

Inside

MIME	
TROOP	pg. 2
ROSEN	" 2
AIDS	" 3
CENTRAL	" 4
AMERICA	" 5

FREE VENICE

SINCE 1968

BEACHHEAD

CHEE WAH-WAH

FREE

May 1984, Number 173, P.O. Box 504, Venice, California 90294 (213) 823-5092

Is The BEACHHEAD Camp?

By Carol Pondiller

Quicheaters:
(or, the Upper Coast)

Playwrights have typecast Cassandra as an anorexic type, big eyed, her artistically tattered clothes hiding yet revealing her tiny titties as she warns in lyrical schizophrenic voice about freebies from people who have never given anything away for free.

So, what the hell am I doing, fat, big-boobed, my voice harsh from saying "It's gonna happen!" and rising to a high note when I squawk "I told you so!"

It's all happening again. What business had we in Vietnam? Did I really watch a Donahue show where men who avoided the draft confess to guilt feelings about not "fighting for their country" in Vietnam? I did. We topped England's invasion of the Falklands by invading Grenada.

Women fought for the right of controlling their own bodies, and it seemed for a while in the 1970's that women won that right. Now it seems that a group of people as reactionary as the Ayatollah Khomeini are trying to make us nothing more than brood mares, trying to tell us about getting government off our backs and into our bedrooms.

And, didn't we have hearings or something like that ten years ago about some President or other who tried to abrogate the Constitution of the United States, sabotage the electoral process, and use investigating agencies to discredit and silence those people and groups who disagreed with him, and didn't he resign? And didn't I just see him on the Tee Vee coming on like some charming rascal of an old uncle grumbling, who said "Well, I resigned, isn't that apology enough?" It only took a year and a half of constant threats of impeachment and revelation of a complete blueprint--and now that old geezer who ten years ago was bitching about his poverty now got five hundred thousand dollars for being interviewed by a freind and employee? I checked with some friends and they claim they saw it too, so I guess it really happened.

Seven, eight or nine years ago, I wrote an article called "Invasion of the Afflu-Hip". There I stood, my big, flat feet gripping the sand, looking to my everlasting sorrow like Emma Goldman and feeling like Emma Bovary, saying "Hey, hey, look it, these sweet soft folks who are telling us to be objective, reasonable and act polite and the rich have a right to live in Venice also, and this would be such a wonderful place to live in if only we'd get rid of the "undesirables", and I said, "Hey, they mean poor people". People who aren't pretty. And they took pictures of us folks and our quaint native customs. They wrote articles filled with premature nostalgia about cute townsfolk fighting for their right to look at sunsets, started restaurants without parking, yet refused to give up the lifestyle of suburbia--the two-or-more car family. A map of Venice came out leaving out Oakwood, the area that is predominantly Black. Venice became like Marijuana. When the middle class discovered Marijuana, it became a whole connoisseur culture from outlaw drug, where it has become almost too costly for dishwashers and jazz musicians, to a tiny "bud" that the Young Upwardly Mobile Afflu-Hips have transformed into the same mystique they used to reserve for imported wines. It's a fact. When the middle class "discovers" something be it grass (though thank goddess, cocaine is replacing grass in trendiness), the Farmworkers, the Women's Movement, or Venice, they "improve" it. They improve it so much



that it bears little resemblance to what attracted them to the substance, movement or locale in the first place.

Heck, maybe I'm feeling grumpy and out of sorts because one of my lovers criticized one of my articles for not being objective without reading it. And while I'm off the subject, when I am speaking of "I", I'm very much aware that other people have been putting themselves on the line and heroically working their buns off to preserve, support and fight for the same things I believe in.

Maybe I'm pissed because I was told at a meeting that my writing was "pleasant". Maybe I'm angry because some of the new folks who are moving into Venice feel that they're improving the neighborhood just by deigning to live here. Maybe I'm angry because the same things are happening over and over again. Doctor's offices being torn down to become parking lots. Committees formed to rid the Ocean Front Walk of vulgarity, i.e., cheap entertainment, sunglasses and clothes, and efforts to replace cheap trash with rich trash. The Cocaine and Croissant set replacing the Ripple and Hot-Dog crowd--Bongo players replaced by expensive suitcase stereos that blast out manufactured music.

Some time ago, at a Venice Coastal Committee meeting, an upwardly mobile movie industry type wanted the Venice Coastal Committee's support for some project he had. In return, he said with a boyish smile, he would do community work, like edit and proofread the FREE VENICE BEACHHEAD. The smarmy condescension of the man still rankles.

No, the BEACHHEAD is not pretty. Its purpose is not to sell advertising. Its purpose is to disseminate a point of view. And the Collective members are not experts. Goddess knows, we want it to look nice, but not at the expense of community input. If the BEACHHEAD became cosmetically pretty, there'd be no place for me. I laid out page three in the April issue, I'm ashamed to say, and I tried to do a good job. I didn't. Most of the time I do better, but I'm never great. But if the Afflu-Hips got hold of the paper, I know I'd be aced out. I don't even know if I'm speaking to anyone out there. Whether there's anyone out there who really loves this town because things look like they've been here for awhile, because there are people who I've

Continued on page 6

The BEACHHEAD Condition COMMUNITY MEETING CALLED

Ebb and Flow. Ebb and Flow. The cycle of all energies, great and small. The BEACHHEAD is certainly subject to this cycle as well.

Seven years ago, the BEACHHEAD front page headline ran: "UP FOR GRABS". That collective (different from this collective) had made the decision that an old era (read old collective) was ending and that a new era (new collective) needed to begin. Those three survivors of many years understood who the BEACHHEAD belonged to and they understood that they needed to go to the community that supported the paper in order to seek continuity for the paper's survival.

They called a meeting of all who were interested, and, to the surprise of many, there were those who were interested. About 25 folks showed up at that renewal meeting and enough dedication was generated to form the basis of a new collective which has functioned productively for the past seven years.

The seven year itch. The BEACHHEAD needs new back scratchers, a new mainline of creativity, dedication, and hope. People who understand the nature and function of the BEACHHEAD need apply, no experience necessary.

Don't misunderstand. We all didn't survive the whole seven years. Different people serve different stints. The dynamic is fluid, symbiotic, therapeutic and fun.

We're attempting to generate another renewal. We hope you are out there and are interested. We want and need new energies...a new flow. The times we live in demand it.

The BEACHHEAD collective is, therefore, calling a community meeting. We will talk with you about what it means to put out the paper; time, energy, logistics, finances, policies. Some of us will remain in the collective, some of us won't. Hopefully, new juices will mix for yet new BEACHHEAD flavors.

Please attend this important meeting on Saturday, June 16, 11a.m. We meet on the top of the Fox Venice Theater on Lincoln Blvd. Enter through the door directly north of the Fox Theater box office and come on upstairs.

For 15 1/2 years the BEACHHEAD has been able to shed old skin and grow and change. We'd like to believe it can continue. Thanks.

*The Beachhead
Collective*

Saturday, June 16th, 11 a.m.

