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Paloma Plan:

CADILLAC OR EDSEL?

by CAROL FONDILLER

Werner Scharf applied for a permit to change the zoning on Paloma Ave. so that he could build forty units of low-moderate income housing for senior citizens and 80 parking spaces for the community.

Yes THAT Werner Scharf.

I suppose I should say thank you. That would be the gracious thing to do. I should feel grateful. Optimistic. I don't. I feel tired. I seem to be asking the perennial virgin's question, "Is that all there is?"

I've lived in Venice for twenty years. For at least fifteen of those 20 years my life has been controlled by the whims of THAT MAN, or people like him, or people who think they are like him. For over 20 years THAT MAN has had power over hundreds of people. He has had the power of regulating their lives, and sometimes their incomes.

"Are you going to struggle against the Scharf building?", someone asked me. "I don't think so, it's forty units for senior citizens"....

"But that's because he wants the Cadillac apartments turned into a bed and breakfast Inn. And he's trying to evict all the old people from that place."

"Yeah, well but he says that this place is going to be for low to moderate income seniors..."

"That's what he says, but he could wriggle out of it. And you can't discount the fact that some of that parking is going for some of Scharf's businesses."

Neighborhood meetings were held. The moving spirit of the meetings seemed to be distrust of Scharf. And who could blame them? For years he had done with his property anything he wanted to.

Then it seemed after years of anonymity, Scharf made his power known again. Buying, selling, buying the Cadillac Hotel owned by Ben Gross who kept the rents low for his tenants, a large portion of which were senior citizens. After buying the Cadillac, Scharf tried to evict the tenants.

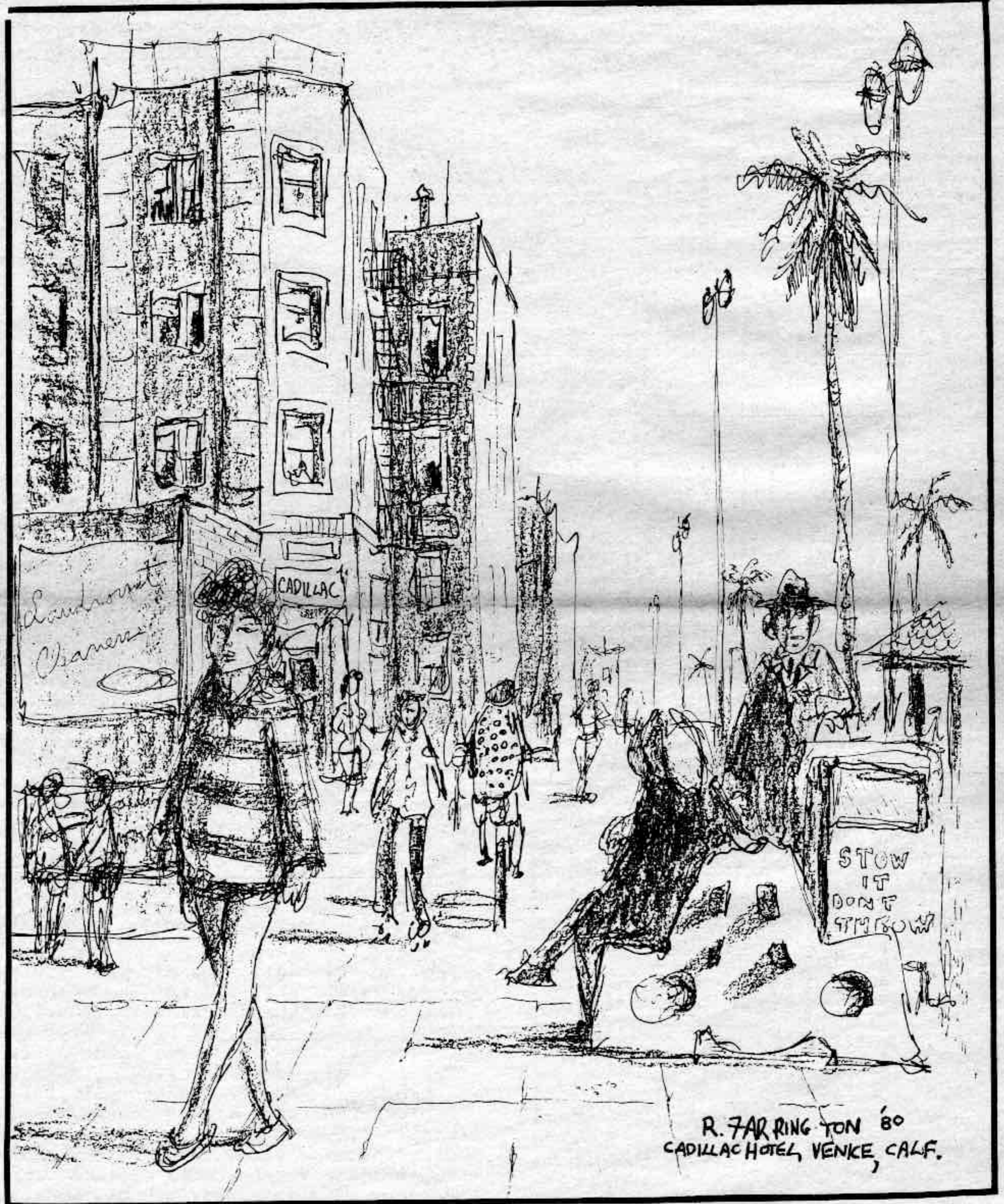
So the residents of Paloma Ave, Sunset Ave, Dudley Ave speculated on what this speculator would do next. Forty people in a fortyfive foot high building on the walk streets. Quite an impact.

Some people met with the boulder Mr. Haskins. "Mr. Scharf will do anything you want-less stories, different arrangements anything. Of course the less stories, the less senior citizens."

People were told that the project would be entirely subsidized by Werner Scharf, and that he would agree to a contract that would bind him to his promise to house seniors.

A group of people who were involved with the Venice Coastal Committee came up with plans. Other people circulated a petition against the change in zoning.

I'd heard all the arguments before. I'd heard them when affluent families protested against low-moderate family housing on the Redwood tract in Venice, I'd heard the arguments against low-moderate housing on #one Venice Boulevard for senior citizens, and I'd heard the light and air argument on the aborted Safran project on Navy and Ocean Front Walk. Oh Godness!!! Light 'n' air! Light'n'air lightnair it'll cut off my lightnair I moved here and I didn't think any thing would be done with that vacant lot across from me. Of course, when I built my 2 story single family house with my 2 garage spaces on the vacant lot I bought and then shared the place with 3 other adults who also had cars,



But it was a surprise to hear some of my neighbors remain intransigent about the possibilities of housing the elderly poor because it would further complicate the parking and cut off their lightnair--All of these people live within two short blocks of the Pacific Ocean.

