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Is Hana Qaddafi a Terrorist?

- By Jim Prickett

My friend and colleague Harvey Stromberg is fond of quoting the old adage, "one man's terrorist is another man's freedom fighter." He points out that most nations both accuse other nations of terrorism and are themselves accused of terrorism by other nations. Since there is no generally accepted definition of terrorism, Harvey cogently argues that the term is essentially meaningless.

And yet all of us—including Harvey—use the term frequently. More than that: Americans are genuinely frightened and outraged by what they call terrorism. At the same time, Americans have almost no understanding of what terrorism is and, equally important, what it is not.

The U.S. government defines terrorism as the "unlawful use of violence for political ends"; the key word here is "unlawful." The destruction of entire villages in El Salvador or Afghanistan by aerial bombardment would not be terrorism, since there is nothing "unlawful" about it. Others might argue that no act committed by oppressed people should be considered terrorism. Neither view is adequate.

What most of us understand by terrorism is this: the murder of unarmed non-combatants for political purposes. It is not terrorism to kill Soviet soldiers in Afghanistan or U.S. marines in El Salvador; it is terrorism to attack U.S. or Soviet civilians.

If we accept this definition, we should understand that the vast majority of terrorist attacks are conducted by governments against their own citizens. Moreover, the countries most active in conducting these terrorist attacks are U.S. client states, particularly in South and Central America.

There are two main types of government terror: selective assassination and indiscriminate bombing raids against villages. The U.S. client state of El Salvador provides the best example of both types. From 1979 to 1983, government troops and deaths squads murdered 50,000 El Salvadorans. Some were critics of the government: newspaper editors who were beheaded, labor leaders who were tortured, peasant co-operative



"Let me assure you that I have international terrorism well in hand."

leaders and so on. Others were relatives or friends of identified "subversives"; still others were selected for no apparent reason except to strike fear into the population.

The government of El Salvador has now turned to the second type of terror: bombing raids directed against villages considered strongholds of the guerrillas. Twice daily U.S. supplied planes drop bombs on peasant villages.

The second thing which Americans need to realize is that the most blatant and vicious example of state supported terrorism directed by one government against another is the U.S. sponsored assault on Nicaragua. The Nicaraguan Contras are the purest example of a terrorist group: their main tactic is the killing of teachers and health care workers in outlying areas of Nicaragua. Unlike genuine revolutionary movements, the Contras hold no territory and have no support in Nicaragua. Their camps are located in one foreign country (Honduras) and their arms and training come from another foreign country (the USA).

We know how upset Americans have been by the handful of Americans who have been killed by terrorist attacks. In Nicaragua, 12,000 people have been killed by the Contras. A typical Con-

tra attack was the ambushing of a bus taking mothers to visit their sons who were on duty in the Army. The Contras boarded the bus and tortured and killed the mothers. It is difficult to imagine how outraged Americans would be if terrorists crossed over into our country, committed such an act, and then returned to their camps in, say, Canada or Mexico. American politicians were upset when Nicaraguan troops recently followed Contras and attacked their base camps; would Americans allow terrorists to maintain a base camp in Canada or Mexico?

(Note that the Nicaraguans, unlike Americans in Cambodia, only attacked the Contra camps. They did not bomb Honduras.)

Twelve thousand is an enormously high number compared to the number of America victims of terrorism; one should remember that Nicaragua is a country of a few million. A comparable figure for the USA would be 500,000 murdered.

The third thing which Americans must realize is that terrorism—the killing of unarmed non-combatants for political ends—can never be a radical or revolutionary act. Frustrated radicals may commit terrorist acts, but those acts are only comprehensible within a liberal or a fascist political outlook.

I first understood this as a result of intense debate within the largest student radical organization of the sixties, SDS, between a terrorist wing called the Weatherman and its Marxist opponents, led by students in the Progressive Labor Party (PL). Attacks on U.S. citizens could only be justified if one assumed that U.S. citizens were responsible for U.S. policy throughout the world which could only be true if the USA was a democracy in which foreign policy decisions were made by the people. And those attacks would be effective only if one assumed that the government had so much concern for its citizens that it would abandon its policies if those policies endangered civilians.

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Another Miracle

by Geriatric Jack

President Rambo says we are in the midst of an economic miracle. Some authorities in the field say that about one-third of us are functionally illiterate. Patience, you'll see the connection.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics says that we had more unemployment at the end of 1985 than in 1980. A miracle?

For "men of prime working age" the unemployment rate was about one and a half times higher in 1985 than in 1979. Another miracle? (To describe the condition of women in the work force might be classified as an obscenity.)

A full time worker at the minimum wage earns \$6,968 a year. 8 million workers are at or below the minimum wage. Ten million more are not covered by the minimum wage. Another miracle?

For a family of four poverty was an income of \$10,990 in 1985. If you make one dollar more are you considered out of poverty?

In 1984, the last year for which statistics are available, there were 33.7 million poor people, including 11.5 million children under 15 years of age and 3.3 million people 65 or older. Another miracle?

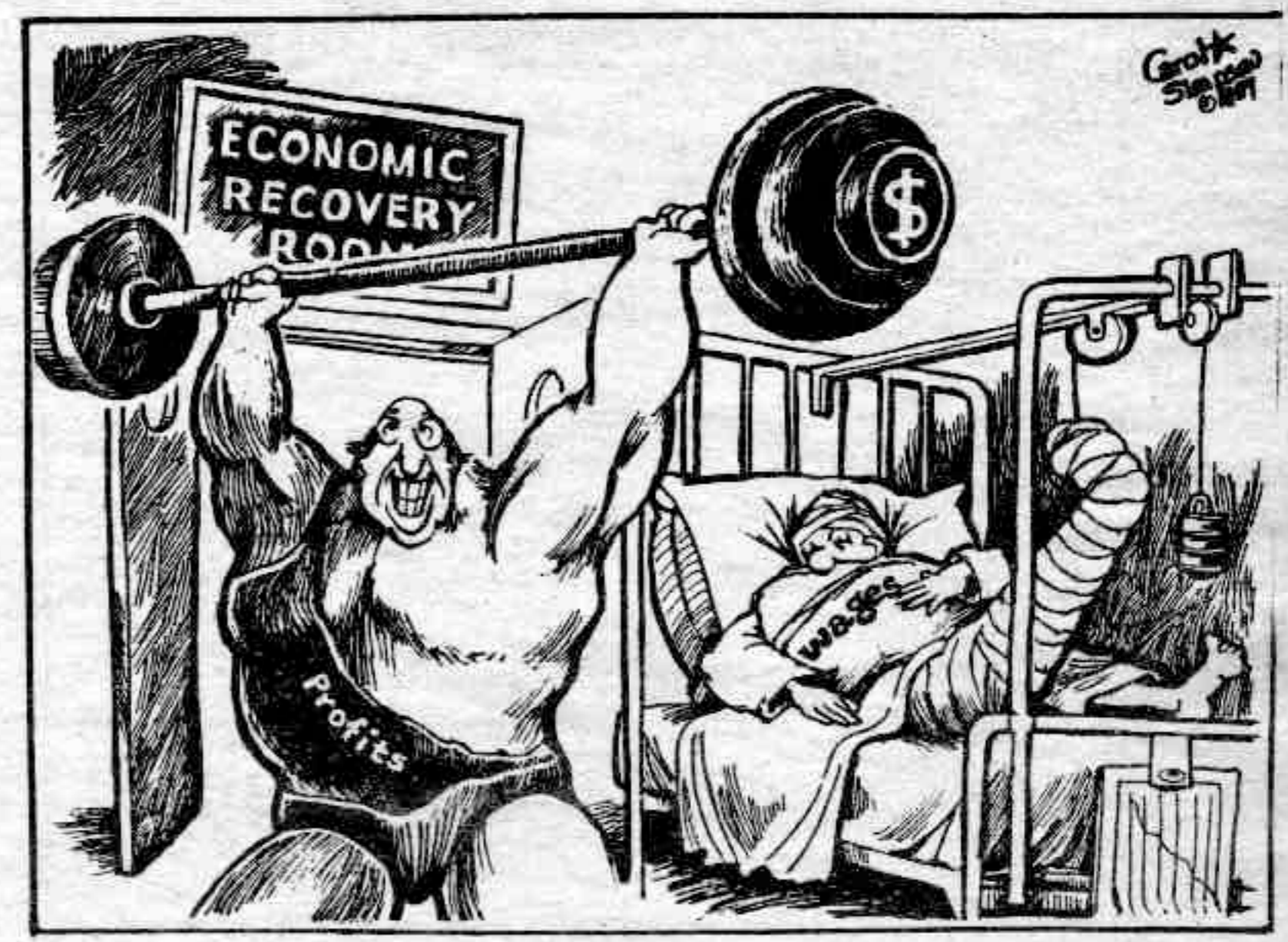
The estimates for the homeless vary from the government's figure of 250,000 to 350,000 to a figure of from 2 to 3 million by the National Coalition. Another miracle?

I am more than a little skeptical of these Labor Dept. statistics. They have an interesting category called "discouraged" workers. The Labor Dept. defines discouraged workers as people who say they want a job, but are not looking for one because they believe their search would be futile. THESE PEOPLE ARE NOT COUNTED AS UNEMPLOYED. Who else isn't counted? In 1979 there were 771,000 and 1.2 million at the end of 1985. Another miracle?

About 2.1 million people worked full time throughout 1984 but were still below the official poverty level, according to the Census Bureau. 1.2 million are head of households. Another miracle?

Twenty million Americans go hungry some time each month. 40 percent of Americans now seeking food aid were able to buy their own food two years ago. The number of Americans seeking food assistance is rising more than 50% a year. Another miracle President Rambo?

I think the real miracle is the fact that a person can become president of the United States who is economically illiterate. •





Thanks to B.A.N.A.!

BANA (Breeze Avenue Neighborhood Association) recently disbanded and closed its bank account. We, the Free Venice Beachhead, found that Christmas came early this year - BANA gave us \$175.

BANA was set up to fight the development of the lot at Breeze and Ocean Front Walk. Even though a building was eventually built (the notorious Bath House) BANA's efforts won considerable concessions from the developers including 44 extra underground parking spaces for local people whose parking lot was displaced by the building. BANA wasn't able to persuade the City or the Coastal Commission to enforce "affordable parking" rates, though; it now costs \$110 per month to park there!

Now that the building is a fait-accompli, and BANA expects no more legal fights, they closed their books. As well as giving money to the Beachhead, BANA gave \$175 to the Venice Town Council's legal fund (fighting the Playa Vista development) and \$100 to Heal The Bay.

We on the Beachhead say "Thanks a bunch, BANA".



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Memphis Gets Mail

Dear Beachhead:

I was going to let my subscription lapse due to the absence of Memphis Slim editorials. However, the April '86 edition renewed my faith in the Beachhead by printing the No Guts on the Left piece. Please find payment enclosed. MORE MEMPHIS SLIM.

Yours Truly,
Danny McKee

Notable Quotes

Dear Beachhead Collective:

Through serendipity I recently stumbled over the following quotes of some notable Americans who lived & died before Ronald Reagan became president, & from whom he may have adopted & shaped his present foreign policy -- especially as applies to Central America.

Because by nature I am more than generous in wanting to share this kind of information with my fellow Venusian citizens, & as I feel that it is germane to the saber rattling we are hearing from this celluloid administration in the District of Columbia, it is my hope that the collective can squeeze this item into the "letters" section of the newspaper.

Smedley D. "Old Gimlet Eye" Butler (1881-1940):
Marine Corps General:

"I helped make Mexico safe for American oil interests in 1914. I helped make Haiti & Cuba a decent place for the National City Bank boys to collect revenue in. I helped purify Nicaragua for the international banking house of Brown Brothers....I brought light to the Dominican Republic for American sugar interests in 1916. I helped make Honduras 'right' for American fruit companies in 1903. Looking back on it, I might have given Al Capone a few hints." (interview, New York Times, 21 August 31)

J.D.B. DeBow (1820-1867): Southern editor & Publisher:

"We have a destiny to perform, a 'manifest destiny' over Mexico, over South America, over the West Indies, & Canada. The Sandwich islands is as necessary to our eastern, as the isles of the gulf to our western commerce. The gates of the Chinese empire must be thrown down by the men from the Sacramento & the Oregon, & the haughty Japanese trampers upon the cross be enlightened in the doctrines of republicanism & the ballot box. The eagle of the republic shall poise itself over the field of Waterloo, after tracing its light among the gorges of the Himalaya or the Ural mountains, & a successor of Washington ascend the chair of universal empire." (DeBow's Review, 1850)

Richard H. Davis (1864-1916) War correspondent:

"Marines have landed & the situation is well in hand." (Cablegram from Panama, 1885)

Respectfully yours,
S. E. Mendelson



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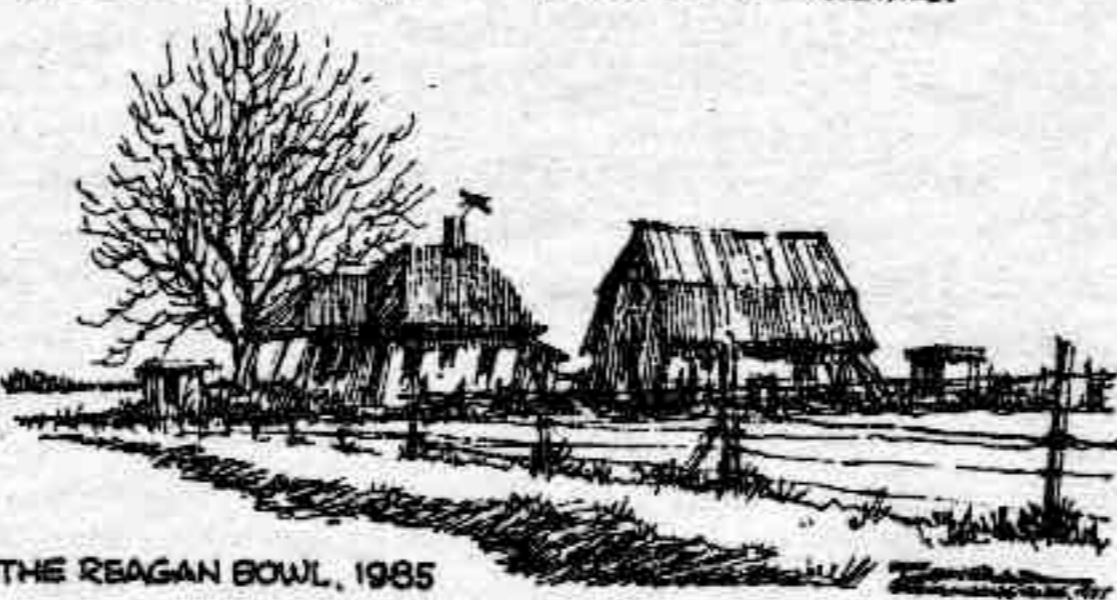
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'Remember You're Only Four Years Old...'

