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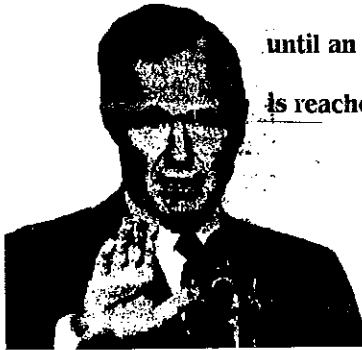
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From a flyer designed in Texas

NUCLEAR TESTING MUST STOP!

"Absurd, costly, dangerous and cumbersome weapons systems such as Starwars, the B2 bomber, the MX missile and the insanely bloated stockpiles of nuclear weapons could serve no purpose whatever in preventing the invasion of Kuwait", says Selma Brackman of the War & Peace Foundation. And yet the U.S. continues to spend more than \$1 billion a week for nuclear war weapons. Even though the Berlin wall has crumbled, nuclear warheads still roll out of the Pantex factory at the rate of 6.4 a day. Waste storage sites in Hanford, WA exhibit signs of blowing up, barrels are leaking off the Farellon Islands, and no new storage site can be found or method agreed on.

GREENPEACE & APT: JOIN US IN NEVADA!

We want a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. The U.S. government is the only stumbling block to such a treaty. From Jan. 7-18, 1991, 118 nations will meet in New York at the United Nations in an effort to persuade the United States and other nuclear nations to begin work on a comprehensive test ban treaty.

We must raise our voices in loud protest once again and bring whatever public pressure we can on the Bush administration to stop the nuclear madness, to stop nuclear testing, weapons production and proliferation.

We plan to gather on Friday, Jan. 4, 1991, to talk with activists from around the world, to share experiences and to strategize. The next day we will meet at the nuclear test site where the U.S. and Great Britain detonate deadly nuclear weapons. ●

For details, call APT in Las Vegas at 702-386-9834.

FROM HIROSHIMA TO BAGHDAD: U.S. Supremacy in the 20th Century

By Jennifer Viereck

It is more and more understood today that the purpose of the United States in dropping the atom bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August, 1945 was not to force Japanese capitulation, as was said at the time. Japan had already agreed to the terms ultimately employed for surrender by July 26th.

"In my opinion", stated Admiral Leahy, Chief of Staff, "the use of this barbaric weapon at Hiroshima and Nagasaki was of no material assistance in our war against Japan. The Japanese were already defeated and ready to surrender."

The truth was even more cold-blooded, calculated and long-ranged. "The bomb", Secretary of State Byrnes told Truman, "might well put us in a position to dictate our own terms at the end of the war because we wouldn't have to make concessions to Russia or anyone else. Our possessing and demonstrating the bomb would make Russia more manageable in Europe."

The bombs were dropped, with no effort to monitor Japanese response between the two, to make clear to the post-war world exactly what ruthlessness the U.S. was willing to employ to ensure its position of supremacy.

THE HISTORY OF THE 'NEW WORLD ORDER'

At times, the U.S. has sought the more civilized channels of diplomacy to maintain its grip on the world. "Since 1915, American presidents have been promoting the ideal of a new world order", John B. Judis stated in a recent In These Times article. "Woodrow Wilson conceived of the League of Nations as a means of eliminating the kind of regional conflicts that led to World War I and of creating a disarmed, open world economy in which American industry could assert its superiority...After World War II, Franklin Roosevelt tried to achieve a similar new world order with the United Nations, but in the face of the Cold War it became a highly polarized debating society."¹ This was greatly exacerbated by the 'veto power' of a handful of nations.

However, history may well remember the U.S. more for its military strongarming in Korea, Vietnam, and other less obvious places and for the underhanded manipulations that forced those confrontations. (One wonders what scrutiny history will bring to bear on the 'evidence' of Iraqi troops massing on the Saudi border in the days after the invasion of Kuwait. Ralph McGehee, ex-CIA says, "There has been no hesitation in the past to use doctored satellite photographs to support the policy position that the U.S. wants supported." In fact, the New York Times reported on Jan. 12, 1987, that during the Reagan administration, 'doctored' intelligence had been given to both Iraq and Iran.)²

Now, forty-five years after the horrors of the atomic bombings, the industrial world has reached another corner in

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Greg Getty and Erik Lopez, shot twice by Contras at age 4.

Greg Getty has been at the tracks of CNWS almost every day for the last 3 years. Before arriving from No. California in Sept. 1987, he was involved in pursuing single-handedly a lawsuit against the CIA and others, in regards to the 'Assassination Manual' that was translated by the CIA from the Vietnamese they originally distributed it in, and redistributed to the Nicaraguan Contras. His case was dismissed by the Supreme Court earlier this year.

