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# Caribbean crisis

# tenants mount offensive movement

By Elizabeth Elder

After all the years we spent in the streets - marching, getting beat up and gassed, jailed, sometimes even killed - trying to let our government know that we weren't behind the war they were waging in S. E. Asia;

After millions of people in the U.S. protested until finally the government was forced to withdraw American troops;

After the Vietnamese, having endured so much, could not be beaten by "the world's best military machine";

After all of it, the folks who were responsible for Vietnam have not yet gotten the message somehow, though it was loud and clear. It has not sunk in through their thick Neanderthal skulls, because the U. S. Government is at this moment cooking up a new war for us, only this time the target is a lot closer to home, as near as the Caribbean, and specifically Nicaragua, though Cuba and El Salvador are also good bets.

And these madmen-in-charge with the terminal case of "frontier hangover" are trotting out and dusting off the very same old lies and tricks they used to get us into the last one (remember the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution?) and the one before that (remember the one about the communist hordes flooding across the 38th Parallel?) and military adventures as far back as the last century.

I wasn't alive when "Remember the Maine" was the rallying cry that sent us into the Spanish-American War, when many of the American people, like so many sheep (lemmings?), followed blithely along. Of course the truth about the provocation, that we'd blown up our own battleship in Havana harbor, wasn't learned until later, after we'd annexed most of Spain's ex-territories under the terms of the peace treaty. Most notable among those territories was the Philippines, truly "Vietnam I", since even the jargon and policies used were identical. Remember "free fire zones", "strategic hamlets", defoliants and rounding the population up and placing them in camps (for their own protection, naturally)? Deja vu in reverse, sixty years earlier.

The Nazis must have studied the U.S. technique in the Battleship Maine incident and borrowed it with good effect when they themselves set fire to the German Reichstag and said "members of the international communist conspiracy" did it. (And you thought that phrase was coined in the 50's!)

Ah, but I tarry in history. On to the latest war they have planned for us.

Even just reading the establishment press or watching TV lately could have given us the word of what Reagan, Haig, the CIA and the Pentagon have up their sleeves. A front page story in November in the L. A. Herald Examiner, that bas-

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By Wendell Jones

Tenant activists working with the Westside Tenant Action Center and the Los Angeles Coalition for Effective Rent Control are organizing to build a strong response to the City Council's upcoming deliberations on the fate of rent control.

The Council's government operations committee will be holding hearings on the 7th and the 14th of December to obtain citizen input before the committee begins to draft a new ordinance to submit to the full council this March sometime. The hearings on the 7th are for landlords and property owners, and the hearings on the 14th are for tenants' viewpoints. At this point it is not clear how different the new draft ordinance will be from the present rent control ordinance.

Informed sources have indicated that the rent stabilization board will be recommending the law be made more effective. They will probably be requesting that a limit be put on rent increases when a tenant vacates a unit, and that tenants be given some sort of relocation benefits when they are forced to move because the landlord plans to make renovations to the property.

Whether the Government Operations Committee will draft a more effective law or accept any of the suggestions of the G.O.C. depends on our ability as tenant activists and community organizers. If the committee and the council feel no pressure from our community, they will certainly cave in to the landlord's demands that we maintain only the most ineffective law possible.

The Coalition for Effective Rent Control will be organizing as many people as possible to go to City Hall on the 14th. We expect the hearing to be at 2 P.M., but this may be changed. People who need rides or wish to confirm the exact time should call Wendell Jones at 399-9255 or 396-2167.

One of the biggest problems mobilizing tenants to attend these hearings has been the lack of notice that we receive before each hearing. The date for

the December hearing was set only three weeks before the hearings were scheduled to take place. Because we may not have



adequate notice when the full council holds hearings this March, Coalition members have decided to pick a date of our own when we will mobilize tenants from all parts of town for some type of massive action centered around City Hall.

In addition, Venice community members have held a brain-storming session to plan actions on the Westside and to formulate creative ways to carry our message throughout the city. Participants at the session agreed that it is important for us to use media and mass action as imaginatively as possible. Ideas as diverse as an exorcism of greed, an expose of city council property holdings, and demonstrations at Pat Russell's office. Look for the event about mid-January and check your next Beachhead for details.

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# Letters



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The letters you see on this page from prisoners are the most recent ones received by the Beachhead. Every month we receive letters from people in prison who somehow have gotten wind of our paper, or gotten ahold of a copy. Often the letters are from clear across the country. Almost always they request a free subscription to the paper.

The Beachhead Collective would like to be able to send the paper to men and women who are imprisoned. Given our extremely limited resources we have, in the past, been unable to. But we hit upon an idea that might help us to do it. If those of you who read the paper, who see the importance of sending the Beachhead to those people who are in prison, would send us the money for a regular sub and designate it for prisoners, we would have the extra bucks needed to mail them the paper.

Think about it. You'd spend \$5 just going to a movie these days or on a few six-packs of beer. And you're free to do those things. A prisoner isn't.

This is the holiday season. What better way to get into the spirit!

Howdy!

I'm writing to you in hopes of obtaining a subscription to the "Free Venice Beachhead" as I'm into a leftist-Radical lifestyle and I would like to read your paper as it has been greatly recommended to me! I'm presently incarcerated and have no funds, but if you would be kind enough to send the Beachhead to me for my remaining 15 months I will send contributions as I can! Could you please get word back to me one way or the other so that I know this letter reached you and not the trash of the prison administration here? Thanks for your time.

Keep The Faith,  
Aaron (Hill)  
#32950  
P. O. Box 2800  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68502

My Beloved Brothers/Sisters:

Would you please put my name on the mailing list so that we at this prison may receive F.V.B.? I'll be here until October 12, 1983. Please reply and help.

Your Brothers in Hell  
(Ralph Baldwin, H-9009  
Box A, Bellefonte, Pa. 16823)

Dear Editor:

I'm an inmate at the Nevada State Prison in Carson City. My home is Los Angeles, Calif., but I came to Nevada, acted the fool while intoxicated, and landed myself in prison here for an attempted burglary. The time for regrets is a bit passed, but I do regret that stupid act, nonetheless.

My purpose in writing to you is a selfish one I'm afraid. I would like to have an ad placed in your Beachhead, and also would very much like to have a subscription to your paper. I'm afraid I'm very short on the bucks side at the present time, but if you would let me know the cost of the ad and for a script, I would do my best to scrape the necessary bucks together. If you see fit to run an ad for me, free of charge, I will be indebted to you and will still send a few bucks your way for the cause.

The ad is on the back of this page:

27 year old white man in prison for a spell. Have no people and no friends out there to rap to. I will answer all - gay, bi, straight, plutonian, living, dead or unsure. If there's an animal out there who cares, send me a paw print. In peace and with love, please write to:  
James Ross #15312  
P. O. Box 607 N.S.P.  
Carson City, Nevada 89702-0607

Well, friend, that's it. Please send me word, even if you can't help me. I want to make sure you received this letter. I don't trust this prison when I'm writing to an editor of a newspaper.

Thanx for your time. Take care.

P & L, Jimmy

Dear Editor:

My name is Otis Freeman, and at present I'm doing a 22 to 95 year sentence in the London Correctional Institution, London, Ohio. Since my incarceration I have lost touch with friends, and my contact with the outside world is fading fast. In my effort to keep from becoming a Robot, programmed to react to bells and whistles as I have seen so many around me become, I'm writing this letter in hope that some of the people that read your paper will be kind enough to write to me. I'm also writing to ask you to place me on your mailing list, so I may receive your paper.

To have the guard pass you by each day at mail call is the shearest of mental torture. I'm sure nothing else could be more effective for shattering one's sense of belonging. However, I refuse to believe that my existence has no meaning to anyone.

I don't know what your policies are in regard to a request of this nature, but I would be more than grateful to you, if policy permits, and you would print this letter for me. A letter is no big thing. Just everything.

I would like to correspond with understanding, open minded, realistic, concerned females. I'm not looking for sympathy, I'm searching for a friend.

Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,  
Otis Freeman #163-694  
P. O. Box 69  
London, Ohio 43140-0069



Dear Beachhead,

In his November article, Wendell Jones says that the normal movement of tenants causes 33% of all units to turn over each year, which causes most units to drop out of control in three years. Having managed a big Venice apartment building for the last three years, I must report that in my experience, he's exactly right and exactly wrong: 33% of my apartments do turn over each year, but its always the same ones. The other 67% remain under control.

As a result, I have two kinds of tenants: Movers and Stayers. Both get shafted, but in different ways.

The Movers, obviously, have to pay those rents you see advertised in the newspapers. That's shaft enough.

The Stayers, on the other hand, get a variety of shafts. I have a few tenants who, for personal reasons, hate being where they are. But they're paying less than half what their apartments would go for, so they stay. This may be an artifact of the beach area, but low income Stayers are getting shafted indirectly by high income Stayers. These are people who really live somewhere else, and only keep their apartments here for occasional weekends, because they're controlled so very low, about a third of market value. About 15% of the building is held by such people. Another 10% of the building is held by what I would call sublandlords: they sublet rent controlled apartments at a profit, just a little below market value. One such person actually has several apartments in different buildings and makes a good living at it. In this case, it the subtenants looking for a bargain who get the shaft. There's no rent control or eviction protection for them, and if the sublandlord does something criminal, he can just give up the apartment and disappear.

So, the World stinks, everybody is out to fuck everybody else over. What else is new?

Love,

Name Withheld

## FREE VENICE BEACHHEAD

Elizabeth Elder, Moe Stavnezer, Christopher Toussaint, Olga Palo, Chuck Bloomquist, Emily Winters, Joan Friedberg and guest dignitary, Arnold Springer.

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Dear Beachhead,

In a recent Beachhead (Oct.), there was an excellent article on the proposed Peripheral Canal. I would like to add some thoughts of my own.

Right now, the water being sent long-distance into the San Joaquin Valley and Southern California is being pumped out of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, where the San Joaquin and Sacramento Rivers come together. The San Joaquin River's water has largely been diverted upstream, so most of the water in the Delta comes from the Sacramento River system to the North.

The Agribusiness companies and developers who use the water cannot, at present, allow the Delta's water to be reduced in quality too much, for they would be fouling their own water. The Peripheral Canal would allow water from the Sacramento River to by-pass the Delta on its way South.

Right now, business interests cannot kill the Delta, upon which so many people depend for water and livelihood. If the Canal is built, they will try to kill the Delta, because any law safeguarding the Delta can be changed.

The Peripheral Canal must not be built. If it is built, we would likely have a repeat of the Owen's Valley rip-off, in which the City of Los Angeles destroyed the agricultural economy of that area.

Yours truly,  
Milton Takei

### WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

The Free Venice Beachhead has moved to larger quarters and now has room for much-needed new staff people. There is no pay, but you will have a chance to learn every aspect of putting out an alternative monthly tabloid, including editorial, production, advertising and distribution. We meet three Saturdays a month at 11:00 a.m.

If you think you might be interested, you are invited to attend our first editorial meeting of the month on Saturday, December 12. Please call and leave your name and phone number for further details: 823-5092.





# Wierd Funny Story

So, the funny little man, in the large room of state, who had become personally responsible for economic conditions in a series of bizarrely dramatic legislative confrontations, (and who had done the same in a foreign policy matter): was still not convinced that a Euclidean rectangle, with a diagonal from the lower left corner to the upper right, (describing an hypoteneus of two Euclidean right triangles whose length is always different from that computed simply multiplying the left side a constant, or the right side a constant as in budget cutting phenomena, since  $a + b$  equal to the square root of a squared plus b squared, after squaring both sides, reduces to  $2ab$  equal to zero): could ever be applicable in any day to day reasoning.

In the parable of the denarius, Matthew 20:1-16, when the laborers begin to grumble, the GOOD merely issues warning, and takes nothing away. In the parable of the talents, in Matthew 25:14-30, where the grumbler is cast out: much is taken away. In the parable of the denarius, GOOD asks the laborer pointedly, who reasons that more should get more: about that evil reasoning. GOOD means that raises should be equal, since many are called and few choiced, as in the laborers being hired at the various times of the day, all being hired. Clearly, all wish to work for the GOOD: and GOOD clearly shows what is evil.

And since George McGovern had advocated an equal one thousand dollars for every household in the 1972 presidential campaign, and since Gerald Ford had implemented an equal rebate for taxpaying incomes in 1974 or '75, and since Senate majority leader Howard Baker was preparing the nation for an \$80 billion deficit for fiscal 1982, (a little over half the federal deficit needed to slow the nation into a recovery)—since money comes from borrowing, creating wealth for more borrowing—and since Mr. Stockman and Mr. Watt and the writer who had the White House tell the hungry and depressed in the world to go on their own initiative to build moon rockets and television—as though free markets flourished in the hungry nations of the earth's history—had not long since been summarily dismissed: then it was clear that the New Conservatives in both parties would see no history nor efficacy in such programs as those: and for the thousand and ten thousand generations.

So the funny little man, in the very large room of state: went out to stroke the little mane on his horse's o

submitted by  
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## DOES SOMEONE KNOW YOU?

### ADVISORY RE: NOTARIES PUBLIC

Due to a recent decision handed down by the California Supreme Court, Notaries are no longer able to accept paper I.D. (drivers license, passports or most substantial paper I.D.). The case was Allstate vs. Lotito and the judge found irregularities in the case and according to an old law, the Notary was sued in the process for accepting paper I.D.

The old law states that the person seeking notarization must be known to the Notary personally or there must be a credible witness known to both the Notary and the constituent.

Until the law is changed, we are almost totally not able to notarize documents for the public.


Write your legislator today! ◀

## FUEL FOR THOUGHT

Representatives from the nation's auto manufacturers, utilities, and government convened before the Assembly Select Committee on Energy Supply on Tuesday, November 3, in the Santa Monica City Council Chambers, to discuss the role of methanol in California's energy future.

Methanol, which has recently been the subject of considerable national attention, is thought by many to be the ideal fuel for California. The driving force behind the push for methanol is that it simultaneously reduces our dependence upon imported oil while making a significant contribution to reducing pollution. The State of California is considered to be the leader in promoting

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## coop fare: mondragon experiment

The First Los Angeles Co-ops Faire was a smashing success with more than 4,000 attending. Some said it was the largest gathering of co-ops and cooperators in Los Angeles history. All co-ops will grow as a result of the Faire, and new co-ops will emerge out of information and contacts exchanged at the Faire.

Many are amazed that the Faire cost so little, only about \$1,750 of direct expenses. That was mainly due to the amazing efforts of the Faire Steering Committee as well as the concentrated energy of most of the participating co-ops and many wonderful volunteers. Nonetheless, the Faire is still in debt by about \$1,000 and you can help bring it out by putting Sunday evening, December 13th, on your calendar now. That's the night there'll be three showings - 5, 7 and 9 P.M. - of the critically acclaimed British documentary "The Mondragon Experiment".

The Mondragon worker co-ops in the Basque country of Spain are the most successful in the world. They've flourished to 16,000 persons strong in less than 30 years. Everyone we know who's seen this film comes away impressed, fascinated and anxious to learn more. There is beginning to be a great deal of discussion in our midst about worker owned and controlled businesses. Mondragon is the most exciting model in the world and has important implications for co-op development in the Los Angeles area.

For your donation of \$5 to \$10 (depending on what you can afford), you'll not only see the film, but you'll get a co-op bumper sticker, a co-op button, a brochure on worker co-ops and a First Los Angeles Co-ops Faire Poster. So come one, come all, meet other co-ops, see a fascinating film, get a co-op paraphernalia package and help pay off the \$1,000 deficit for the Co-ops Faire.