MORRIE ROSEN a mitzvah among us

At a few minutes after high noon on Thursday April 19th, 1984, an era ended in Venice. Most of you probably weren't there to mark the event, but at that moment Morrie Rosen retired as Director of The Israel Levin Center.

For more than 20 years Morrie has been Godfather to the elderly citizens of Venice, with special emphasis on the dwindling Jewish cultural 'family' for whom the Levin Center meant food, shelter and a defender against the forces of destruction and death. The Levin Center was a spiritual focus for people who had fled the unimaginable horror of the Holocaust, and then yet another displacement caused when their small ocean front cottages were demolished to make way for the Santa Monica Redevelopment Project.

Through the decades Morrie was a leader in the fight to preserve and construct low-income housing for the elderly; to prevent the gentrification of the Venice beachfront; to bridge the gap between the vulnerable old and the radical young; to make the politicians keep their electioneering promises. He attended more public hearings, City Council sessions, Planning Department workshops, and assorted sordid bureaucratic meetings than is possible to count.

He nagged at Pat Russell, sweet-talked Yvonne Burke, vilified numerous Yuppies from Calvin Hamilton's endless supply of 'Big Picture' urban planning specialists, and made bargains with the Mayor and members of the State Assembly and the Congress. He would go anywhere, meet anyone if it meant a better life for the elderly.

During the next few months Morrie will travel to Europe with Elder-Hostel to continue his studies of world cultures and social systems. He will be preceeded by the reputation of the Israel Levin Center - made world famous by the Academy Award winning film "Number Our Days" that he helped bring into existence. And he'll know that the Levin Center and its members still live

because he made sure it survived an attempted closure in 1976.

As he travels, Morrie will remember all those here in Venice who travel with him in spirit; and he'll look forward to returning to the Levin Center later this year as a volunteer. We hope that as he travels he will know that not just the elderly send their best wishes; for among the skeptical younger generations he has earned a precious respect.

Many of us who have worked with Morrie during these past years have had our disagreements with him. We've sometimes

San Francisco Mime Troupe

25 YEARS OF AGIT-PROP

By Carol Fondiller

Last month, Friday the 13th, I got lucky. through no effort of my own, I won some tickets to see Circus Vargas.

I'm real sorry I never became one of those shiny, glorious beings who leaped on the glossy fat behinds of plumed horses, who conned and beguiled the audiences of Europe and America.

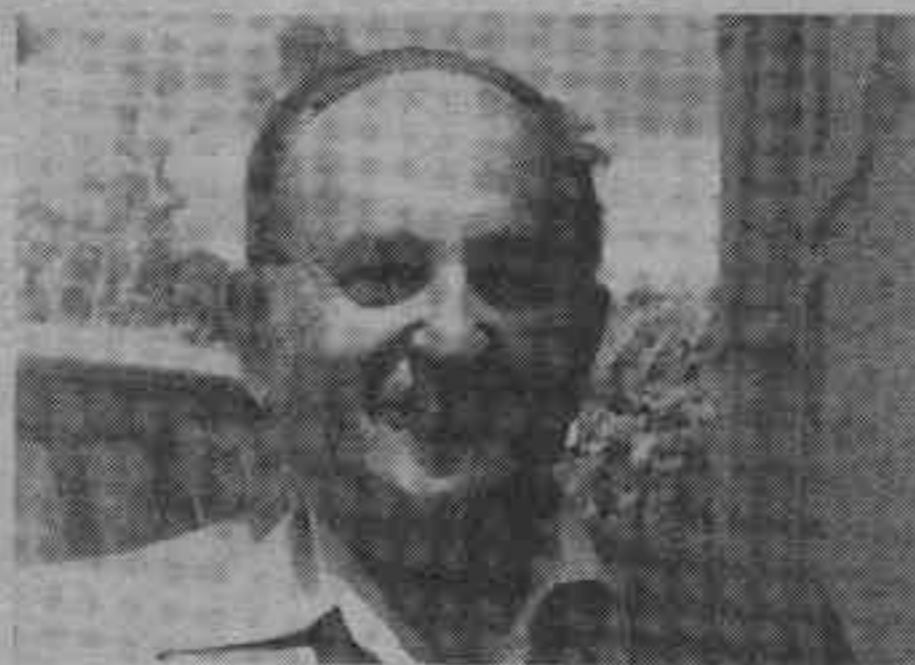
From the first time I saw the San Francisco Mime Troupe, I wanted to run away and join them. The Mime Troupe also has a sense of immediacy and portability and trickery that any good traveling show has.

The set 'em up, breakaway sets, the feeling that they can play off the back of a flat-bed truck, the honing and simplifying of complicated topical philosophical and political paradoxes into some very funny and flashy melodrama, complete with songs and dances done by expert performers has infuriated and delighted people for twenty-five years.

The San Francisco Mime Troupe is coming to the Los Angeles area this month with a new play which, according to reviews in the San Francisco papers is the "Best Ever"!

The setting is "STEELTOWN, U.S.A." revealing the people and events behind the headline stories: why plant closures

been frustrated by his obsessions. But we've never, ever doubted the sincerity of his concern for those people amongst us who



were most desperate for help. We know that while many people talk the talk, Morrie walked the walk. He was there in the trenches during the battles for this community.

Given Morrie's contempt for promise-breakers and those who equivocate when people's lives are at stake it was perhaps predictable that on April 19th, as he struggled against tears while reading a farewell poem to his beloved Levin Center members, there were no politicians or bureaucrats to say goodbye. There were a few friends and associates - and a room overflowing with frail little men and women who owe their very lives to his work in their behalf.

There is a word in Jewish: "mitzvah". It means "a good deed". Morrie Rosen's life in Venice has been a mitzvah. All of us - young and old - have lost an ally. Thank you, Morrie, for all you have given us.

by Lance Diskan

POLICE TO IMPOUND & CITE: OCEAN FRONT WALK OFF LIMITS TO VEHICLES

The L.A.P.D. circulated leaflets along Ocean Front Walk late in April informing the public that as of April 25 the following ordinances and regulations will be strictly enforced.

No Driving On Ocean Front Walk
Absolutely no cars or vehicles may drive on Ocean Front Walk, a violation of Vehicle Code #21461, #21663.

No Parking On Ocean Front Walk
Prohibited under vehicle code # 22651 and 22500 v.c. Cars and trucks subject to impound.

No Commercial Loading or Unloading
Between 10 am and 9 pm.

Residents tired of the harrassment and vehicular defacement of Ocean Front Walk should make note of repeat offender particularly of delivery trucks. Take the name of the company involved and the license number if possible. Report violations to LAPD Beach Detail, at 202-0716, extension #560. Lets get the trucks, the parked cars, the storage bins off of the Walk. If not, before we know it, they'll turn it into a thru street.