By Suzanne Thompson

Imagine that you are four years old, and you have lived in the countryside of El Salvador with your aunt for past year. You are there because men in green uniforms with big guns dragged your father from the house when you were only three. Villagers later found his tortured and disfigured body. You were not allowed to attend the funeral. Imagine that your grief stricken mother finally left you one night. You don't remember her tear stained good-bye kiss. You don't that she too had received death threats. You only know what you've been told, that she's gone to the United States and will send for you as soon as she can. Remember, your're only four years old.

Now, after nearly a year of waiting you've forgotten what your mother looks like, how it feels to sit on her lap, or to bury your face in her shoulder. They tell you that you're going to the United States to join her. You think you're happy, but you're not sure. One day, you're loaded onto a bus with other children and taken on a long, long ride. You don't know anybody. You are very frightened. The trip takes several days. You try not to cry.

Finally, you reach Tijuana, and you and the other kids are taken from the bus and put into the back of a camper. The driver is very stern. Everyone must be very, very quiet, he says. He doesn't want any crybabies.

But it's hot in the back of the camper, and everyone is thirsty. A baby starts to whine. The others try to hush him, but it's too late. The door bursts open and men in green uniforms who carry big guns order everyone out. You are frozen with fear. You have been arrested by the United States Immigration Service. You spend two weeks in custody before an attorney from El Rescate can come and take you to your mother. Remember, your only four years old.

This is a true story. It happened in the fall of 1984 and resulted in a federal lawsuit on behalf of Central American refugee children by El Rescate and the National Center for Immigrants' Rights*.

It also led to the Berkeley Law Foundation to offer El Rescate a one year grant to support an attorney serving the special needs of Central American refugee children through the Children's Advocacy Project. That grant began in July of 1985 and will run out the end of June.

The I.N.S. is ill-equipped to incarcerate children, least of all those from Central America, who are often sent here alone after suffering the severe traumas of that region's civil wars. Yet as many as 1,000 to 2,000 are detained every year. Those children are kept, sometimes for several months, in converted motels, convalescent hospitals, and other privately contracted detention facilities which I.N.S. has hastily set up for long term incarceration, principally of Central American refugees. Frequently, the children are housed with unrelated adults, are denied education and recreational facilities, and in almost every respect are subjected to treatment far worse than that afforded criminal offenders in this country.

Bonds on Central American children range from \$500 to \$5,000, depending on the jurisdiction in which they were

arrested and the disposition of the immigration official who processes them. Release is severely complicated by the I.N.S. policy of releasing minors only to a parent or legal guardian. Because many children travel with uncles, aunts, brothers, sisters, or grandparents, and others have parents who are undocumented and afraid of a rest and deportation, this policy can result in long-term detention of indefinite duration.

Through the Children's Advocacy Project, El Rescate has arranged for

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Short Shots

Although there is definitely a move to Main Street West Washington Blvd., making West Washington a Chic place is a hit and miss proposition. A recent negative was the moving of the Peace and Freedom Party Headquarters to Brooks Ave. The P&F headquarters building on West Washington was immediately refurbished to appeal to the average Geek business person. The good news is it's still unrented (at least as far as I know)

Down the street from the Merchant of Venice, a thoroughly LA businessperson set up shop selling Futon beds. Her outstanding business acumen and pleasing personality immediately made herself known to locals. She stiffed a friend of mine after the friend had called to make sure she could pick-up her already paid for bed on this particular afternoon. When my friend was confronted with a closed shop, neighboring store personnel said, "She's always closed on Weds." I got acquainted with this person when she threatened to call the cops on me for torturing my dog. Libre was, at the time, tied to the bench in front of the Merchant of Venice. I was inside consuming mass quantities. She made a scene but I, yes gentle reader, I made a bigger scene.

The moral of this story? She just moved her business to West Hollywood.

Speaking of the Merchant of Venice; they seem to be doing a good business at all hours they're open. I notice lots of locals in there and what can I say, the food's great and so are the drinks. Besides, they like me. So Matronize our advertisers.

Speaking of liking me, word has reached me that the Venice Saloon feels slighted by words written by yours truly during a Venice bar review a little over a year ago. Make no mistake about it, I will ensconce myself in that establishment before long and let readers know how it really is.

I'd like to write about nothing but Venice but I just can't help myself. Has anyone noticed that the latest has been to say if we don't stop Communism in Nicaragua we'll soon have Communism in Mexico. I'll give you a hint. The person is

known in China as President NOT-a-Cro. Do you need any more evidence to be a member of the Daniel Ortega Fan Club?

What would be wrong with Communism in Mexico? Indians and Women would immediately be human beings. The P.R.I. would no longer be able to corrupt Mexican life in the name of Benito Juarez. I doubt if Communism would stop the flow of beer in Ensenada or end Bull Fighting but it would end the horrific poverty most Mexicans endure. If the last statement is not true, how come so many Mexicans risk arrest to sell oranges, peanuts and flowers on the streets of LA? Oh I forgot. Heroin might not be very available if Mexico had a real revolution. Perhaps Reagan's right after all. Perhaps I need to talk to a heroin-addicted conservative Republican.

Back in Venice: Evelyn Ashford, the world's fastest woman, winner of 2 Olympic gold medals and a Venice resident is now talking to the Press. Well, she hasn't talked to us. The Beachhead tried to get an interview two years ago with Evelyn and we got as close as her coach's spouse. She hasn't called us back. So much for local heroines.

I notice the Venice Town Council is now getting great publicity in the straight press. Filing lawsuits can do wonders for your visibility.

If you've got a story, a rumor, or something so sleazy you know it'll never see the light of day, drop me a line at the Beachhead P.O. Box. Ask my friends, I'll say anything.*

by memphis slim

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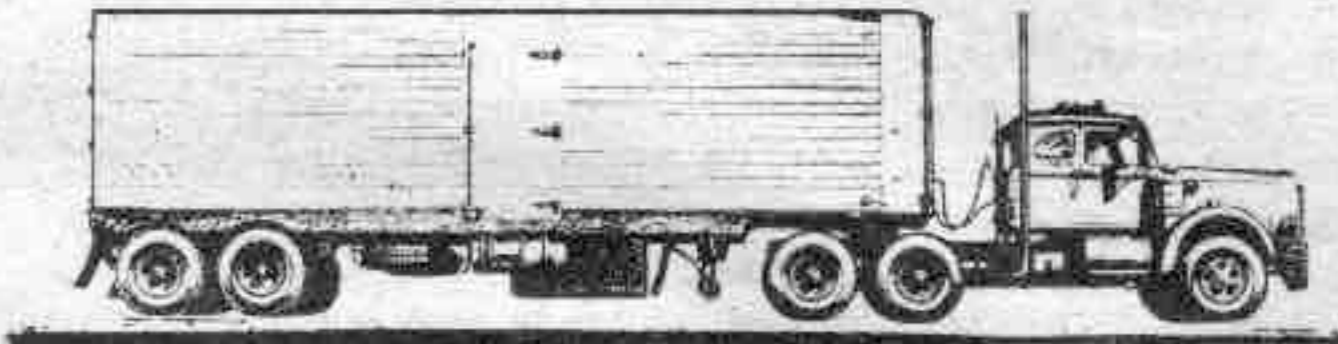
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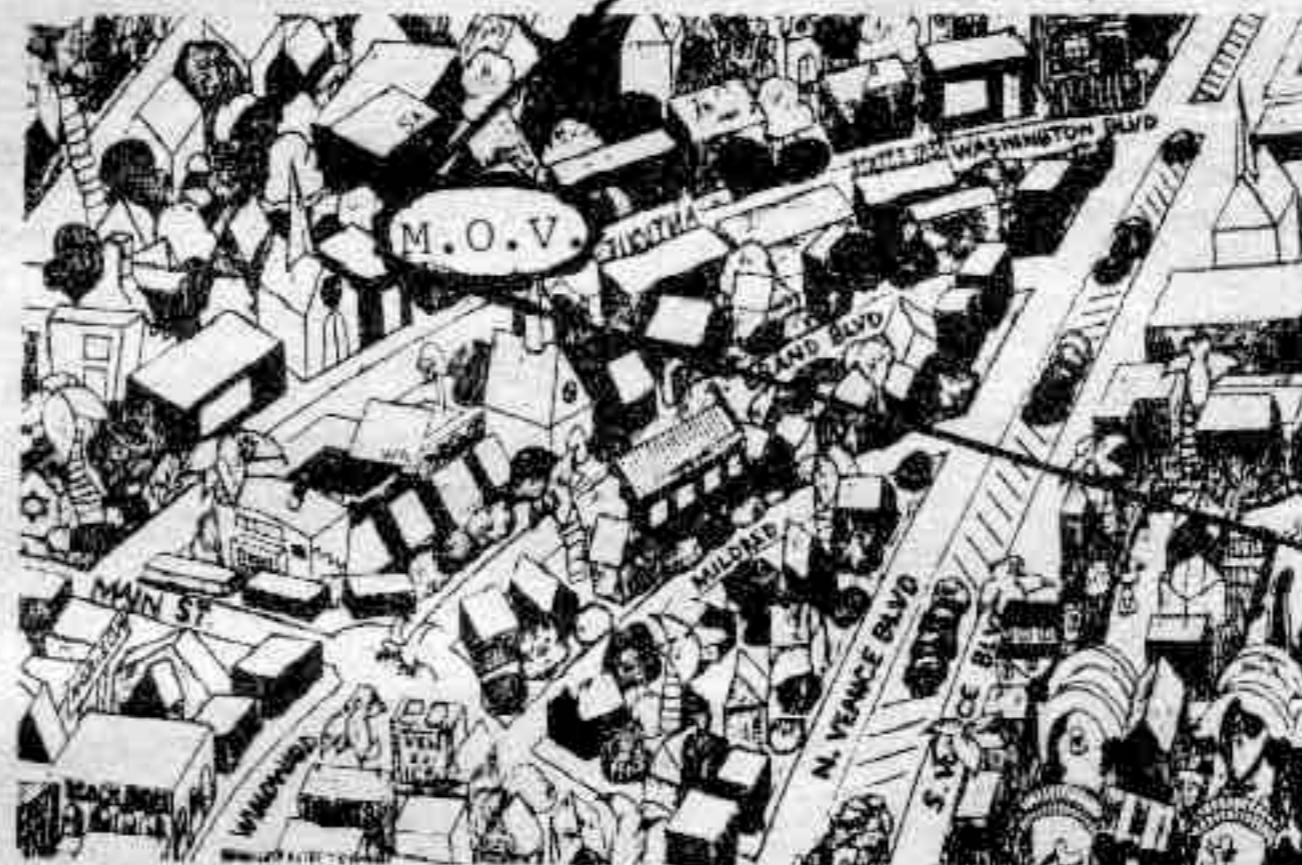
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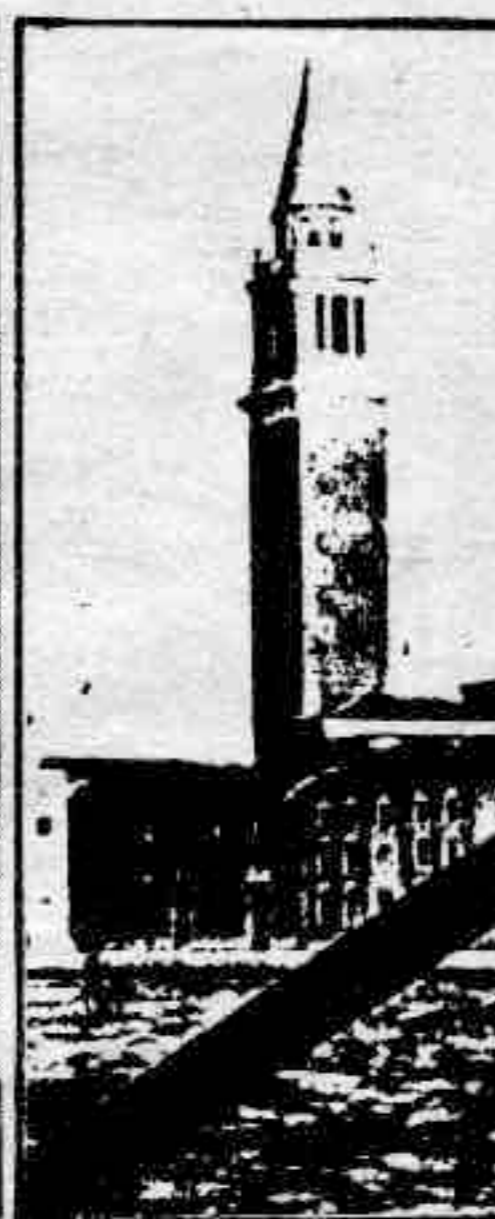
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I didn't know very much then and I know even less now about raising kids--so I'll shut-up and let Dr. Spock whom I was lucky enough to have met last week speak...