Send a self-addressed stamped envelope to CRS-Film, 849 S. Broadway, Suite 310, L.A. 90014. Enclose your check or money order (made out to CRS-Faire), the number of reservations you're requesting and the time you would like to attend (5, 7 or 9 P.M.), place: 3535 W. 6th, L.A., tickets by return mail. This would be a great Christmas gift for friends and family members alike whom you'd like to introduce to the exciting world of a nearly self-sustaining cooperative industrial community. For more details, call 626-1453. ◀

methanol both as a transportation fuel and as a utility boiler fuel.

The Select Committee will be hearing from a wide range of witnesses covering every aspect of methanol production and use including Russell L. Schweickart, Chairman of the California Energy Commission, Southern Calif. Edison who will be describing their experience with methanol, and representatives from Ford Motor Company and Volkswagen of America, manufacturers of methanol vehicles.

According to Mel Levine (D-Santa Monica/W.L.A.), the hearing is being held to evaluate the status of methanol programs in the state and to consider ways to accelerate the use of this fuel in utility and industrial facilities and as a substitute for gasoline. ■

# WHEN TO CALL THE MINISTER

by Reverend Robert Alexander, TOM, Inc.

So many people say to me—"Well, what do you do?" In an attempt to answer that question, we have borrowed from Reverend Phil Zwerling at First Unitarian who borrowed it from Reverend Peter Scott who was quoted by Rex Styzens!

Please keep in mind that:

The minister is available to be of help to you 24 hours a day. You should never hesitate to call in an emergency at any hour. If the machine answers, LEAVE YOUR NAME AND NUMBER and we will call you shortly. We monitor those calls frequently throughout the day and night. (On routine business, please make calls anytime other than meal times and late evening.)

You are not bothering the minister with your problems; you are not taking time away from more important things. YOU are important; one main reason your minister exists is to be of help to you; that is what his time is for!

The minister cannot know when he is needed; you need to tell him. Below are just a few of the instances when you might call a minister: when someone is confined and would like to be visited; when there is a death in the family; when you need to discuss funeral arrangements ahead of time; when you have children to be confirmed; when you are having difficulties with your marriage; when you are in jail; when you have any personal problem you need help with; when you have an important choice to make—educational, recreational, etc.; when you are angry at the minister; when you do not really KNOW! the minister and want to get acquainted; or when you simply want someone to talk with.

In all this, persons come first. None of the above is to be construed as a rule or regulation. Humanness always comes first!! 399-9747▲




## High Hedge Against Inflation

The largest seizure of marijuana inside the city limits of San Diego occurred recently. A 55 year old woman named Jane Schimpf was growing the crop in the back yard of her home. The "backyard" was located in a neighborhood where homes routinely sell for up to \$1 million. Mrs. Schimpf claimed that the marijuana was only a "hedge against inflation". "I figured that marijuana was going to be legalized very shortly; that's why I grew the crop," she stated bluntly.

The raid netted 56 plants, none more than several feet tall. Schimpf was charged with possession of marijuana, possession of a controlled substance for sale, and cultivation of marijuana. She was released on \$4000 bail.

According to Schimpf, "Marijuana plants are beautiful and interesting, and I was surprised to learn it is a felony to grow them. I don't even smoke the damn stuff. I was hanging them up to dry to grind them up and put in my compost box along with all the garbage in my house. I didn't know what I had until I watched television last night, and they estimated my crop at \$100,000. Golly, had I known that, I would have done a better job of covering it up." ■

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# The EARTH Held Hostage!

There is really no debating it. We are in trouble. BIG trouble.

With our own blind stupidity, trusting our already "Big Brother-Spy vs. Spy" type Governments, the American and Russian citizens have literally weaved the ropes, built the gallows, designed the nooses and slipped them over our own collective heads.

The questions facing us now are: why have we supported this mass plan of mutual omnicide with our hard earned moneys, why have we allowed a precious few humans to dictate to us that we need these Darth Vader type weapons and mentality to protect us, and most importantly, how can we get out of this nuclear weapons and "satellite death beams" noose before we are pushed off the edge?

Our collective lemming-like trust has lead us to this point. It must therefore be our collective wills, spirits, intellectual abilities and humanity that lead us out of the nooses and toward the kind of world we all know we want and should have. One of peaceful co-existence, love, brother and sisterhood, friendship, affection, spirituality and trust.

But there is no sense in discussing the prospect of the Utopia of which we are all dreaming when the reality is that doomsday is probably very near.

And when I hear author Robert Moss (Death Beam) say, "the death beam-satellite which is near perfection in the Soviet Union makes the MX-look like a Neanderthal club", there is definitely reason to worry.

In the face of all this bad news about all that is left for the people is hope. And that is where Nurses for Social Responsibility comes in.

We will be sending 50 white armbands to major peace organizations all around the world, including the Soviet Peace Commission, with the letters H.O.P.E. inscribed in green silk screen. We are Humans Organizing for Peace on Earth. Another 120 armbands will be distributed throughout the United States to various organizations such as SANE, Friends of the Earth, Union of Concerned Scientists, Sierra Club, A.F.S.C., the Nestle Boycott, etc.

Seeds of HOPE will be planted over the world. Obviously the armbands will be simple to reproduce in mass quantities using old sheets and pillowcases. And every group will receive a letter of explanation with a list of every other organization to which armbands had been sent... reminding them that we are all in this together and that this idea can work for us. Born out of the hearts of a few fellow hostages, this is a way out of the noose, a way to freedom and peace.

What a feeling of humanity we could then share...realizing that all the money being spent holding everyone hostage could finally be used to make our most wonderful dreams come true!

People all over the world would be fed, clothed, housed, educated, and loved. The military-industrial complex could be converted to a peace time establishment with the goal of building up civilization instead of tearing it down. A massive effort could be made to clean up the environment, (including the dismantling of all germ and-

chemical warfare). Wildlife would finally be safe from exploitation. Renewable sources of non-polluting energy could be produced. Effective mass transportation systems would create jobs for thousands. Health care could be available to all people with an emphasis on prevention. The list goes on and on.

It is our duty to God to reach our fellow humans in this wonderful grass roots effort. It is our duty as humans to make one glorious attempt to save this world. The people must regain the power they have so blindly given up, and use it to lead us away from the real war to end all wars. And the fact that a few Imperialistic Americans planted this notion that everyone wearing armbands would make a statement of silence that even the deaf could hear; well, that would really give the world hope for a future of life instead of death.

**ONE NUCLEAR BOMB can ruin your entire day!**

In the meantime, while we are waiting for our seeds of peace to germinate and grow around the Earth, we must take an active roll in qualifying the Bilateral Nuclear Weapons FREEZE Initiative for the November 1982 California Ballot. Show your fellow Americans you are a peacenik and are proud of it. Circulate petitions--get actively involved. Educate yourselves about the facts behind the FREEZE.

Join us every Friday from noon to 1 p.m. at the corner of Wilshire and Santa Monica Boulevards at the fountain to show people we care about survival and will not give up until justice has been won for all beings.

We can wear our armbands every day in support of the Japanese Buddhist Monks and others who are on a "March for Peace" from Los Angeles to New York City for the U.N. 2nd Special Session on Disarmament, May 1982. With the FREEZE Initiative and public protest the people of California can make a powerful statement to the leaders of the world.

Imagine, if you will, a room filled with people. Each person represents a state or country. Behind the podium (not on the screen yet) are the Big Brothers with their weapons of destruction and death. Unless the people snap themselves out of their self-destructive hypnotic state there is no chance for survival.

Europe stands and says "NO MORE!" California (FREEZE Initiative) stands and says "NO MORE!" One by one the others stand and say "THAT'S RIGHT. NO MORE!!" When finally everyone is up saying "NO MORE!-NO MORE!! NO MORE!!!"