Arnold Springer

are becoming a way of life, and what happens to people left behind. "STEELTOWN" comes to Los Angeles on:

WED. MAY 9 - FRI. MAY 11 at 8:00 PM
VARIETY ARTS THEATER

940 S. Figueroa, Downtown L.A.
213 • 488 • 1456
all performances \$8.00

and to the Fox Venice International at:

SAT. MAY 12 at 8:00 PM
SUN. MAY 13 at 2:00 PM & 8:00 PM

FOX INTERNATIONAL (formerly Fox Venice)
recently remodeled & under new management
620 Lincoln Blvd., Venice
213 • 396 • 4215

both 8:00 PM performances \$8.00
special Sun. matinee admission
\$4.00 for children 12 & under

PHOTOGRAPHER

CALL 396-1778

FREE VENICE BEACHHEAD

STAFF: memphis slim, Kathy Henderson, Moe Stavnezer, Emily Winters, Olga Palo, and Carol Fondiller.

The FREE VENICE BEACHHEAD is published monthly by the Beachhead Collective as a vehicle for the people of Venice to communicate their ideas and opinions to the community at large. We welcome and take responsibility for publishing contributions exactly as the contributors submit them, although the opinions expressed by the contributors are not necessarily endorsed by the Collective staff. The Beachhead encourages anyone to submit news stories, articles, letters, photos, poetry, graphics or other material of interest to the Venice community. We ask that writing be limited to 1200-1500 words. The volunteer staff reserves the right to make all decisions collectively on material published. There is no editor of the Beachhead. The Collective is an open group and welcomes interested Venice people's participation. Printing is financed by ad donations. To submit material, include your name & phone no. Anonymous material will not be published, but your name will be withheld on request. If return of material is desired, a stamped, self-addressed envelope is required. No payment is made for material used.

movin on up

Vermont McKinney, former executive director of the Venice Drug Coalition and at one time a hard fighting black community activist from the Oakwood section of Venice, has returned temporarily to Los Angeles, and in a unique role.

McKinney, who often had to deal with police harrassment and abuse of minorities here, is presently a representative of the Community Relations Service of the U.S. Dept. of Justice. In that capacity he has been named to mediate a dispute between the L.A.P.D. and the Los Angeles based Federation for Progress

The Federation for Progress is currently seeking a police permit to stage a demonstration against war, imperialism, and poverty in Los Angeles during the Olympic Games. The police have so far refused to issue the group a permit for the proposed August 5th march.

McKinney was born in Chicago and raised in Watts. He came from a family of 11 children, graduated from Cal State Pomona and earned a masters degree in social work from U.S.C. He first came to Venice in 1968 as a graduated social worker with the Neighborhood Youth Assoc. He was active in professional social work and was at one time president of the Association of Black Social Workers.

McKinney played an important role in the creation and successful evolution of the Venice Drug Coalition which, in the early 1970's, provided a model for similar community coalitions throughout the country. He left Venice in 1977 for a \$37,000 per year post with the federal Law Enforcement Assistance Administration.

A. Springer

sam splits

Sam Taylor, founder and lead singer of the great Venice band - A Band Called Sam - has left our community for New York. It is a tremendous loss for us all. All of us on the Beachhead want to thank Sam for all the help and support he gave to this newspaper over the years. And thanks Sam for all the happiness you provided to all of us in the community; thanks for your enthusiasm, your great music, your right on politics. We'll miss you Sam. Good Luck.

A. Springer

custom screen printing

Special Quantity Prices

ON "T" SHIRTS TANK TOPS JERSEYS SWEATSHIRTS

Please call for a price quote. 623-6832

No Aid for AIDS

by SANDY BLIXTON

Most gays who live in New York, San Francisco or Los Angeles, already have at least one friend who has died of AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome). The disease that has invaded the gay community. Many more of us will face death directly in 1984. Last year was the harbinger. The situation is much worse this year. More of us, however, die from hepatitis, cancer, heart disease and, alcoholism and drug abuse, than from AIDS. I am concerned about all dangerous diseases. Therefore, how we gays conduct ourselves will reveal a lot about the character of our beings.

Our enemies have seized upon AIDS as a method to attack us in the name of God. Worse than our enemies, has been the conduct of some of our own. Most of us know at least one rotten, self-satisfying, non-caring person who continues to behave sexually as if disease were not a problem. A few of us know people who are hysterical with fear of catching AIDS, and who are now anti-social basket cases.

Since the first victim was diagnosed in 1981, AIDS has developed into an epidemic of frightening reach and deadly grasp. There have been until today, 3,775 confirmed cases in the United States, of these, in the last 3 years, 1,642 (43.5%) are dead. In San Francisco, which has the second largest amount of cases after New York (Los Angeles is third) all of the patients who contracted AIDS three years ago, and 75% of those who have contracted it in the last two years, are dead. Moreover, the disease is spreading with startling speed, increasing tenfold in San Francisco since 1981. In addition, there are countless hundreds living with the early warning signs (fatigue, glandular swelling, startling weight loss) while awaiting the onset of pneumocystis carinii pneumonia (PCP) or Kaposi's Sarcoma, which their damaged immunological systems will be unable to fight off. And because the symptoms can take as long as 16 months to 2 years to manifest themselves, thousands more are walking around oblivious to the disease that's taking hold inside them. Even more ominous, AIDS carriers may be contagious during this period.

As the orthodox medical community and in fact, the federal health bureaucracy, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta, Ga. works, (and not especially swiftly since AIDS has not attained the critical mass necessary to make a significant enough health issue to move Congress to appropriate the necessary millions of \$\$), there has been a parallel struggle to define the disease politically and socially. The most violent talk comes from Christian fundamentalist Jerry Falwell, who compares AIDS to a biblical plague, and from secular moralists, who use the ready-made metaphor of Mother Nature finally striking back at transgressors against her laws. Gays, too, have been guilty of rhetorical excess. This may be understandable, given the history of discrimination and oppression from which we have so recently begun to emerge. The various lines of dialogue in the gay press nationally have been confused and schismatic, with articles such as; "promiscuity vs. monogamy"; "hysteria vs. complacency"; "is there safe sex?" vs. "close the baths down."

It is not rhetorical, however, to use terms such as "genocide" and "holocaust" in viewing the lack of funds as slowing down the progress of medical research at the CDC. This slow progress is evidence of homophobia. Compare it with the quick response to legionnaires disease and toxic shock syndrome over a longer period of time. If a friend or member of Ronnie Reagan's immediate family contracted AIDS, just see how fast the federal monies would appear! As usual, reactionary gay leaders are charging that this lack of money represents the tardy cynicism of a society worried that AIDS will jump the boundaries of the gay world and become a general menace. The disease is seen, by these conservative gays, in 3 narrowly defined high-risk groups in addition to bisexuals and gays with multiple partners (anonymous

sex); drug users, hemophiliacs, and Haitians. Moreover, while heterosexuals have been affected, there has often been a link to homosexuality; drug users sometimes share needles with gays; hemophiliacs receive blood from gay donors; and, according to Haitian officials, more than 30% of the victims in that country are

gay. That is both racist and sexist.