THE RELATIVE LEGALITY OF MURDER

Why Three Years at the Tracks

By Greg Getty

Where can I begin? A is for assassinated, a word I learned at 10, when our teacher ran down to the schoolyard Nov. 22, 1963. In the next 10 years millions more were assassinated after President Kennedy's Viet Nam withdrawal orders were cancelled. Most of the weapons responsible were shipped from the Naval Weapons Station north of Concord.

This, more than anywhere else, is where we have sanctioned these murders. We have no choice but to choose. At the tracks, or anywhere that the public's right of way crosses the government's or the military's, our consent is required. Nowhere else have I really been asked about Panama style civilian bombing, or spending a million a week to blow up Angolan civilians (who we've given the highest amputee rate and 200,000 dead). At the tracks, where these atrocities are made possible, they do ask me to stand aside. But if I stand aside as they ask, that would declare that I think them not criminal, and cause me to further participate in the crimes I already fund by taxes and commerce.

The only way I can hope to live happily with myself is by expressing my anger at these murders, not by further homicide, but by placing myself between our weapons and their victims, (as I had wanted to do with Brian Willson and VPAT in Nicaragua) until the murders stop and the murderers are prosecuted.

Our dear Rev. Dave Duncombe completed a productive three weeks in jail in August after Judge Cunningham (formerly with US Army Intelligence) refused to allow his defense of

preventing crimes in progress (e.g. blocking shipments toward systematic murder of fellow clergy and others in El Salvador). Jurors later said they would have acquitted him if they had heard that defense.

Dave could not talk about the Constitution's International Law provisions because of a change in legal precedents after Malcom Lucas, the Governor's ex-law partner, replaced Chief Justice Rose Bird on the bench largely because of her death penalty policies. One of the death sentences she remanded for a new trial was that of Patrick Hooty Croy, a Native American convicted ten years ago for killing a policeman. At his retrial, I recently watched officers of this state try to kill him for the third time. During the first attempt, if he had not fired, in words from the jury that acquitted him during the second trial, "...he would be dead". The supposed evidence of the robbery hours before was the outside of a box of 22 rounds. It was weathered and missing the store price sticker. Govt. experts told us with straight faces that pack rats had taken the casings of many shells supposedly fired.

The jury found there never was a robbery, but his unarmed sister who was shot in the back remains locked away, denied parole. (Norma Jean Croy Defense Committee, 473 Jackson St. 3rd Fl., San Francisco CA 94111, 415-986-5591) In the prosecution's own words, Sheriffs told them to come out, counted... and opened fire, shooting unarmed women in the back as they fled, just like at Wounded Knee a century before. The rules haven't changed.

In 1879, the District Attorney for the US argued that Indians were "not persons within the meaning of the law". But in US ex rel. Standing Bear v. Crook, 5 Dillon 453 (from pg. 342 in Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee) Judge Dundy ruled that the rights of Indians under the Constitution's Habeus Corpus clause (Art. I, sec. 9.2) could not be denied them.

But in 1986, in defending William Casey in my lawsuit regarding the Psychological Operations Manual, US District Court Judge Milton L. Schwartz took the opposite view by granting the US a motion to dismiss my suit. He cited the ALVA case as precedent, saying that the distress of Animal Lovers at the Navy's shooting of goats on San Clemente Island did not give them standing to sue. Therefor my distress to participate in shooting the natives of Nicaragua would not either. In October 1989, the US Supreme Court upheld the Administration's view. The victims of the unconstitutional assassination manual "would enjoy no rights".

This lawsuit relates to the defense of necessity, showing that an alternative to the act in question that has been exhausted. I have blocked weapons shipments about 50 times, and never been convicted. My April 1989 trial was dismissed as Attorney Steve Houghton and I had asked. The motion to dismiss noted my right to restrain a crime in progress (Sec. 692 CPC). It stated that if the California courts refuse to examine the crime of arming Death Squads being committed by federal officials and allow my only defense, I could not be given a fair trial here, and jurisdiction should be federal.

Despite the hearing date announced in the Sept. newsletter, I am still waiting to be tried. We get lots of notices from the Sheriff's Dept. but it is only when the District Attorney has brought charges that we have a trial, (and even then, not usually). ●

SHORT TAKES

SOME MONARCHS DO NEED OUR PROTECTION

Contrary to the general trend against bond initiatives and conservation measures on election day, voters in Pacific Grove on the Monterey Bay overwhelmingly approved the purchase of just 2.7 hotly contested coastal acres, which are used as a gathering site by monarch butterflies migrating from Alaska and Canada. The owner of the land has been trying to develop it for housing for the human species.