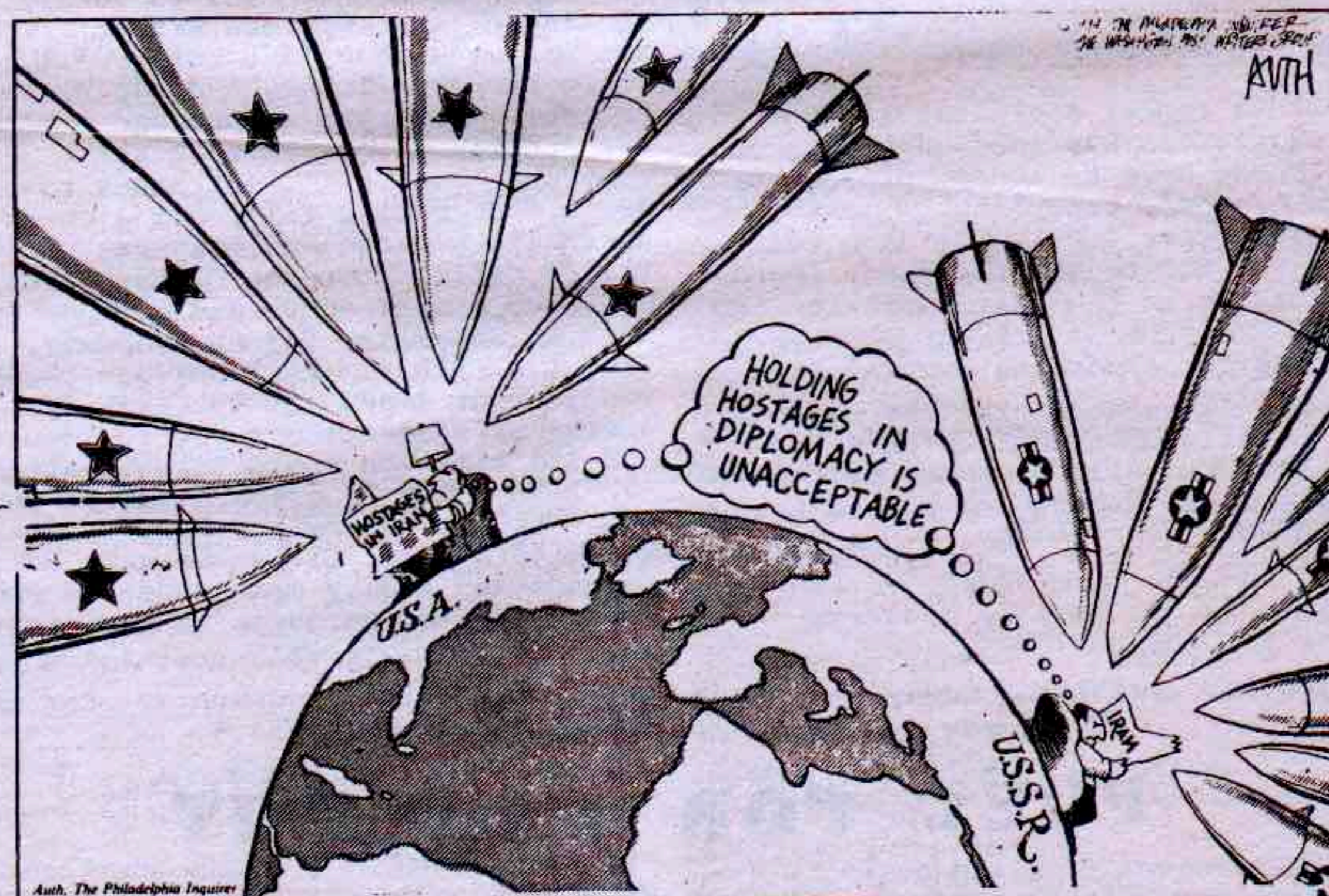
The power belongs to the people.

As President Eisenhower once said, "The People want peace so badly--that governments ought to get out of their way and let them have it."

AMEN. ■

(Charlene A. Richards, R.N.-- founder of Nurses for Social Responsibility, and Peace Activist.)

Please call 399-8155 for information on the FREEZE or N.S.R. Also, join us for the Peace on Earth Candlelight Vigil at Rockwell International, 2230 E. Imperial, El Segundo, Monday, Dec. 14, 7:30p.m. Bring candles, no signs. Hope to see you all there.



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## A Bilateral Nuclear Weapons Freeze

Over the next decade the U. S. and the Soviet Union are planning the biggest nuclear arms build-up in history. This greatly increases the risk of catastrophic nuclear war.

The cost of this build-up will undermine our domestic economy. It will increase inflation, produce fewer jobs than non-military investments, and force further cutbacks in basic services.

A Bilateral Nuclear Weapons Freeze is a first step in halting the development of ever larger and more destructive weapons on both sides.

- The Freeze would begin to reduce tensions between the two super-powers.
- The Freeze would help stop the spread of nuclear weapons to other countries.
- The Freeze would set the stage for real reductions in the stockpiles of nuclear weapons.
- The Freeze would be verifiable by current means of detection.

## The Freeze is Possible

A Freeze can only be achieved when there is enough public support to compel the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. to act upon it. This support can be achieved.

- According to a recent Gallup Poll (6/81), 72% of the American public favors an "agreement between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. not to build any more nuclear weapons in the future".
- The Freeze has already been passed by the voters of western Massachusetts, by state legislatures in New York, Massachusetts and Oregon (which together represent 13% of the U.S. population).



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## The California Initiative

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The next surprise is the food itself. Mexican food usually brings to mind tacos, tostadas, burritos and guacamole dip. Not what you'll find on the menu at the Casablanca. Owner Carlos Haro Lasso would be competing with his other restaurant across the street, La Cabana, if he offered the same fare. But his Casablanca is different.

As soon as you're seated, you're served a delicate avocado cocktail, and your choice of the traditional Marguerita or whatever you drink ...there's a full bar.

To wet your appetite, try the Albondigas soup, which has a light broth and is excellent.

Entrees are varied, and you'll probably want to come back again to try more than one. The Shrimp al Mojo de Ajo is cooked just right and comes with a butter garlic sauce. Trout lovers will find the Truite Sautee amazingly boneless, sauteed and delicately seasoned, stuffed with crab and shrimp.

The often unglamorous red snapper has been dignified by Carlos Haro Lasso's chefs. Cooked in the style of Veracruz, it's covered with a sauce of tomatoes, onions, green olives and capers and has a special tanginess, spicy without being too hot.

For something truly different, try the Calamari Steak—breaded and sauteed topped with shrimp. For those who don't prefer seafood, the Pechugas de Pollo—breasts of chicken in a casserole of sour cream, cheese and chiles—is delectable.

Top off the meal by trying the flan, a delicate custard drizzled with a tart caramel sauce, the perfect light dessert.

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The Casablanca is located at 220 Lincoln Blvd., Venice. Prices are very reasonable, ranging from \$5.95 to \$8.95. The restaurant is open daily from 11 a.m. until 2 a.m.



## PLAY IT AGAIN, CARLOS

**Casablanca, 1942:** The wicker chair in the corner of the cocktail lounge is empty. Two people sit at the bar, whispering. An overhead fan swirls slowly, fanning the hot desert breeze. The air is filled with the aroma of exotic foods. A young soldier named Carlos, intrigued by the excellence of the food, inquires of the waiter where the fine recipe came from. "Ah, yes," replies the waiter. "Sargento Perez." The rest is a mystery.

**Venice, 1981:** A new restaurant opens at the unlikely corner of Lincoln and Rose. A wicker chair in the corner is empty. Two people sit at the bar, whispering. An overhead fan swirls slowly, fanning the ocean breeze. The air is filled with the aroma of exotic foods. A handsome man with slightly graying hair inquires at a table of diners if they are enjoying the food. He is Carlos Haro Lasso, the proprietor. "It is marvelous," say the guests. "It's excellent...where did you ever find such recipes?"

"Ah," says Carlos, "they once belonged to Sargento Perez."

The rest is a mystery.



