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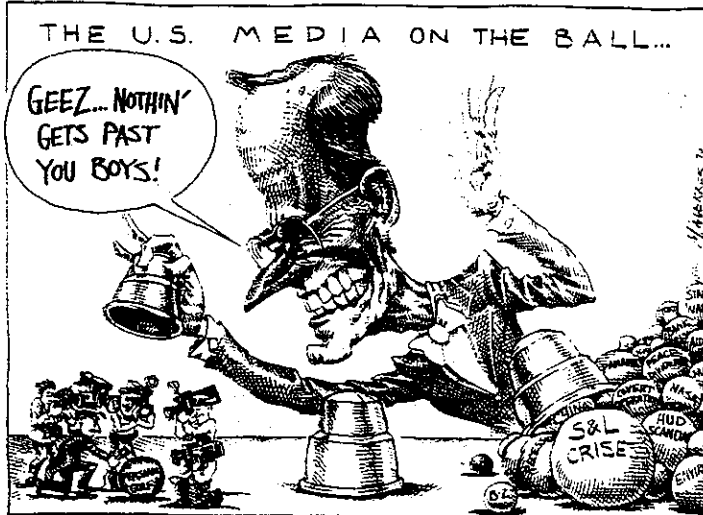
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PANAMA: Our Last War Empowerment Project Film

By Kelly Ball

A spirit of determination filled the air November 9th, 1990 at the Wilshire United Methodist Church. About 1,000 people gathered at a fundraiser preview of the Santa Monica-based Empowerment Project's new documentary film on the December 1989 U.S. invasion of Panama. Following by two years the Project's release of their award-winning production "Coverup: Behind the Iran/Contra Affair", this 35 minute spliced sample of footage was a picture of a nightmare that you wished was someone else's.

The evening was led off by a short talk by Phil Roettinger, ex-CIA officer and president of the Association of National Security Alumni (ANSA). This is a group of 100 or so ex-national security officers disillusioned by the so-called intelligence apparatus of this country. He recounted his experience helping to overthrow the democratically-elected president of Guatemala in 1954. He trotted out the usual repulsive litany of CIA deceit and tricks: the staged "leftist" disturbance, pressure on the legitimate government to resign to stop Communism, a replacement president that he called a wimp, and a list of labor, social and civic leaders to be assassinated, and its subsequent accomplishment. He warned us about pending Senate Bill 2834 title 7 to legalize all covert operations ordered by a President, anywhere and any time.



This is a concentration of extraordinary powers to a single person and party which mirrors current constitutional struggles over division of powers occurring now in the Soviet Union.

He said the underlying reason for the Panamanian invasion was to keep a large American base near South America. The people that brought you the Heroin Wars of Viet Nam in the 60's and 70's were preparing for the Cocaine Wars of Peru and Bolivia in the 1990's. He finished with a brief denouncement of CIA campus recruiting as preying upon otherwise innocent minds.

Barbara Trent was next. Co-founder and co-director of the Empowerment Project, a media resource center and dedicated to political education films; she recently was awarded The Public Prize at the Film De Femme Festival in France. The film footage and future movie is a result of her and crew's travels to Panama in June of last year to investigate the nature and fallout of the invasion. The film even in this abbreviated form proceeds simply and logically to document one more display of national barbarism and the convenient lies and half-truths that the mainstream media is so skillful at telling and believing.

The crew took almost all of their own film including trips to Southern Command Headquarters for interviews with General Maxwell Thurman. Along with particularly odious statements from Pentagon spokes-liar Pete Williams, Thurman's comments were skillfully spliced in with interviews from Panamanian people. The unsurprising result: the "official truth" versus the people that were there, shown to be decayed lies. There were many eyewitness

Send Our G.I.s
A Treat This Holiday!

Send Them Home!!

reports of summary executions of non-combatant civilians by U.S. soldiers throughout the 45 day period that this action officially transpired. One anguished woman told how her two teenage sons came to an ordinary street stop in their car, and were stopped by American soldiers and shot to death. The grief in her face attested to her truth as she bled a little into the camera. The next scene showed Thurman denying such reports and of course if such a thing did happen it would warrant a special investigation.

Another story that came out was the torching of thousands of homes by soldiers and the subsequent displacement of Panamanian civilians into refugee camps. Captured on film: Americans lighting fire to neighborhood barrios that ultimately cleared acres and acres of land. A Panamanian witness testified that this was not random violence as the soldiers went from block to block in an orchestrated manner over a number of days. People were given 15 minutes to get out of their houses before the fires were lit. One Panamanian thought they were trying to destroy the narrow alleyways of these neighborhoods to keep pro-Noriega soldiers from hiding there.