SOME MONARCHS DON'T...

According to the South China Morning Post, some unlucky princess's birthday plans went all askew with the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. Diamate Impex, a Hong Kong jewel manufacturer, is stuck with the pearl and ruby encrusted crown that was ordered as a gift for the princess. Nancy Pierce suggests that this might be a job for 'Ladies Against Women': to take up a collection and get that crown to the princess to whom it rightfully belongs. Maybe Fawn Hall could be spokesperson...

The Post also tells us that in August, Sheik Eynani of Saudi Arabia, advisor to Prince Faisal when on the job, ran up a record loss of \$131.29 million at the roulette tables in Cannes. Although the sheik did have enough in his account to write a check for 60% of the loss, he was reportedly worried that King Fahd would be angry at his frivolity during his country's time of crisis. The sheik is reported to own several villas in Cannes. One might wonder what advice he gives the Prince that is worth such an extraordinary income.

FROM THE PENTAGON TO THE PENITENTIARY

According to the LA Times, we will see another round of activity as soon as next month from the Justice Dept.'s investigation of their brethren in the War Dept. The 'Ill Wind' investigation of Pentagon procurement fraud has so far produced 39 convictions of defense executives, consultants, former govt. officials and corporations, and generated \$24.4 million in criminal fines, jail terms, forfeitures, civil penalties and other recovery.

The down side is that in no way are any of these people barred from doing business with the Pentagon in the future, because of, guess what--national security! Better to have a criminal bomb maker than an inexperienced bomb maker, or worse yet, a disgruntled bomb maker, according to those that supposedly know.

SOME CONNECTIONS ARE HARD TO BREAK...

William Webster, CIA Director, married Lynda Jo Clugstone on October 20. She is the head of marketing at the Watergate Hotel in Washington DC.

ON THE MAGNIFICENCE OF MANMADE OBJECTS...

For 5,000 years, the largest man-made object on planet Earth has been the Great Wall of China. However, in 1991 its unique position of splendor will be eclipsed by the Fresh Kills Landfill of Staten Island, NY, a pile of garbage weighing in at three billion cubic feet. ●

SETTLEMENTS EXPAND IN WEST BANK

While the Intifada continues, Israeli settlement expansion and land confiscation in the West Bank and Gaza Strip continues to accelerate. The US administration announced in early October that it was releasing the \$400 million in housing loan guarantees that Congress voted for Israel and that it had received adequate guarantees that the funds would not be used to settle new Soviet Jewish immigrants in the occupied territories. Meanwhile, Israel plans to expand existing settlements, the homeless population in Israel grows, and Soviet Jewish immigration proceeds at the current rate of nearly 20,000 new immigrants per month. The Palestine Human Rights Information Center in Jerusalem reports that in the last month alone, more Palestinian land was confiscated in the West Bank than in the entire previous year.

There are presently 88,000 Jewish settlers in the territories. This figure does not include the 120,000 Jewish residents of occupied East Jerusalem. Shamir has explicitly stated in recent days that the "promises" made to Bush and Baker did not include East Jerusalem, since Israel does not consider it "occupied territory".

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THE TEMPLE MOUNT MASSACRE

There is a very important article in the Nov. 14-20 In These Times by Michael Emery, in which three video tapes and numerous witnesses are examined to recreate a moment-by-moment account of what happened. It begins:

"When 17 Palestinians were killed and 150 wounded on Oct. 8 by Israeli Border Police on the grounds of Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock, it was widely assumed that the Israeli "over-reaction" was precipitated by the stoning of Jews worshipping below at the Wailing Wall.

"But a detailed comparison of media coverage from Oct. 9 to Nov. 5 with numerous pieces of public and private evidence--including three videotapes of the area during the massacre--produces a picture disturbingly different from the one provided by the major American news outlets and by Israeli officials.

Contrary to common belief, a huge number of Palestinians did not initiate the violence by deliberately positioning themselves behind the Western Wall of the compound and hurling rocks at thousands of Jews praying on the other side of the wall. The hail of stones shown repeatedly on TV newscasts and thereafter cited by a legion of Israeli advocates actually filled the sky long after Jewish worshippers had left the Wailing Wall plaza. Those stones, aimed at police, came from Palestinians brought to the height of rage several minutes before during a violent battle with Border Police inside the walled compound." ●

(For a complete copy of the lengthy article, send SASE.)