When I first moved into my present home, the first thing out of my landlord's mouth was, "There is no parking, and I mean no parking at all."

Now that beautiful vacant lot that used to hold all those cars of the homes and apartment buildings that were not built for 2 or more car families was to be used for a building. Replacement parking would be supplied--but in the meantime dust, workmen would disrupt the area.

People seemed disinclined to put up with temporary disruption to house the elderly poor. Surprise, hell. I felt as if I were kicked in the stomach. Again.

A public hearing was to take place Monday Jan 23 in West L.A. before a zoning commissioner.

Despite the fact that the zoning change was a Q zone--that means Qualified and to be used for a building only for the purpose of low-moderate income elderly, some of the people still didn't like it. Light'n'air quality of life ambience traffic flow. One man, who I shall call Mr. Capet, suggested that Werner Scharf create an endowment fund to move the Senior Citizens somewhere else. He was killing me softly with his figures. A woman who lived in the Ellison Apartments, a 60 unit building 45 feet high said yes, her lightnair would be cut off, but she considered that a decent trade off if the elderly poor were to be housed.

It was argued that 4 condos on that lot containing 2 or 3 children would create more intensive use of the property, more cars, more noise, more music, more dogs than forty single seniors, most of whom would be to poor to own let alone maintain a car.

And there was Mr. Brown quoting the North Beach Specific Plan where it stated that height bonuses would be given for

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LETTERS

Dear Friends,

I have read your paper two years ago when I have been to this wonderful place of Venice, Calif.

I have been there twice (first time in '79) and just can't get this unique place out of my mind. Do you know of any help?

I just can't get adjusted to Germany and its narrow-minded people again, it was just impossible. Now I'm looking for an American pen-Friend from Venice or LA.

I'm especially looking for black people who love roller-skating, who love jazz and soul and who are political minded.

Besides I'd like to ask you how much a subscription to your "Beachhead" paper would cost me.

Thank you very much in advance
With regards,

Simone von Ulmerstein
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OH, GOD!

Dear Alice,

Noticed your article on the front of the Beachhead. I feel it is my duty as a believer in Jesus Christ to tell you that God is not dead. Indeed the world is crooked but God lives. Where? In me, as well as in the rest of the believers around the world. I sympathize with you but God will help you if you call on Him through His Son Jesus Christ.

I respectfully and with Christian love, urge you to find out what is in the New Testament of the Bible. Anyone who does not call on the name of Jesus Christ (the only name that leads us to God the father) will suffer eternal separation from God, and I wouldn't want that to happen to anyone I know. Or even anyone I don't know, as my writing this letter indicates. Not trying to shove Christianity down your throat, but am genuinely concerned and would like you to find out that He lives!

I am no expert on the Bible but should you ever want to talk to someone, feel free to call me. I don't know if Alice Cramden is a real name or a spoof from the "Honeymooners," but I am sure that God wants everyone to know that He lives.

Sincerely,

Bobby Souder
Age 34

The Sequel

Dear Bobby,

Thank you for your letter last month. I appreciate your concern for the welfare of my soul.

In my article, "God is Dead, The World is Crooked," I meant to imply that God is dead in the minds and hearts of many people including the minds and hearts of many professed Christians.

You said that you sympathize with me and that God will help me if I call on him through his son, Jesus Christ. Well it just so happens that Jesus is one of my greater heroes...you see I have an affinity with revolutionary radical types and Jesus the Nazarene is probably one of my all time favorites along with Ghandi Lenny Bruce and Superman and... oh yes... the prince who kissed Snowwhite to life... what's his name...Prince Charming.

Not to make light of your letter or risk eternal damnation, I would like to say...yes, I have read the New Testament...not once but several times...I must

Dear Olga, Carol, Liz, Emily,
Joan, Moe, Memphis & Kathy,

Thank you for using my drawing on page 7 of the recent Beachhead. This is from my book on Venice (1st edition) as sold thru the Small World Book Store. Currently entitled; "PEOPLE & OTHERS UNDER VENICE!" Hey, next time mention my name! I can use all the publicity I can get!

Enclosed another, pen & ink that you can use if you wish to.

Enclosed also my \$5 sub fee. Thank again for sending although my sub has expired.

Bob Farrington

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admit, it's alot better reading than the Old Testament. I have read Revelations more than several times..and at one time researched it having been born again... and filled with the spirit, as they say... yes...I was born again...and again...I keep trying but I just never get it right...you see I discovered that when I became fanatical about being good...somehow...I became extremely self-righteous...I was not at all like Jesus...humble and giving...and loving...I was preoccupied with finding sin everywhere.I still have elements of that left...you know... the world is crooked stuff.

I suppose my reasons for saying that have alot to do with my frustrations... frustrations with the injustices of the world...you see I really would like to see heaven on earth...and for superman to beat-up all the bad guys...but I honestly don't know who the bad guys are anymore...our society tells us that the good guys are the successful ones...the capitalists, the war mongers...the rich

and the powerful. The bad guys are the unsuccessful, the commies, the deadbeats, the poor and the powerless...1984... War is Peace...Freedom is Slavery...Bad is Good...Black is White...and God is Dead...George Orwell called it double-think...Big Brother created the reality, created the truth of the moment...sound familiar...?

Confusing times...dualities, paradoxes...everything comes in twos...and we were told in Sunday School, we must choose which is right and which is wrong...ring around the rosies...pocket full of posies...ashes...ashes...all fall down.

It's true...most of us will never know what is really going on in the World...the powers that be are too immense to contemplate...So as the forces of light and darkness align themselves and prepare for battle,...I hope that you Bobby Souder will pray for me and the World, because God is Dead and the World is Crooked.

Sincerely,

Alice

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resident parking and housing low-income people who were victims of the Carmelization of Venice! Talk about the Devil Quoting the Scripture!! And there were members of the Venice Coastal Committee longtime foes of uncontrolled speculative high density buildings supporting him!

Interestingly enough, long time residents seemed more in favor of a senior citizens housing development even though they had apprehensions about how to effect a longterm legally binding contract to keep Mr. Scharf to his promises. The newer residents seemed more concerned with lightnair and ambience and less willing to negotiate a compromise that would preserve both the human feeling of the walk streets and the needs of the elderly poor. This definition of the quality of life seemed to encompass prettiness, "quaint" surroundings and the ability to brunch at one of the trendy restaurants on the Ocean Front Walk that encroach on the public walkways and who have no parking.

It's obscene to me that one man has the power to disrupt the lives of hundreds of people and to change a community to suit him.