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Correction Committee

Builder's Emporium...Development, the Recession and Traffic

By Rex Frankel

The tumultuous 1980's was a scary time for the future of our local communities. Every vacant lot along Lincoln Blvd. and south to the airport threatened to erupt with high rise office buildings, condos and shopping malls. Traffic was predicted to triple on Lincoln Blvd. by city officials. But the go-go 1980's were a phenomenon that probably won't be repeated for some time. You see, our local developers, as part of a creeping--now collapsing national trend, have found that they've "overbuilt" the market. Vacancy rates in offices, mini-malls and new luxury apartment complexes are zooming. So despite that the City recently OK'd the mammoth Channel Gateway project, the developers can't find the financing to build it, according to the L.A. Times! Next door, the Marina Place shopping mall is in limbo, and lawsuits filed against it by various citizen's groups won't be heard in court for at least another year. I suspect that the Prudential Insurance Co., owner of the mall site, is not clamoring to speed this trial up, as their financing has probably dried up just like everyone else's. Even the mammoth Playa Vista project, which was due to have their long-awaited Environmental Impact Report available for public scrutiny this month, have now put off releasing the EIR until the Spring at the earliest. Readers may want to know, by the way, that while Channel Gateway will put nearly 30% more traffic on Lincoln Blvd. than now use it, the Playa Vista project is bigger than 12 Channel Gateways! (11,735 condos, 7.7 million square feet office/hotel/retail, while the Gateway is 1000 condos and apartments with 300,000 square feet of offices).

An amazing quote was printed in the Outlook Nov. 30th., from Timothy C. Macker, president of WESTMAC commercial brokerage, a big westside firm. He said:

"It's ironic that some of the slow growth measures developers and landowners opposed in the past may now work to their benefit to prevent overbuilt conditions." !!!

Realtors talk about a 5 year or more supply of housing. Office space hovers on the Westside at 20% vacant, 33% or more in the LAX and South Bay markets.

But how bad is the nationwide real estate crash? According to the Jan. 28, 1991 issue of Fortune Magazine, from 1980 to 1989, the USA added nearly 5.4 billion square feet of office space. The problem is that that was the amount already existing in 1979. We now have double what we had ten years ago!

This glut of office and apartment space goes flat in the face of various media, developers and politicians I know of who keep yapping about a housing shortage. "...That's why we have to pave over everything with condos and bluff-top

POISON

By Mark Giacomelli

The poison power is ruling us
Liquid darkness lights the night
The power of gold has long been fooling us
It makes the wrong way seem alright
Nature is condemned
To pay the price
Of cynical gamblers rolling
angry dice
Isotopic fission burns the core
And not much longer can it last
Atomic fallout in the final war
will stop the MADness with one blast
Nature is condemned
To pay the price
Of cynical gamblers rolling
Angry dice.

homes and let Playa Vista build a new downtown next door to us", they say.

Losses for developers are victories for the environment. We may yet get to turn Playa Vista into an urban forest.

--MARINA DEL REY TRAFFIC STUDY-What the Outlook called a six month study was actually 4 days of selective traffic monitoring in late June. What the traffic study does is set 2 precedents--It understates the traffic so developers pay less fees for necessary road improvements, barely 1/3rd what next door L.A. City charges for each additional rush-hour car on the road. It also understates traffic created so planners can cram more cars into the alleged "remaining" capacity on Lincoln Blvd. But, the Marina study says the Lincoln/Washington Blvd. intersection now operates at 100% of its designed capacity at rush hour, and it will increase to 140% to 167% after Playa Vista et al are built. By understating impacts on this alleged remaining capacity, all developers get to build more. The only good thing this study does is wipe out the County's and developers' financial commitment to extend the Marina Freeway, a \$22 million or more project, which the old plan required them to build to "mitigate" traffic from yet more hotels, condos and restaurants. I'm not in favor of extending the freeway, but regardless, where is this new traffic going to go? This also brings up the question of how could the County's previous study be so far off? How can this new study say the Marina only creates 2/3rds as much traffic as previously thought?

Taking the Marina Bypass out of the County's plans would ease a lot of worries for Venicians, who don't need a freeway dumping traffic onto their clogged streets either. But this doesn't necessarily kill the Bypass, or the fated mega-widenings of Lincoln Blvd. variously threatened and not-threatened by Lincoln Blvd. developers. You see, Lincoln

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To Sioux, Wounded Knee
Seems 'Like Only Yesterday

U.S. Quietly Helps Panama Organize Intelligence Office

How not to get shot at

HELLIONS

Trading With The Enemy

By Charles Higham

A Review...

By Mark Giacomelli

Unusual as it may be to review a seven year old book that is out of print, relevance and pressing needs of our times have summoned it forth.

Gold teeth fillings, wedding rings, spectacle frames, lighters, cigarette cases, etc. of murdered Jews melted down and sent to the Nazi controlled Bank for International Settlements (BIS) headquarters in Basel, Switzerland, a joint creation in 1930 of the world's central banks, including the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, is the bang with which this book takes off.

Chase Bank (later Chase Manhattan), Standard Oil, Sterling Products, General Aniline and Film, SKF, ITT, Ford, General Motors, Du Pont and many others are shown to be key players in the politically schizophrenic world of Capitalism.

Chase Bank of Paris bent over backwards to assure the Nazis of their loyalty, enforcing restrictions against Jewish property, even going so far as to refuse the release of funds to Jews in anticipation of retroactive Nazi decrees to such an effect.

Acting in collusion, the Departments of Treasury and State offered licences to Standard Oil and other corporations to trade with enemy collaborators. Standard Oil continued to fuel the Nazi war machine (well after war with U.S. was declared) by shipping oil to Spain.