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history. Dust is settling over the line drawn between NATO and Warsaw Pact nations, and there is no longer a need to "manage the Russians in Europe". The U.S. is once again jockeying for position at the top of the pack.

Gen. Colin Powell stated it quite bluntly on the eve of the U.S. invasion of Panama, "We have to put a shingle outside our door saying 'Superpower Lives Here', no matter what the Soviets do, even if they evacuate from Eastern Europe."³

Despite the show of diplomacy by the Bush administration in the early days of the Gulf stand-off, official policy seems to be lurching back in the direction of knee-jerk barbarism and genocide. It appears now that U.S. citizens had better move fast to stop another epic catastrophe.

THE POST-COLD WAR WORLD

"It may sound like an odd thing to say, but I don't think we fully understand [that] the decline of the Soviet Union might lead to our decline as well," Senator David Boren observed in April, 1990. "As long as there was an external Soviet threat, as long as there was a threat from the Warsaw Pact, as long as we were providing the shield of military protection for them [European nations and Japan]...they needed the United States." Would they be as willing to take U.S. direction under the new order? Boren's answer was "I don't think so."⁴

In the early days of the latest Mideast crisis, some laudable words were heard from the White House on the importance of the United Nations and the precepts of international law. While these sentiments seemed a little rusty, rode somewhat roughshod over federal laws such as the War Powers Act, and apparently were not significant enough for the U.S. to pay up its back dues to the U.N., (some \$500 million, and 70% of the total debt), the hopeful among us waited expectantly. Signs from Washington have careened between statements of soothing diplomacy to abrupt releases of massive numbers of additional troops. The latest, only hours after the polls closed behind a small percent of America's reluctant voting public on Nov. 3rd, 1990, seemed to be the final brush stroke in painting U.S. options into the proverbial corner. Bush announced that he would send at least 100,000 additional troops, (raising the total forces in Saudi Arabia to near that of the entire Iraqi army), and not rotate out those already blistering in the desert sun. In addition, with the new troops, the ratio of U.S. to other international forces would increase from two to one to three to one, thus straining that much further the credibility of a 'multilateral force'.⁵

THE NEW WASHINGTON ORDER: THE WAR AT HOME

To better understand the current situation, it is helpful to look at what schools of thought have been forming in Washington since the first ruptures in the Berlin wall, and to see who has audience with White House ears.

In *The Nation*, Oct. 15, 1990, Michael T. Klare paints an interesting picture of two developing poles of thought, 'geo-economic' and 'geo-strategic'. "The first, advocated by a broad spectrum of political and financial interests, calls for a scaled back U.S. military establishment and a greater U.S. investment in science, technology, education and trade

development. If we are to compete successfully in world markets, this position holds, we must become more like Germany and Japan—that is, we must spend less on military forces and more on domestic industrial revitalization."⁶

That view was recently articulated clearly by George McGovern. "The main reason the United States should welcome a peaceful outcome in the Middle East is that our economic and social problems at home are, in the longer term, vastly more important to our security and well-being than anything facing us in the Middle East."⁷

Klare goes on to describe the alternative 'geo-strategic model', held by "the political and economic forces that have long associated U.S. power and prosperity with a strong defense and a significant military presence abroad", as "a model that entails a conspicuous U.S. role in guarding the Western world's principal trade routes and sources of raw materials against insurgency, sectarian violence and regional adventurism of the sort practiced by Saddam Hussein."⁸

The manual for this model is described by Justin Schwartz in the *Guardian*. "In January 1988, "Discriminate Deterrence", the report of Ronald Reagan's Commission on Integrated Long-Term Strategy, drafted by cold warriors like former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and former National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski, urged the Pentagon to shift its emphasis to Third World conflicts, buying more forces capable of projecting U.S. power such as aircraft carrier groups, tactical air forces and long-range airlift capacity."⁹

Gen. A.M. Gray, Commandant of the Marine Corps, wrote in *May*, in reference to those troublesome Third World nations where the working poor are at odds with U.S. corporate development, "If we are to have stability in these regions, maintain access to their resources, protect our citizens abroad, defend our vital installations, and deter conflict, we must maintain within our active force structure a credible military power projection of capability with the flexibility to respond to conflict across the spectrum of violence throughout the globe."¹⁰