The fact that this man wants to give back a few of the low income units that he has taken away does not make me grateful. Maybe, maybe all that yelling and screaming did some good and got through to Mr. Scharf. ■

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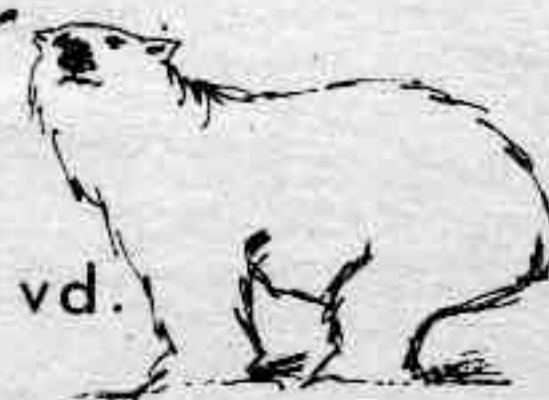
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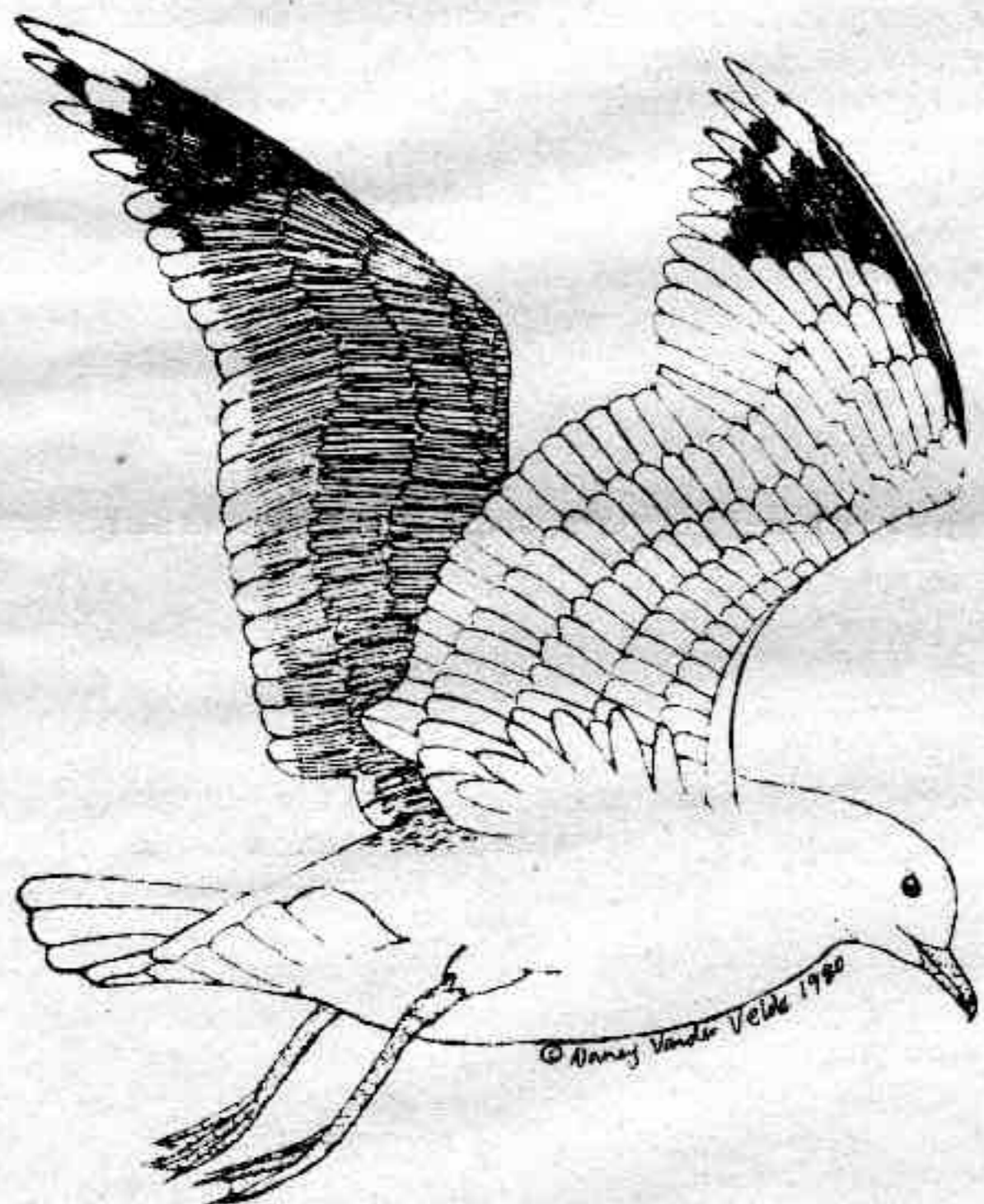


The Wetlands

by MOE STAVNEZER

At its January hearing in L.A. the California Coastal Commission voted 9-3 to approve massive development of the Ballona Wetlands. The Land Use Plan (LUP) for the Summa Corp's 1,000 acres south of the marina channel, combined with new development in Marina del Rey envisions 20,000+ more people in this area. This new city will generate 100's of thousands of new car trips every day on already existing roads, including Lincoln Blvd. which is currently taxed almost to its limits.

The 2 main traffic "improvements" in the LUP are the Marina Bypass and the Falmouth "cut-through". The former will connect the Marina Freeway and Lincoln Bl with Washington Bl--supposedly to cut down on traffic problems on Lincoln, especially at its intersection with Washington. There appears to be little rational thought behind this road which could easily become the first leg of a road, along the railroad right-of-way, thru Venice. The Falmouth Ave extension is even more egregious. It extends Falmouth Ave in Playa del Rey to Culver Blvd and was originally supposed to go right thru the wetlands, a route which the staff of the commission recommended against. The commission, turning a deaf ear to its staff and the public, approved the road to be built on pilings above the wetland! Certainly the people and animals using the wetlands won't notice that.



Finally, the commission may have tolled the death knell for the wetlands, the last such in all of L.A. county. The LUP sets aside 175 of the wetlands for "preservation" despite much testimony indicating the inviability of such a small area. Summa, which purchased the entire wetland for what it will charge for one condominium, just couldn't see its way clear to protect this valuable resource. Our thanks to commission chair Mel Nutter, and commissioners Callahan & Hisserich for voting for the wetlands. ■

By memphis slim

It was a wonderful Night in Manhattan. Friday nite, January 20, 1984 and the place was packed. "A Band called Sam," was jamming and a Venice crowd had filled this old Santa Monica Mall restaurant/bar.

Beto Rosado wandered through the crowd glad handing people and congratulating himself. Beto and friends, Mike the wonderful, self-effacing owner of the Manhattan and Sam Taylor had worked magic together.