Burton K. Wheeler, the U.S. Senate's most effective Hitler-loving Nazi was conveniently appointed chief investigator of Nazi activities in the U.S.

Torkild Rieber of the Texas Company, a partner of Rockefeller's Standard Oil of California went around taking pictures and mapping out strategic areas, contacting people of German extraction, held meetings at his house and was America's outright propagandist for Hitler in preparation of a possible Nazi invasion.

Roosevelt completely bypassed congress in dealing with Saudi Arabia-bribing them to protect U.S. oil companies. Not only money, but a vast range of products went to Arab countries, many of which were in short supply in the U.S. and all of these were sent to organizations or individuals who supported the Axis powers. No screening was done by the U.S. Middle East Supply Center on the re-shipment of to the Axis of materials for their war effort.

Sosthenes Behn, founder of ITT, was aided by fascist governments into which he interlocked his system by assuring prominent positions to politicians on his boards of directors. He ran his empire from 67 Broad street, New York.

He obtained a 28% interest in the Focke-Wulf company, greatly improving the bomber squadrons that attacked London and American ships and troops. ITT of Austria aided in the expulsion of Jews.

After Pearl Harbor, the German army, navy and air force contracted with ITT, for the manufacture of switchboards, telephones, alarm gongs, bouys, air raid warning devices, radar equipment and 30,000 fuses per month for artillery shells used to kill British and American troops. This increased to 50,000 per month by 1944. ITT also

The Case For Hemp

By Mark Giacomelli

The arguments concerning the legal status of cannabis should have been settled long before Du Pont and Hearst successfully lobbied for criminalization more than 50 years ago.

The Declaration of Independence (which was written on hemp paper) states that life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are the inalienable rights of all people. Our rights have been trampled and spat upon by our government.

Our sons (and pregnant daughters) are now being sent like sheep to the slaughter to the Persian Gulf; a crime and a blunder which makes no sense at all when considering the endless utility of hemp in solving our planet's energy needs.

Big Green went down in a petro-chem flame and it appears that our forests will not be forever. (electoral fraud?)

I heard a speaker saying that you can petition the government for redress of grievances. Petition the government for redress of grievances?

YOU CANNOT PETITION THE GOVERNMENT FOR REDRESS OF GRIEVANCES!

Hemp is the fastest growing and most versatile plant in the world. Its proliferation would re-oxygenate our planet, provide fuel (grass-o-hol), lubrication (hemp seed oil), food (hemp seed is rich in protein) and medicine (pain and stress relief, treating glaucoma, nausea, asthma and is, without a doubt, the world's most formidable aphrodisiac). The paper products it produces are cheaper, easier to make and of far superior quality to wood pulp. Rope and textile applications rank way above any nylon product.

Nylon was patented in 1937 which, of course(!) is the same year that hemp became a crime.

Against our wishes the government sends troops to fight for a commodity that is destroying the Earth, while at the same time maintaining criminal status on a wonderful plant that can save the world. What are we going to do about it?



The three Saudis are seeking to acquire full ownership of:

- Fisherman's Village;
- Doubletree Marina Beach Hotel;
- Pier 44;
- Pier 77;
- Marina West offices;
- Admiralty Apartments;
- Marina del Rey Hotel;
- Marina International Hotel;
- Islander Apartments;
- Marina Beach Shopping Center.

supplied ingredients for the rocket bombs that fell on London, selenium cells for dry rectifiers, high-frequency radio equipment and fortification and field communication sets, all of which, without which, war with the allies would have been impossible. And when Germany fell, the chair of a special Senate committee on international communications was taken over by U.S. Senator (and Hitler-loving Nazi) Burton K. Wheeler!

On Feb. 16, 1946 Behn received the Medal of Merit, the nation's highest award to a civilian, at 67 Broad street, New York. A few years later he received millions of dollars in compensation for war damages to his German plants in 1944.

Throughout WWII Sosthenes Behn was an investor in the Swedish Enskilda Bank, the chief financier of the colossal ball bearings trust known as SKF. The ball bearings were essential to the running of Germany's war machine.

Ball bearings produced by American workers at SKF in Philadelphia were shipped to Spain, Portugal and Switzerland and from there, Nazi Germany. And this was all whitewashed by the U.S. government.

American sales of Bayer Aspirin and Phillips Milk of Magnesia were helping to finance an army of Nazi spies around Panama supplying information on every aspect of American military possibilities.

On August 27, 1942, Phillip W. Thayer, Senior economic assistant of the American Embassy at Santiago, Chile wrote to Mario Justiniano, manager of Sterling laboratories in that city urging Sterling to collect 500,827 pesos (\$14,861.81) which was owed them by Quimaca Bayer of Santiago, a branch of I.G. Farben. U.S. Attorney General Francis Biddle, in a statement to the New York Times declared that Sterling has always been a wholly American company and has never had any dealings with I.G. Farben--U.S. Attorney Francis Biddle quietly resigns when congress calls for a full scale investigation against Sterling. Biddle ironically takes on the post of prosecutor at the Nuremberg trials immediately afterward.

Norman Littell, antitrust lawyer in the Attorney General's department spent most of the war years fighting Sterling and it's protections in the U.S. government.