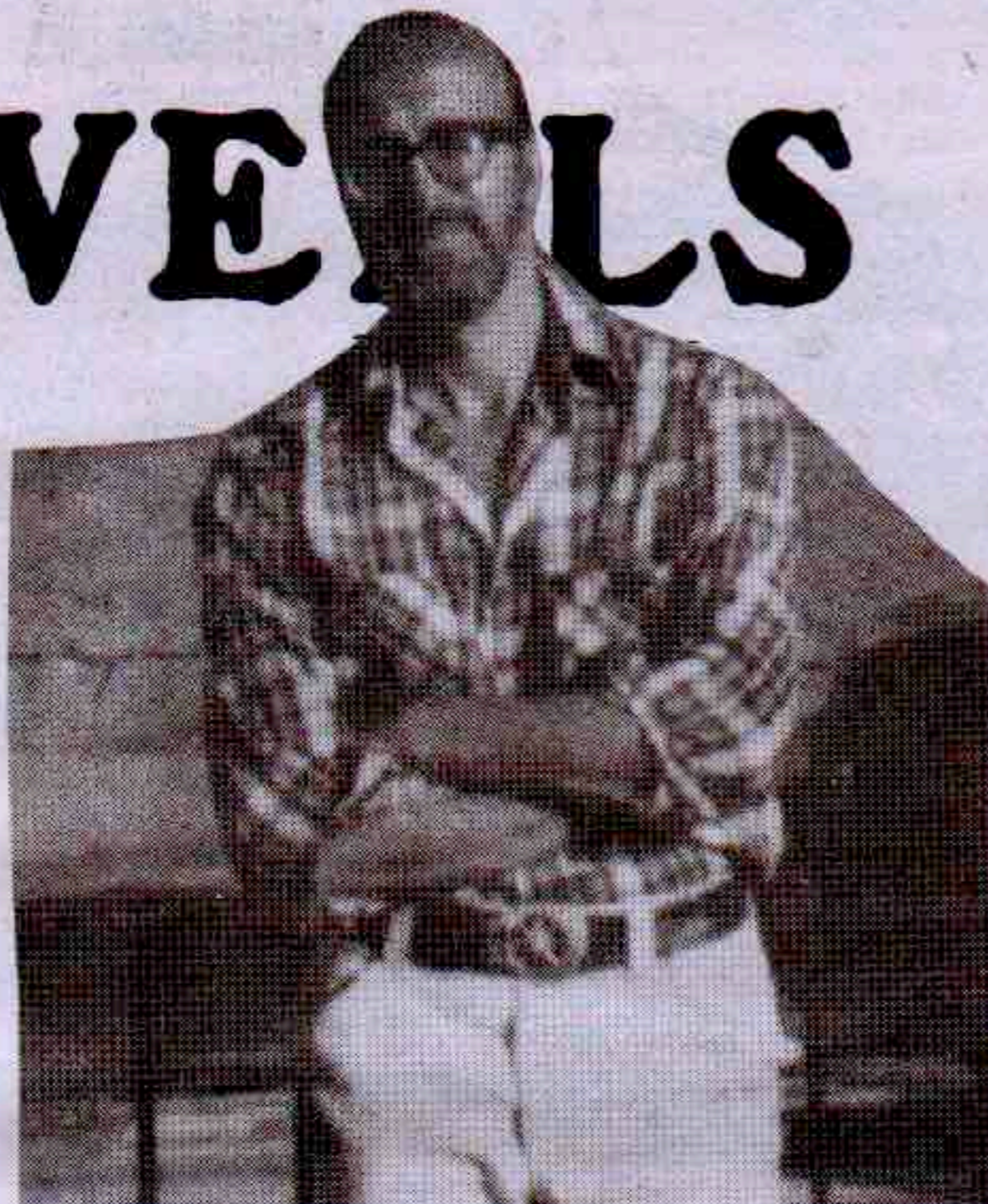
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# CALLING THE QUESTION ON BOB WELLS



groups in the movement

Q. Well, you were interested in Praire Fire. But how were you able to understand them? What kind of theoretical background did you have. Did you know anything about Leninism or the world socialist movement.

A. Well, some of us had gone thru a marxist study group. It was not a group created by one party or line. Many of the people were really schooled in marxism. Some came out of the CP, others out of SDS. But they weren't in anything at the time, so it didn't have a line of some kind to serve. That was a weakness in the sense that the thing was a bit 'drifty', but a strength because it allowed those of us who were coming in as total dummies to kind o interact with the printed page, directly with what Marx had to say, without having some current political line interposed. So we were familiar with the theory.

Q. Wait a minute? Before the study group, before your introduction to Marxism? What did you read; People's World? National Guardian? From where did you learn?

A. Well, I know that I and others weren't doin much readin. I wasn't doin any. Except work-a-day stuff that we needed, like the L.A. Times and the Outlook. They were our opposition and we needed to know what they were up to. And in those days we were very good at workin with the press. That was one of our strengths. We'd read stuff being put out by the anti-war movement, but that was booklet and pamphlet stuff.

Q. You were on your own then? No network, learning by yourself?

A. Right. And there was no common study in Free Venice, no common discussion of common reading. Occasionally. We went into the study group as individuals, not as Free Venice.

At that point, for good reason, we were quite suspicious of the labor movement. And also of the communist movement. We saw the labor movement as a reservoir of reaction and jingoistic nationalism around Viet Nam. I don't see things in exactly that way anymore but I think that that was basically a correct assessment about both the labor and communist movements.

Q. So you were suspicious of the CP, labor, the trotskysts before you entered the marxist study group?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you ever think, at any time, that the CP was admirable?

A. At no point. I grew up prejudiced against them, that is the Irish Catholic background and the 50's. Then for a long time I didn't think about them at all. And when I got involved over the issue of national liberation I saw these forces and groups as either irrelevant to or opportunistic toward, or actually trying to interfere with these struggles.

Q. Well, but how did you know what, for example, the CP was doing, so that you could even take a critical position?

A. O.K. Free Venice was always part of every anti-war coalition in L.A., and it always interacted with the other

Q. So Free Venice was a powerful learning experience for you? You matured politically during this time?

A. Yes. I would say so. It was comin in from all over, I was takin a bath in politics. But as to my politics now? The Venice movement is like a ball of twine that has opened up, and the strings are going in all directions. In those days my experience was common place and typical for alot of people. None of us are common place and typical anymore. We've taken a lot of different directions but in those days, what I have described about myself I think happened to a lot of other people.

Now what I got out of the study group (and I'm not speaking for anyone else) ...The Marxist-Leninist notion and view of the world we got out of the study group validated the notion that the national liberation struggle, the struggle against colonialism, was the leading form of working class struggle of our time. Not the trade union movement. Not workers as workers. A lot of the smaller, fringe marxist groups constantly chipped on us for not being working class oriented because we were involved in community organizing. They acted as if workers only existed inside of factories.

Well, I rejected that idea of class, and thus freed myself to re-assess the idea of class and class struggle. And it seemed to me that these national liberation struggles were actually breaking down the bourgeois capitalist system around the world, and these other struggles were not. In fact, when they did move in this area, they were actually re-inforcing imperialism and capitalism. And I read Marx and Lenin and found that I was not wrong.

Q. Are you a Marxist?

A. Well, they used to ask if I was a communist. When I was running for supervisor they tried to re-bait me and I responded that...every landlord in Venice thinks I'm a communist, and every communist in Venice says I'm not. And I think that they're both right. Its a difficult question because everyone has their own idea of what that word means. I would describe myself as a revolutionary anti-imperialist.

Q. You have also described yourself as a superstitious Marxist. What's that?

A. Well, one of the basic tenants of Marxism is materialism. All knowledge comes out of peoples' interaction with the real world. Some people think

they draw their ideas from the spiritual world; some bing in the sky or mysterious forces that work thru nature, things like that. But they really are controlled by material forces, although they're not aware of it.

The strenght of Marxism is that its an attempt to continue the movement in western civilization whereby we try to get directly at whats controlling us and not work thru masks, shadow, intermediaries. And I bought that: I think that's correct.