Each one of these men contributed their special talents, skills and business to help re-vitalize the Old Santa Monica Mall, provide the community with a place for fund raisers and put the Manhattan back on the map for Venice residents.

Manhattan is a friendly, spacious restaurant with an adjoining, converted piano bar. Like many of the Old Mall businesses, times are not too good. The deafness of Santa Monica City Hall to the plight of the Old Mall businesses is apparent. Mike needed more business for his superb staff such as Woody, the Mississippi River Chef, J.T., the ultimate in waiters, and Harriet, Mike's wife, who is Mike's right hand.

Beto, representing the Westside community, approached Mike with the idea of making Manhattan a place for fund raisers for Westside causes. Enter Venice's best band, Sam Taylor and Friends and Voile!

Since alot of you missed that night, there is hope. The first in what we hope is a long series of fund raisers begins on Sunday afternoon, February 12th at 1:00 p.m. A band called "Sam" will play and the proceeds will benefit the WESTSIDE UNEMPLOYED COUNCIL. Beto and

friends hope that enough support can be shown by the community to have a fund raiser once a month at Manhattan. Beto needs all the help he can get on this project, so call 390-3706 if you can donate your time or energy.

In the meantime, the Manhattan provides live entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights and has a restaurant that can't be beat. Hazel, a Venice person, Jon, Angelique, Andy, Bill and Terry are all eager to serve our community. Mike, the owner, is even trying to hire a waiter or waitress from Venice because he sees the community of Venice as being the possible catalyst to change the Old Santa Monica Mall. Manhattan's lounge is unfortunately too small to support SAM on a regular basis, but A Band called SAM will be at Manhattan

periodically. Other high quality, local entertainment will be showcased on weekends and the best of all for you night lifers is that there is NO MINIMUM and NO COVER. No, Mike is not crazy, he's just trying to get a steady, repeat clientele who appreciate the finer things in life from a community person.

The Manhattan is located at 1212 Old Santa Monica Mall. The restaurant is open 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., weekdays (till 10 on Weekends) and the Lounge is open till midnite weekdays and till 2 a.m. on weekends.

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Code of the 40th President

by
S. E. Mendelson

On October 31, 1983 500 internationally respected climatologists, physicists, politicians, & journalists assembled in Washington, D.C. to hear a two-day report on "The Long Term Worldwide Biological Consequences of Nuclear War." The following excerpts were taken from The Environmental Catastrophe of Nuclear War by Jim Hardy & Mike Shuman in the December 1983 issue of Not Man Apart, the news journal of Friends of the Earth (FOE).

"Along with 100 of their biological & physical science colleagues, (Paul) Ehrlich & Carl Sagan assembled the world's most sophisticated climatological models to calculate the effects of a series of nuclear scenarios.

"In the scientists' base scenario one-third of U.S. & Soviet arsenals are detonated, about 5,000 megatons. (one megaton represents the explosive power of a million tons of T.N.T.) According to new World Health Organization estimates more than 1 billion people would be killed instantly & a second billion would almost certainly die shortly thereafter. The Sagan-Ehrlich study addressed the next phase.

"The intense heat generated by the blasts would set off tremendous firestorms, igniting everything in their path, producing massive quantities of PCB, dioxin, vinyl chloride, cyanides, carbon monoxide, & furans that would fall to earth in deadly rains. The blasts would also convert much of the nitrogen in the atmosphere to an oxide form that would combine with & destroy portions of the earth's ozone barrier, exposing survivors to high levels of ultraviolet radiation.

"The ground-level nuclear blasts would lift phenomenal quantities of soil & soot into the atmosphere -- more than 100,000 tons of very fine dust per megaton of blast -- in a cloud so thick...only 5 percent of the sun's normal light would reach the earth's surface. Because the particles would be so much finer than those released in volcanic explosions, they would not fall out quickly...Land temperatures in the northern hemisphere would plunge to -13 degrees F. & stay below freezing for months, except for narrow coastline strips. According to Carl Sagan, 'Virtually all crops & land animals, at least in the northern hemisphere, would be destroyed, as would most varieties of uncultivated or undomesticated food supplies. Most human survivors would starve.'

"Biologist Paul Ehrlich's group's findings corresponded to Carl Sagan's, adding that '...the damaged ozone layer above would allow penetration of high levels of ultraviolet radiation, which is particularly dangerous to phytoplankton.' And that '...radioactive fallout from such a war would also be far greater than prior estimates, in part because new "low-yield" MI RV'd weapons produce more fission debris at a lower altitude than older gargantuan warheads...'

"Sagan & Ehrlich & their colleagues estimated that 30 percent of the northern mid latitude land area would receive doses higher than 250 rads (the LD-50, or dose level expected to kill half the population exposed to it) from fallout, ingestion, & inhalation, not counting any blast exposure. With targeting of reactors & reprocessing plants, exposures would be significantly higher....

"The southern hemisphere would not be spared. The enormous heat of the explosions & subsequent overnight plunge into 'nuclear winter' would create enormous temperature differences between north & south, forcing global mixing of soot, earth, chemicals, & radiation.

"...The most shocking finding of the entire study was that 'an epoch of cold & dark almost as severe as in the 5,000 megaton case' could be triggered by a war involving 100 megatons of explosive power, one percent of superpower arsenals & a fiftieth the size of the base case. No prior analysis had ever presumed the possibility of such serious damage from so small a nuclear exchange.

"The two reports -- one of biological effects & the other on global climatic effects -- together with all the technical documentation are slated to be published in Science magazine under the authorship of 50 distinguished scientists from the U.S., Europe, & the Soviet Union."

Under the topic "New Data, New Models, New Results," the report continues:

"How could these effects have been underestimated by so many for so long? 'In technical studies of the consequences of nuclear weapons explosions,' reported Sagan, 'there has been a dangerous tendency to underestimate the results. This is partly due to a tradition of conservatism which generally works well in science, but which is of more dubious applicability when the lives of billions of people are at stake....'

"...Only two reports of any stature or competence throughout the 1970's weighed the long-term effects of nuclear war: a 1975 study by a National Academy of Sciences (NAS) committee which examined the 'Long Term Worldwide Effects of Multiple Nuclear Weapons Detonations,' & in 1979, the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment's report on 'The Effects of Nuclear War....'

"...When asked if there was any significance to the timing of the conference on October 31, the 31st anniversary of the first hydrogen bomb explosion, Sagan only noted that the day was Halloween, which was originally a Celtic holiday that marked the beginning of winter."

Under the topic "Doom & Gloom", Donald Kennedy, President of Stanford & a noted biologist, in a keynote speech said: "...A major nuclear exchange will have, among its plausible effects, the greatest biological & physical disruptions of this planet in the last 65 million years.... No longer is it acceptable to think of nuclear war in terms of minutes, days, or even months. What we have learned from the biologists & atmospheric physicists is that the proper time scale is years....The risk estimates on which our strategists have been working & citing to citizens are grossly optimistic."