When Littell asked President Roosevelt why Biddle, of all people, was a judge at Nuremberg, Roosevelt did not reply.

Henry Ford was one of the few men that Hitler singled out for praise in Mein Kampf. Prominent figures in the Ford Company were fanatically pro-Nazi.

Ford invariably sent Hitler 50,000 Reichmarks a year for his birthday. Henry and Edsel Ford refused to build aircraft engines for England and instead built supplies of the five ton military trucks that were the backbone of German army transportation. They agreed to ship tires to Germany despite the shortages. Ford hated Jews and used his publication the Dearborn Independent as a platform for his Nazi views beginning in 1920. In 1942 the Ford Motor Company sent six cargoes of cars to blacklisted Jose O. Moll of Chile. Another consignee was a blacklisted enemy corporation, Lilenfeld, in Bolivia.

General Motors, under the control of the Du Pont family of Delaware, played a part in collaboration comparable with Ford's. Between 1932 and 1939, General Motors poured \$30 million into I.G. Farben plants. (I.G. Farben is the giant German Trust that had their rubber plant/death camp at Auschwitz)

Simultaneously with the rise of Hitler, the Du Ponts in 1933 began financing native fascist groups in America. A coup d'etat was planned by members of General Motors, Du Pont and the Morgan Bank with a three million dollar army of terrorists. But this plan backfired when their chosen General, Smedley Butler, denounced them and tried to have them all arrested. But the special House Committee refused to act against the powerful clan fearing dramatic repercussions in the world economy.

And anyone else who had opposed the international Fraternity of corporate Nazism would not be so fortunate. In 1948 the House Un-American Activities Committee in one of it's unbridled smear campaigns, named Henry Morgenthau's (who was Secretary of the Treasury and it was his investigation over the war years that made much of this information available) trusted associates Harry Dexter White and Laughlin Currie as Communist agents. For their struggle against fascism and meticulous investigation of the Bank for International Settlements, of Standard Oil, The Chase, the National City Bank, the Morgans, William Rhodes Davis, (Davis Oil) the Texas Company, ITT, RCA, SKF, GAF, Ford and General Motors, they were effectively destroyed by the hearings.

Unfortunately this informative work is unavailable at bookstores. The same corporations that fueled the Nazi War machine continue to pollute our environment, destroy the lives of million of people promoting fascists dictatorships and keeping the war juggernaut rolling without relent. For their crimes against humanity and the eco-system they must be expropriated.

For a Xerox copy of Trading With the Enemy send me a money order for \$30 to 15 Paloma, Venice Ca. 90291. Or take turns reading it at Vox Populi, at 5 Dudley in Venice.

The historical background

Saddam Hussein's entry into Kuwait has been depicted in the media as the lunatic act of a megalomaniac, the new Hitler. Americans are largely unaware that Iraq's aggression is the product of its own particular history, and that 19th century German imperialism is more relevant to that history than the Nazi Germany with which Iraq is so frequently compared today.

In the closing decades of the 19th century, Britain and France asserted domination over the various regions of the slowly disintegrating Ottoman Empire - Britain over what is now Iraq, Jordan, Israel and Egypt; France over present-day Syria and Lebanon.

Germany, in order not to be shouldered out of the Middle East, sponsored the building of the Berlin-Baghdad railway and hoped to make Kuwait, which was then a barely populated district of the province of Basra, its terminus on the Persian Gulf. To forestall this imperial rivalry, Britain in 1899 concluded an agreement with the Sheik of Kuwait which brought the district under British protection. For years the Ottoman Empire's Sultan - and later Iraq, which became an independent state after World War I - refused to recognize the validity of this agreement.

Iraq maintained that Kuwait should not have been excluded from its Basra Province and that it was rightfully "an integral part of the homeland". But the discovery of oil in Kuwait in the late 1930's gave Britain a strong incentive to resist Iraq's claims.

In June 1961 Britain and Kuwait terminated their old agreement and Kuwait became an independent state. A few days later Iraqi ruler General Abdel Karim Kassam again asserted Iraq's sovereignty over Kuwait. Britain, acting with a sense of dispatch foreshadowing our own in August 1990, immediately sent three warships to Kuwait, arousing considerable Arab hostility against this "foreign intervention." In August, the British forces were replaced by troops sent by Saudi Arabia, Jordan and the United Arab Republic under the auspices of the Arab League. They remained until 1962 when Iraq no longer seemed so threatening.

A year later General Kassam was overthrown by Saddam Hussein's Ba'ath Party which within months recognized Kuwait's independence. But several territorial disputes, some involving the rich oilfield which straddled the border between the countries, remained unresolved. Iraq's sense of historical grievance was not assuaged by Kuwait's growing prosperity. By the mid 1970's Kuwait had a population of 800,000, less than half of whom were native-born - and the highest wealth per capita in the world.

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VENICE: WHAT RHYMES WITH THUGS?
(Hint: Hugs is not the correct answer.)