The same gay leaders urge the gay community to philosophize "Sex doesn't cause AIDS---a virus does!" This has become the rallying cause for those gays who fear the hidden meaning inherent in acknowledging that the disease is sexually transmitted: physician heal thyself. People worry that if they admitted the disease is spread sexually, everything that's been said about our lifestyle would seem true. They just won't admit it, whatever the evidence. Yet while there are individual efforts to control the disease, there is not enough support to make it a majority movement. There is still an alarming number of men who are continuing to engage in high-risk behaviors that could transmit an AIDS infective agent---and at the same frequency as before we found out about AIDS. Perhaps the most devastating of all was the recent findings in a study conducted by 3 gay psychotherapists in San Francisco (McKusick, Horstmen & Carfagni) in a compiled questionnaire, that responses from 600 gay men concluded that gay men are still poorly informed about the disease transmission or are unwilling or unable to change sexual patterns.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is an arm of the federal government. It is from this center that most methods for medical genocide have been developed; such as, the systematic sterilization of Puerto Rican women and the injection of syphilis into the black community in the guise of health care. These methods are still being carried out in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. At the present time among the priorities at the CDC is the epidemiology and serology of AIDS; the French retro-virus-Lymphadenopathy-Associated Virus (LAV); and Haitian Swine Fever Virus (ASFV). LAV was isolated by French researchers at the Paris Institute in Paris over a year ago. The CDC however, did not begin working on LAV until February 1984. When questioned about the standing of CDC research on the association of AIDS and Haitian-strain ASFV, CDC Director Dr. James Mason declared that work could not proceed on all AIDS leads because CDC has limited personnel, laboratory space, and funds, and that all emphasis on research would be placed on retro-viruses.



On Monday, April 23, 1984, Dr. Robert Gallo of the CDC announced that a virus in AIDS blood had been isolated. In a call to the CDC on Apr. 24th, Dr. Gallo was asked what this discovery meant as far as treatment is concerned. Dr. Gallo replied, "that this opens ideas for theory but that there is no prediction when this theory could be put into practice. However, an assay for blood donors has been, plus finding a cause could only lead to the finding of a possible vaccine. There is no prediction on when such a vaccine will appear, perhaps in two years!" We can only imagine how many more will die from this dread disease in the next two years.

With federal funds negligible, the gay community still must call on its own resources....raising money through pri-

vate solicitation in the national gay press, and from benefits and fund-raisers all over the country.


The L.A./Project AIDS hotline number is 871-AIDS. AIDS patient support programs and group or individual counseling is available. Volunteers are needed urgently. •



GARAGE SALE GARAGE SALE GARAGE SALE

 Every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 The Temple of Man/1439 Cabrillo Ave.
 Venice. For additional information
 call 399-9747. Speak to Bob or Anita.

LOTSA BOOKS HARD AND PAPER/GOOD CLEAN
CLOTHING/CASH REGISTER/GEORGE HERMS
ADDRESS/DRAPES/LARGE MALT MIXER/ETC.


Small World Books
 1407 Ocean Front Walk
 Venice, CA 90291
 (213) 399-2360

EL CAMINO REAL
RESTAURANT
 LINCOLN BLVD
 PALMS
 1519 Lincoln Blvd.
 Venice, Calif.
COMPLETE MEXICAN MENU
ALL HOMEMADE
MEXICAN & AMERICAN BEERS & WINES
 10am to 10pm, closed SUNDAYS
Now OPEN MONDAYS
 CATERING FOOD TO GO - CALL 623-5608

one life natural foods


COME AND VISIT US IN SANTA MONICA!

- 335 Kinds of Herbs
- Large Selection of House Plants
- Complete Natural Cosmetic Section
- Large Variety of High Quality Vitamins
- Homeopathic Remedies
- Organic Fruits and Vegetables
- Full Line of Alta Dena Dairy Products
- Whole Grain Grinder
- Bulk Nut Grinder
- Deli - Featuring Homemade Vegetarian Specialty Dishes
- Juice and Sandwich Bar

A COMPLETE GROCERY STORE,
Naturally
 3001 Main St.
 Santa Monica, Cal. 90405
 392-4501
 OPEN 9. A. M. TO 9. P. M.
 EVERY DAY

CLASSICAL FLUTE LESSONS
 Call 392-6503

Centro America; Spani

PLANET EARTH

U.S. Occupation:

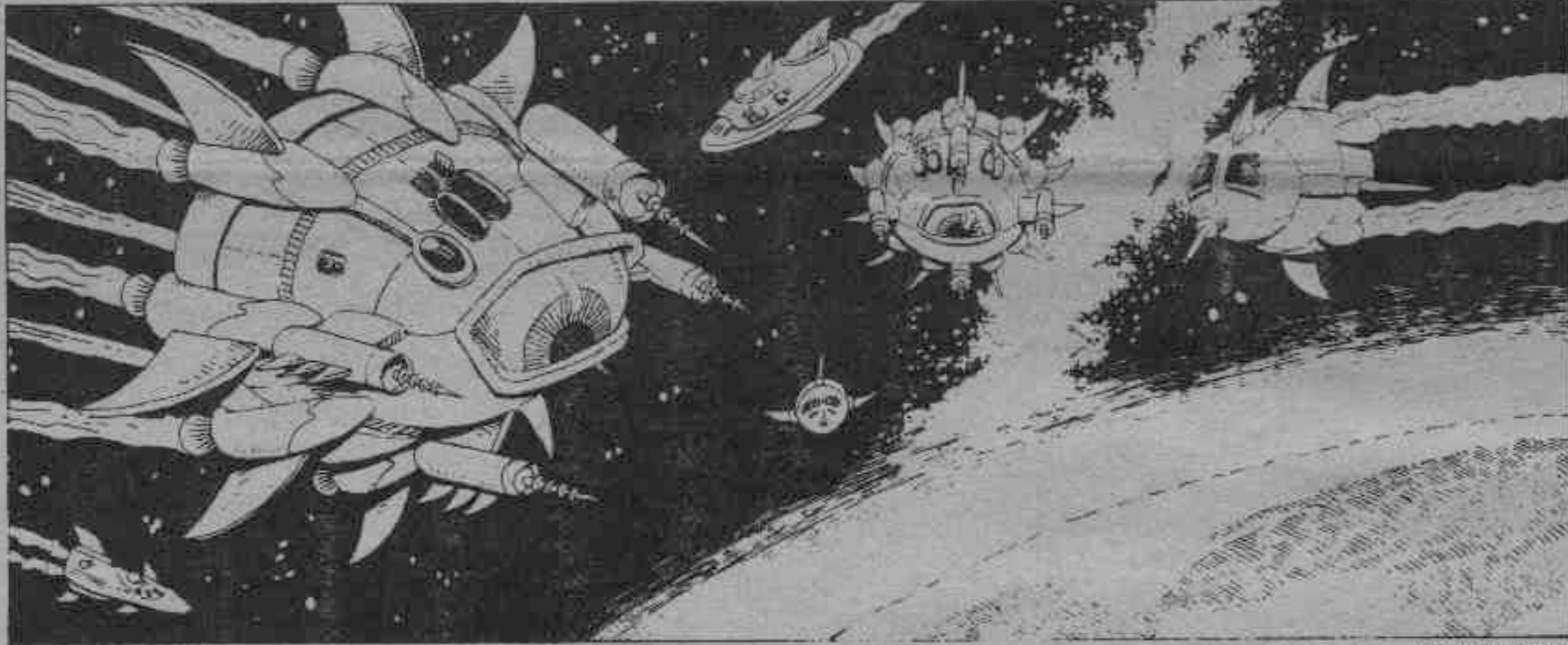
AND BEYOND

by
memphis slim

Last month boys and girls, we had all sorts of dull facts about how the Pentagon spends our money. But this month we're gonna have fun. We're gonna find out about imperialism. Yes indeed; where your Army is; where the Navy is floating; and now, straight from Hollywood, Reagan's Star Wars.