"In a teleconference with the Soviet Union which lasted an hour, Drs. Ehrlich & Sagan discussed the findings of their scientific group, via satellite, with a panel of top Soviet scientists & 100 of their associates seated in a Moscow television station. With giant screens in front of the Washington Sheraton's auditorium, the American audience watched the Soviets, who, in turn, watched the Americans.

"While the Soviet scientists' findings were generally in agreement with their U.S. counterparts, some U.S.S.R. experts offered areas of new concern....Kyrill Kondratyev, a member of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, showed that nitrogen oxides from nuclear blasts, besides depleting stratospheric ozone, might weaken the penetration of solar radiation to a level 10 degrees Celsius lower than that caused by dust & soot. Nikolay Kochkov, another Academy of Sciences member, expressed particular concern about long term genetic damage to all forms of life. And Alexander Bayeev, a biologist, worried about unknown synergisms of all these effects.

"A tense moment occurred when Carl Sagan asked whether Soviet scientists would be willing to let American scientists examine measurements of the Soviet above-ground nuclear tests that preceded the 1963 Limited Test Ban Treaty. At first, the Soviets, well aware of diplomatic discomfort over breaking national secrecy rules, evaded the question. But when Sagan pushed for an answer, Roald Sagdeyev, Director of the Soviet Institute for Cosmic Research, promised to pursue a release provided Sagan pushed for simultaneous release of U.S. above-ground nuclear test data.

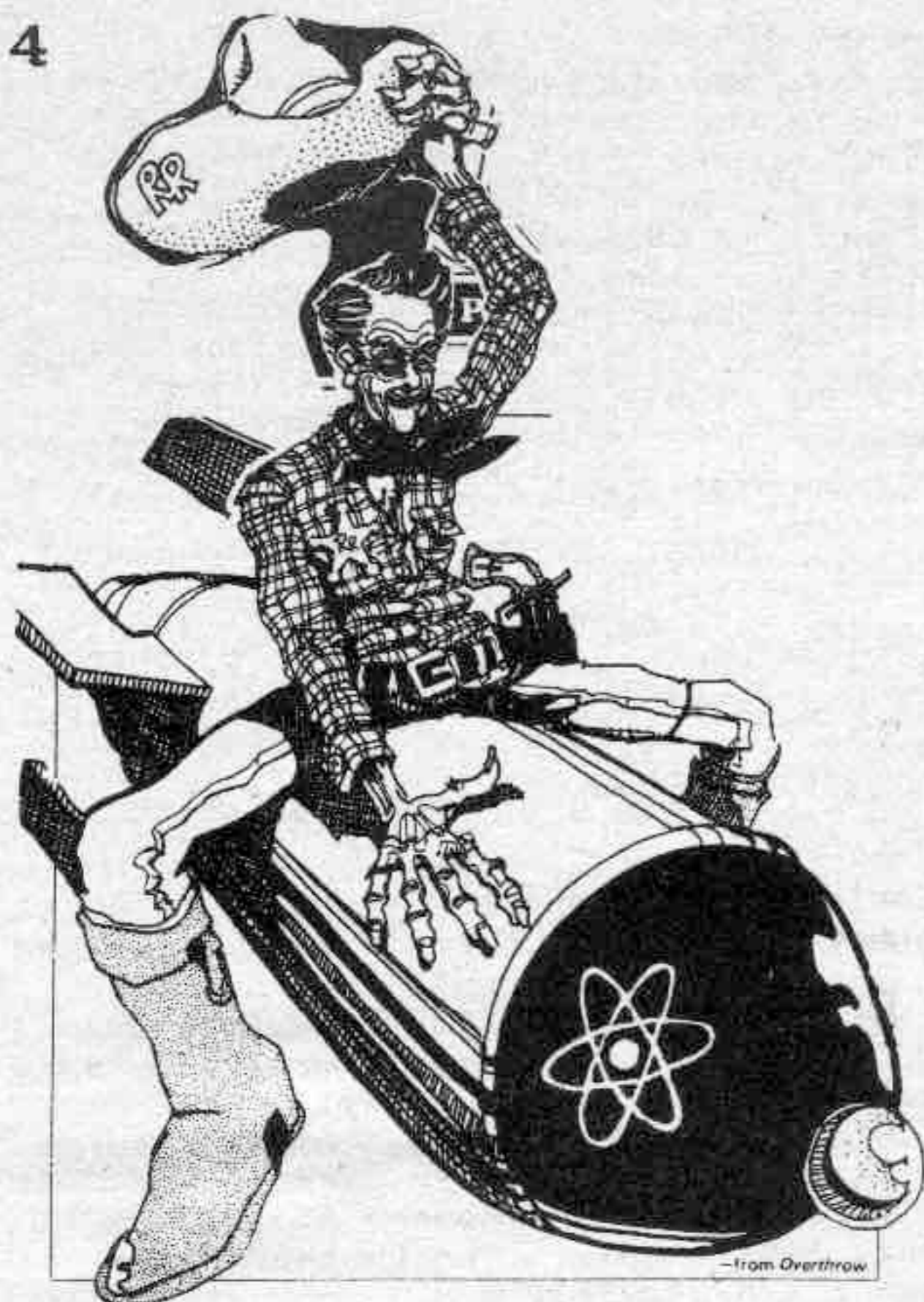
"Evgeny Velikhov, vice-president of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, offered perhaps the most moving words of the broadcast & the conference. Perhaps these findings, he hoped, would give superpower leaders a new impulse to disarm. He warned that the results demonstrated that a limited nuclear war was impossible & nuclear superiority a dangerous illusion. 'Nuclear weapons,' Velikhov commented, 'can no longer be tools of war or politics; they are only instruments of suicide. Nuclear weapons are a cancerous growth that threaten humanity.... Either we will destroy the cancer or it will destroy us.'

In 1937, during his strictly acting days, our president starred in two films: Secret Service of the Air & Code of the Secret Service. In both he plays the role of Ernie Bancroft, a man who gives up his steady job as a commercial airlines pilot to join the Secret Service. In the first scenario he smashes a smuggling ring that is bringing aliens into this country; in the second, he uncovers the operations of American counterfeiters in Mexico.

After the 2nd scenario, Code of the Secret Service, was finished, our president felt the film was so bad, he appealed to the studio not to release it. Warners compromised & released it everywhere except the L.A. area, thereby enabling the actor to escape embarrassment among his friends. Later, while visiting a distant city, our president was standing outside a theater, looking at the posters of the stiffs, when he was recognized by the ticket taker who said: "You should be ashamed."