Plan calls for revelation of investors

--from Venice-Marina News November 22, 1989

By Nick Corvino
COPY NEWS SERVICE

The disclosure that Saudi Arabian arms brokers and Middle Eastern businessmen secretly acquired a large interest in Marina del Rey leases on Tuesday prompted a call for identities of investors in county-owned property to be revealed in the future.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Ed Edelman's proposal would order county attorneys and others to draft a policy to prevent potential investors in county-owned properties from keeping their identities confidential.

"We don't want to lose out on people investing in county operations," Edelman said. "But the public has a right to know who these people are."

The Board of Supervisors took no action on the motion other than to place the item on the agenda for next week's board meeting.

Edelman's proposal was a response to recent press reports revealing that Saudi businessmen and arms dealers with close ties to the royal family recently acquired a 49.9-percent ownership in major marina leases without the board's knowledge.

The 804-acre seaside community of luxury hotels, restaurants, high-rise apartments, shops and boat slips is owned by the county and considered among California's most valuable real estate.

Corporate 'shells'

Billionaire brothers Abdul Aziz and Khalid Al-Ibrahim are believed to have paid more than \$21 million for a share of the long-term leases held by Abraham Lurie, the marina's largest developer. However, the Al-Ibrahim brothers kept their identities concealed with the use of a Century City front company and a network of corporate "shells" in California.

The board approved the deal in August without attempting to obtain details of the identities of the new leaseholders. Because the county has no policy requiring disclosure of the identities of less-than-majority investors in leases, the board relied solely on assurances from attorneys for the Al-Ibrahim brothers that their clients were not criminals.

Public's 'need to know'

The Edelman motion asks the County Counsel's Office and the Chief Administra-

tive Office to develop an "asset management transaction policy that takes into consideration both ... the need to facilitate investment and the public's need to know."

According to newspaper accounts, The Al-Ibrahim brothers' financial move into the marina is part of an aggressive campaign to acquire real estate in this country. In recent years, the Al-Ibrahims have purchased vacant land near Walt Disney World in Florida, office towers near Chicago's O'Hare International Airport and a hotel next to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

They reportedly have acquired an interest in the Ritz Carlton hotels and other U.S. properties as well.

Ties to royal family

The brothers, Saudi Arabia's chief brokers of aircraft and weapons acquisitions, have used their ties to the royal family to become major financiers in the Middle East, press reports say.

The marina is believed to be the only government-owned property acquired by the brothers. Reportedly the Al-Ibrahims also represented about 30 other Middle Eastern partners in the marina deal.

Town Meetings Warn Against War

Nations, Firms Itching to Do Business With Iraq

Lobbyists Greet Class
in Ethics With Yawns

In the Cadavers of Our Neighbors' Sons or Bob Dornan: "What Does Country Mean to You?"

by Kelly Ball

I saw a room of people walking
At it's center a woman talking,
She stood atop a wooden box
And claimed to be the popular vox.
It was hard to see her there
Hid behind some nowhere glare,
She never let the others see
What it was that she appeased.
Though her perversion always hawking
All the while she was stalking.
They never seemed to know
Who was friend and who was foe.
Though she feeds upon their very lives
I guess we'll call her "hidden drives."
It all gave me the hives,
As the scenery took another dive,
As of late few high fives;
Only metal trinkets for your son
Come on now the war's begun.
For soon the room of people teeming
Is an image with some meaning.
Quickly as they disappeared
Their demise had been geared
By the manipulation of what they feared.
And they never once
Seemed to know it was she who hunts.
And believing ever steady
That our men in green are ever ready,
To blow their brains in jungles steaming
While their asses the generals reaming.

All they did was stare and gape
While eighteen year old boys were cruelly raped,
As our patriots kept on dreaming
That this carnage had some meaning.
Though agent orange to the greening
Finally is redeeming
And memory will finally win
And leave behind this death clown's grin.
For the poppies that were shipped
Is finally where the monster tripped
And stripped forever of it's meaning
By it's actions so demeaning:
To ship heroin in the bodies of boys
Their macabre Halloween toys
And in the spirit of the Christmas Season
Wish you a Merry Slaughter for no real reason.
For too many Vets that I know
Have told me this is so
Some have seen with their own eyes
Ask yourself if these be lies.
For mountain grown heroin what a tale
Is what she really had for sale.
And can readily be concealed
In our neighbor's cadaver where it's sealed.
"We'll let your little trip to Asia
Get by customs that so dismay
As your government so thoughtfully gift wraps
In all the colors but mostly blacks."
Said her billboard for the war
Courtesy of the chamber boors.
And it was so often said
By the ones that most loudly pled:
"We only fight for democracy
To enable all to be free."
Though they so richly fed
While the nations' hearts severely bled
At their table set to feast
Did someone say: "Where's the Beast?"
A supposed country all for one
Ended up with more for some,
And "One Nation Under God"
Is somehow reminiscent of a fraud
Where half the people fail to vote,
One too many Judas Goat?
As the billions that they made
On the backs of those they slayed,
Is to some slyly paid
To ensure that we obey
As once again we are betrayed
To the greed that eats us up.
And to some of you that went:
Do you know what you spent?
Do you have a notion vague
What it is that we paid?
Tell them yourselves our Gold Star Mom's
About their precious Dicks, Harrys and Toms.
Convenient disposable suitcases for drugs
For the Military Industrial Mafia thugs.
With one too many glaring lies
Wasn't gonna march and die.
No mood for hate to frag you blues,
We spell "surf" with a "u"
Did we catch a little coup?
Achoo! Achoo!!
Askew! Askew!!
And oh yeah: "Fuck you, too"
I'll never be a part of you.