I do not know how many CIA agents are in Central America. But there are almost 9,000 U.S. troops stationed in Panama. According to Recon Publications, there were only 164 U.S. troops in Central America outside Panama in 1982. Now it's over 3,000. We still have 2,000 troops in Cuba. And we accuse them of exporting militarism. Our favorite colony of Puerto Rico houses over 3,000 U.S. troops. Just protecting their interests. We even have a few troops in Canada. Remember the Dew Line? It's still there.

The bulk of our troops however, are in Europe. Over 300,000 U.S. troops still occupy Europe. But then, so do even a larger number of Soviet Troops. Two Hundred Thousand or more of these troops are stationed in Germany. Likewise with the Soviets. We also have large numbers of troops in Great Britain and Italy. Maybe the Mafia is vital to our National Security.



ROBERT NEUBECKER

My favorite area though, is the Pacific. Teddy Roosevelt thought up U.S. Imperialism in the last century. His invasion of the Phillipines was our first venture into the Pacific. It certainly wasn't going to be our last though. Now boy, do we OCCUPY the Pacific. We've got almost 15,000 ground troops supporting the Marcos dictatorship. We still occupy Japan naturally. Almost 50,000 American G.I.'s still sleep in Japan, 40 years after the War. And our Korean War Occupation Army is still there. We're down to about 40,000 troops in South Korea, but this time we can't blame it on the Russians. There aren't any Soviet Troops above the 38th Parallel.

In Africa we've got a few military advisors and attaches in every country from Morocco to South Africa. We even have a few hundred in Saudi Arabia. But the Middle East and Africa are relatively free from permanent U.S. occupation.

The Navy on the other hand has always been a portable occupation force. The Navy usually has Ports of Call which is a euphemism for a rented base in another country. Subic Bay is supposedly the reason we prop up the Marcos Regieme. Even though Fidel is in power, we still rent Guantanamo Bay. (The rent is kept by the U.S. to use for eventual financial reimbursement of U.S. firms who had their properties nationalized during the 60's). If you've seen a Navy recruiting commercial, you've seen our bases in Italy, Greece, Japan and the Phillipines. The commercials look exciting, but then so do most commercials.

The Navy parks its subs, battleships, cruisers, destroyers, Frigates, Carriers and missile launchers much as the 1,000 lb. gorilla sits; anywhere it wants to.

There's even a newly refurbished battleship (U.S.S. Iowa) parked at Staten Island.

The Iowa, as well as, the New Jersey and other battleships, are armed with sea launched cruise missiles (The Tomahawks) which have an effective range of 1,500 miles and deliver a Nuclear warhead. In addition, these ships are armed with Harpoon Surface-to-Surface Missiles which have an effective range of 70 miles. As the people of Beirut have found out, these battleships still have those 16 inch guns which deliver a Volkswagen sized shell 23 miles.

The battleships, of course, always travel with a group of other vessels. That's what's so intimidating about them. They simply can show up off your shore and you immediately realize how vulnerable you are. That's why we have a Carrier Battlegroup off the coast of Nicaragua. They're on maneuvers, of course.

But this gunboat diplomacy pales in comparison to Reagan's plans for filling up outer space with the latest in Suicidal technology. The U.S. started the Space War in 1959 with the SAINT orbiting bomb. It didn't work too well, so between 1964 and 1975, we had Thor Missiles aimed at other nations and satellites. Now, we have the Minature Homing Vehicle (MHV)

which is fired from an F-15 Jet. The MHV has four small rockets, an internal computer and infrared sensors to locate the offending satellite and destroy it by crashing into the satellite. The MHV is apparently already outdated because in 1982 the Air Force created Space Command (Spacecom), and they are looking to develop a prototype space-based weapons system.

Spacecom is proceeding on schedule. The Pentagon spending on space activity has increased faster than any other area of Pentagon excess. One Hundred and Thirteen of the 311 shuttle flights will carry exclusively military payloads. A space cruiser is in the works. Prototypes are presently being developed by Aerospace Corporation, Rockwell International, and Boeing Corporation. The space cruiser would be launched in a manner similar to the Space Shuttle or it might be launched from the space shuttle.

In addition to a Space Cruiser, the Pentagon is experimenting with lasers in space. There are presently three programs going on. A large optics project is being developed, a large chemical laser is being fashioned and a target acquisition and tracking project is being financed. The Pentagon is putting out \$50 million a year on these projects although, they admit they are unable to predict their "ultimate utility."

The dictionary defines imperialism as the maintenance of an empire through military pressures or political control. So, you can see that Reagan has extended our empire over the entire globe by troops on the land, ships on the sea and technology in outer space. Maybe this wasn't so much fun after all.

Centro

An

A thousand U.S. citizens traveled to Nicaragua in January and February to help with the harvests and express solidarity with the Nicaraguan people, while members of the Young Conservative Alliance--visited "contra" camps in Honduras to support the so-called "freedom fighters."

Right-wing groups are mobilizing to support the Reagan administration's policy in Central America. The Veterans of Foreign Wars gather material aid for the anti-Sandinista contras based in Honduras and Costa Rica. Youth groups such as Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) and the Young Conservative Alliance denounce the Sandinistas and call for increased U.S. military support for the Salvadoran government.

Says Amy Moritz, director of the National Center for Public Policy Research, an arm of the Heritage Foundation: "A year ago, the nuclear freeze was the issue that communists were focusing on in the U.S. But now, domestic radicals are directing their propaganda at U.S. policy in Central America."

The ultimate goal of right-wing organizations is to support Reagan's foreign policy objectives in Central America, combat media impressions that are critical of this policy, and work to create a domestic political environment that will permit the overthrow of the Sandinistas, the extermination of the left in El Salvador, and direct engagement of U.S. troops in Central American combat.

The first weekend in March, New Rightists gathered for the 11th Annual Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC). Central America emerged as the dominant concern of the conference.

Jesse Helms remarked: "I will support the military aid to El Salvador, but under one strict condition. My condition would be that the military aid be used only to achieve military victory." Many who spoke shared Helms' frankness: the goal of U.S. policy should be to overthrow the Sandinistas and exterminate the leftist opposition in El Salvador.