Dr. Spock's basic theme centers on the idea that peace begins at home; from home to community; community to nation; nation to world....

The following is a consolidation of Spock's basic ideas. Take for example these excerpts from his Baby and Child-care Book which by the way has sold over 30,000,000 copies, the second all-time best seller next to the bible:

Why we need idealistic children:
We have an overwhelming supply of the most powerful weapons the world has ever known. Yet we are in imminent danger of annihilation, with no solution remotely in sight and no sense of security. Because of our power we are interfering arrogantly in the affairs of other nations and arousing worldwide resentment. We are still spending billions each year on a race into space. Our only realistic hope as I see it is to bring up our children with a feeling that they are in this world not for their own satisfaction but primarily to serve others. I think that more of our children would grow up happier and more stable if they were acquiring a conviction all through childhood that the most important and most fulfilling thing that human beings can do is to serve humanity in some fashion and to live by their ideals. A child raised to have ideals will have no lack of opportunities to apply them. There are enormous, frightening problems in our country and in the world. Through our reliance on initiative and materialism we have accomplished technological miracles.

Candidates of the Peace and Freedom Party of California held a press conference April 12 at their headquarters in Venice. Highlighting their appearance was the presence of Dr. Benjamin Spock of baby book and 60s activist fame. The meeting moved casually from Dr. Spock to candida-es Carol Berman, Abby Kirk, Tom O'Conner, John Haag, and Roberto Lovato. Each spoke briefly their cocerns as well as hopes for the future.

Dr. Spock led off with a call for more involvement whereby people translate their beliefs into actions. The good doctor has apparently changed a great deal since the days when he cast his first vote for Calvin Coolidge. Most of us today perhaps do not remember Cal's famous remark that "the business of America is business." Indeed, much of the candidates concerns were directed at the "criminal" emphasis we place on making money to the exclusion of human needs. He touched briefly on a number of topics: disarmament, Reagan as bully, and mindless consumption. He spoke at greater length on child care and rearing, decrying physical punishment, pointout out more peaceful societies than ours where spanking is not practiced. He called for a national change of philosophy where our children are taught co-operation not aggressive economic one-up-manship. It is this struggle for wealth and its surface success that blinds us to the underlying sickness that affects us.

Treading to other subjects, he recounted his recent visit to Nicaragua. His perception included "the most conscientious public servants I have ever met," and that the Sandinistas have not the "slightest interest in exporting terrorism." Seven political parties were represented in the most recent elections whcih were judged "clean" by neutral observers from many countries.

Finally the Doc expressed his admiration for the Peace and Freedom Party, the fact that it has held together for so long where other alternative parties in other states have dissolved. It is important he said to keep other choices before the electorate.

Passing from the Doctor's gentle humor each candidate then took turns to express why they were running for office. John Haag, a founder of the party and running for state controller, spoke of some of the party's accomplishments as well as future directions. Among these are the U.S. Supreme Court's overturning mandatory candidate filing fees nationwide as a result of a Party lawsuit and the involvement of the Party to help the Navaho people in the Big Mountain Support Group here in Los Angeles. "We are moving and expanding in new directions, taking on a more definite 'Green' perspective as environmental issues grow in importance. New constituencies are being sounded out, among them people concerned with animal rights, as the party focuses on moral issues rather than so called strictly political concerns."

With its somewhat miraculous survival into the 80s as a cohesive body, the Peace and Freedomites are actually growing stronger with 53 candidates running statewide, the most ever. John looks to the growing dissatisfaction with the Democrats as well as the party's efforts to expand its vote percentage. Very importantly, he pointed out the need for the party to attract at least 2% of the vote in a statewide election to remain from year to year on the ballot.

Carol Berman, candidate for State Assembly, 44th district, is concerned with local issues, though aware that global issues affect us all at the local level.. She would rather spend the 100 million called for the Contras for needy women and children. Her outlook is feminist, and she was an original party member.

Quoting from Sonia Johnson, she commented that our attitudes toward women on our societal level are directly reflected in our attitudes towards war. If we can't stop rape, how can we stop war which she believes has a direct effect on our desire to direct our energies here to stop this poverty and thus help stop the making of war.

Abby Kirk, candidate for State Senate 22 District, is a recent arrival to the party. One of her main concerns is the MX missile and she has been arrested in civil disobedience at Vandenburg Air

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Spock and friend at reception to kick off P&F campaign At reception at Arnold Springer residence.

But as our physical needs are met it becomes embarrassingly evident that we have made no progress in human relations, in spiritual serenity, or in world security. Our rates of divorce, suicide and crime are among the highest in the world. Our race relations are barbaric --a disgrace to a nation that pretends to believe in freedom, equality, and God. We have areas of poverty and demoralization in our own country that could be well on the way to solution in a year if we had the tendency to face our responsibilities.

We are disillusioned: We live in a disenchanted, disillusioned age--not about things, but about human beings.

The disenchantment has been caused in part by the rapid strides in the sciences of biology, psychology, and sociology, which have seemed to stress the human being's closeness to other animals, the crudeness of basic instincts, the mechanicalness of

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Confessions of an Urban Paranoid

By Carol Fondiller

The other night I fell asleep with the T.V. on. This is not an exceptional occurrence for me. I use the tube and its shadows as a cushion, and when I wake up in the middle of the night to a scream, its reassuring to me that its coming from some Spanish horror movie and not down the street, next door or from my own throat, screaming from a nightmare that's already gone by the time I've reached high C.

So the other night, when I fell asleep with the T.V. on, a mellifluous male voice was carressing my frontal lobes "Libya, Libya" it was saying. My conscious mind nodded approval and I had permission to slide back to deep sleep if I wanted to.

Good, I thought. I left it on KCBS's "Nightwatch". Good 'ol "Nightwatch". Those soothing voices, Charlie Rose, when I wake up to go to the bathroom, smiling at me as he is charming to all manner of people from Frank Zappa to Lyndon LaRoche to Winnie Mandela to South African Prime Minister Botha. Good, good, I think, we haven't declared war and there's no earthquake.

Libya, Libya, I heard the voice saying. We what? We bombed Libya--oh, no, I really didn't think even Reagan would do that. Or rather, I didn't allow myself to think that. After all, that's paranoid. I gave up sleep for the night and Charlie Rose and all of the other news men from Libya, Washington, New York, plus Mrs. Marcos' hairdresser (only joking about the latter) discussed Libya. It was like being at a neighborhood bar that was frequented by guys who had the inside info.

Holy Hera! I was not riding one of my nightmares. Sometimes they seem so real. The polluted bay, thousands of coke-heads rolling down the Ocean Front Walk on urethane wheels knocking people down for points

being stopped by a policeman and told to walk down Speedway and to stay off the Ocean Front Walk during the weekends because the Venice Beautification and Hand Crafts organization had declared I'm cosmetically hopeless and did not fit into the slim-trim, on the move, in the groove monetarily motivated image that was deemed to be advantageous to the new Venice--now that's paranoid.

So I'm really awake now, not half dreaming and getting things wrong. Yes we bombed Libya. Why? Because "we had to". We did? Libya. My gosh, turn your back for one minute. I thought we were going to blast Nicaragua. Oh thats right, we had our navy out there going "Nyah, nyah, nyah" at Libya for a week. But we really weren't going to do anything were we? Don't be so paranoid.

We had to bomb Libya, we were told, because Muamar Qhaddafy is sending terrorists all over the world. Was it five years ago that Reagan was talking of a Libyan hit squad coming soon to your neighborhood?

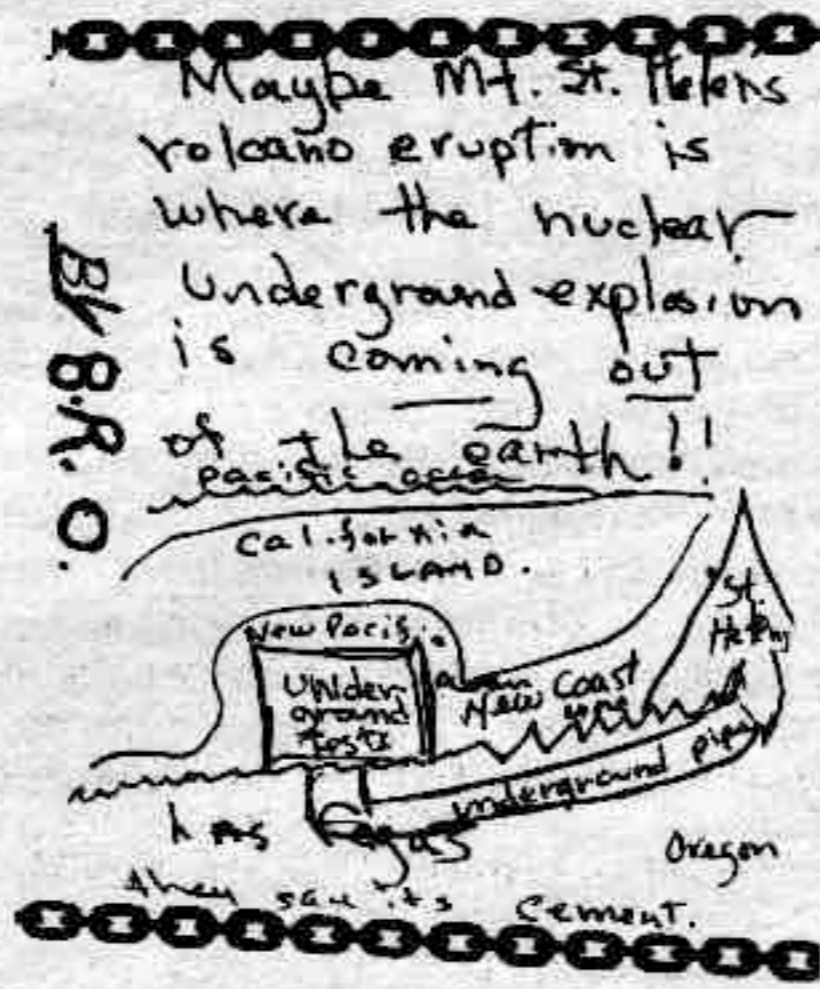
I seem to remember images of cement bags and trucks and metal detectors and barricades going up in front of the White House--but that was some time ago. And now, such strutting and showing of male plumage! Ah, such shouting of "We had to do it", "We're not going to be kicked around anymore", "We want to be proud to be Americans again". I didn't feel real proud, as a matter of fact, I felt scared. Holy Moly! There will be a Libyan hit squad and they're out to get me! Well, they'll get someone. Then our prez starts connecting Libya with Nicaragua. Libya is exporting arms to Nicaragua, or is it the other way around?

People have been saying that after the Libyan action, they feel "good" and they can "stand tall again". I don't feel good, I feel sick. We were told we didn't hit any civilians. Oh come on, you're not going to get all wimpy because we blew a baby away--! Get serious. Look what they did to us! And what we did to them. And what they did to them!! And what we're doing to us. Not only is the Air Force's aim a tad off, they blew up the French Embassy. Well, so what, they wouldn't let our Air Force fly over their air space.

Nyah, Nyah, Nyah. Oh, Goddess, I wish they'd just have pissing contests. Now THEY say that Qhaddafy is planning to take out one of the prez's family. Would it be paranoid of me to suggest as one of my friends suggests, that Qhaddafy is a C.I.A. agent and that the

Reagans would not be displeased if Patti Davis were to buy it?

I went to sleep the other night with the T.V. on. I dreamed guns and arrows and laser beams and other projectory-type things like spears and what I took to be nuclear warheads formed a circle with all sights, points, barrells, etc.,



pointed at me. "Help me, help me!" I screamed. "Rape! Rape!"

The weapons laughed and they bumped against one another, sabres clashing, rattling like peacock's feathers. "There there, little lady. We're not going to hurt you. We're here to protect you", whispered the weapons.

"Then why are you pointing your weapons at ME?", I whined.

"Don't be paranoid!", muttered the weapons.