First you preached that we were free
Then put our lives on a lottery.
A nation where we'd never once
Bend a knee to some feudal dunce,
Who of our lives could abuse
As if somehow we were theirs to use.
Whose serving robes held hidden knives
With which to throw away our lives.
Surprise! Some of us have different views
On what it is to pay our dues.
Not all warriors choose to follow
Lying generals that only wallow
Contemptuously in vain content
While their men in two are rent.
You remember the RVN
On whom our men could not depend.
How many lives came to an end
For Landslide Lyndon and his friends?
How many people had to die
For Dick and Henry's oily lies?
How many bodies cancer wracked
While a coward Congress turned its back?
How many Vets a suicide
To return and find our hearts had died?

Well some of us kind of knew
What it was that was coming through
And some of you weren't Fonda Jane
Well look again at what is plain.
Who it was that spoke with reason
And who it was that committed treason:
Distorted sonar oscillations
Were just right for provocation.
Our sellout at the Gulf of Tonkin,
Was just our goosetep leaders honkin'.
While bought-off Hmong guarded opium fields,
And the U.S. Air Force delivered yields,
While Pepsi Cola was cutting deals
The Pavlahis dealt us heroin
And the CIA let it in.
The Carribean mob came for a bite
Allies of the parasite.
Millions siphoned to Hong Kong
Into the hands of the Chinese Tong,
A laundry at the Nugan-Hand
Was another link in the traitor band.
While Shell sucked oil from Camh Ram Bay,
And Project Phoenix was to make our day,
The "special forces" did the dirty work,
While the lobby for war in the shadows lurked:
Sailors from the S.S. Nazi Jerk.
What were they doing with the sadistic Turk?
Who sliced their heads and had the gall
To kick them round like soccer balls,
As the barbarians threw another brawl

I think I know what they mean by "Fall".
While oh so near; it's oh so clear,
Poor black, poor brown, poor white:
Were the human sacrifice.
Hearts ripped out in stupid battle,
Sent to butcher just like cattle,
"Freedom Fighters" in Reagan prattle.
While Spiro cheated on his taxes
"Our boys" were murdered for their axes,
Weaving bloody stumps; no arms no legs
For those that rallied round their flag.
Three million Viets vaporized
While we held them terrorized.
Napalmed human fricasee,
The banker's barbecue necessity.
While Hughes made billions on their 'copters;
"Congratulations fellows! You really popped her!"
Sleep walkers and hypocrites
Wonder why there's Bloods and Crips
The casual murder of Blue and Red
Is a mirror of where we've tread.
Who doesn't rather run and hide
Than face the truth of genocide.
For fifteen years you drug it out
When you could bleed no more
you just cut out.

Washington's Death Wall still in haze,
Another length to the Minotaur's Maze.
And when in the corpse of human events
It becomes necessary to clean your tent.

Did you think that you were free
When some were held in slavery?
Did you think that we would stop
Like little tin soldiers on a wind up clock?
We will see how fast you age
As Saturn turns another page.
And just how deep it is you burn,
As you drop into the urn.
To a place where they only yearn.

Coming Soon: "Day of Decision"
And who it is that has precision
And who it is that's kind of sloppy
Taking bets on Mr. Poppy.

He's Mentally Ready to
Attack Iraq, Bush Says

Are We??

THIS IS A BODY BAG



It's how we bring Americans home from war.

No Price Too
High to Oust
Iraq — Bush

DOONESBURY By Garry Trudeau



MARINES: It's a Time to Remember

Continued from A1
home to Janie every night, trying
to put my feelings on paper. I tell
her I hope she's going to have a
joyous season.
"That's one thing about being a
Marine, isn't it?" said Lance Cpl.
Jon Street of Palmdale, Calif. "Mis-
ery loves company, and we've got
lots of it. Lucky thing we're close-
knit."

**"If the United States is so
concerned about the
human rights and the
occupation of land, have
them clean up their own
back yard first."**

CHARLES WHITE ELK
tribal council member

Vietnam Seeking Return of Americans as Tourists

Hanoi has tried to introduce
economic reforms, a variant of the
Soviet Union's perestroika policy
known as doi moi. The reforms
were an initial success: Western
goods, such as television sets and
Marlboro cigarettes, flooded in af-
ter a long consumer drought. Viet-
nam produced rice in such quanti-
ties that it became the world's
third-largest exporter.

COLUMN ONE

Honeywell Factor in Iraq Bomb

■ Memos show that staffers
objected to the project, but
the American firm
provided information that
helped Baghdad develop a
fearsome explosive.

By DOUGLAS FRANTZ
TIMES STAFF WRITER

■ Military: 'America is
behind you,' President tells
troops in a broadcast
message for the holiday.

By BOB SECTER
TIMES STAFF WRITER

CHICAGO—If war in the Persian Gulf
leads to a resumption of the draft, the
fate of millions of young Americans
may be decided not in the Mideast, but the
Midwest.