Of this ongoing debate, Klare says, "Its outcome entails extraordinary consequences for all concerned. At issue are such questions as (1) who will control America's foreign policy establishment in the years ahead; (2) which of the giant federal bureaucracies will prosper and which will fall into decline; (3) which of our states and communities will be the beneficiaries of government spending and which will be deprived; and, likewise, (4) which giant corporations will receive lucrative government contracts and which will not. At issue in this contest, in other words, is the relative power, wealth and prestige of America's top movers and shakers...At stake here is not only the total volume of dollars that will flow to the Defense Dept. in the years ahead but also their proportional distribution among the four military services—and, within the services, among the units devoted to nuclear, conventional and low-intensity conflict."¹¹

Now, if you add to this portrait of a shark feeding frenzy in downtown Washington, a few thoughts about the potential demise of our military bases in the Philippines and elsewhere around the globe as well, and the somewhat dubious history of our relationship with Saudi Arabia, you see just what a hornet's nest Saddam Hussein rolled his midnight army into.

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WHY WE LOVE THE SAUDIS SO

A recent Nation editorial tell the story clearly. "Ever since oil was discovered in Arabia, on the eve of World War II, the United States has built its Middle East policy around the control of that substance: its production, pricing and flow through the waterways and pipelines of the region. Successive administrations have overthrown the government of Iran, bribed Egypt, created an Israeli client, sent troops to Lebanon (twice), patrolled the Persian Gulf and engaged in hundreds of high jinks and low tricks both blatant and covert... The whole edifice almost crumbled in the wake of the Israeli-Arab wars of 1967 and 1973, but the basic deal was successfully renegotiated."¹²

The basis of U.S. Saudi rapport has always been oil for arms, with Saudi profits being invested in U.S. banks and assets as well. The protestations of Israel have been softened for official U.S. ears by Saudi assistance with such tarnished trouble spots as the Nicaraguan Contras, the Afghani mujahedeens, Angola's Unita rebels, and even the hideous Renamo of Mozambique.

ON THE SUBJECT OF OIL

The usual cliches about the U.S. and cheap oil are often misleading. Joel Bleifuss reports the results of a report by two Texas University students: "Oil prices have doubled not because there is an actual oil shortage but because of speculation in the oil-futures market driven by the current U.S. escalation. On Sept. 26, Oil Daily reported European Economic Community Energy Commissioner Antonio Cardoso Cunha as saying that the rise in the price of oil was "totally unjustified and indefensible", that oil stocks in Europe and elsewhere were at "unusually high levels" and that the loss of Iraqi and Kuwaiti oil had "been made up"...Conrad Gerber, president of Petro-Logistics Ltd., which monitors OPEC output [said that] "OPEC could end up in the ridiculous situation of a production surplus even without Iraq and Kuwait."¹³

Additionally, the price of oil must be refigured before the adjectives are chosen. Alan Tonelson and Andrew K. Hurd of the Economic Strategy Institute point out that "the real price of imported oil should include:

The \$40 billion to \$45 billion that America spends on military forces assigned to protect the oil flow; The nearly \$6 billion the United States doles out annually in aid to Israel, Egypt and Pakistan. Add the military and foreign aid costs to America's 1989 oil-import bill of \$13.3 billion and the price of Middle East oil that year was \$80 a barrel."¹⁴

WHAT IS BUSH REALLY PLANNING?

Given the rapid mobilization of anti-war forces at home and the total lack of real support abroad, it seems likely that Bush will resort to the tried and true covert tactic, the weekend war.

According to the French magazine L'Express, an aide to Defense Secretary Dick Cheney revealed plans for a four-day, four part war, beginning on a moonless night, and resulting in up to 20,000 U.S. casualties.¹⁵ In case you don't know what 20,000 Americans looks like, that's how many marched in New York on October 20th to denounce plans for war. This could explain the administration's strange announcement in early October, that it will not honor those killed in

Operation Desert Shield with traditional homecoming honor-ghastly footage on the evening news.

Another Paris publication, the Intelligence Newsletter, claiming reliable inside sources, states that Bush has chosen to follow a CIA proposal to fight a "limited war, circumscribed to Kuwait, which leaves the possibility of negotiations open...There is nothing against such a scenario to the extent that the U.S. and Iraq have both obtained more or less what they were aiming at via the crisis which began with the invasion...The current crisis has amply demonstrated that Saudi Arabia and the Gulf emirates are incapable of guaranteeing regional security. In the future, it will therefore be difficult for them to refuse permanent American military bases...It has already been decided that Iraq will retain control of the island of Bubiyan and the contested [Rumaila] petroleum field, that its external debt toward other Arab countries will be erased and that the new Kuwait will accept a sort of Finlandization in relation to Iraq."¹⁶

Alexander Cockburn reports that "a White House staffer privy to war plans recently confided in a foreign journalist that among the first targets of U.S. bombers over Baghdad would be the satellite uplinks, thus diminishing, or at least delaying the transmission of disturbing pictures."¹⁷ This tactic worked well in Panama, where journalists were held at U.S. bases for two days while GIs mopped up the carnage with flamethrowers and hastily dug mass graves.