Now, 46 years later, our president is starring in a new scenario, Code of the 40th President. In it he plays the role of Ronald Reagan, a man who gives up a steady job of acting to become this nation's 40th president, a president with lots of backbone, who smashes communists & their dupes everywhere with the help of God & lots of conventional & nuclear weapons.

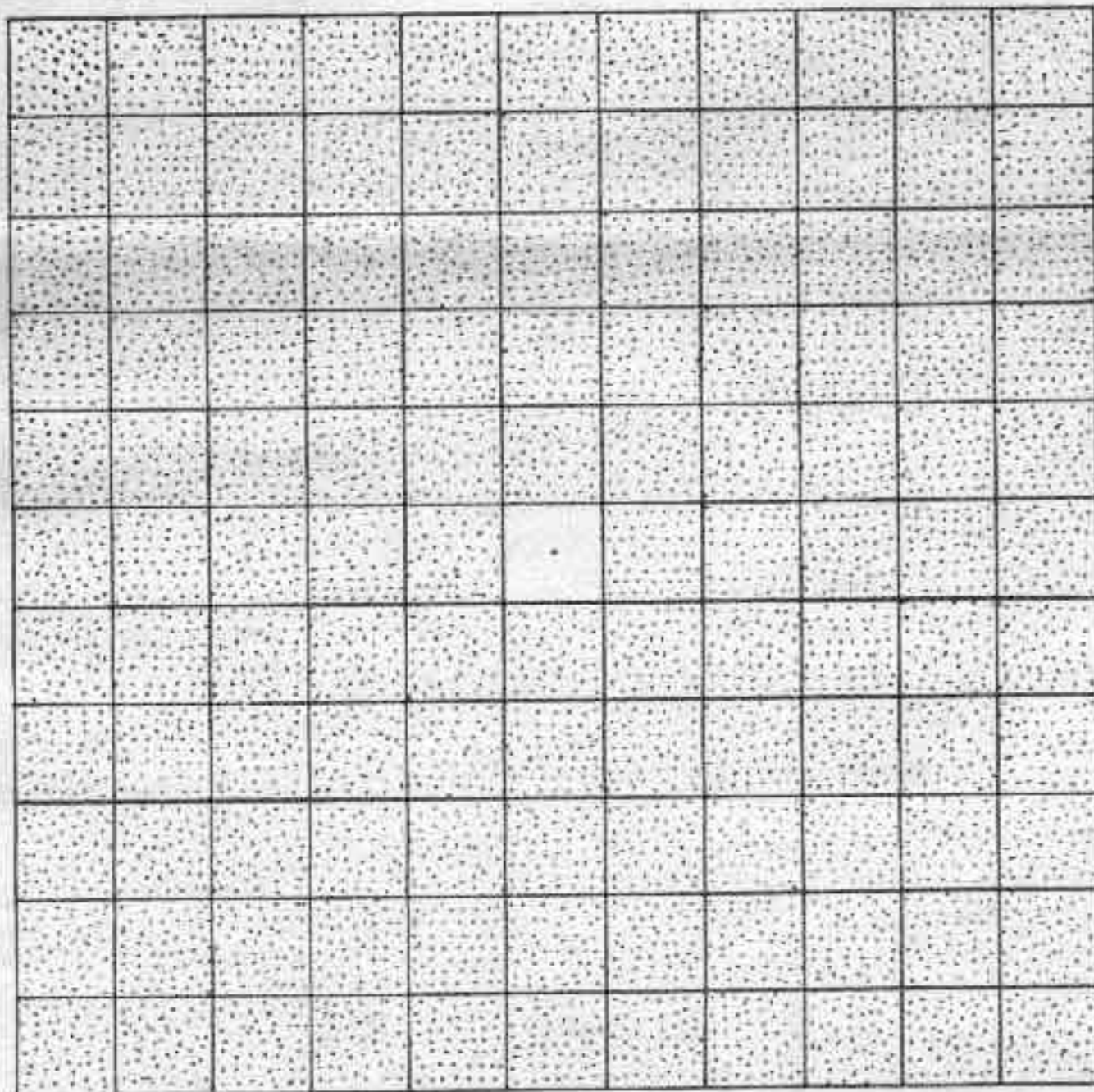
So far, most of those who are seeing it are giving it terrible reviews. □



DOT'S ALL, FOLKS

Dear Beachhead

The dot in the middle square represents all the firepower expended during World War II - 3 million tons of explosives. The other dots represent the firepower of the world's present nuclear weaponry, 6,000 World War II's or 18,000 megatons, split about evenly between the US and the USSR. Two squares (300 megatons) represents enough firepower to destroy all the large and medium sized cities in the world.



The chart has been adapted from one which appears in The Trintab Factor: How Business Executives Can Help Solve the Nuclear Weapons Crisis by Harold Willens, published by William Morrow, New York.



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Zeb: Zeke?

The cowboy pushed his hat up on his head.

Zeke: Yeah?

Zeb: I was just thinkin'

Zeke: Sprain somethin'?

Zeb: You're a reg'lar comedian, aincha?

Zeke: Hee, hee, hee.

Zeke grinned. Zeb slapped at a fly.

Zeb: Musta smelled one of your jokes.

Zeke: Well, what was ya thinkin' or did ya just wake me up to be contrary?

Zeb: What I was thinkin' smart aleck, what was how dad blamed stupid we been,

Zeke: We?

Zeb: Yeah, we.

Zeke: How'd I get in this?

Zeb: We're all in this.

Zeke: Who's this all?

Zeb: The whole damn country.

Zeke: What in the hell're you talkin' about?

Zeke raised his head off his saddle and leaned on his elbow.

Zeb: Well, I was perusin' through some books last night in the bunkhouse.

Zeke: I know.

Zeb: Ya' know.

Zeke: Yeah, ya' woke the whole damn bunkhouse up and the cows damn near stam....

Zeb: Not them books!

Zeke: Oh!

Zeb shifted the weed to the other side of his mouth

Zeb: Anyhow, I was reading about what Reagan's been sayin' he's been doin' and what he's really been doin'.

Zeke: Such as?

Zeb: Well, take Grenada for instance.

Zeke: Where'm I gonna take it?

Zeb: Would ya just hold off on the smart aleck remarks till I'm finished.

Zeke: Zebulon?

Zeb: What?

Zeke: You have my undivided attention.

Zeb: Alright then.

Zeb rubbed his whiskers and collected his thoughts.

Zeb: Did ya see now he said we was protectin' American lives?

Zeke: What about it?

Zeb: Well, the Chancellor o' the Medical College over there said they's in no danger at all 'till the Marines landed.

Zeke: Is that right?

Zeb: Yeah, that's where most of 'em was too, there in the Medical College.

Zeke: Said they wasn't in no danger at all till we got there, did he?