UN Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick complained about Congressional restrictions that tied U.S. military aid for El Salvador to that country's human rights record and asserted that "any

discussion of U.S. policy toward Central America must begin with the relevance of that region to our national security".



sh for VietNam

U.S. - Nicaragua People to People

American Brainwash

She claimed that the Sandinista government, which came to power in Nicaragua after the revolution in 1979, was worse than the Somoza dictatorship.



graphic: The Blast

OAS Ambassador Middendorf lambasted the Sandinistas. Middendorf argued that the Sandinistas were "armed to the teeth by the Soviets and Cuba." "I flew over Managua the other day," he told conservative listeners "and I noticed the wall-to-wall Soviet shipping unloading at the docks there, an unbelievable increase in military equipment coming into Nicaragua." Managua is more than 30 miles from any ocean port. Middendorf described the importance of Honduras and El

Salvador as "firebreaks in Central America so that we never have to find out whether Mexico could be Sovietized." He concluded "The battle for freedom in the Western Hemisphere will not be lost in the hills of Salvador, but in the halls of Congress."

The next speaker, Adolfo Calero, former general secretary of the Conservative Democratic Party in Nicaragua and former Secretary of the American-Nicaraguan Chamber of Commerce, is now the president of the NDF Directorate. Calero challenged the legitimacy of the upcoming Nicaraguan elections. "Communists do not simply give elections. We need American aid once we get rid of the Communist dominated government in Nicaragua. Calero's speech was greeted with tremendous enthusiasm.

Rep. Duncan Hunter said, "I think we're losing the war in El Salvador." Hunter complained that one of the clever tactics the Salvadoran guerrillas employ in their encounters with the U.S. media is what he called the "baby face brigade" "When guerrillas know that they are going to make contact with a national network news team, the tough, gruffy ones hang back and they send a youthful, baby faced bunch of 16 year olds to talk to the media about their idealistic struggle to create a new El Salvador."

The CPAC is not a decision making body but support Reagan's objectives and course of action in Central America. CPAC is a pulse of right wing sentiment. Central America will be foremost on their agenda this year. Central America activists expect to encounter a massive media and propaganda blitz depicting the Sandinistas as Nazis and the question of military aid to the government of El Salvador as the most pressing foreign policy imperative since Vietnam.

(excerpted from The Guardian) •

We Americans deplore the role our government plays in murdering Nicaraguans a policy which is now internationalizing the violence. The Reagan administration is bellicose rather than restrained when Nicaraguan fishing boats and ships from Holland, Panama, the Soviet Union and now Japan are bombed by mines implanted in Nicaraguan harbors. Fishermen and merchant marines have been injured. It is only a matter of time before foreign citizens are killed by these U.S. backed attacks upon a sovereign nation.

As a group of unaffiliated U.S. citizens seeking to live in peace with Nicaraguans, we are worried that our shipments of non-military relief supplies will be future targets of the murderous attacks. In the three months of our existence, U.S. Nicaragua People to People has sent three plane shipments of medical supplies, educational materials and sports equipment weighing three tons to Nicaragua. In May we join Oxfam in sending Tools for Peace supplies by ship from San Francisco to Nicaragua.

The world knows that the U.S. pays for and orders former Somoza troops to bomb Nicaraguan cities and ports, hoping to destroy the economic means of survival for all Nicaraguans. as it also implements its "scorched earth policy" of cruel assassinations of villagers, government technicians, and foreign solidarity workers. We know the U.S. government would act militarily against any nation that bombed its ships and planes. We should expect no different treatment.

We demand the U.S. cease acting as international bandits. We call upon all Americans of good sense and decent faith to force an end to this new war the U.S. government wants to impose upon us and the world. Act now!

U.S.-Nicaragua People to People
2936 W. 8th St.
Los Angeles, Ca. 90005



DRAFT MAY BE NEARER THAN WE THINK

MIXING BUCKS FOR el salvador

Dateline: Washington

Aid to El Salvador in a bill to provide emergency food assistance to Africa is opposed by ninety-five Members of the House of Representatives including Mel Levine, Ronald Dellums, Mo Udall, Esteban Torres, Louis Stokes, Sala Burton, Henry Waxman, John Conyers, and Albert Gore, Jr.

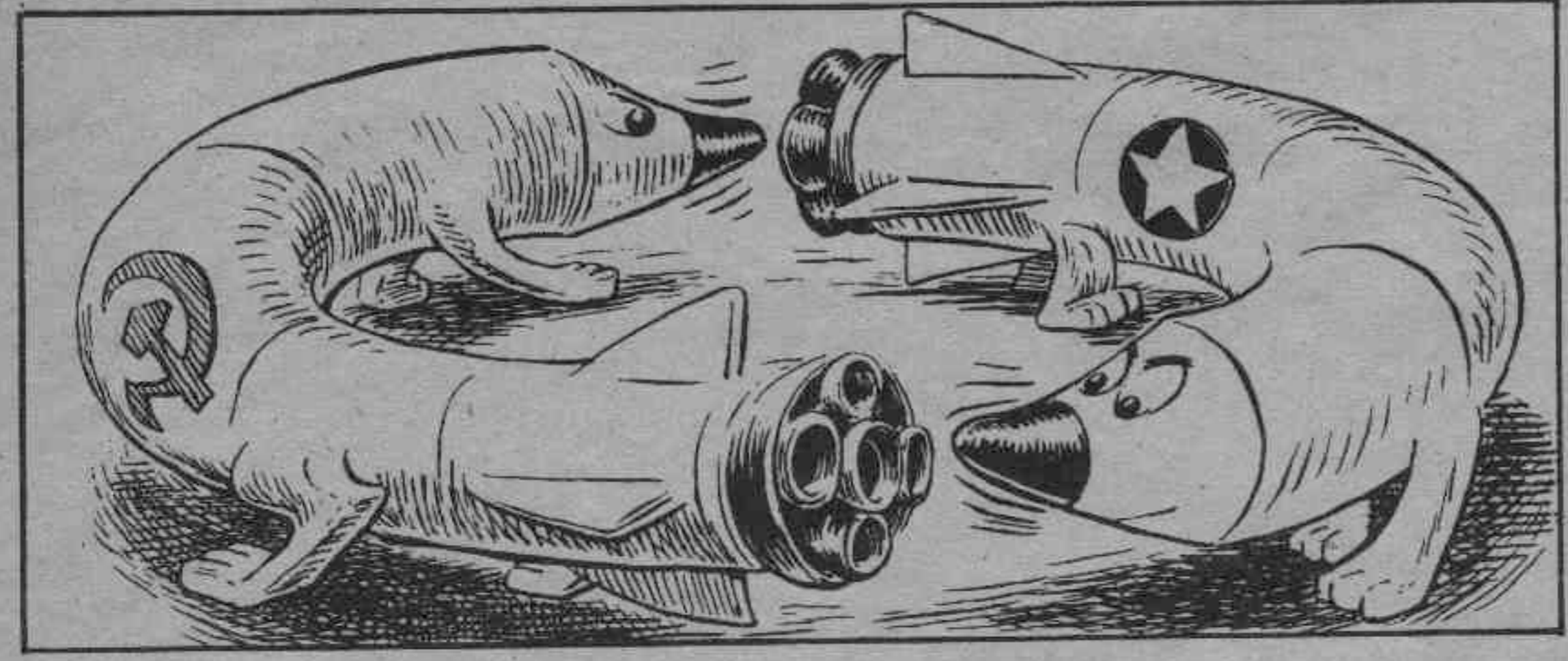
In a letter to Jamie Whitten, Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, the Members express their "serious reservations about extending additional military assistance when the government of El Salvador has yet to comply with the conditions imposed upon previously appropriated military funding."