THE CONGRESSIONAL RESPONSE

While most elected officials in Washington were content, at least in the beginning, to let the White House do their job for them, a few still seem capable of independent thought. Nebraska's Senator Bob Kerrey, a veteran of Vietnam, gave an incredible Senate speech on Sept. 19, saying in part, "At this moment, I believe our military action was improperly rationalized, incompletely thought out and dangerous. It is dangerous because it could provoke the war we seek to prevent...Recall that not long ago our Commerce Dept. was cabling 'Hooray for you!' to American entrepreneurs seeking to export nuclear-weapons technology to Iraq...Imagine if [the president] had told us of his willingness to comply with a Saudi request for armed support, but also shown us the intelligence photographs which made the Saudi request credible...Imagine if he had told us of the need to take arms to defend a new world order, but also explained exactly what that new world order is...We should be careful-very careful-not to let our foreign policy be completely dominated by the concerns of those who sell oil and weapons..."¹⁸

Congressman Ron Dellums of California was joined by eighty-two colleagues in a statement which stated that "We are emphatically opposed to any offensive military action," and went on to express their concern "that the Administration may attempt an end-run around the Constitution." They demanded that Bush "not undertake any offensive military action without the full deliberation and declaration [of war, by Congress] required by the Constitution."¹⁹

Dellums and a number of others have gone on to press a lawsuit seeking to press those demands. With a comparatively liberal judge appointed by Carter, who has already fought the Justice Dept.'s efforts to remove him from the case, this situation will bear watching. continued on page 6

WHAT DOES THE US PUBLIC WANT?

Apparently not what they're getting. Polls as early as October 1st indicated that nine out of ten Americans do not want the U.S. to start a war, that half would be suspicious if the U.S. said that Iraq started it, and 70% said that the U.S. shouldn't even think of starting a war until the embargo was given a chance to work.²⁰

Cockburn again: "In Congress, they say the mail from constituents is running five or ten to one against. The Catholic bishops have warned Bush" about their concerns.²¹

Overseas troops have voiced clear discontent from the beginning over issues ranging from overt racism to government disinformation to gross mismanagement. Now that rotation has been disallowed, the feelings can only get worse.

The most difficult aspect for the average incredulous citizen is to get real information for consideration, from either a president who has apparently lost control, or a press that is only inches from his heels.

THE 'BUTCHER'S BILL'

Daniel Ellsberg, who was deep in the bowels of the Pentagon at this stage of the Vietnam War, has put together a list of grisly but vital questions for Congress to consider. Among them: "(1) What are the best estimates of the civilian casualties that would result from comprehensive U.S. airstrikes against Iraq and Iraq-occupied Kuwait? (2) What are the best estimates of U.S., allied and Iraqi casualties in an air/ground/amphibious offensive to retake Kuwait under various assumptions? (What is the range of uncertainty? The worst case? What are the premises and the methodology of the calculations?) (3) Under what conditions might the ground war be extended throughout Iraq, and what then would be the estimated U.S. and civilian casualties? (4) What is the range of casualties that could be inflicted by Iraqi retaliatory attacks, including chemical warfare, on Israel, Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia? What is the likelihood and scale of suicidal terrorist attacks on the West?... (5) What would be the effect of highly probable Israeli intervention, alongside the United States, on our current alliances and on prospects for collaborative peacekeeping in the region? (6) What is the likelihood of popular uprisings against Arab or Muslim regimes now aligned with the United States, involving us in widespread counterinsurgency campaigns? (7) And what would be the effects on the world economy of possible Iraqi retaliation against regional oil production?"²²

Admiral Gene La Roque, of the Center for Defense Information, has put forward a ten step detailed plan for peaceful resolution of the conflict under the auspices of the United Nations, which he sent to General Brent Scowcroft on October 19, 1990. Others, ranging from Gorbachev to George McGovern have put forward various plans which include ways to address the Iraq crisis in the eventual overall context of other Mideast conflicts and human and civil rights issues.

In fact, with all this great free advice, it's amazing that it's still costing the U.S. taxpayer about a billion a month to maintain this showdown, let alone what we're paying the guys that think this stuff up.