Zeb: Yup, said he'd hold Reagan personally responsible if anythin happened to 'em too.

Zeke: Naw, I didn't hear that.

Zeb: Well, ya just did, so don't say ya weren't told.

Zeke: All right, is that all?

Zeb: Naw, it ain't. Reagan said Grenada was gonna be the next Cuba right?

Zeke: Yeah, that's why we was supposed to've invaded 'em.

Zeb: Well, that island's the size o Philadelphia, Zeke.

Zeke: Philadelphia?

Zeb: Yeah, Philadelphia an I's thinkin just how many o whatever's supposed to be on Cuba can ya fit on an island the size o Philadelphia.

Zeke: I see what ya mean. I didn't know it was that small.

Zeb: They're lyin' to us again, Zeke.

Zeke: Mmm-hmmmm

Zeb: Sump'n else.

Zeke: You been doin a mess o wonderin aincha?

Zeb: Yeah, I have 'Zekiel, I'm a reglar wonder, hee hee. Now shut up an' lemme finish. Reagan an' his advisors damn

near all of 'em think we can win a limited

nuclear war.

Zeke: Zeb?

Zeb: What?

Zeke: How do ya limit a war?

Zeb: You're on the ball, aincha boy. That might well o been the most intellegent comment o your career.

Zeke: What career?

Zeb: Professional lollygagger, hee hee. Now shut up an lemme finish. Anytime them liars'll admit that people are gonna get killed in one o their wars, you can most generally get the correct figure by multiplyin' whatever they say by 10. Since they admit to 20 million, you can just about bet that all of us are gonna get it.

Zeke: 10 times 20 is...

Zeb: 200 million, Zeke.

Zeke: Howeee!

Zeke whistled.

Zeke: That's a bushel and a peck ain't it Zeb: That's your fingers an' your toes 10 million times, Zeke.

Zeke: I ain't got but 3 toes on my left foot.

Zeb: This ain't no time to get practical, Zeke.

Zeke: Zeb?

Zeb: Yeah?

Zeke: Do they think we're gonna' volunteer ta' get french-fried?

Zeb: They're volunteerin' us.

Zeke: They ain't volunteerin' me.

Zeb: We ain't got no say in it Zeke.

Zeke: We're gonna' have ta' do somethin' about this ya' know it.

Zeb nodded and scratched his behind.



LOONEY TUNES

Alice Cramden

In my most dismal moments I sometimes wonder about those certain psychological motivations that cause us to hurt one another...you know, the dark side of the moon...the demons that rage within us stuff.

We know what we're doing when we do it...we want to hurt cause we've been hurt and when we know that our revenge is complete and the tears of our opponent have flowed freely...then we are reminded again of our humanness and compassion and the slate is wiped clean...

or so we think, or some such bullshit...but the slate is never clean, because the one who has been hurt now must do the hurting and so the cycle goes on and on and on unless one decides to end it. And the one who decides to end this cycle of revenge is not looked upon kindly by the other player in this game, because he's ended the Game and what happens to a relationship when the game has ended?

Well, unfortunately, very often, it is the end of the relationship because the relationship was built upon the pain and pleasure principle...you pain me a little, then I pain you a little and then we find pleasure in the mutual relief of our pain...it's psychological S&M...a very popular game employed by most all of us...there are certain rules to the game...the game is usually not played to completely destroy...it's like limited warfare...even though you've got your nuke and I've got my nuke ready for ignition at any moment...the unspoken rules are that the game is for pain and pleasure...not to destroy...at least not in the beginning of the game...I know, you thought the dark ages were over.

What happens when one pains another a little too much?...well sometimes the principle switches gears and goes into reverse and hate enters the picture...oh and hate is an ugly monster rearing its serpentine head ready to attack at the least bit of provocation...hate is powerful...He is not to be dealt with...and when he commands you...you fall...and you fall...and you fall from grace...amazin' grace...la...de...dah...and so the

cycle repeats itself forever and ever... Amen.

But you ask, what has this all got to do with revenge and love and war... I don't know...it just seems to be our universal interplanetary Starwars rip-off soapopera...you see Generals and Presidents and Dictators (whichever they prefer being) all have something in common...they like being in charge... they like telling others (preferably humans) what to do...and God only knows some people do need to be told what to do...there is our fellowman who is weaker, there is the weaker sex...there are our children who are weaker and must not be lead astray by the scuz and sleaze of the world (i.e. meaning hippie types, white trash or commies)...there are weak people in the world...no doubt... but is that really why people want to be in charge?

Pleasure...it's pleasurable to order people about...and as you've heard your local statesman declare... "also a pain in the ass." In other words...the pleasure, pain syndrome again...Sin... Original sin...how to escape it...build rockets to the moon...yes, we did that already...microbiology...become invisible...we don't yet know how to become invisible...but we're coming close to becoming extinct...doomsday...doomsday... not very far away...

"why doesn't someone take charge!... we can't continue on this course," I tell myself... "someone please take charge...charge...charge...charge of what?... there's you and me and what is there to take charge of? Why are we so frantic... no one needs to take charge...I think you and I just have to learn to live together in this house...I think...

I think...who cares what I think... why should I decide that we should live together in this house...well, ok, then you decide...there you go again...deciding...deciding...taking charge...when all the time you know...you know...I know... you know...we all are in the know...now isn't that great folks...we're all in the know...now isn't it nice to know that life isn't a cartoon after all...?

As Loony Tunes use to say... "Tha... Tha... That's all folks..." □

Zeb: Know what else?

Zeke: What?

Zeb: They're havin' the same problems in Canada.

Zeke: How's that?

Zeb: They're goin' a little crazy, too.

Zeke: Like Reagan?

Zeb: Yeah.

Zeke: What've they done?

Zeb: It ain't what they've done, it's what they're doin'.

Zeke: What're they doin'?

Zeb: Well, they got 5 people on trial up in British Columbia right now.

Zeke: What for?

Zeb: All of 'em's political activists and the government up there's tryin' to make people that disagree with 'em look bad.

Zeke: What're they lyin' about?

Zeb: They say they blowed up the plant that that makes guidance systems for them nuclear missles.

Zeke: Is that right?

He slapped his knee.

Zeke: Haw, haw, haw. Hell, that sounds like a favor to me, whoever did it. What're they givin' 'em, medals?

Zeb stared sadly at the horizon.

Zeb: They're tryin' to put 'em away for the rest of their lives, Zeke.

Zeke: What?

Zeb: They're tryin' to put 'em away forever, Zeke. They don't like people rainin' on their barbeques.

Zeke: Rain on 'em.

Zeb: That's what I said. Sent 'em my belt buckle money, too!

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Press Release....