But at the same time I indulge. For instance, in things like extra sensory perception, mental-telepathy, pre-cognition. I haven't really studied the field. I don't know what quotient is bullshit: Probably a very large portion, a lot of people kidding themselves. But there's a irreducible content there that is simply undiscovered science. And the scientists always dismiss what they don't know, until they know it, because they want to claim it. And Marxism is supposed to be supremely scientific. I think it comes out of a time when science was put on a pedestal, and I think science is a lot more relative now than when Marx wrote. So, I think that in terms of tactics, strategy, politics, its important to be materialistic. But there are a lot of things that materialism doesn't know about yet, doesn't get to.

Q. You said you believe in luck. Do you believe in fate?

A. Not fate, but luck. I say that because I think I've been real lucky lately. When the Irish Catholic part of my family was coming around after my mother died and my father pulled me and my brother out of the church: One thing they kept saying was, well..., your mother's in heaven and she's always lookin out for you and Jimmy. I guess they really believed

that. I wanted to for awhile because I missed her but I couldn't, I didn't believe it and kissed it off. But I guess it had an effect on my thinking. Because I like to play around with the notion, which I don't believe, but its fun to play around with it, that there is somebody or something lookin out for me.

You know, its a funny relationship. If you don't make demands on the luck it works better. If you make alot of demands on it...if you look directly at something like night eyes, it disappears...If you push your luck and make a lot of demands on it...People who do that are losers. If they let it ride, it'll help them out. Takin care of business, in real terms materialistically; if you've done what was necessary, than luck might be a little something extra, and if its not there, well,...you still have to have it taken care of.

Q. You've read Carlos Castenada and Rolling Thunder. What's the connection with superstitious Marxism? What do you find interesting in these writers?

A. I was more interested in Castenada. I found Rolling Thunder, from a different context, validated some of the things Don Juan said. Also, in the old days when I was working on an underground paper, I had some interactions with Rolling Thunder, thru the mail, because he was helping some Shoshone Indians avoid the draft. That was a story and I was interested in it.

I believe that these things that American Indians and other indigenous people have been onto for a long time are part of undiscovered science. How they manipulate powers, how they interact with the world. Now, there's a bullshit quotient to that....

Q. Hold On. What is undiscovered science? Why not undiscovered truth

A. Well, because once its discovered the scientists, the mystic, claims it as his territory. So if you want access ...thru scientists. Like if you want access to chemistry, mathematics etc. Scientists are the priesthood that has sequestered this and has it in the



# ANOTHER NUCLEAR COVER UP

--Micronesia Support Committee Bulletin, Summer, 1981.

Two American military men, stationed on Rongerik Atoll during the "Bravo" hydrogen bomb test at Bikini on March 1, 1954, have recently released statements showing that U.S. officials who made the decision to explode Bravo did so in full knowledge that winds were blowing east, and would carry dangerous radioactive fallout across inhabited Rongerlap, Rongerik, Utirik and other atolls.

Their statements point to a 27 year cover up by U.S. officials who have maintained that the contamination of hundreds of Marshallese and U.S. servicemen by Bravo was "accidental" and caused by an "unpredicted shift in winds."

"Prior to and for weeks leading up to the blast the prevailing upper level troughs indicated that wind was blowing to the vicinity of our island," said Gene Curbow, a veteran who was one of 28 Americans on Rongerik Atoll during the massive hydrogen bomb blast. Despite the fact that this weather information was regularly reported by radio to scientists and military officials at the Enewetak Joint Task Force-7 headquarters, U.S. government representatives have claimed since 1954 that the fallout which caused severe burns among the Rongerlap people and Rongerik men was an accident. Curbow and Donald Baker, another of the Air Force weather men on Rongerik, point out military command chose to ignore the unfavorable conditions.

They arrived on Rongerik - about 125 miles east of Bikini Atoll - six weeks before the Bravo test. Curbow stated: "We had the normal weather station items which gave us the capability of making station observations and upper level observations up to and including 100,000 feet above sea level." Baker, an Air Force radio operator, said their job on Rongerik was "to provide this weather

information and Enewetak's job was to be sure the conditions were absolutely right before they exploded any atomic weapons."

Despite the reports of winds threatening to blow radioactive fallout on to the people and islands east of Bikini, the Bravo test went ahead on the morning of March 1. Whether, as many Marshall Islands people think, the U.S. intended to use the Marshallese as guinea pigs in their nuclear experiments, or the U.S. simply had no concern for the lives and health of either the Marshallese or their own military personnel, the well being of these people on the endangered islands was clearly of low priority.

Many of the more heavily exposed people developed burns on their arms, necks, backs and feet and their hair fell out. In the years following their exposure the Marshallese have had an abnormally high rate of thyroid disease and cancer, miscarriages, stillbirths and other health problems. The Americans have suffered a similar fate.

The Rongerlap and Utirik people are the only populations to receive continuous medical followup from the U.S. since 1954. Many Marshallese believe, however, that this medical program has not adequately treated their health problems.

Except for their initial examinations in 1954, Gene Curbow, Donald Baker and the other military men who were on Rongerik have received no medical follow-up from the U.S. government, despite their exposure to a radiation dose at least 5 times that of the Utirik people. "We have received very poor treatment by our government," said Curbow, adding that "the Veteran's Administration has a deaf ear to the problems we have... I have not received any medical treatment nor compensation from the government in this case."

# "LIFE LINE" CUT?

By Christopher Toussaint

They're at it again. The California Manufacturer's Association, a powerful lobby in Sacramento backed by large industrial corporations like Exxon, Union Carbide, and Westinghouse, is sponsoring a bill, SB-867, that will cost California residential customers an additional 30% or more on their gas and electric bills.

The measure threatens to eliminate the state's utility "Lifeline" rate which was developed to encourage energy conservation and provide basic survival amounts of gas and electricity for the lowest possible rates. According to the Citizen's Action League (CAL), a statewide consumer's grass-roots organization, the bill will shift \$1 Billion of energy costs from the large industrial users to the residential and small business users. Fixed and low income people would naturally be hit the hardest, but everyone would be affected by at least a 30% rate hike.

Robert Monagan, chief lobbyist for the manufacturer's, said that the current Lifeline system results in "commercial and industrial users subsidizing residential energy users." But CAL contends that basic amounts of gas and electricity are necessities and should therefore be provided by the cheapest possible energy sources rather than by expensive forms of energy that only large industrial users require. And since industry can pass their costs onto their customers they still come away with big profits.

CAL with its church, senior, and labor group allies was responsible for winning the Miller-Warren Lifeline Energy Act in 1975. Since then it has kept California rates lowest in the nation while saving the average household over \$100 a year.

The consumer group fought off two previous attempts by the CMA to eliminate Lifeline in 1979 and last year, and has also worked for auto insurance reform, the May 1980 telephone rebate, and passage of the Generic Drug Act in 1976.

CAL's statewide campaign strategy is to gather petition signatures, testify at public hearings, and encourage letters to State Senators and Assembly representatives. Since the vote will come up in the legislature in January letters should be written to Mel Levine and Alan Sieroty in support of Lifeline and against SB-867. For further info contact Jim Cook at Citizen's Action League, 481-2840.

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# Another VIETNAM?

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tion of yellow journalism and unflagging apology for U.S. imperialism, dealt with the question of "Nicaragua next?" and the delightfully Reaganesque policy of "gunboat diplomacy". (Teddy Roosevelt called it the "big stick". A bully by any other name...) A week-long series on ABC TV News showed us Cuban exiles training in the California desert. You didn't even have to be paying attention to catch the drift.

But some people and organizations in the U.S. were paying attention and they are sounding the alarm to the rest of us.

A coalition of more than 50 organizations has formed nationally. Calling themselves the Emergency Campaign Against U. S. Military Intervention in Central America and the Caribbean, they have launched a campaign to head off this most recent obscenity by the Warlords in Washington. Some of the organizations in this coalition are ones which relate to the countries threatened: the Venceremos Brigade, the Committee in Support of the People of El Salvador (CISPES), etc. Many, like the National Lawyers Guild, locals of the social workers and public employees unions, have a broader focus. But all of them agree that the U.S. is going to "intervene" again - and they want to stop it.