Within hours of a call-up, a secretly
located data processing center near Chica-
go could begin spewing overnight Mail-
gram draft notices across the nation. Fear-
ing sabotage, officials decline to reveal the
exact site of that computer.

The contradictions make
it clear that even a year
after the invasion, key
questions remain about
the events leading up to
the decision to commit
U.S. forces in Panama.

Costs of Gulf Operation?
Administration Won't Say

BOMB: Iraqi Weapon 'Perfect' for Desert Use

A new scrutiny brings an
angry message from the
heartland: Give other
options a chance before
splitting American blood.
By PAUL DAVID WEINSTEIN

CRISIS IN THE PERSIAN GULF

Syria Goes Arms Shopping
With \$1 Billion in Gulf Aid

Bush Aides Kill
Tough Measures
in Energy Plan

By JAMES RISIN

Petroplex

U.S. Points Finger at German Firms

Gulf war would
spark 'inferno,'
scientists say

What We Gave Saddam

Panama--continued from P. 1

Others think it was the U.S. way to show people throughout Central America "who's boss". A narrator at the end of this segment panning empty land stated that the prime area was now slated for condos and shopping malls.

The crew interviewed refugees at Abrook Refugee Center with permission of the co-directors of the camp, one from the Panamanian Red Cross and the other from U.S. Aid when they were suddenly interrupted by American soldiers demanding that they stop their interviews until permission was granted by U.S. authorities. All of this of course took place on sovereign Panamanian territory. Not only did Barbara refuse, the Panamanian people quickly caught on to what was happening and surrounded the crew and kept the Americans away. The interviews continued and the ruckus was caught on camera.

Olga Mejia and Isabel Corro, leaders of Panamanian human rights organizations, testified to the thousands of deaths that occurred during the invasion. Official U.S. statements at first claimed that only 200 died. Exhumations from the ensuing mass graves were shown. The body recovery projects have so far uncovered only a few of the graves and are done through private funding. No official aid has been given to give these people and their families a proper burial for their dead. One particularly memorable scene focused on something that only after a moment's study could be discerned. It was the body of a dead child whose head had been blown off. Her legs and hips were intact, her flesh and internal upper body organs had been burned away leaving only her little rib cage. Someone reached out and touched her bones which immediately collapsed. The American Dream continues.....

The film continued with many more interviews and recountings of the invasion and the obvious provocations by U.S. soldiers that led up to the invasion. As mentioned widely in our national press, Noriega had been captured two months before the attack and was all but handed over to U.S. military authorities that refused his delivery. So many innocent people were murdered for this former CIA asset while the U.S. taxpayer footed the bill.

The lights came on. The rest of the evening was filled with fundraising from the crowd. A hundred dollars gets you a video copy when the movie is complete. 50,000 dollars are needed to bring it to the distribution stage and home fundraising previews are encouraged. An Empowerment Project spokesperson will come to your home with this film short. They are hoping to raise between 250 and 300 dollars at each showing, so get your friends together to help this nation-shaking film.

There will be a preview soon at the new action center **Vox Populi** Restaurant at 5 Dudley. Check there for details and keep the faith.

To contact the Empowerment Project, call (213) 828-8807.

I'm for clean water; I like clean water.
—George Bush (October 1988)



Have you been feeling kind of numb and/or dumb lately? Sort of down in the dumps? Considering the state of local and global politics today, perhaps you've even felt like the proverbial dead duck. Well don't be lame; snap out of it, get off the fence and pick up on the Free Venice Beachhead. Yes. Its back. Not necessarily bigger or better, though. And that brings us to you. This Head's for you. And in order to be bigger and better, we need you. Writers, Poets, Sub-geniuses for Bob, layout artists, artist artists, activists, passivists, seekers of truth, happiness and the pursuit of liberty. Anyone who would like to help reap some Peace from the seeds of war that are still being sown by the mongers. The time to come together is now. Don't wait until its too late. Stand up, get up, speak up...Just don't give up. Call us, join us. The global community needs you. You have a voice. Raise it. Use it. Do not go quietly.

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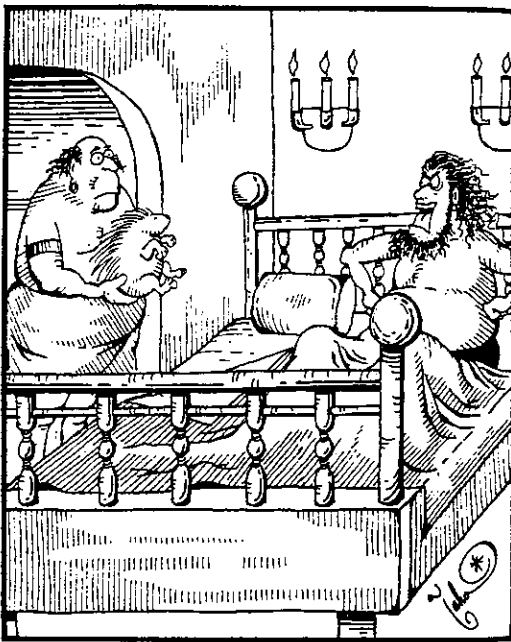
VOX POPULI