Ultimately, it is the American people, as our forefathers intended, who must move quickly to raise their voice. We must make the price at home too high to pay, for unless the

Executive branch is reigned in, and reigned in quickly, the best in sight is another Vietnam, and the worst is another Hiroshima. I just don't think, as they put quill to parchment, that they intended it to be this hard.

This material, with additional information, is available as a booklet entitled The Oil War Primer for \$1 from Jennifer Viereck, Nuremberg Actions, PO Box 13, Boulder Creek CA 95006

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EYEWITNESS FROM PANAMA:

Report from Marge Van Cleef, Pledge of Resistance

"In the cities, two US soldiers accompany one member of the Panamanian Police Force, the reconstituted Panamanian army, which was formed after the invasion. They are reported to have done sweeps of 700 people, each time, in the poorest and black neighborhoods, ostensibly because of suspected drugs and weapons-carrying. When we asked the Ambassador Deane Hinton about the presence of US military beyond the Canal Zone, he replied, "There is no Canal Zone at this time". In other words, "we" have legitimized our presence everywhere.

18,000 persons were made refugees by the invasion, some living in "occupied" areas, one of the most remarkable being the Albrook AFB hangars, where 3,000 people live in very small cardboard cubicles with 20 showers and toilets for women and 10 for men. We spent a few hours there, listening to those that dared speak to North Americans. They are surrounded by barbed wire fences, carry IDs and must pass through gates patrolled by US MPs (as US soldiers are called at present). Their two meals a day are brought by truck, paid for by USAID and served by the Red Cross. They fill up plates and eat in their cubicles, there being no gathering place for people to sit together. The remaining refugees are fending for themselves, with the exception of the 65 families at Colon who, after 3 sit-ins, have been given temporary housing at Coco Solo on an old US Army base. All refugee families of the invasion have been promised \$650 for new homes and \$800 for furnishings, which is not adequate, and none of it has been received as of our visit in August."

Meanwhile, Noriega resides in a Florida jail suite consisting of a conference room, a bedroom, and an office equipped with a computer, exercise bike, shredder and two safes. The recent federal court decision that the kidnapping of Dr. Humberto Alvarez Machain from Mexico by US DEA agents was illegal seems to raise some interesting questions regarding the future of the Noriega/Bush showdown. Machain is a suspect in the murder of DEA agent Kiki Camarena. The judge ordered that he be returned to Mexico. ●

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MASS PROTEST DEMONSTRATION

NEVADA TEST SITE SATURDAY JANUARY 5, 1991

Join thousands of people in nonviolent protest on the eve of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty Conference at the United Nations in New York on January 7-18, 1991. 119 Countries will meet to try to achieve a total ban on testing, but US Government says it will veto the Treaty. Demonstrate to the world that the US government does not represent the American people, 75% of whom support a Comprehensive Test Ban.

We will be joined by hundreds of international activists from test site regions and many other countries, including indigenous people from Kazakhstan and Novaya Zemlya, USSR, from the South Pacific and from the Western Shoshone Nation-on whose land US and British testing takes place.

US intervention in the Middle East brings us closer than ever to nuclear war and makes the urgency for a total test ban, as the first step in nuclear disarmament, greater than ever. US testing fuels the arms race by developing first strike and star wars weapons; takes place illegally on native Western Shoshone land; destroys the fragile Great Basin ecosystem; and takes desperately needed resources away from human needs.

in the West contact:

- American Peace Test
P.O. Box 26725
Las Vegas, Nevada 89126
(702) 386-9834
ATTN: International Conference

in the East contact:

- Greenpeace USA
1436 U Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20009
(202) 462-1177
ATTN: Nuclear testing


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- I will () come to the Conference, please send me information.
() come to the Demonstration, please send me information.
() need information about travel accommodations in Las Vegas.
() be a key contact in my area and organize, please send me information.
() need nonviolence training, let me know where.
() do nonviolence trainings in my area; I am a trainer.
() I have had nonviolence training and would like to be a trainer.

TRACK RECORD:

December 1st, 1990 is the 1,269th day of consecutive witness at the railroad tracks of the Concord Naval Weapons Station. As we sat there watching semi trucks of missiles roll in, the day after Thanksgiving, I could not help but reflect on what evil has been wrought in the brief hundred years or so since a Miwok Indian village sat on that same spot, on the edge of a beautiful salt marsh teeming with over 10,000 living species. It is now next to a Shell oil refinery, the TOSSCO chemical plant, and the victim of over 400,000 gallons in oil spills in the last few years.