The immediate situations and facts supporting the Emergency Campaign's contention that a Caribbean invasion is imminent are contained in the draft of a general statement they have issued. Some excerpts:

- the military situations of the U.S.-supported juntas in El Salvador and Guatemala have apparently deteriorated to the point that increased U.S. economic and military assistance is no longer effective without additional outside military personnel, that is, American troops.

- there has been a marked increase in counter-revolutionary activity inside Nicaragua.

- continuing and increasing U.S. news reports claim Nicaraguan and Cuban involvement in El Salvador, including accusations that Cuban "elite troops" arrived in Nicaragua in mid-September, and that, by implication, these "troops" were responsible for actions inside El Salvador.

- the U.S. government has been presenting these accusations to various Latin American governments in an apparent attempt to establish as fact illegitimate Cuban military activity in Central America and to justify possible future U.S. military intervention.

- Cuba has categorically denied these and all other charges regarding Cuban involvement in the internal affairs of El Salvador, demanding that the U.S. produce proof to support the allegations.

- to date no such evidence nor any reliable indications of the existence of any such evidence has been made available by the U.S. administration.

- U.S. bases in the South and Caribbean region are on alert or standby and reports indicate unusual U.S. troop and naval maneuvers are being carried out around the Bahama and Puerto Rico.

- a meeting of the Inter-American Defense Council was held on November 3, 4 and 5th in Washington, which had the participation of the military chiefs of staff and heads of intelligence services of more than 20 Central and Latin American countries and the U.S. Discussions centered around "security in the region" and joint strategies for counteracting the so-called "Cuban threat".

- Wayne Smith, the Chief of the U.S. Interests Section in Havana was recalled to Washington early in November.

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The powerful few in this country must be made to realize that the American people don't want war, any war, whether it's halfway around the world or just next door. Let them know that you and others like you won't sit by and let the government use the old shell game of war to bail out an economy that's in serious trouble or to divert our money, energy and blood from solving our own problems. ■

## Bob Wells (cont)

inner sanctum. They deny the existence of anything that they haven't figured out. So its open country and you can get in there and find it out for yourself. Once they come on it, get a theory and prove it and really lock it up, then you have to get at it thru their journals.

Q. But is that a science? Just because someone has a theory....?

A. Yes, a scientific art. The teachings of Don Juan are a scientific art too. The thing that interests me about Don Juan himself, as Casteneda described him, is that putting aside the context in which he operated, that is forces and powers in the world and mysterious permutations of the actual world which most book Marxists would scoff at... Putting aside the context or medium in which he operated and looking at his method, we see he used dialectical materialism. Because he believed that he was working with a material reality. And the way he dealt with it was scientific, trial and error, and dialectically. The method is sound. The question is what about the materials he is working with.

That's what I found interesting in Rolling Thunder. He got it down in print and validated it. The Japanese samuri, emerged in the bushido, that is zen, that tradition validates Don Juan's theory from another direction. Akkido, a martial art used not for self defense but to

## TENANTS CONT. FROM PG. 1

The Los Angeles Coalition for Effective Rent Control had a successful start in its first attempts to build an offensive movement to fight for rent control. The coalition helped organize hundreds of tenants to attend the hearings on the environmental impact of rent control that were held in November.

Over half the speakers during the afternoon session on the West Side were organized through the coalition. Over two hundred tenants, mostly Spanish speaking working people, attended the meetings downtown.

The coalition spoke out against the environmental impact report, which stated that an effective rent control is not possible without an adverse effect on the upkeep and number of units in the city over the next ten years. The report indicates that the present ordinance will not have an adverse effect because the high rate of tenant turnover allows the landlord to ultimately charge whatever he chooses after tenants vacate a unit. This was in sharp contrast to the speaker from the Democratic Party and some speakers who profusely thanked the representatives of the council for the present law. Coalition members stressed the point that the present law is not working.

Following the hearings, the coalition organized a forum on rent control. Members of the Tenant Action Center and the Venice community turned out in support of the event which was held at First Unitarian Church. Over 175 people, primarily Spanish speaking families, turned out on a Saturday night to hear discussions of rent control. This was especially exciting because most of these people have not had a history of political activism.

get in touch with forces a person has... its almost like the force they talk about in Star Wars...;that validates Don Juan from a different direction.

I was not prepared...; curious but not that interested in really checkin out the material medium in which he worked, you know, the spirits, forces and et cet. But one thing I could understand, even if nothing else he said was at all valid was...He talks about evolving from an ordinary person to an extremely knowledgeable sorcerer, a man of knowledge. To get to that stage, one has to go thru certain pre-determined steps. Everyone goes thru the same steps, they can't be skipped, the steps have certain characteristic ways in which they function, for everybody.

The first step was that one had to become a warrior. This term he used because it was appropriate and also because he was coming out of an Indian culture, a desert, Indian, warrior culture. He stressed you don't have to go to war.

Being a warrior is a state of mind and a habit of thought. He said that it was a suitable way for a person to go thru life, as a warrior, regardless if they go on to any other steps.

So I sat down with the first five books and copied out everything had had to say about it. He was teaching Casteneda what it meant to be a warrior and was bringing him along. I was getting the same kind of schooling, not in those terms, in the judo gyms and the akido gym I went to, and the tournaments I took part in. I found it useful, it was admirable, that it could be learned, and that it made life easier and in fact more pleasant and more challenging, when I began to incorporate what little I could of what Don Juan taught about being a warrior. That is waht intrigued me about Casteneda.

Q. What does this have to do with revolution?

A. Revolution means warfare. Its a particular form of human activity, one of the oldest, and there's some pre-determined socialisation in that activity. Some things work, those that don't have been eliminated, so that as you get more and more into actual warfare (which I've never been in) you're schooled at being better and better at it. And that shapes your habits of thought. And Don Juan was saying you can shape those habits without war. ■

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# Politics for a New Age



by Christopher Toussaint

The first organizing meeting of the L.A. chapter of the New World Alliance was held November 21 for the purposes of "uniting many kindred organizations for political action in Los Angeles."

With a "transformational platform" that goes beyond left or right in political orientation the NWA is a nationwide affiliation of political, social and educational organizations and people who share a new vision of planetary cooperation and personal growth. Neither a political party or a lobby, the New World Alliance seeks to "go beyond the old polarity of left-against-right by integrating the highest values in our nation's conservative and liberal heritage."

According to Robert Olson, chairman of the NWA's executive council, "We're questioning the appropriateness of lobbying, supporting candidates and so on--and searching for approaches that are more healing, truly transformational."

Their recently-published 98-page document called "A Transformation Platform: The Dialogue Begins" is a first draft "living platform" in the process of refinement itself. Some tenets include a new global policy that rejects the inevitability of war, permanent enemies and permanent crisis, and narrow nationalism in foreign affairs. The document further calls for the removal of "special privileges and subsidies which maintain unnecessarily large concentrations of wealth and power", decentralized renewable energy, more community-level development in health, energy, education, environment, etc. and a "politics of spirituality."

Traditional 'conservative' positions include removal of price controls, an end to forced busing, and cautious experimentation with fusion energy.

The local chapter organizing meeting held last month attracted 62 people from L.A. organizations who divided into "an action group and a bridging/connecting group", reported Jan Gilmore, one of the local organizers. Miller Hudson from the Colorado State legislature was key speaker. The next meeting is scheduled December 12 at the Coldwater Canyon Park, 12601 Mulholland Drive at 9:30 a.m.

The New World Alliance was formed as a result of a cross-country networking tour by Mark Satin, author of *New Age Politics*, and a 21-page questionnaire answered by over 350 individuals involved in personal-growth and social-change activities. The first Governing Council met in December 1979 to write the platform's proposals. Although their national office is in Washington D.C. the emphasis will be on regional and chapter control. San Francisco, Riverside (Ca.) New York City, Milwaukee, and now L.A. have begun chapters.