"We have sent this letter to Mr. Whitten and Clarence Long (who is Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations) to convey to them the depth of opposition in this House for the process being used by the Reagan Administration to obtain these funds for El Salvador," Congressman Mel Levine (D-Santa Monica/South Bay) said.

Any additional funding for military assistance to El Salvador for fiscal year 1984 should not be appropriated until the conditions Congress imposed upon previously appropriated funds have been satisfied

It is not certain whether a conference committee will meet on this subject. If it does not, the Administration is likely to seek reprogramming through the Foreign Operations Subcommittee.

" It is important that the leadership be aware of the substantial opposition to continued unconditional aid to El Salvador among the Members of the House. That is why we have sent this letter," Levine said. •



ATTENTION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO VENICE RESIDENTS

A Zoning Administrator will conduct a public hearing on a proposal put forward by Thomas Safran for the development of 10 lots next to the Israel Levin Center. Safran wants to construct a 3-story (over parking), 46 foot mixed use building of more than 102,000 sq. ft containing:

- 68 residential units, 21 of which would be for seniors and/or handicapped people, and 46 residential condominiums,
- 4,370 sq ft of commercial space, 2,700+ of which would be devoted to restaurant space.
- a number of variances from the City zoning regulations including a total density and sq ft far in excess of those permitted in the current zoning on Ocean Front Walk

W.L.A City Hall, 1645 Corinth Ave, Tuesday May 22, 1984 at 9:30 AM

When The Going Gets TOUGH THE TOUGH GET GOING ...

TO THE Sacks SALE

HIGH FASHION - RIDICULOUSLY LOW PRICES. FOR MEN AND WOMEN

VENICE 8 HORIZON AV. 399-8990
CULVER CITY 4608 VENICE BLVD. 559-5448



Val's Prescription Pharmacy
1600 Pacific Avenue at Windward

(213) 392-3937
MON.-SAT. 9:00-6:30
SUN 10:00-5:00
Prescription Dept. MON.-SAT., 9:00-6:30

Val's Has A New Face

Beach needs
Vitamins galore — check our specials
and much, much more

Check Us Out...

FREE DELIVERY
\$2.00 off 1st prescription
with mention of ad

PRESCRIPTION SPECIALISTS
Patient Consultation

Free Pill Packs
while they last

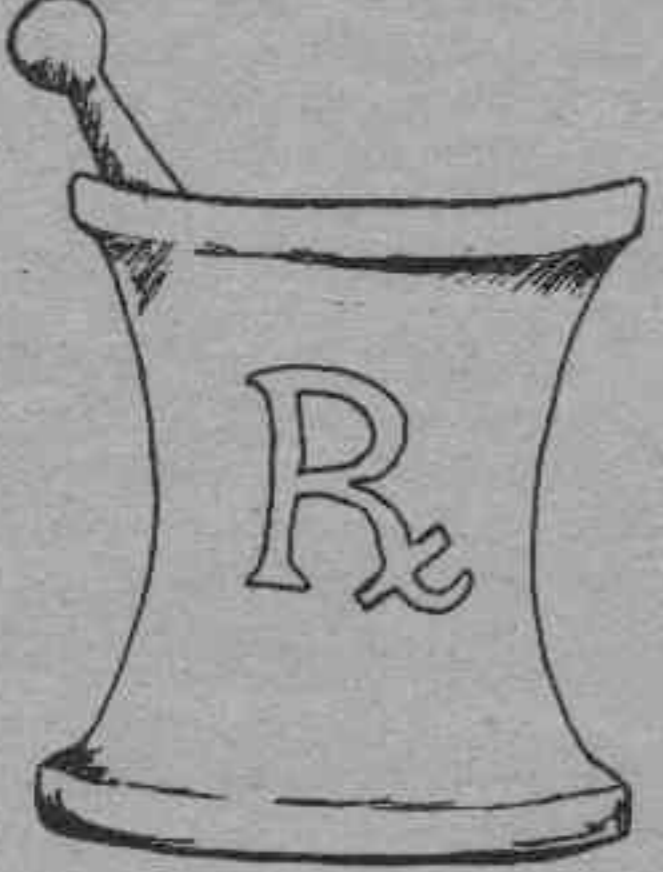
known for years living here. Venice is not just a party pad to me. It's my chosen home with good bus transportation, narrow and mysterious alleys and letter carriers who know you. I'd rather have another hardware or shoe repair shop than another caviar-and-champagne bar. So the BEACHHEAD might be camp to all those gen-trificators and artrepeneurs whose "expertise" and professionalism and style has succeeded in moving out the scruffy, dull and non-artistic types who've made Venice what the "Winners" want to take over.

I hope the Afflu-Hips and the YUPS still read me with an air of patronizing amuzement.

I'm not talking to them anyway--is there anyone else out there I'm talking too?

Or am I just this fat, crazy Cassandra standing out there yelling into the wind and getting sand in my throat? •

Divorce	<small>Attorneys at Law</small>
Custody	
Child Support	Susan Millmann 398-4911
Adoptions	Lynda Vitale 398-3959
Juvenile Law	12027 Venice Blvd.
Restraining Orders	Los Angeles, Ca. 90066
<small>reasonable rates ■ by appointment ■ Saturday & Evenings available</small>	



VENICE PHARMACY
709 No. Venice Blvd.
821- 5752

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 10AM -- 6PM
SATURDAY 10AM-2PM

- PRESCRIPTIONS
- SUNDRIES
- GREETING CARDS
- BEER
- SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNTS

FREE DELIVERY FREE DELIVERY

WEST COAST PAINTING

IS NOW SERVING YOUR AREA

INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR WORK
WOOD FINISHING ~ CABINETS, BARS, ETC.
REASONABLE PRICES/FREE BIDS
CALL AL AT 559-2375 EXT 1725

westside women's clinic

- Early Abortion
- Birth Control
- Pregnancy Tests
- Gyn Exams
- Colposcopy
- Pap Smears
- Pre-Marital Blood Tests
- Menopause Program

(213) 450-2191

1711 Ocean Park Boulevard
Santa Monica • California • 90405

25% to 35% Off
N.Y. Times Best Seller List

Up to 70% off on more than 30,000 other books.
Free special order service • Free gift wrap
We ship anywhere in USA • Courteous helpful staff
We are the only book store that offers full service and full discounts.

THE DISCOUNT LIBRARY BOOK STORE
The Original — Serving L.A. since 1974.
12200 Venice Blvd. (1 mile east of Lincoln)
Visa • Mastercard • 7 days and evenings
397-2500

PHONE 392-1280

The Chipperwish Restaurant, in Venice, (formerly Straight From Philly) is now open for breakfast from 7 til 2 on weekdays and 8 til 3 on weekends. Philadelphia steak sandwiches and hoagles are available daily from 11 til 9.