The Pershing II and Cruise missiles have been deployed in Europe. In W. Germany this move has polarized society as no other issue has in decades. The NATO BLOC governments cannot rest easy or claim decisive victory in the face of mounting outrage. From Protest to Resistance! This is beocing the battlecry of the anti-nuclear movement.

The World Without Imperialism Contingent, 30 deserters from America's war-mongering spent 2 months in W. Germany participating in mass protests and engaging in intense political debate and discussion with forces in the W. German movement over why the missiles had to be fought.

There has been debate raging throughout W. German society over the deployments for months. The Contingent entered into this scene challenging widely held position that the missiles would make more likely and that W. Germany was a "hapless pawn" of the U.S. The Contingent targeted both blocs-East and West-as co-responsible for the approach of war, that the missiles were a necessity for imperialism's war preparations, and W. Germany was a ready and eager ally of the NATO bloc. Word travelled fast about the Contingent's presence as they participated in October's "Hot Autumn", the Siege of the Bundstag in Bonn, at Mutlangen airfield, home of the first Pershing II missiles, to W. Berlin where they joined with youth from the Squatters, Autonomen, Anarchist and Independent forces to protest the immigrant Turkish community from neo-nazi attack following the national Turkey-W. Germany soccer game.

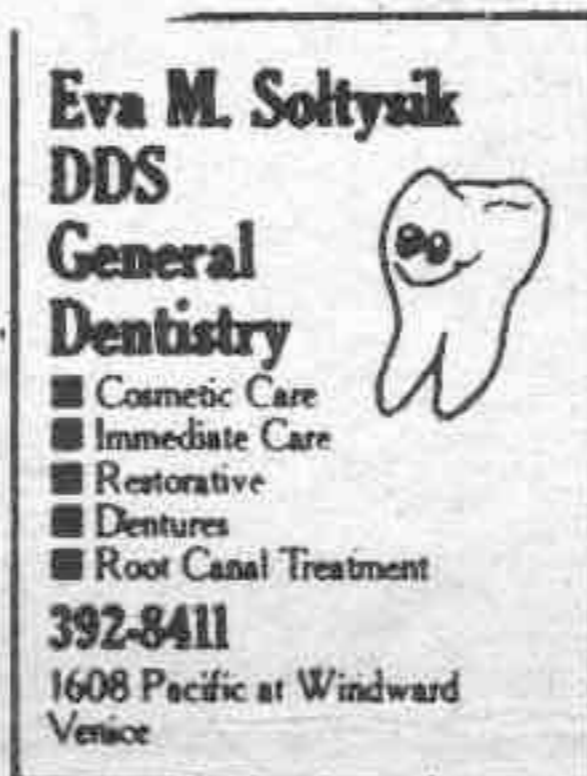
With the decision of the W. German government to deploy, a section of the people are questioning the strategy and tactics of the peace movement. If millions in the streets and delegates in Parliament won't change the government's policy, then what will?

Contingent representatives are prepared to speak on the polarization in the peace movement and in W. German society at large. Their first hand experience and wide ranging contact-from the Greens, local independent peace organizations, to the militant anarchist Autonomen, to the revolutionary Turkish workers and youth-on the debate going on over the direction of events in the world are relevant to the anti-imperialist movement in the U.S. as well. Contingent members, activists from the anti-nuclear, anti-war movements, from the campuses, among proletarian youth and feminists will be speaking in cities across the US.

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Zeke: That money you had saved for that belt buckle?

Zeb: Yeah?

Zeke peered at his partner.

Zeke: You saved for that buckle awhile, didn't you, Zeb?

Zeb: Don't you think they need it a little worse, Zeke?

Zeke squared his hat and grinned.

Zeke: I reckon' they do Zebulon, I reckon they do! Give me the address if you got it on you.

Zeb smiled at his partner.

Zeb: You ain't gonna' need it 'til we get back to the bunkhouse, but if you write it down, I got it memorized.

Zeke: Hold on.

Zeke dug a pencil out of his saddlebag and tore his cigarette pack up.

Zeke: Shoot!

Zeb: Free the Vancouver Five Defense Committee, Account #91740-1, C/O CCEC Credit Union, 205 E. 6th Ave., Vancouver, B.C., Canada. U5T1J7, got it?

Zeke stuck the pencil back in his saddlebag.

Zeke: Got it!

The men relaxed again. Zeke with his head on the saddle.

Zeke: Know what Zeb?

Zeb: I'm all ears.

Zeke: I can see that.

Zeb: Don't start in on my ears, Zeke, I didn't say nothin' bout your toes.

Zeke: All right. I was just gonna' say I'd like to brand Reagan's rear with a big 'L' for liar.

Zeb: He's already done that, Zeke, everytime he's opened his mouth. The man's a branded liar.

In the spirit of the 'X' this has been a public service presentation of the Revolutionary Insurgents of the Planet Earth (R.I.P.E.). ■



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Feb 2: TNG Video screening

Feb 16: TNG General meeting--Dr. Richard Turco will be the featured speaker

Feb 18: "Public Forum: Roots of War/Paths to Peace" St. Robert's Hall, Loyola-Marymount Univ. 10am-3pm 470-2293

A film about sterilization abuse in Puerto Rico, *La Operacion*, will be shown at Marine Park (14th and Marine, S.M.) on Friday, February 10 at 7:30 p.m. Puerto Rico has the highest rate of sterilization in the world, 40% of women, and the youngest average age of sterilization, 26 years. The film examines the condition of colonialism that has made sterilization an official policy in Puerto Rico. \$3 donation. For more info, call the New Movement in Solidarity with Puerto Rican Independence and Socialism, 392-8733.

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Fri. Feb 10: Fiction writer John Miller & Brina Gehry will perform, 8pm \$2

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Tue Feb 28....Michael Mollet

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OCEANIC SOCIETY...340-0094 or 987-1855 6241 Nita Ave, Woodland Hills CA 91367

Sat Feb 12 & 19: Whale Watch Day Trips to observe migrating grey whales 10-4pm \$15

Wed Feb 22: White Point, film and slide presentation, divers Ken & Dicie Sizemore Chace Park Community Ctr. Marina del Rey FREE

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Feb 5: "Gay still means free and happy, doesn't it?" Rev. Mark Belletini

Feb 12: "Malcolm X: Reminiscences of a Revolutionary" Frank Greenwood

Feb 19: "Ghandi and Los Angeles" Rev. Douglas Wilson

Feb 26: "To Langston with love" Phyllis Applegate and Suzanne Spencer

SOCIAL

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Feb 5: "Women's issues in a difficult world" by Hannah Lorman

Feb 12: "Business is business(slove is love)" by Merle Horwitz

Feb 19: "Transpersonal Therapy & body work" by Daisy Spiegel

Feb 26: "Family--Laboratory of relationships" by Idamay Burner

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