Missiles, we read in the press, are what will minimize American casualties in the Middle East, while maximizing Iraqi dead. It must be so much easier to pull the trigger when the victim is not even in your sights.

This last month has seen seven trains at CNWS, with 54 boxcars going to the piers, and 23 coming in for storage. Many trucks were not logged because of poor weather and lack of vigilers, but one day showed 14 semis at the front gate alone.

Vigilers arrested this month for trying to stop weapons vehicles from proceeding were: Dorothy Brownold (twice), Greg Getty (3 times), Larry Harper, Woody Schwartz, Mary Jorgensen, Steve Frein and Abraham Zwickel. Thank you all!

In responding to the vigil, Americans continue to be polarized here, as elsewhere. We have had people who have not visited the vigil since Sept., 1987; we have also had people who look suspiciously like young off-duty military personnel destroying and stealing vigil materials at night. Gifts have ranged from Thanksgiving dinner to dead skunks.

Often, we are finding that there is one or two people at the vigil for long periods of time. This is lonely, and dangerous. If you are able to visit, however briefly, it would be very heartening. Please plan to be as autonomous as possible. People who have had little sleep (and would love to get away for some peace and quiet and a hot shower) cannot always live up to other's standards of a welcoming committee. However, know that you are deeply appreciated. Dress warmly, bring hot tea and a sign if you wish. Toilet available. ●

This issue is the combined December/January issue of Between the Lines. The next issue will be February, 1991, and will include articles on Guatemala, Nicaragua, and whatever else the federal government throws our way. Happy Holidays to You!

This newsletter is the mostly monthly publication of Nuremberg Actions, and is sent to N.A. supporters who request it. Additional donations make it possible to distribute it more widely for educational purposes.

The goal of the newsletter is to support citizens' rights in calling for just, sustainable non-exploitive policies from government and business alike, through nonviolent, creative and responsible means. Submissions accepted to 20th of month. Editor and Publisher: Jennifer Viereck

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WHERE TO BE, WHEN TO BE THERE:

AT THE TRACKS:

12/13--- Redwood Friends, Sonoma County, War Tax Resistors. Nonviolence discussion group with David Hartsough.

12/16--10:00 am Buddhist Morning of Meditation. Sitting and walking. Rides leave Berkeley Zen Center at 9:15, 1933 Russell St.

Every Thursday: Blockade Training with David Duncombe.

MT. DIABLO PEACE CENTER WEEKLY CONCORD VIGILS:

12/1--Noon-2 pm Concord National Guard Armory, 2925 Willow Pass Rd. Join to oppose a military solution in the Gulf.

12/7--5:30-7:30 pm Candlelight vigil at recruiting station 548 Contra Costa Blvd. (Pacheco) Pleasant Hill

12/14--5:30-7:30 pm Candlelight vigil at recruiting station 313 Sycamore Valley Rd. West (San Ramon Val. Dr.) Danville

12/21--5:30-7:30 pm Candlelight vigil at recruiting station 1600 A St. (16th) Antioch for more info: 415-933-7850

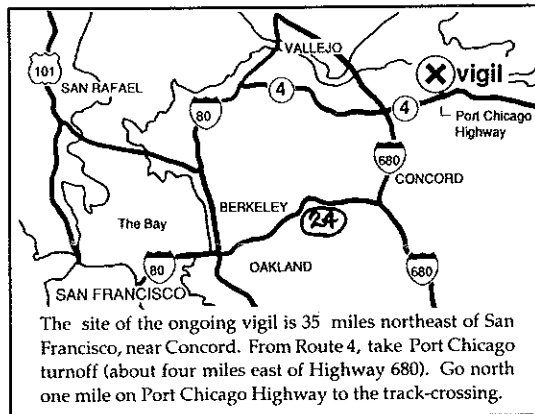
IN THE BAY AREA:

12/1--10:30 am-5 pm People's Speakout Against War in the Middle East, SEIU Hall, 240 Golden Gate, SF

12/5--7:30 pm Music and Poetry: For an End to Nuclear Testing Dlzhas Suleimenov, Soviet Poet and Anti-nuke leader, with many others. \$5-10. First Unitarian Church, Geary/Franklin SF, Tickets: Cody's, Modern Times, City Lights

12/9--4-6 pm Human Rights Day Celebration, St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave, Berkeley \$5 req.

12/29--The Ride to Wounded Knee, a video, will be shown on PBS, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the massacre of Wounded Knee, when hundreds of unarmed men, women and children were slaughtered as they waited to surrender. ●



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