Anna's Special 1.45

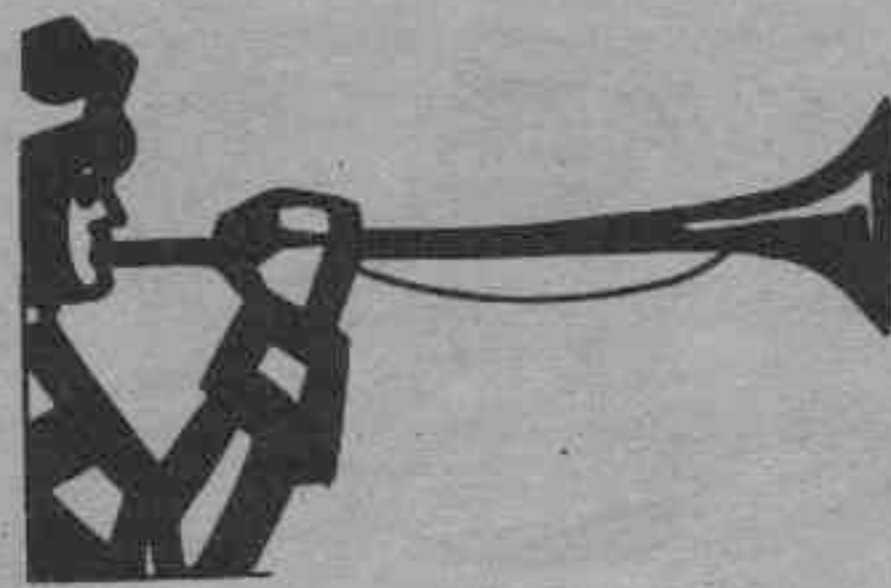
EVERYDAY BY POPULAR DEMAND

Two eggs, potatoes, and toast.

Chipperwish

PACIFIC AND HORIZON

Community events



RELIGION

7

POETRY

BEYOND BAROQUE LITERARY/ARTS CENTER at 681 Venice Bl, Venice, 822-3006, 8pm

Fri, May 4: Fiction writer Ann Beattie will read from her work, \$4 don

Sun, May 6: Open poetry reading series continues. You are invited to read your work. Free

Fri, May 11: Poets Dennis Cooper and Tim Dlugos will read from their work, \$3 don.

SPARC, 685 Venice Blvd., Venice, 822-9560

Poetry readings:

Mon. nights: Poetry workshop, 8pm, Free, Bring copies.

Sat, May 12: Native American Poetry of Luci Tapahonso, Simon Ortiz, William Oandasan, Geraldine Keams, 8pm, \$2 don.

Thur, May 24: Deena Metzger will read from her work, 8pm, \$2 don.

WOMEN'S EVENT: Women's Westside Radical Therapy Group now forming. Be part of a Feminist Collective of Women that will explore feelings, using the process and politics of Radical Therapy. Contact Alicia at (213) 451-3084 or Sandy at (213) 313-1422.

BE MARRIED IN VENICE!

Regular, Civil or Confidential. No blood test if adults living together! My home or your location. Reverend Alexander at 399-9747 or 396-6438. In Venice since 1938.

polar bear

REFRIGERATION

\$15 Service Call

5116 Inglewood Blvd.

391-3978



SNEAK ATTACK ON RUSSIA! Read Reagan's plan. Send \$9.50 (includes postage) for *First Strike: The Pentagon's Strategy for Nuclear War* to RECON Publications, P.O. Box 14602, Philadelphia, PA 19134.

CHURCH IN OCEAN PARK, 235 Hill St., Santa Monica, 399-1631

SUNDAY MORNING EXPERIENCE — 10 a.m.

May 6 —

Representatives from COSEI speak about efforts at reform in Mexico ... PLUS ... The Children do *Rumpelstiltskin*

May 13 —

"Singing Across the Borders," reflections on men & women, mothers & fathers, and patriarchy & matriarchy - with Jim Conn

May 20 —

"I Could Have Died." And we're not talking about moments of embarrassment here - with Jim Conn

May 27 —

CYNTHIA ANDERSON, immigration worker with Central American refugees, part of the women's witness for peace banned by Honduras, and delegate for Jesse Jackson.

9 a.m. MEDITATION and EUCHARIST CHILD CARE provided by Julie Yannaatta MUSIC by Elinor Graham and Friends READINGS by Members of the Community

ART

GUNTER'S, 1009 W. Washington Bl. Venice 393-9503

Arlene Goldberg Hendler, local artist, a continuing exhibition of paintings.

Eva M. Soltysik

DDS

General Dentistry

- Cosmetic Care
- Immediate Care
- Restorative
- Dentures
- Root Canal Treatment

392-8411

1608 Pacific at Windward Venice



Benefit Film Premier for Ron Rouda

Candidate for Municipal Court Judge Santa Monica, office no. 2

"And Nothing but the Truth"

starring Glenda Jackson and Jon Finch

A political thriller about an investigative journalist and filmmaker exposing a multinational corporation's attempt to evict a social family from their land.

Thursday, May 17, 7:30 p.m.

Laemmle's Monica Theatre

1532 2nd St - \$25 reserved - \$15 unreserved

Dessert reception following performance.

paid advertisement

Los Angeles Childbirth Center

HOME BIRTH • WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE

757 Pier Avenue Santa Monica 392-3931

NEW ADDRESS!

BOOKWORKS

- NEW & USED BOOKS •
- Periodicals • Posters • Buttons •
- Bumperstickers • Cards • Special Events •

specializing in:

- History • Literature • Education • Social & Political Theory •
- Labor • Ethnic Studies • Women • Media, Art & Culture •
- Ecology • Third World • Special Orders •

3517 CENTINELA AV. LOS ANGELES

(1/2 block S. of Palms Bv. — across from Mrs. Gooch's)
OPEN TUES.-SUN. — CLOSED MON.
213 398-1932

- Please add me to your mailing list.
- I am particularly interested in books in the following subjects:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

ZIP _____

return to: THE BOOKWORKS, 3517 Centinela Av., L.A., CA 90066

Prisoner

William Christiansen #C01123
California Mens Colony
P.O. Box A Quad 1 Room 2221
San Luis Obispo, Ca. 93409-0003



50

Feet West of

Lincoln on Brooks
PHONE

399-5623

V.O.P.

CO-OP



VOLUNTEERS MAKE THE BEST SLAVES

The Sidewalk Cafe

now delivers!

pizza

5-11 p.m.

392-4687

THOMAS'

extraordinary

WORLD FAMOUS CHILI BURGERS

TOP
QUALITY
FOOD



100%
BEEF

Chili Dogs • Chili Fries

99¢ **FABULOUS**
BREAKFAST
LOWEST PRICES

3 Eggs, Potatoes, Toast & Jelly

108 Washington St. Marina del Rey • 90291 • 24 Hrs.
249 Lincoln Blvd. at Rose • Venice • 7 AM-3 AM