I willingly wake up to ol' Charlie with his cleft chin and red tie introduce a correspondent talking about getting the \$100-million Contra aid passed. I feel as if I'm walking in a void on a narrow path made of razor blades (cutting side up) if I misstep, I fall into the void forever falling, or if I step too hard, I'll be sliced all the way up to my chin.

Excuse me, but I think they are out to get me. THEY are out to get me. THEY ARE OUT TO GET ME. THEY would rather spend one-hundred-million dollars to force a little country to tear itself apart so that they won't have to spend one-hundred-million dollars on children and old people, the working poor, displaced steel workers or other types of obsolete Americans who can't afford a place to rent and now live on the streets or in vans. Or those other obsolete Americans who have had to take jobs at less than half of what they used to work for. I get it. THEY are out to get us. They pollute the water to kill us slowly so that at least during our working years, we'll be useful and we'll die by the time retirement hits us. The government would rather spend billions of dollars on an air plane to kill Qhaddafy's kid than spend a billion to stop acid rain and give kids good dental care. So I figure the government wants to kill the poor. I don't know why they want to kill the poor, I don't know why they want to bomb Nicaragua, either.

I do know that Reagan wants private enterprise to take over the jail system. The cheaper you house and feed them, the more profit. Look at the post office since its become partially private. Reagan also wants to sell MY national parks and wilderness areas. Oh. They are yours, also. But Reagan "When you've seen one redwood tree, you've seen 'em all", wants to sell our lands to private enterprises like mining and lumber and housing. Some of that land

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American Hostages

Unofficial Soldiers

by memphis slim

The 40 hostages in Beirut are there because Ronald Reagan is the world's biggest terrorist. Terrorism is defined as "Unlawful acts of violence committed in an attempt to overthrow a government."

Ronald Reagan is actively trying to overthrow the governments of Nicaragua, Afghanistan, Angola, and Cuba. He has successfully conquered Grenada and set up a client state. He has invaded Lebanon, supports Israeli invading armies and doesn't even condemn South Africa for invading a sovereign state and trying to blow up American property.

Even if Reagan doesn't use Americans directly, he has us in a state of war with many different peoples throughout the world. In the Middle East Reagan's surrogate army is the Israelis. Their invasion and ongoing occupation of Lebanon is the immediate cause of the TWA hijacking. But the basic cause of the hijacking and other acts of violence against Americans is Reagan's state of war with the world. We are at war and the hostages are simply POWS 1985 style.

In Southeast Asia our surrogate armies are the Khmer Rouge and other anti-Soviet Khmer armies as well as the Thais. In southern Africa "constructive engagement" is Reaganese for letting the Afrikaaners kill as many Kaffers as possible. Pakistan is our army in Southcentral Asia. It even scares Gandhi! They have the bomb you know and Zia's opposition is only active in the graveyard. In South America our finest outpost is Pinochet's Chile. Chile was the oldest democracy in Latin America until ITT and Kissinger killed the idealistic college professor, Salvador Allende. And we're even helping the Spanish and Moroccans conquer a small desert people literally on the edge of the earth.

So we're at war. You forgot that just because Vietnam is over doesn't mean the war's not going on. So everytime you travel outside this country you take the risk of being reminded that, yes indeed, your country is committing acts of terrorism on a daily basis and the only way for many to get back at America is to get to American citizens.

I'm sorry about the 40 Americans in Beirut. I'm sorry that their captors believe in a 12th Century religious madness but I'm sorrier about what my country is doing. Reagan has made us all unofficial soldiers in his war against the world. That's why body bags will continue to arrive at Andrews Air Force Base.



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Bucks Not Bats a Burn?

If you went to the protests against Contro aid at the federal building, Noam Chomsky's talk at UCLA, or a number of other events, you might have seen an odd leaflet. It has a Nicaraguan flag at the top and promises "Beisbol Sandinista En L.A." The leaflet tells us that there will be a series of games this summer between a Nicaraguan team and a number of college teams including USC and UCLA. At the bottom of the leaflet is a coupon asking people to send in \$10 for advance tickets and \$75 for "celebrity box seats."

The only problem is that people are being asked to purchase tickets to a game which may never take place.

At this point, no game is set and no stadium has been lined up. Sending money to "Bats Not Bombs" will not guarantee anyone a seat—much less celebrity box seats.

Promoter and westside political activists Andy Liberman told a mutual friend and sometime Beachhead contributor Natalie Smith that the money people sent him would be used to fly the Nicaraguan team to the USA—not for tickets to the games. Andy admitted that saying the money was for tickets was "just a fund-raising tactic." When asked if people would be upset if they couldn't get into the game, Andy replied that this would not be a problem since "the game will probably be free."

When Andy began his petition calling for a game between USC and Nicaragua, the idea seemed naive but harmless. It was naive, not only because Andy underestimated the difficulty in organizing such an event, but also because the idea that a baseball game would make a serious contribution to fighting U.S. intervention in Central America was ludicrous. But I couldn't see how the project could do any harm, so I signed Andy's petition.

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Once Andy began asking people to send him money for non-existent tickets to an unscheduled game, it became impossible to remain silent—especially for the Beachhead. The Beachhead published a letter from Andy last month, along with a favorable note from the collective (which I wrote) urging people to write "Bats Not Bombs" for more information.

I suppose I can stand by that note. You should indeed ask "Bats Not Bombs" for more information. But until that information is forthcoming, I wouldn't send any money.

- Jim Prickett

Author's Note: A copy of this article was mailed to Andy and he was invited to (1) call me to discuss any possible errors, (2) attend the Beachhead collective meeting to discuss the article, and/or (3) write a response to the article which we could publish in the same issue. Andy chose to do none of those things. However, he has modified the flyer. The flyer now states that the money will be used to fly the Nicaraguan team to the USA. Andy has also stated that he is keeping the money in a bank account and if the project falls through, those who contributed will get their money back.

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Ball Game

by memphis slim

A funny thing happened on the way to the baseball game. Last month we ran a letter from a reader/contributor about a baseball tournament to be held this year between various Southern California schools and a team of Nicaraguans. Right after the Beachhead hit the streets, a longer article about this proposed tournament was published in the LA Times Sports Section. (Of which I am a faithful reader)

So BATS NOT BOMBS as the organization is known, got off to a fast start. But the flyer the group was handing out disturbed a Beachhead Staffer. He wrote an article about how the flyer said that tickets were on sale when in fact they aren't and also that UCLA and USC teams had scheduled games against the Nicaraguans when in fact they haven't. (See Jim Prickett's accompanying article) Our staffer sent a copy of his article to the coordinator of BATS NOT BOMBS prior to publication. This was done as a personal/political courtesy since Beachhead articles are not subject to censorship. They either float or they don't.

Well, herein lies our tale. The founder/coordinator of BATS NOT BOMBS calls up every Beachhead Collective member he can. Let me make a very long story very short by saying that he attacked the aforementioned Beachhead Staffer and basically wanted prior censorship rights to any article written about his organization. I interviewed the man on the phone because he said he wouldn't respond to any of the charges and wouldn't come by the Beachhead. I asked him to send me a copy of the aforementioned leaflet/flyer which he did.

Sure 'nuf, the Flyer promises Celebrity Box Seats and has a picture of Daryl Strawberry and Tom Seaver on it. Also the flyer mentions by name several local university teams scheduled to play the Nicaraguans. None of this is true of course.

BATS NOT BOMBS is trying to help U.S. Nicaraguan relations by having the common theme of baseball bring us together. But like the promoters of every event since Woodstock, the promoter over-stated the case. And now he's pissed off that we at the Beachhead noticed. We're supposed to notice. We're the conscience of the Left.

So now our Beachhead staffer that wrote the article is being smeared as a possible agent or whatever. It seems that not only does our promoter friend have a political ax to grind, he and our staffer have a PERSONAL relationship in common.

Yes dear hearts, a broken heart or unrequited love has spilled over into internecine warfare on the left.

Personally, I'm disappointed. I want to play baseball with the Nicaraguans. I want both the promoter and the Beachhead staffer to like me. But I want to call them as I see them.

BATS NOT BOMBS should be supported but it's leadership should be criticized.

The promoter did tell me that they need about \$11,000. to buy the round-trip airline tickets to LA. If you've got that kind of money, cough it up. But people shouldn't assume that just because it's a good cause, we'll also support it blindly.

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On Being 'Legitimate'

rick davidson

Have you noticed how orderly the anti-intervention demonstrations have been this year? Good spirit, good signs, good crowds, and good manners. Gone are those outrageous demonstrators of the 60s and 70s with their anger and disgust pouring forth in sound and fury; Order is the order of the day. And with order and good manners the stage is set for liberal democrats to move stage center, so that, it's impossible to tell a "good democrat" from a good republican. So much for the two-party system; and so much for politicians listening to their constituents.

Some say we angry demonstrating Americans have matured, grown-up; that we have now become truly concerned Americans, legitimate Americans, upstanding citizens who will be taken seriously. Anyway you call it, we are orderly. I'm sure the local police and secret service appreciate our good manners even if President Reagan is too senile to comprehend the change in our street dynamics.

"We reach more Americans by presenting our good side" I am told. Unfortunately, more Americans don't vote leaving our elected officials free to do as they wish. This means playing to those supporters who pay their media bills so they can reach the fewer and fewer Americans who vote. Why does someone vote anyway? For those candidates who represent their interest? For the "lesser of two evils"? For old times sake? It's obvious that there's a Hollywood connection between watching the 6 o'clock news, voting, and those winning mandates that are so offensive to truth. So what's new? All Quiet on the Western Front translates into pure hell American-style for millions of people all around the world as the more of us are replaced by Rambo at home and abroad.

For any student of recent history, there's no doubt that the Vietnamese won the war; and they won the war by defeating the greatest war machine ever known: more bombs were dropped on Viet Nam than in world war I and II combined. An important aspect of that victory was the Anti-War Movement in the U.S. A movement of angry, frustrated, poorly mannered, often ugly, and very unruly demonstrating Americans of all ages, sexes,

and colors. The Movement's order was a thin layer of frustration mixed with love and hate that expressed itself in both planned and spontaneous events from one end of the country to the other; events as varied and far apart as the Days of Rage, Chicago Conspiracy Trial, burning of B of A in Isla Vista, Pentagon Papers Trial, Kent State and Jackson State.

SOLIDARITY COMMITTEES AND ANTI-IMPERIALIST ORGANIZATIONS

How do you change a government that not only doesn't listen to its people, but ignores its own laws as well as international laws? How indeed! By being orderly, well mannered, supporting evil, lesser or not? I see the problem as a tactical as well as a strategical one. Part of the tactical aspect is one of style.

What I am feeling in no way is meant to put down the excellent and valuable work of the solidarity groups. I work with one such group, Architects and Planners in Support of Nicaragua. Still, the orderliness of our demonstrations is related in part to the fact that recent demonstrations are being called and directed by the solidarity organizations. There seems to be a conflict of interest: how do you look "presentable" to fellow Americans whom you are trying to raise money and support from while trying to transform a corrupt and evil system that is terrorizing millions of people in Central America and other parts of the world less spotlighted? (The CIA is conducting over 50 covert wars of destabilization in the world today.)

How demonstrations are called, who's called and who isn't, and what's the focus(es) are questions that need to be discussed in as broad a meeting as possible. And not discussed in the form of criticism, but in the spirit of creating, or releasing, the energy needed to change the disastrous course our government is pursuing.

There's a difference between reform, revolution, and counter-revolution. For those Americans who believe in our Revolution, our Bill of Rights, our Constitution - the principles that we are taught to live for - today's question is between revolution and

counter-revolution. Reagan, his administration, and Congress supports the "contras" in Central America because they too are counter-revolutionaries; they are acting "counter" to our revolution, counter to our laws, counter to our principles. American aircraft has just bombed Libya in the name of "self-defense". Reagan is bolder than President Johnson was with his Tonkin Gulf fabrication. I get the feeling that Reagan will call for preemptive strikes against any country that refuses to show his old films. Is that his basis for understanding? Are our cultural exchanges dependent on a country liking MacDonald's hamburgers? And how do we agree on a loan repayment plan with countries whose only gross national product is their own labor?

Another problem the Movement has, a more internal one, is how can we good Americans discuss creative demonstrations? Isn't it a conspiracy for more than three people to get together to discuss escalating our opposition to Washington's immoral and illegal actions in Central America? What can citizens do when murderers, rapists and torturers are the ones who define the laws of our country? and the ones who define who the criminals are? Were not these same problems faced by our founding fathers and mothers? Has Common Sense gone out the window as well as out of print? A lot of questions we as concerned citizens must ask ourselves. Better to ask them now and act on the answers than wait till Nuremberg Trials are being held in Washington, D.C.

Has our rage dissipated? Are we now calm after our Asian experience? or are we just older? Perhaps Central America is too close to home. I fear the fact of Viet Nam, as understood by our corporate minds, has blurred that thin line between our government's acts and our commercial needs . . . that invisible line of greed.

Yes, tough questions, moral questions, embarrassing questions for us to even have to consider in 1986. They are sad and sickening questions. I am reminded of questions sung during the Viet Nam War:

"WHEN WILL WE EVER LEARN" and "WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON?"

