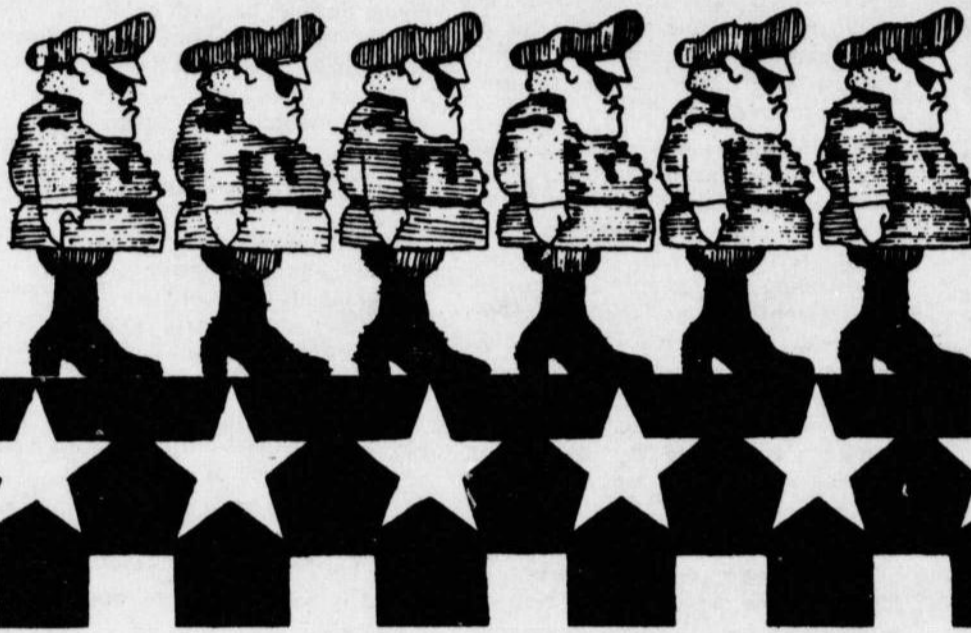
Students of the Omaha Christian School watched as their principal set fire to a pile of sinful publications. Among the materials destroyed were: *National Geographic*, an *Animals* record cover, a *Batman* comic and a *Daffy Duck* comic.

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## Insurance You Can't Take With You

The American Bankers Insurance Company of Miami, Florida is selling mugging insurance at an annual premium of \$79 for city dwellers. For about the same amount the Early American Coffin Guild of San Francisco will sell you a plain pine box suitable for use as a cocktail table or storage chest. You can take it with you.

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## White Collar Crime O.K.?

Crime is where you find it. On September 28, Reagan called crime "an American epidemic," and declared that "retribution should be swift and sure for those who prey on the innocent." On the same day, the *Wall Street Journal* reported that the Justice Department was cutting back on part of its law enforcement efforts.

An apparent inconsistency? Not at all. Reagan's target is the "career criminal"—youthful offenders and drug addicts, for whom "crime is the way they've chosen to live." The Justice Department reductions, on the other hand, came in the "economic-crime specialist" program, which focuses on investigating and prosecuting white-collar crime.

The moral of these stories: if you are going to commit a crime, do it in the boardroom rather than the streets.

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## Castration or Execution?

Nashville Police Chief Joe Casey says that he prefers a public execution of rapists to castration. "My only concern—and I'm not a doctor, so I don't know—is that if we castrate them, we might turn them into homosexuals."

Amazon

## Crime and Punishment of Rockwell

Rockwell International and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration were found at fault in the deaths of two technicians who were asphyxiated when they entered a nitrogen-filled compartment of the Columbia space shuttle during a practice count-down last March. Rockwell was fined \$420.

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## James Watt appoints non-reader to post

Spiro Agnew is back, and his name is Andrew Bailey.

Mr. Bailey, recently appointed by Interior Secretary James G. Watt to head the conservation division of the US Geological Survey, wrote in a 1976 memo, "Inflammatory words such as disturbed, devastated, defiled, ravaged, gouged, scarred and destroyed should not be used" (in environmental impact statements). "These are the words used by the Sierra Club, Friends of the Earth, environmentalists, homosexuals, ecologists, and other ideological eunuchs opposed to developing mineral resources."

The memorandum, was leaked to the Friends of the Earth and turned over to the press in early October. Commenting to the Associated Press, FOE's Geoff Webb said, "It seems that anyone raises legitimate environmental questions is subject to repeated character assassinations by administration officials."

For his part, Mr. Bailey told the AP, "I must have signed (the memo) without reading it. I would know better, even if I thought it, to put something like that in writing." Mr. Bailey told AP that the memo was written by an aide, unidentified, who still works at USGS.

Not Man Apart

## U.S. Military & Its Computer Errors

Twenty-seven major U.S. military command posts around the world are linked by a network of satellites, radar stations, sensors, and warning systems. This network, called Wimex (Work Wide Military Command and Control System) was started in 1962 following the Cuban missile crisis. Wimex was designed to provide attack warning and coordination of U.S. military activities all over the world.

Since its inception, Wimex has been plagued by malfunctions. In 1967, for example, during the Arab-Israeli war, an American warship was fired on because a computer error had kept it from receiving warning information. The 1968 seizure of the U.S.S. *Pueblo* might have been averted if a warning message to the ship hadn't been misrouted by a computer. In 1973, an alert went out to all American ICBM and Strategic Air Command bases when a computer erroneously predicted that a Soviet test missile would land in California, instead of in Siberia where it was targeted. During the 1978 Jonestown, Guyana emergency, Wimex was out of commission for over an hour due to computer problems following a brief power outage.

To eliminate the problems, the Pentagon in 1970 began a standardization project. After 10 years and \$1 billion, Wimex still suffers numerous shortcomings. In 1979, Congress cut several million dollars from the Wimex budget and ordered it slated for replacement. A top C<sup>3</sup> official has complained that stinginess with computer funding results from C<sup>3</sup>'s lack of "glamour."

As a Navy Admiral has stated, "I'd really wonder about an officer who wanted to make a career in computers." Possible disasters arising from the frequent refusal among the armed forces branches to coordinate and share data are apparently not considered important enough to override traditional jealousies. In short, possession of nuclear weapons appears to be much more important to the U.S. military than their reliable and "safe" deployment.

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