The Alliance publishes a newsletter called *Renewal* and is planning "Political Awareness Seminars", a resource center, and local organizing workshops. Membership is offered for \$20/year and copies of "A Transformation Platform" available for \$5 each. Write NWA, 13733 Ventura Blvd., Sherman Oaks, CA 91423 or call any one of the following:

Jan Gilmore 888-6263  
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The question that comes immediately to mind is, can such an idealistically founded group affect the practical changes necessary to truly transform our

present socio-political system? Can they make the right and left look up from their tug-o'-war long enough to see that the merry-go-round would be a lot more fun?

There's no doubt that the time has come for such a group to appear. The "me generation" of the '70s (actually a period of inner searching and growth misunderstood by the mass media and status quo America) had to give way to the "we generation" of the '80s, where those insights manifest themselves in action and direction.

But to be effective against corruption, repression and ignorance NWA's members (and this goes for all New Age conscious individuals) must be willing to go into the mudhole and cut the rope of the tug-o'-warriors.

From the platform one objectively must say that the positions taken are fundamentally liberal or radical. Big business Republicans would find little to suit their own self-interests

if asked to join. Yet there is strong grass-roots appeal and a need for many diverse groups to be united structurally around common grounds and issues. The Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) is attempting this. They utilize lobbying techniques but the critical difference is that they use numbers of people in place of numbers of dollars. They concentrate on specific issues with broad popular appeal locally-decided democratically by their members.

If the New World Alliance decides to roll up its sleeves and get in touch with decent people who could care less about "transformation", instead of theorizing about how things might be better if everyone suddenly became holistically aware, they just may swing this world around in a profound way.

And if all the groups that are 90% in agreement with their philosophies can sacrifice their 10% differences and join, we could start implementing the necessary changes before the Old Age institutions have crumbled to the ground... ▲



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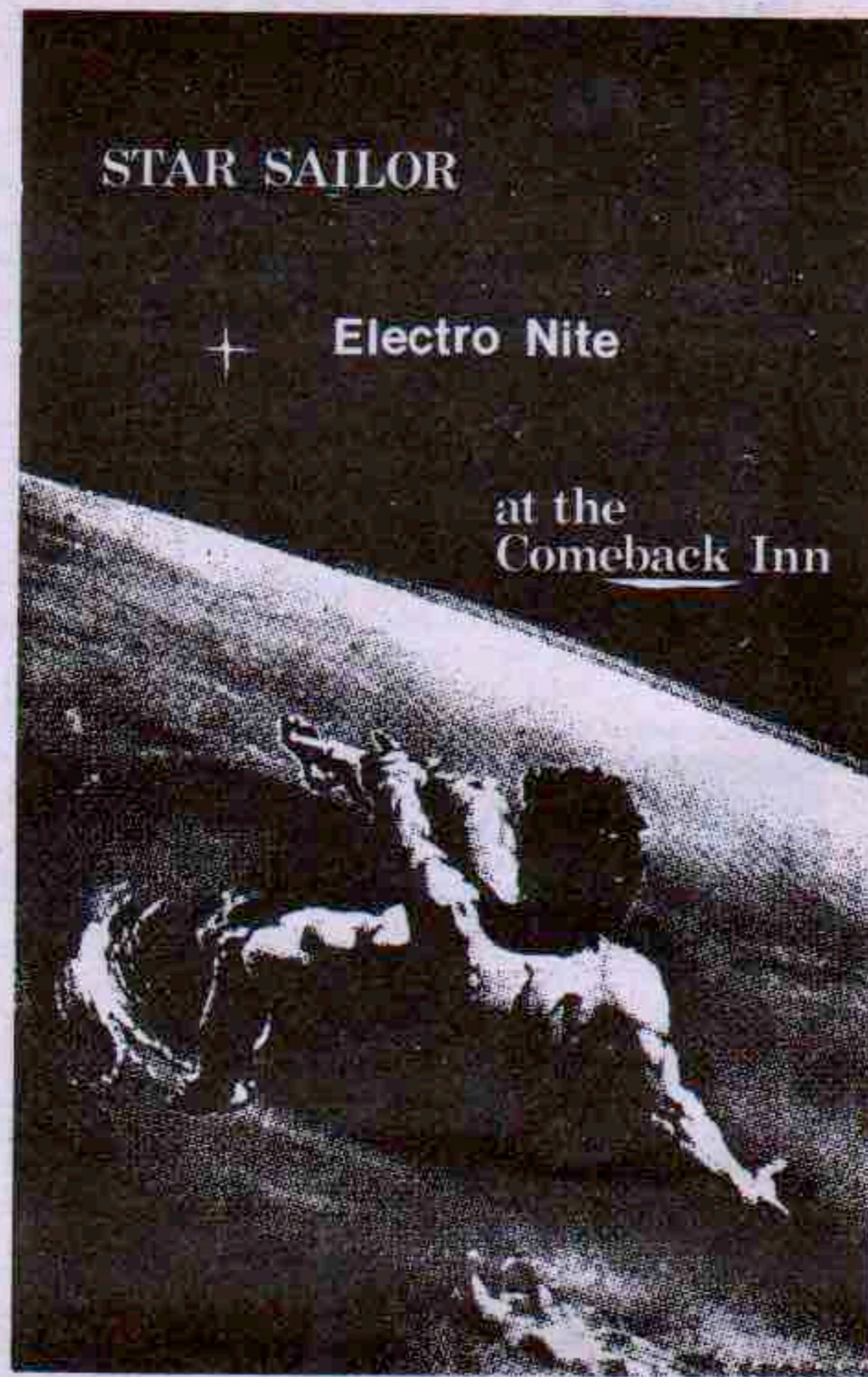
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Will Raabe  
President of  
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The Star Sailor poster image is a detail from Benjamin Cziller's masterpiece, 'FINBACK CALLING MAN', currently on exhibit at the Comeback Inn, courtesy of Ahava Graphics, a pioneering art distribution company dedicated to save the whales. Posters are available at \$ 30.00 each or at a low discount price of \$ 80.00 for the complete series of three.

The only club in town packed shoulder-to-shoulder with smiling people on Monday Nights in November was the Comeback Inn. To say the Star Sailor Electro Nite series was a success is an understatement. Kevin Braheny launched the series, followed by Steve Roach, Daniel Sofer and Peter Davison - four of the finest New Age/Space Age musicians in Los Angeles.

Each Monday was jammed. Some people already know about this extraordinarily hypnotic music; others joyfully discovered it for the first time. Today, these listeners constitute an elite in-group of musical adventures; tomorrow, the world will follow. No hype: the new sounds, new forms and new moods this Space Age music explores are powerful, ethereal, intense, and ultimately undeniable.

Kevin Braheny stopped all the action in the room, mesmerizing even the waiters with soprano saxophone melodic lines played over rhythmic cushions of synthesizer chords. In his second set, Kevin proved himself to be a musical poet of the highest rank.

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Daniel Sofer played solo synthesizer, improvising other-worldly melodic lines over some of the most original and inspiring harmonic configurations this writer has ever heard.

Peter Davison brought five people up on stage at once, playing acoustic instruments in conjunction with electronic tapes, blending Balinese rhythms and Western classical motifs with electronic wizardry.

Each Monday night, Lee Underwood hosted the festivities. He spoke to the people about the quality, intent and contemporary significance of New Age/Space Age music, and also played acoustic guitar and read some of his music-and nature-oriented poems.

At this time, the Comeback Inn is the only place in town where New Age/Space Age music can be heard, and where talented, innovative New Age/Space Age musicians can step out on stage and perform for an enlightened, receptive audience.

Revised schedule: Daniel Sofer will be back Dec. 7, followed by Steve Roach, Dec. 14, Kevin Braheny, Dec. 21, and then by a gala Star Sailor Celebration featuring all of these musicians on Dec. 28.

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