We should also remember other important words from our history:

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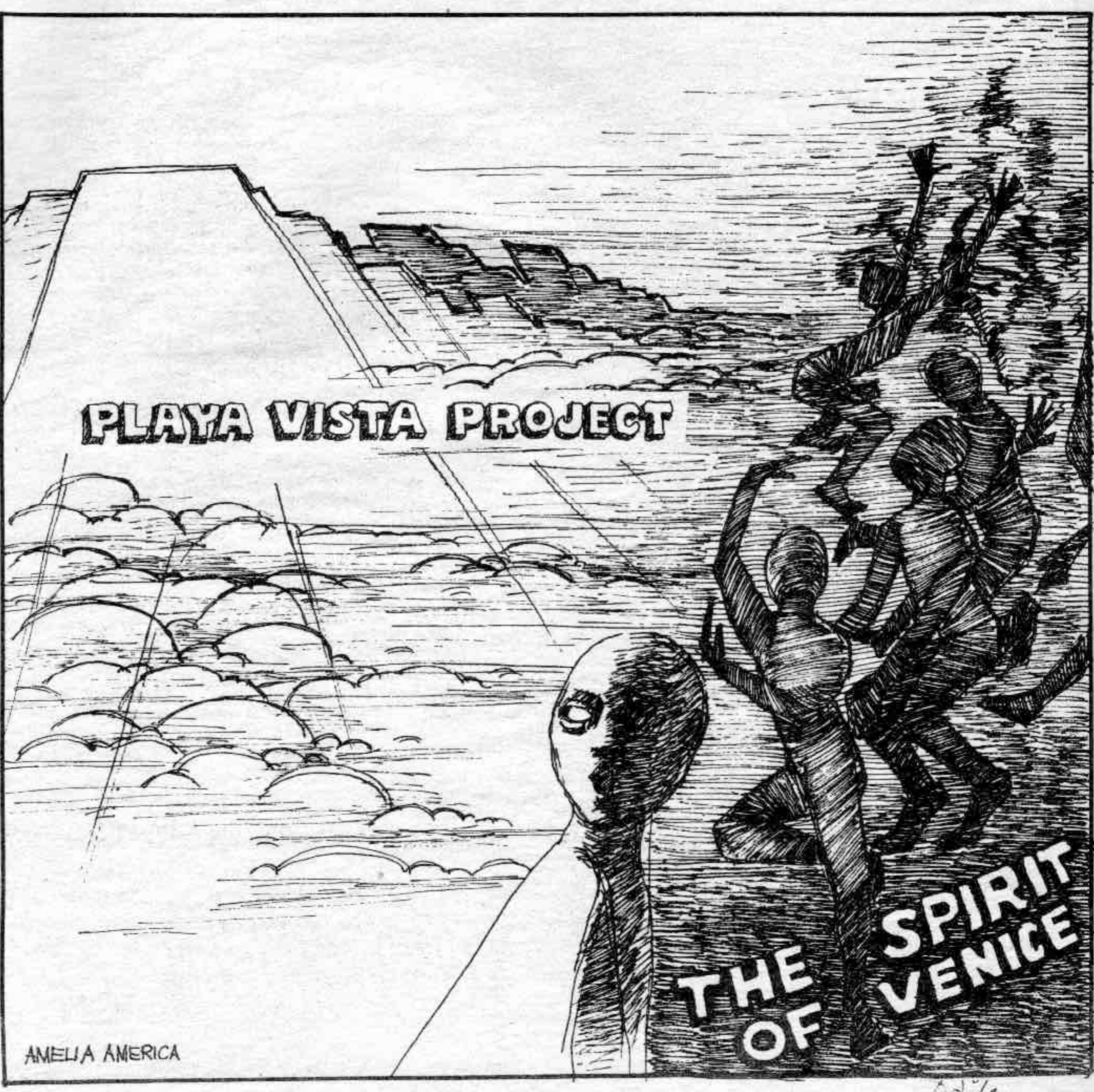
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These assumptions, PL pointed out to outraged Weathermen, were liberal, not radical, and certainly not Marxist. (I should note that Weathermen violence was largely verbal, and no way comparable to U.S. government violence; Weathermen did more damage to the left by their advocacy of terrorism than they did to U.S. citizens or the government.)

Some terrorism is conducted by frustrated people with legitimate grievances; here it is important to have a sense of proportion. Since 1967, for example,

Israel has claimed that 282 Israelis have been victimized by Palestinian terrorism, while some 20,000 Palestinians were killed by the Israeli invasion of Lebanon alone. One can understand the anger and frustration which would lead to attacks on Israeli civilians—indeed one is actually struck by Palestinian restraint in the face of such an assault—but for radicals, terrorism must be opposed.

Terrorist attacks from frustrated oppressed people are relatively rare, however. More commonly, terrorist attacks derive from a fascist outlook: the attempt is to intimidate huge numbers of people. The terrorist bomb-

ings of Salvadoran peasants and the killing of Nicaraguan mothers fit this pattern, as do the disappearances in Argentina and Guatemala.

Revolutionaries must renounce terrorism, since revolutionaries attempt to mobilize, arm, and empower the people, not to intimidate them. Unfortunately, not all victims of U.S. oppression will be clear about the distinction between revolutionary violence and terrorism,

so Americans will continue to be at risk throughout the world. But they should always remember that (1) the vast majority of terrorist attacks are conducted by U.S. client states against their own citizens, (2) that the U.S. government is the most open proponent of state-sponsored terrorism, and (3) that the real alternative to terrorism is not passive acceptance of injustice, and certainly not U.S. government bombing raids on Arab capitals, but the growth of revolutionary movements throughout the world.

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the release of almost 100 Central American refugee children. Project attorney Darline Alvarez has worked tirelessly to calm frightened children and parents, petition the immigration court to lower children's bonds and permit quick release, obtain guardianships, represent children in all their court proceedings, and provide referrals for other non-legal needs the children may have. She has also co-authored, with Human Rights Advocates, a report entitled "Children Detained in United States Immigration and Naturalization Service Detention Facilities," which is being presented to the United Nations Human Rights Committee in Geneva.

The Children's Advocacy Project is in desperate need of money. To help us meet this urgent need, please make generous contributions, payable to El Rescate-Children's Advocacy Project. We thank you and the children thank you.

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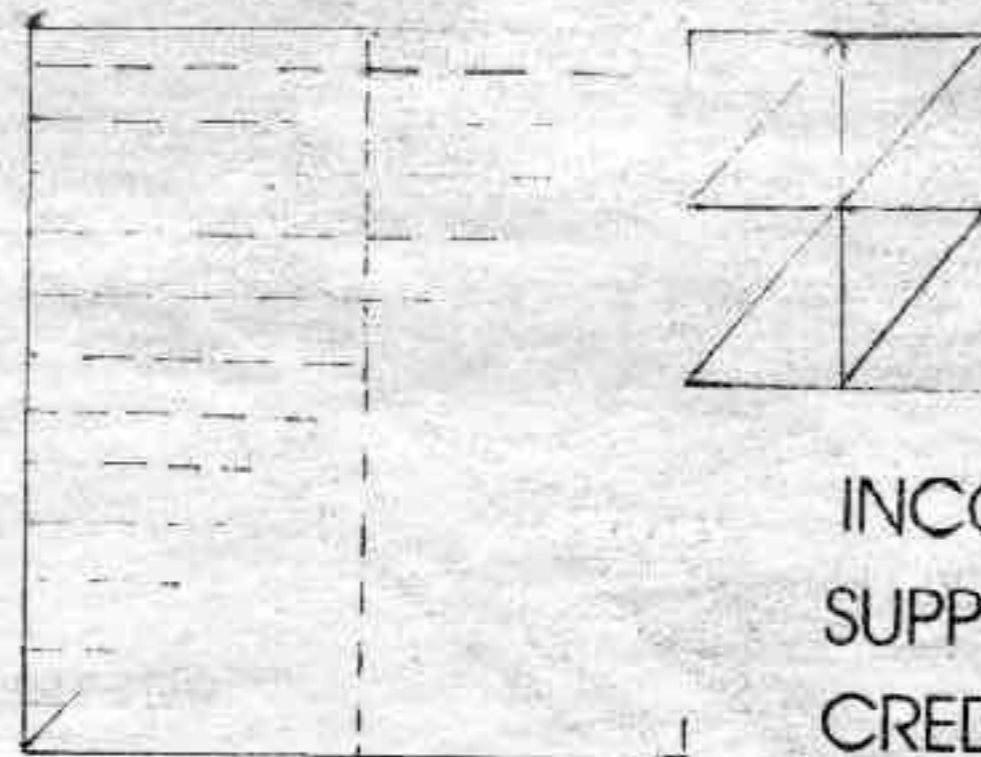
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like a cancer cell,
tore at peace and wisdom.
Hope in the hot sun was withering
from inattention like small
flowers, without water
As the weapons of war were
clashed and made to sing
and the talons of Harpies sharpened
in anticipation of wars perverse
frenzy.
The grisely carnage of our nation's
vision lay beneath the sea
and foretold
Like the death of JFK's unborn son,
tragedies to come.
And our elders claimed their place
and their wisdom in the
halls of justice
that had been raised against the
tyrannies of our times
Yet instead of shouts of "Hosannah!"
they denied life with their
speed and their slogans
and forgot:
"In God We Trust"
Thus missing the healing of
our impoverished heart.
A string of murders had lined the
fabric of our weaving
And the young wondered if the
justice that their elders wrought
Would tear apart at the test
like the cloth that was
bound to fall.
Truth was a child seduced and
abandoned on the wayside
of a jungle path in some
unknown tropical realm
As the self-servers and fortune
seekers, trampled people
beneath their feet to prove prowess
before their unworshipped god
and her unsuckled breasts.
They mocked the young ones
with their words of "lethal aid"
and acted Athenian cowards
demanding tribute from
otherwise friendly states.
Years of lies and abuse were
cleansed at a moments notice
As the war ravens cackled for
the madness appraised
to be most sane
As the poison of a nation proclaimed
"most pure"
Rose to the surface as the
harbinger of death, or the
sweat of a healing
For all to see and to consider
As the children of the world
hung quietly by the desert
while the carnage of a nation's
vision was gathered from
the sea

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"Grown-ups never understand
anything for themselves, and
it is tiresome for children to be
always and forever explaining
things to them."

— Antoine de St-Exupery

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Force Base. She hopes to educate our youth to the fact that the decision-making process in government has been flawed at the top and that the nuclear arms race has taken money from the otherwise deserving. She runs to speak out on what she feels important.

Tom O'Conner, running for Congress, 27th district, is an accountant. In his second attempt for office he is concerned with environmental issues, especially the growing threat of toxic wastes. He calls for a greater concern for smaller tribes and countries as integral parts of a healthier and happier future. He is a member of a variety of environmental groups and will bring these issues to the campaign.

Finally Roberto Lovato spoke on his campaign for the seat on the State Board of Equalization, stretching along the coast from Venice to San Francisco. He is motivated by "Green Politics" and wishes to bring environmental issues to the Board by assessing the effects on the environment by the economic giants of the State.*



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Art Against Apartheid

Where better to begin educating people about what apartheid is and how it works than in the schools. Learning. That's what school is supposed to be all about and a group called Art Against Apartheid has put together a program to inform, entertain and motivate young people, the same age group so actively involved in fighting the real thing in South Africa. Art Against Apartheid has developed a program that fits into the normal school assembly time and features multi-media programs to bring greater awareness about this legal system of racial discrimination. From the Sun City video, that opens the program, through drama, poetry, dance and music to a powerful conclusion as the students go back to their classrooms, the program intends to educate and to challenge.

Even before the program begins teachers are provided with information about its goals and objectives so they know what to expect and can let the students know as well. Teachers are also provided with lesson plans so that they can continue teaching about apartheid after the program. So far, the program has been presented at 20 schools in LA. with attendance ranging between 800 & 1,000, some 20,000 students have been educated about apartheid. Many famous and talented people have volunteered their time to appear. People such as Holly Watts, Wanda Coleman, Marilyn McCoo and John Randolph have made the programs interesting and fun and have shown students that this is really a very serious subject, one that they can both learn and do something about. (An interesting, though depressing, footnote from Ed Pearl, one of the show's producers, is that, without fail, the technical equipment (microphones, projectors etc) at every school is either inferior or simply doesn't work).

There are, of course, operating expenses associated with putting on the program, which, due to the efforts of School Board member Jackie Goldberg, is now officially sanctioned by the school district. To help defray those costs Art Against Apartheid is planning an All-Star Evening of Art Against Apartheid on May 16th. The show will feature enter-

tainment by such stars as Roscoe Lee Brown, Buddy Collette & the Anti-Apartheid Jazz All-Stars, Sabia and many more. It will also include, at a modest extra cost of \$5.00, an excellent African or Caribbean dinner. The show will be at the Holman United Methodist Church at 3230 W. Adams Blvd at 7:30PM. In this area tickets, which are \$7.00 (\$5.00 for seniors or juniors), are available at the Venice-Ocean Park Food Coop (at Brooks & Lincoln) and the Midnight Special bookstore (on the Santa Monica Mall). Unfortunately I have not been able to see Art Against Apartheid in person, but I have heard a tape of one of the recent school programs. If the show on the 16th is as exciting as that tape, you're in for a wonderful experience in support of a dynamic, essential program to educate young people about the result of hatred taken to its very extreme. •

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Bits and Pieces

by Geriatric Jack

Attention fight fans! We're at the prelims now.