By Mark Giacomelli

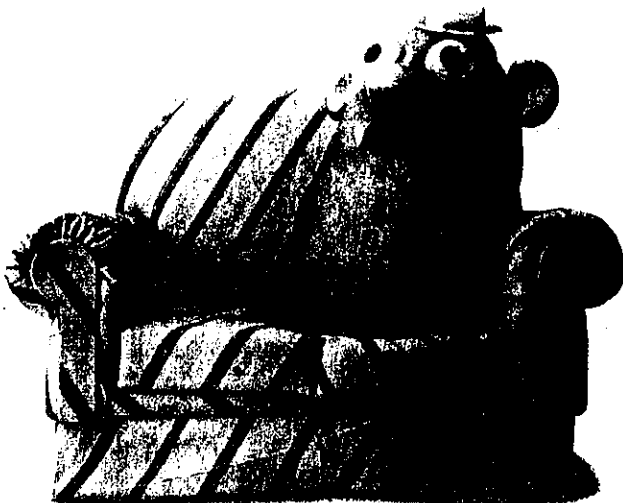
There's a new (let it all!) hangout in Venice. A cafe run by Bill Mitchell, local political orator. The theme is politics and the food is vegetarian. Vox Populi, located at 5 Dudley is a Godsend for the local bohemian in search of a place to hang out, eat healthy food and discuss how we're going to bring down this rotten government of ours.

Odyssey 10

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PRECISELY WHEN the tide turned is anybody's guess—maybe with the 1987 bust of Ivan Boesky or the stock market crash later that year—but at some point in the not-too-distant past the charmed intersection of economic and historical forces that made the 1980s so much fun, so darn *lucrative*, for so many began to give way to these lusterless 1990s, marked thus far by looming recession, toil, and gloom.

...from Fortune Magazine

hold on to your wallet



Builder's Emporium--from P. 1

Blvd. is a State highway. It's owned by CalTrans, who legally can step in and widen, remove parking or do anything else they want to make traffic flow "safely". And once Playa Vista etc. are built, the state can declare an emergency. In mid-December, for example, CalTrans ordered Hermosa Beach to ban parking during rush hours on Pacific Coast Highway in the heart of its business district to provide three thru lanes on each side. Will the same happen to Lincoln Blvd. businesses? L.A. City may promise not to do it but CalTrans can *always* step in, waving the full power of eminent domain, if necessary.

The solution is to not let development get out of control—one that's not in the language of our current city leaders.

TRAFFIC UNDERSTATED BY LOCAL DEVELOPERS

Depending on whose EIR you read, Playa Vista will create either 184,000 cars a day or 270,000 cars a day. It's all a game of traffic methodology. The new Marina Traffic study contained an estimate for the traffic caused by the 1/2 of

Playa Vista that is in the Coastal Zone (called area's A, B, and C). It estimated that the areas would dump 133,000 more cars each day on our streets. Since the remaining Area D will be developed more densely than the other 3, I can only assume that at least 266,000 new cars per day will result from Playa Vista. I interviewed the traffic engineer for the City of Orange, told him Playa Vista's totals, and he computed that it would cause at least 270,000 car trips each day using his city's methodology. This is from a disinterested source.

Now, LAX officials put out a noise control report in 1982 which estimated Playa Vista would bring 200,000 cars a day. The report goes on to say that the developers then claimed to only create 184,000 more cars a day.

Now, LAX is a developer, too, planning the 4.5 million square feet LAX Northside project just down the road from Playa Vista. Just like at the county-owned Marina, it is in LAX's interest to understate theirs and their neighbors traffic creation--so all can share in the development profits.

This letter is in response to a reprint in the Westchester Journal of last issue's "Playa Vista: Environmentally Sensitive Disaster"...

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

RE: November 15 letter by Rex Frankel.

The *Journal* has an obligation to its readers to inform them that Rex is an announced candidate for the Sixth Council District race in 1991 whenever it publishes his creative writings.

Rex has never been a disinterested, altruistic citizen in his many diatribes against Councilwoman Ruth Galanter. He did not initially support her in 1987, as he and I were both on the advisory committee for McCartney, and he has been working closely with Sal Grammatico, whose 521 votes he would like to inherit. These letters are an attempt to solicit your readers' votes as well.

As for the content of his latest letter, you should understand that much of the density in Playa Vista is outside of the Sixth District, under the control of our County Supervisor. Not exactly an area where we can expect any action toward controls on growth!

Frankel's suggestions for Playa Vista: leave it like it is, and an Urban Forest totally ignore the rights of the land owner (just as you and I have property rights to any land we own) under the U.S. Constitution and rulings of the Supreme Court to profitably develop their property. Prop. B was the first chance we have had in about 20 years to add to park land and programing in Los Angeles County, and it could not get the two thirds majority needed, so what chance to publicly fund the purchase of this marshy desert delta land for an Urban Forest even if it was a good idea to use it in this unnatural manner?

By condemning all development, Rex is asking for the impossible and trying to fool people into accepting his wishful thinking. It is emotionally provocative and politically clever, but it has nothing to do with reality.

sincerely,
DELL CHUMLEY



After taking control of the press, the Vikings embark on a public relations drive to improve their image.