First we took on Granada with a population of about 100,000. A few thousand more than Santa Monica.

Moving up in class we are taking on Libya and Nicaragua each with a population of about 3 million.

We're on the comeback trail from Vietnam. I can't wait until the main event.

ATTENTION all you servicemen stationed in Honduras who are about to get zapped in Nicaragua and those of you off the coast of Libya.

President Rambo who spent World War II in the safety of Culver City has just cut veterans benefits by as much as 13 percent for education, rehabilitation and job programs.

Why not cut the budget completely? After World War 3 no one will be around to be rehabilitated.

FREE enterprise? The Japanese raised the prices of their cars in the American market because of the changing value of the yen.

What a wonderful opportunity for General Motors who is having trouble selling their cars. So what does G.M. do? G.M. raises the price twice in this model year and ends up laying off half the people at the Van Nuys factory.

THROW the rascals out! The incumbents are building their war chests for the next election and the challengers are scared off. If you have been wondering why your elected officials don't pay too much attention to you it may be that you can't offer them \$5000 or \$10,000 to make a speech for your group. Of course you knew that already. That's why most of you don't bother to vote.

What to do? We might try public financing of all elections. That would be a lot cheaper for us than the present system. It sure would be worth a try to cut down on the influence of private money.

SIMPLE economics. According to the Census Bureau, the median income of those in the bottom 40 percent has fallen by \$477, from \$12,966 to \$12,489, between 1980 and 1984, in constant 1984 dollars. The income of those in the top 10 percent has risen \$5,085, from \$68,145 in 1980, to \$73,230 in 1984.

The Congressional Budget Office has found that the net effect of President Rambo's spending and tax cuts has resulted in a loss of \$1,100 between 1983 and 1985 for those making less than \$10,000 a year.

Those making more than \$80,000 annually have gained \$24,260 as a result of government policy.

The top 10 percent take their gains and speculate in the stock market which doesn't do much for the economy. The bottom 40 % now buy less of the things which keep the economy rolling.

You see, economics isn't that complex after all.

"IN a world where one in three adults still cannot read or write and one person in four is hungry, military spending has reached \$800 billion a year despite the existence of enough nuclear weapons to kill everyone 12 times over. Forty years of the arms race has cost between 43 and \$4 trillion to produce 16,000 megatons of explosive energy, compared with the 11 megatons which killed 39 million people in the second world war, Korea and Vietnam. Since their use would mean global suicide, they represent the 'ultimate absurdity' as well as a growing threat to security. •

Manchester Guardian Weekly

Call for Artists

Dear Fellow Artists,

I came from Van Nuys to Venice 12 years ago—in search of a dream—the dream of living by the water in a true artist's colony—a bit made beautiful by the creative energy of artists—people who knew and respected each other by virtue of the fact that we were all artists in the true sense of the word—people who, in spite of all the hardships of being an artist, still kept their dreams and who, continually keep striving for excellent in their chosen fields.

To these ends, a few artists created an organization some 11 years ago or so, the Association of Venice Artists, AVA.

It was an energetic group, gathering up many diverse people and creating an outward expression of the artistic effort that existed at the time in Venice.

We published a weekly newspaper, wrote articles for New World Magazine and the Beachhead, had 3 art galleries, and conducted outdoor art shows and festivals on the walk every week-end.

It was a lot of work, but Venice was simple then. Everything was cheap, people traded discards, there was free music and food everywhere, and everybody was in a party mood.

Things have changed. Times are getting harder and harder. Rents are expensive, so is everything else. Many of the local artists have been forced out of their studios—forced out of Venice. Of those of us who have remained some have become quite successful, some have turned commercial to survive and some are just barely hanging on.

The Spirit of Venice is hidden now by commercial establishments selling cheap clothes and trinkets brought in by outsiders. But the Spirit is here, nevertheless—behind closed doors, and very hushed.

Let's bring it out in the open again.

Artists of Venice - poor and rich - successful and not so - just starting out and old timers - UNITE. Let's meet, and see who we all are. Let's tap that well-spring of energy that we all have and reclaim Venice for ourselves again.

Let's become visible again.

I know that you all share in my dream - an Artist's Colony by the ocean-beautiful, clean, good air, and a creative atmosphere.

Come to our first meeting of the new AVA - an association for all the artists of Venice - 1986. Date: May 8, 1986. Time: 6:30 p.m. Place: 1205 W. Washington Blvd., Venice - Susan Weinberg

THE PENTAGON (Caspar and his buddies) is asking for a 9.2% increase in spending, or a total of around \$308 billion, for fiscal 1987.

The power and influence of the "military industrial complex" are noted by the Washington Post: "It has consumed more of the Gross National Product than in any other major democracy, averaging 7 % each year (since the cold war). Nearly enough will have been spent on defense during the Cold War— \$3.7 trillion in constant 1972 dollars—to buy everything in the U.S. except the land: every house, factory, train, plane and refrigerator... The U.S. defense establishment has absorbed between one-third and a half of the nation's talent."

Profits are unusually high. "Defense contractors made more than twice as much profit on government work as on commercial business. •—THE Washington Spectator

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Pretty in Pink

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One for the Have-Nots

LYNNE BRONSTEIN

I believe it was Kurt Vonnegut who suggested once that our high school years determine absolutely what we will be in our adult lives—that, in fact, adult life is but a continuation of high school. The class politicians become government bigwigs, the class clowns become comedy successes (or all-around failures), the beauty queens become movie stars or millionaires wives, the nerdy geniuses become scientists and artists and/or lifelong misfits.

It is certainly in high school that we find out how our society defines "misfits." Class consciousness is, regrettably, stronger than ever in today's high schools. Racial considerations aside, high school society as a microcosm of our own, recognizes the "sosh" (high society) types, and the "jocks" (or whatever derogatory terms are currently hip)—who are distinguished chiefly by a lack of expensive clothing, chic grooming fancy cars, and the self-assured attitude that comes with knowing there will always be money around.

In "Pretty in Pink," a deceptively titled movie currently playing at some theatre near you, a high school girl lives day and night with the knowledge that she is one of the "misfits." Her mother has deserted her father who can't accept that reality and consequently goes into despondent states during which he cannot keep a steady job. At eighteen, Andi is practically a mother to her father, making his breakfast, prodding him to look for a job, counseling him in his grief as much as he counsels her. She also attends school, battling for the best grades so she can win a scholarship, works from after-school to seven p.m. every week night in a small record store, makes her own clothes, and holds her head high against the scorn of her more affluent classmates. Her only friends seem to be a rebellious female classmate, a charming "class clown" type known as "Duckie", and her boss at the record store, a "sixties-type" turned New Wave Bohemian. They know what the "richies" can't understand—that Andi is not an oddly-dressed, rude-mannered grind, but a mature-beyond-her-years young woman already facing the

necessities of survival. She expects nothing, knows that the world of her school, her frame house by the railroad tracks, the dingy and obviously not very profitable record store, is the world she is going to have to make the best of.

Into this world steps a young man whose native turf is the golden ground of the socialites. He is Cinderella's prince, handsome, well-dressed, well-mannered, and (amazingly) sensitive enough to admire the courage of this off-beat hard-working girl. But his pursuit of her is not easy, for class boundaries pop up on both sides. His best buddy constantly harasses him for his interest in a low-class "piece." His rowdy, spoiled friends are repulsive to her, while her friends, especially "Duckie", barely able to conceal his jealousy, warn her that her heart will be broken.

This is the real world, in which the rich seem to blame the poor for their very poverty, the world in which some of the poor want to believe so very much in the hope they can get a sympathetic politician to help them, or win a spin on the lottery wheel, or suddenly get their songs or poems or creative ideas accepted by the entrepreneurs. This is the world where the poor have created their own counter prejudice against the rich, having internalized and politicized the gain of personal disappointments so that the rare outreach by a truly concerned fortunate is mistrusted. In its dramatization of a situation commonly experienced in the real world, "Pretty in Pink" ceases to be just another "teenage" movie. When Andi, in a climatic scene, screams at her privileged suitor, "you're afraid to be seen with me!" she is railing against the destiny of hypocrisy, irrational cruelty, apartheid, prejudice, exploitation and violence that is so much more a part of regular life than the constant partying and vulgar sexuality portrayed in the midst of today's "youth" films.



"Pretty in Pink" simply dares to be a movie about the lives many teenagers actually have to lead, replete with low-paying jobs, decreased expectations for future employment and educational opportunities, and the sad comeback if a class structure we had hoped to obliterate in the sixties. The film is full of a sense of nonsensical but real walls between the worlds, and of the uproar that ensues when anyone attempts to "tear down the walls." (The confrontation is even represented architecturally; the record shop where Andi works is located at the end of the old Santa Monica Mall with its discount stores and resident punks; directly across the street is the newer Santa Monica Place [dubbed Oakmont in the film] the eighties version of the Temple run by the money changers. As a user of businesses on both malls, I walked by the location shoots of "Pretty in Pink" last summer; now the very building used for the record store is being remodelled—I suppose to be less of an eyesore to shoppers leaving the new mall.)

Perhaps the only way such a radical statement can be rendered these days in a major studio American film is to veil it as carefully as possible in the outward trappings of "just another" youth movie, with lots of trendy music in the score (though it is well-chosen and well-used) and a last minute Happy Ending that inevitably seems like a Band-Aid slapped over the emotional wounding that's preceded it. I can't get too cynical about the ending, however; though I wanted to shake my head and sign, "Well—if only life could be like that." I also have to admit we all hope for such resolutions, even in the real world. Suffice to say that the ending is at least true to the spirit of its heroine. In Molly Ringwald, only eighteen herself, "Pretty in Pink" has one of the strongest images of a "new woman" you'll see in a film this or any year. If high school indeed presages our future lives, the talent and conviction of some of the performers and characters in this movie actually could give us something to hope for.●

—This review is dedicated to the real "Andis" I have known, especially Maxine. To the real "Duckie" I knew in high school. And to the continuation of high school and our high school buddies all through life.●



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is just going to waste. Why are we so paranoid?

The LOS ANGELES WEEKLY published a long story about "Pat Russell, the Councilwoman from Summa Corp."--Well, what else is new. The BEACHHEAD published that years ago, but the BEACHHEAD was dismissed as a shrill, paranoid paper.

The L.A. TIMES published an expose of Doug Christmas and his habit of screwing over people. Hey, we lived with that fucker for years!! He screwed people out of parking, intimidated tenants, lied to the community and the city, wrote bad checks to the U.S. Post Office and the BEACHHEAD published I don't KNOW how many stories about Christmas. I don't know how many letters, how many phone calls went out to the city regarding the deprivations of that man. We were patted on the head and ignored until we acted rowdy. Then we got a few things accomplished. But, again, the activists were dismissed as obstructionists and paranoid. But, hey, the L.A. TIMES printed it so it must be true.

I hear through the jungle network that Building and Safety was out on the Ocean Front Walk measuring how much of MY Ocean Front Walk they could rent to a property owner who wanted to rent it to a vendor. A piece of the public walkway will be rented to someone for private use and profit. The renter will be issued what is called a revokable permit. Revokable permit. That means the city (supposedly you and I) can revoke the permission to rent anytime and the renter must go along with the decision. The Sidewalk Cafe on Horizon and Ocean Front Walk was the first to get a revokable permit. They had illegally encroached with their chairs and tables on the public walkway. When they were reported, they were issued a revokable permit, which means the encroachment is a temporary condition. The Sidewalk Cafe recently put up a brick fence around its "revokable" land. Who me? Paranoid? A few years ago with the active help of several merchants on the Ocean Front Walk and the conivance and benign neglect of several local elected officials, the benches that lined the Ocean Front Walk were taken away and not replaced.

The message was clear. If you're not healthy and can't walk from one end of the Boardwalk to the other, stay home. If you're not wealthy and can't afford to sit in an outdoor cafe (Note:

All the cafes on the Ocean Front Walk that have outdoor seating are using public land that they are renting from the City of Los Angeles at astonishingly cheap rents. You and I should get such cheap rent!) If you can't afford to drink \$2 cups of coffee at a sidewalk cafe, you don't belong in Venice.

That was the message I got from the disappearance of the benches. (Note: The benches are being replaced in a unique blend of private and public efforts. I will tell you about it in a

future BEACHHEAD. Meanwhile, thanks to Gregory Woodell of Harbors and Beaches for his work in bringing back much needed public amenities.) Oh, perhaps I was being paranoid.

The other day in early April I took a walk. I ended up at the Fire House on Venice Blvd. I bought some cat food, stopped at Zamora's for some thick lardy Mexican cookies. The weather was warm with little scampy breezes. It was definitely Spring. I stole a clove-scented carnation and strolled through Crescent Court where rosemary and dogshit blended their scents. Those gallon bottles on the lawns did no good.

Gladioli, poppies, geraniums, hibiscus, roses were blooming in bargain-day colors. It was a treat. A treat just to be alive and able to smell and see and bite silky, lardy Mexican cookie... When I got to West Washington Blvd. and California, I thought I'd take a bus. Did I tell you I had a cast on my arm?

So I'm standing there and these two guys come up to me and start talking to me and they act like I should know them. And I have a bad memory for faces, so I go along with the program. And then I notice that they are circling me, looking into the purse that's hanging off my arm, the contents of the purse were two cans of cat food, and two still-warm Mexican cookies and maybe \$3 in change. They are out to get me! I eluded them with the help of the owner of the Lucky Spot grocery store. I wasn't hurt, but I was told again that a woman who was walking alone with a disability, my cast, should be taught a lesson. Imagine that -- don't walk alone in daylight!

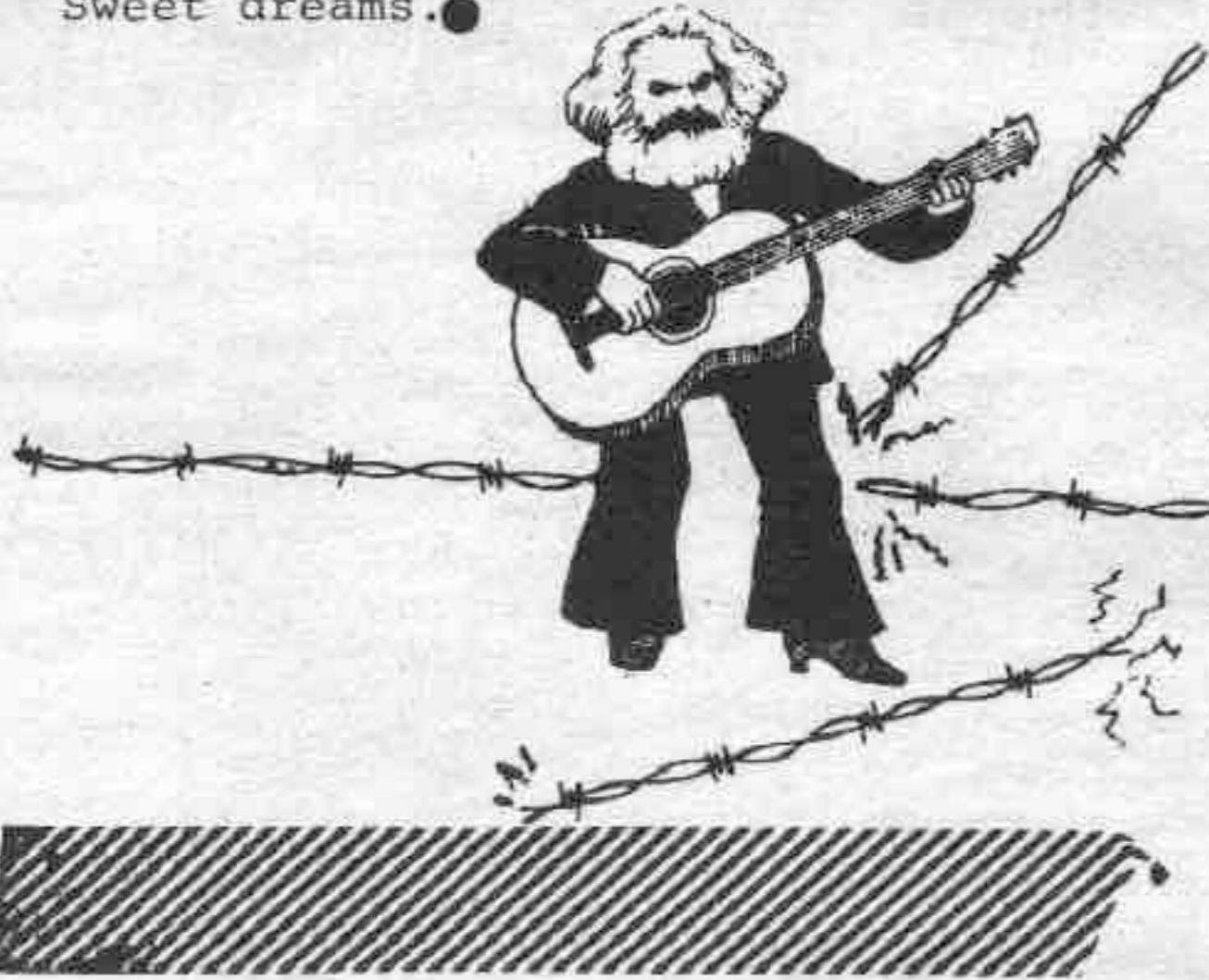
I haven't been out alone at night for years. THEY cured me of that. Now, I'm being told don't go out at all.

Well, its for my own good. For my protection, you see, like bombs to Libya --all for me.

I still want to know why blasting the hell out of Grenada made us stand tall. Maybe if I understood that I

wouldn't feel so paranoid. Remember "Brave New World"? I want to be a Delta Mommy, it must be very nice being a Delta.

Sweet dreams. ●



Q: How does the Reagan administration plan to preserve the wilderness?

A: With chemical preservatives, of course!

behavior patterns. Perhaps even more basic has been the weakening of the authority of religion in the minds of many people, caused by the increased authority of the sciences. This has greatly diminished people's former feeling that they were very special and noble creatures created in God's image.

I believe that this disillusionment is based on a misunderstanding of human nature. It's true we are related by evolution to other animals. But we are also vastly different. We are idealists in our aspirations. Our relationships are predominantly spiritual. Our capacity for abstract reasoning has enabled us to discover much of the meaning of the universe.

The question of Permissiveness: The accusation (of permissiveness) came for the first time in 1968--22 years after the book came out--from several prominent individuals who objected strongly to my opposition to the war in Vietnam. They said that my advice to parents to give instant gratification to their babies and children was what made so many young men who opposed the war irresponsible, undisciplined, and unpatriotic. There is no instant gratification in the book. I've always advised parents to respect their children but to remember to ask for respect for themselves, to give firm,

clear leadership and to ask for cooperation and politeness.

Children's Fear of Nuclear War: Parents can give their children partial reassurance if they can say ... "yes, there is a danger but it need not happen if we will all work for peace." We vote for the candidates for president, senator, and congressman who are for a nuclear freeze, disarmament, and peaceful settlement of disputes. We write to our officials, not just once but often. We belong to peace groups, and attend demonstrations.

In family conversations children should hear their parents' concern about problems of the community, the nation, the world. They should see that their parents are contributing directly to the solutions by participating in the work of local groups and committees.

The following are excerpts from Dr. Spock's press conference and visit to the Peace and Freedom Party Headquarters here in Venice:

On Independent Parties: Spock said that by the way the democrats rallied to Reagan's side, he knew that they were a "weak vessel -- cowardly" and that this proved all the more the necessity for an independent party. He mentioned that he was still proud of the Peace and Freedom Party and proud that they still existed in this current political climate.

On Yuppies: He accused them of extreme materialism and apathy... "as soon as American Troops withdrew from Vietnam...how fast those ideals withdrew too..."

On Society: He said ours was a sick nation, with aggression in our families, teenage suicide, corporal punishment, lack of spiritual values.

He said society has drifted into the attitude of "profit is the greatest good..."

On Reagan: He said, "...the man is crazy... and so is the majority of the American people who support him..." He called Reagan a bully with his smashing of little countries -- Nicaragua, Granada, El Salvador, Libya, etc.

On Libya: He said Reagan and Kadafi

were stirring up Armageddon. He said the world community had condemned the attack on Libya and that Reagan's action accomplished nothing, but to consolidate the Arab world--ground works for Armageddon.

On Computerized Nukes: He said it was deeply distressing that the fate of the whole world was in the hands of a computer.

As you can see, Dr. Spock did not mince words -- he was and is very outspoken. We enjoyed him immensely here in Venice and hope he returns soon. ●

Alice Cramden

Your Druidscope for May

By Tim, Druid and Stargazer

Druid Astrology is based on Numbers, such as 1, 2 and 3.

To cast your own Horiscope for this Month you need Numbers. For example, I was born on April 21st, 1936-- 4|21|1936 -- which was the 100th Anniversary of Texas Independence.

Now list the Numbers in your Birthday in this way: 2 1's, and 1 each 2, 3, 4, 6 and 9 from 4|21|1936. We explain how each Number influences your Life below:

Our type of Horiscope, based on Numbers, goes back to the Neanderthals and Cave Folks of pre-historic France. Druids still paint on cave walls, and modern walls in need of Murals.

Since this Type of Horiscope is about 8,000 Years old, everybody adds 1 8 and 3 zeros to their List of Numbers.

For a little more precision, add the Latitude and Longitude of the Place where you were born. For example, I was born north of Houston, Texas, at 30°N by 97°W, in a Little piece of History called Washington-upon-the-Brazos. It is sort of an Inland Venice.

L.A. is 34°N by 119°W; N.Y.C. is 41°N by 74°W; Big Sur is 37°N by 122°W; and Mazatlan is on the Tropic of Cancer at 106°W.

Old Venice (Italy) is at 45°N by 12°E. Green Witch, the Colonial Capital of England, (when it was an Irish Slave State) is at Zero.

If you were born in London, you probably did not read this far because the words Tits More on the Other Side and Ass did not appear in the 1st 2 Lines. Even if any Londoners did read this far, they will likely quit when they read that the Words Vagina and Penis will not appear again.

Now for the numbers:

The Waning Gibous Moon enters the Last Quarter around 8 am (Venice Time) on the 2nd, so Friday and Saturday will be a Good Day to Socialize, especially in Venice.

May 4th has the Eta Aquarid Meteor Shower, out of the Constellation Aquaris (the Water-carrier) all Night. This Shower is related to Comet Halley and will be more spectacular this Year than any until 2,061 AD. If you have a 5,4,1, 9,8 or 6, then try to watch the Shower with

a Person of the Sex or Species of your choice.

If you go Roller Skating on Ocean Front Walk, wear knee-pads. If you go Surfing, take Shark repellent. If You go to Century City or Beverly Hills, wear knee-pads and take Shark repellent.

There will be a whole moon on Friday the 23rd, which is the 143rd Day of the Year, so if any of these are in your List of Numbers, it will be an especially Good Weekend to Party like Crazy.

According to the Stars, the 3 Best places to Party this Weekend will be Venice (both California and Italy) and anywhere in Texas except Amarillo.

The 5 Worst places to watch the Whole Moon are Inland Santa Barbara County (California), Orange County (South Africa), and Ice Only County (Peoples Republic of Siberia).

However, the Numbers are Always changing.

If you would like more information, send all the Money you have to Me at: Druid and Stargazer, Venice 90294-0903.

Or go into any Bar and offer to buy a Drink for any Irish person who has kissed the Blarney Stone and can tell Fortunes from Numbers. All Irish are in 3 Classes: Those who have kissed the Blarney Stone, those who will lie about it, and the English.

According to 8,000-Year Old Druidic Mythology, if You wish upon a Star (it makes no difference who You are), then ... and so on.

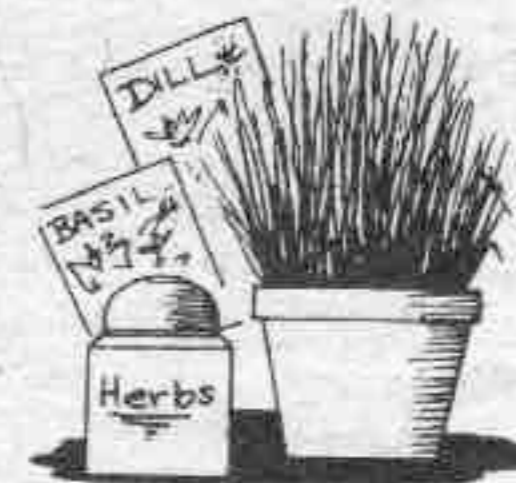
There's a New Moon on Monday, the 10th. It is the 69th day since March 2nd. For those with such Numbers on their List, remember that condoms are Sex aids during Plagues.

May 11th will be the Bright Evening Star near the Crescent Moon, called Venus in Rome, and Venis in Venice. In Irish-Druidic Mythology, she changes Name frequently, and sex occasionally. This Year, on 5|11 he is the Irish Mythological God Mr. Victor.

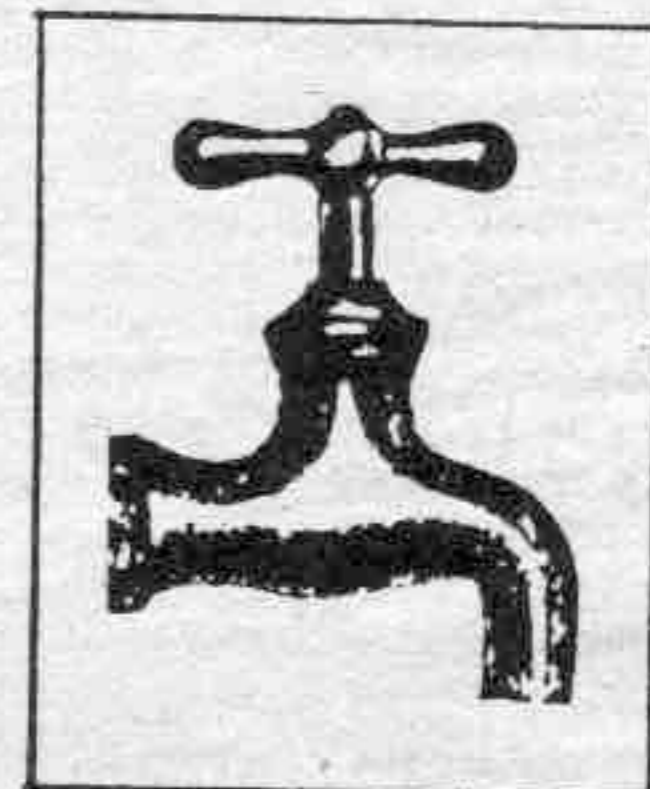
Mr. Victor's Older Brother, Father Earth, is the Prince-Consort to the Queen of Heaven, the Sun, who is called Queen Pearl, the Mother of All Oysters.

Vic, his Dad and Mom represent the Numbers 2, 1 and zero, so if any of these are in your Horiscope's list of Numbers then You should try to go to the Beach frequently between the 11th and the 19th when the Moon enters the 1st Qtr.

1's, 3's and 13's need to be careful on Tuesday the 13th, when the Queen Pearl (the Sun) enters the Constellation Taurus (the Fertilizer).



Workbook/Cpf



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The Messenger/cpf



Barclay Pugh

talking to myself
or ha, ha, ha, ha

it's dangerous
when there's no humor left
for then the soul has died.
regardless of the circumstance,
regardless of the depth of pain,
regardless of the emptiness,
regardless of all the rest
we don't even name.....

without a smile, a laugh,
maybe just a nod,
certainly a wave or even but a twitch
(it's all the same,
movements against absurdity)
without it
we're nothing in this vastness
we call home - this realm we think sane.

so cry not - it gets us nothing.
smile, laugh, dream, hope....
it's nothing -
nothing but an attitude.....

and that's a way
we can change
given
time & space.....and grace.....

ha, ha, ha, ha,.....and then some.....
:::

Rick
venice, california 90291 may 1983

Rick Nelson Wake

The Thursday Night Association (TNA) for Art is holding its Next Wake Tonight, in Southern Calif., for Ghosts of Honor Rick Nelson and Wm Shakespeare.

TNA for Art (formerly the Thursday Night Bridge Club) has held recent wakes for Ruth Gordon, with Harold & Maude coming, and Orson Welles, with Harry Houdini showing up.

Rick Nelson passed away Last Year, probably due to a lack of Air Traffic Controllers.

In Other similarities to the Life of Buddy Holly, Rick Nelson was on the Cusp, between Country and Rock, and liked the Key of A.

American Reformed* Irish Druids are split in 3 over Rick's fate: Some say he's in Hell, driving a Truck; Some say he's in Heaven, writing New Music; & Some insist he has been damned to Eternity in Amarillo -- Worst of the 3!

In an exclusive to the AD Monitor, a usually reliable Tree has told us that Rick Nelson is definitely in Heaven.

The Wake will feature New Music, in A.

APARTHITE UP
ON URANUS



The LADIES AUXILLARY of the White Supremists Party of South Africa.

They are the Only 1s to support Aparthite on Uranus. The Others are up to their Chins, in Neptune.

Actually, this came from Alice's Land Art, 941 W 75th, L.A. 90044.

She has Many gifts to show, and Sometimes sells on Ocean Front WK in Venice, Calif.

Thanks to Tim O'Moody and his
American Reformed*
Druid Monitor

*No Human Sacrifices!

Community Events

ART

SOCIAL AND PUBLIC ARTS RESOURCE CENTER
685 Venice Blvd. Spring Lecture Series
"Altar Building and the Ritual Function of
the Arts" Thurs., May 8th at 7:30PM

ART AGAINST APRTHEID-Friday, May 16th at 7:30PM at
Holman United Methodist Church, 3230 W. Adams Ave.,
near Arlington. Admission \$7 and \$5 for Students.
Enjoy an African or Caribbean Dinner at 6 before
the Program for \$5. Info: 392-6226.

Association of Venice Artists(AVA) May 8th
at 6:30PM at 1205 W. Washington 393-7626

CONTEMPORARY CRAFTS MARKET May 23-25th at the
S&M Civic Auditorium \$4 admission, children
under 12 Free. Fri. 6-9PM, Sat. & Sun. 11-6. Info:
396-0153.

ART AT CAL STATE, LONG BEACH
INSIGHTS '86-Annual Student Art Exhibit; May
2nd to May 30th. University Art Museum
CENTRIC 19: VICTORIA FAUST-Exhibit April 22-
May 30th. Also at the Museum. Hours are
Tues.-Sat. 11-5, Sun. 1-5. Open till 8 Thurs.

SOCIAL

SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE SINGLES 398-4141
Friday, May 2nd at 7:30PM "Is KPFK Being Lo-
botomized?" WYCA 10936 Santa Monica Blvd.
\$3 donation.

Saturday, May 3rd at 7:30PM "The Solution to
Terrorism: Military Force or Diplomacy?"
Same place and \$.

Friday, May 9th at 7:30PM "Is the Reagan Boom
Headed for a Bust?" At the WYCA for \$3

Saturday, May 10th at 7:30PM "Sanctuary: A Re-
ligious Response to Refugees" Same as above.

Friday, May 16th at 7:30 PM. "Reservation Life
Today" The Y is 4 blocks east of the Freeway.

Friday, May 23rd at 7:30 PM "The Supreme Court
Law or Politics?" Same as above

Friday, May 30th at 7:30PM "An Introduction to
a World Beyond War" Refreshments are served.

Saturday, May 31st at 7:30PM "Does the Media
Cover or Cover Up?"

SANTA MONICA DISCOVERY. Informal singles get-to-
gether, age 25 and over. Stimulating Discussion,
dancing and refreshments. Friday, May 9th at 7:30
P.M. and Friday, May 23rd at 7:30PM.
FORBES HALL, 1721 Arizona Ave., Santa Monica.
Donation \$4. Info: 397-0028.

GENERAL PATTON MEMORIAL INC. presents a
WWII Reunion. May 3rd at Chiriaco, Ca. No
shit this is real! Info: (714) 877-5077.

TELEPHONE SALES

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8:30 & 12. 213/392-8858

MUSIC

THE PALISADES SYMPHONY Sunday, May 4th
7:30 PM Pacific Palisades Community
United Methodist Church-801 Via de la
Paz, Pacific Palisades. FREE!!
Program of Bruckner and Barber.

The Marina Del Rey-Westchester Symphony Or-
chestra will have their SPRING CELEBRATION
at 8PM, May 3rd. Mahler, Saint-Saens, etc.
Orville Wright Junior High School. Info:
839-8215.

The Mdr-Westchester Sym. Concert might be at
Loyola Marymount Univ.. Confused? Call
837-5757.

GRUSHA AND HER GYPSY EXTRAVAGANZA Sunday, May 4th
at the Wilshire Ebell Theatre. 2:30 PM. Tickets
\$10, \$8, and \$6. Info: 394-8528.

RELIGION

SINGLETARIANS c/o Unitarian Community Church
1260 18th St., S&M.

Sunday, May 4th at 8PM. THE FUTURE OF MARRIAGE AND
RELATIONSHIPS. Dr. Fred Weaver, M.D. (Psychiatrist)
FORBES HALL, 1721 Arizona near 18th. \$3 donation
Info: 394-4318.

Sunday, May 11 at 8PM. V.O.C.A.L. AND THE CHILD
ABUSE INDUSTRY. Allen McMahon, Family Law Attorney.
(Victims of Child Abuse Legislation) Same time
and place as above.

Sunday, May 18th at 8PM. BIOENERGETICS: UNDER-
STANDING THE LANGUAGE OF THE BODY. Kaj Lohmann,
M.A., MFCC. Same place, phone and donation.

Sunday, May 25th at 8PM. MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND PARTY
Music, dancing and refreshments. Same as above.

FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH 2936 West 8th St.
Los Angeles 90005 Info: 389-1356

Sunday, May 4th at 11AM "KARL MARX AND
RELIGION" Rev. Philip Zwerling. Music
by FIRST CHURCH CHOIR.

Sunday, May 11th "MARCOS YESTERDAY, CHUN
DOO HWAN TOMORROW" Rev. Hyun Hwan Kim
Music by THE DIVA SISTERS

Sunday, May 18th "RESPONDING TO THE AIDS
CRISIS" Abigail Van Buren and Dr. Merv
Silverman. Music by FIRST CHURCH CHOIR

Sunday, May 25th "WHO ARE WE AMERICANS?"
Rev. Philip Zwerling-Music to be announ-
ced. All services translated in Korean,
Spanish, Wheel-Chair Accessible and child
care is provided.

POETRY

BEYOND BAROQUE LITERARY/ARTS CENTER Old Venice
City Hall, 681 Venice Blvd. Info: 822-3006.

Sunday, May 4th at 8PM. OPEN READING. FREE. Sign
up prior to 8PM.

Friday, May 9th at 8:30 PM. "NIGHT OF INSPIRATION"
The Critics Read. Free evidently.

Sunday, May 11th at 4PM. CALIFORNIA DOUBLE REED
QUARTET. \$3 for members; \$5 for non-dilettantes.

Friday, May 16th at 8:30 PM. Poets Ed Smith and
Steve Abbott. Same as above.

Friday, May 23rd at 8:30 PM. Writers Ron Koertge
and Sara Vogan. Same money etc. as above.

Friday, May 30th at 8:30 PM. Writers Lynne Tillman
and Tina L'Hotsky. Same.

WOMEN

Mother's Day Celebration-May 11, 1986 for the
Westside Women's Clinic. It will be held at
the Brentwood Home of Pamela and Arthur Leeds
For Info: 450-4773.

WOMEN'S REFERRAL SERVICE, a business network-
ing organization, will have a Los Angeles
Chapter Orientation Meeting on Thurs., May 8th
Info: (818) 995-6646.

Battered Women's Legal Counseling Clinic.
Free legal advice & assistance with restrain-
ing orders. Call for appointment. 622-0603

Westside Women's Clinic Mother/Daughter Work-
shop on Sat., May 10th 10AM-2:30PM The Church
in Ocean Park 235 Hill St. Info: 450-4773



BEACHHEAD

POLITICS

100th Anniversary of MAY DAY-Sunday, May 4th at
2:30 PM. UAW Local 179, 11625 Sherman Way, North
Hollywood. Sponsored by UNITY Newspaper. \$3 for
us; \$2 for students and unemployed.

Peace & Freedom Party meets 1st & 3rd
Sunday of the month (April 6th & 20th) at
7:30 PM at the NEW office, 837 Lincoln
Blvd. For info: 396-3555

Santa Monica Democratic Club (CDC Affili-
ate) meets the 3rd Thursday of the month
at the Senior Citizens Recreation Center
1450 Ocean Ave. at 7:30 PM Info: 453-5322.
The Marina-Mar Vista-Venice Democratic
Club meets the fourth Thursday of the
month at 1349 Washington Blvd. 7:30 PM
ORGANIZER'S HANDBOOK, 63 pages on Strat-
egy, tactics, and how to put it together.
Send \$4.95 (includes handling) for Plotting
Directions: An Activist's Guide to RECON
P.O. Box 14602, Philadelphia, PA. 19134

From April 26-30, 1982 The Immigration and
Naturalization Service conducted extensive
raids called "OPERATION JOBS". The Revolu-
tionary Communist Party had a demonstration
on April 28, 1982 to protest these raids. In
their usual fashion they attacked the Police
and now 5 (3 women, 2 men) are on trial for
assault with a deadly weapon against Police
officers. The site of the demonstration was
a Federal Detention center in Hollywood.
The RCP refers to the defendants as "We
are all Illegals". For Info. and support:
"WE ARE ALL ILLEGALS" DEFENSE COMMITTEE
5179 Hollywood Blvd., Box 126 Hollywood,
90027. 281-3391.

VENICE

The new Venice Historical Society will
hold its first meeting on Saturday, May
17 at 1pm. Site will be the California
Avenue Library. Call 392-8386.

VENICE BRANCH LIBRARY 610 California Ave.
Tuesdays (May 6, 13, 20 and 27th) Pre-school Story
Hours at 10:30AM.

Friday, May 9th-Coffee Hour for Writers, 1PM.
Saturday, May 17th. Tom Moran, author and historian,
presents a slide show on Albert Kinney.
Saturday, May 24th-Friends of Venice Library Book

Sale-10AM to 3PM. Donate books now at the Lib-
rary or call 396-3703 for pick-up.
Info: 821-1769.

BEYOND BAROQUE FOUNDATION 681 Venice Blvd.
LECTURES---Sunday, May 4th at 4 PM "Asian-Pa-
cific Angelinos: Model Minority or Yellow
Peril?" \$3 members, \$5 non-members
Sunday, May 18th at 4PM THE ACCULTURATION OF
THE VIETNAMESE IN LOS ANGELES: 1975 to the
Present. Same \$ as above. Info: 822-3006



VENICE
TOWN
COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCIL MAY AGENDA

May 8 General Meeting
7:30pm
Beyond Baroque Center
681 N. Venice Blvd.

1. Phil Bubar, Venice Area
Chamber of Commerce Prez will
field questions on Chamber's
June Summer Festival. Town
Council will have free space
at two-day event.
2. Marina By-Pass Alive Again
and the Council will talk
about options with Oxford Tri-
angle residents.

Committees:
Board of Directors (305-7149)
Planning & Devel. (396-8332)
Ocean Front Walk (396-1585)