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Debbi and Steve Solowczuk

## Michigan Farming Prospects Bleak

by Ellen Rusten

"Sure they get depressed," Rose Solowczuk said about her farming husband and two of her sons. "Wouldn't you get depressed if you were \$10,000 in debt, and the corn you just planted was drying up in the field?"

One of her daughters-in-law nodded and said that was one of the many responsibilities (see Michigan, page 4)

Photo by Ellen Rusten

## Does the Family Farm Have to Go?

"Well, it's too late. And the owner men explained the workings and the thinkings of the monster that was stronger than they were. A man can hold land if he can just eat and pay taxes; he can do that.

Yes, he can do that until his crops fail one day and he has to borrow money from the bank.

But—you see, a bank or a company can't do that, because those creatures don't breathe air, don't eat side-meat. They breathe profits; they eat the interest on money. If they don't get it, they die the way you die without air, without side-meat. It is a sad thing, it is so. It is just so."

by John Steinbeck, *The Grapes of Wrath*

Compiled by Lisa Huberty and Dan Detweiler

One out of every three family farmers have been driven off their land in the last ten years. Here's how the government and big business have orchestrated this crisis and what can be done to turn it around.

### Why should we care about the farm crisis?

Impact on the national economy: Almost 21 percent of our entire workforce is directly linked to agriculture, including 55,000 jobs in our steel mills. (see Farm, page 4)

## Is Your Professor Building the Bomb?

by Robyn Watts

On August 6, 1986, Robyn Watts gave the following Hiroshima Day Commemoration Speech at the Federal Building in Ann Arbor.

When the bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, Americans were happy because lives had been saved and the war was over. But the war was not over; it had only just begun. This war is fought with money, our money. Everyday some of the money you earn goes to perpetuate this war. And everyday, this money is not going where it is needed most—medicare, medicaid, social security, education.

We are so proud that no war has ever been fought on United States soil. But this is a lie, a lie we tell ourselves. The war is not only fought on United States soil, it is fought in every city, every suburb, every community. This war is fought here at the University of Michigan.

The University of Michigan performed \$7.7 million of Department of Defense research in 1985, this is a 17% increase over the year before and a more than 100% increase over just five years ago. For 1985, Department of Defense (DoD) funding is likely to increase by at least another 100%. There are a number of reasons for this.

Last September, the Regents voted to "encourage" Star Wars research at the University. This was the first time they have ever endorsed a specific research program. In referring to Star Wars, Nobel Laureate and former Manhattan Project Scientist, Hans Bethe stated, "It is difficult to imagine a system more likely to induce

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Photo by Gregory Fox

## Baker Wins

### Activist to Challenge Pursell

Ann Arbor activist Dean Baker's victory in the Democratic primary for the 2nd district congressional seat last month stunned most political observers. Baker defeated Don Grimes by about 400 votes despite the fact that Grimes had the support of virtually the entire political establishment. He also outspent Baker by nearly eight to one. Baker's campaign was able to overcome these odds by enlisting hundreds of volunteers in a massive last minute push. The huge margin the campaign was able to produce in Ann Arbor was more than enough to offset Grimes slight edge elsewhere in the district.

Having defeated Grimes the campaign is now going after a still bigger upset in its efforts to unseat Pursell. Baker's supporters are confident that this goal is attainable however. Co-campaign manager Mark Weisbrot said, "We showed in the primary, both that people are very upset about what's going on in Central America and that they are willing to get involved on a massive scale in a campaign that makes this a central issue. The message is clear, people do not want their money sent to a gang of terrorist thugs like the contras. They don't want their money going to bomb civilians in El Salvador, and they don't want it used to buy every crazy weapon that the Pentagon can dream up. They want their money to meet real needs, like providing healthcare for the poor and elderly, protecting the environment, and ensuring that their children can get a decent education. Pursell is simply out of touch with his constituents." Weisbrot went on to point out that Pursell had not only been a consistent supporter of increasing U.S. military involvement in Central America and Reagan's military

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# Letters

## Kudos

Your paper is great! Ann Arbor and most of this country, needs more papers like yours. It's nice to see journalism you can trust!

One suggestion for future issues; an in depth look at the human rights situation today in Nicaragua, El Salvador and Guatemala.

I'm enclosing a check to cover one year's subscription, one copy of April '86 *Agenda* and the rest for a donation.

Keep up the good work!

**Patrick Comer**  
Ann Arbor, MI

Hello, I am writing to commend you on the great job you've done in providing Ann Arbor with a much needed forum and voice for the real news. I especially appreciate your focus on Central American issues, which the regular news media censors through omission. There seems to be an ominous trend in the national press in the past couple of years to slight many serious world situations of the attention they deserve, evidenced by the obvious lack of information and concern on the part of the general public. With so few alternative papers in existence, *Agenda* is very vital in keeping open access to a free channel of information. I hope you are gaining increased support from the community. Here's a check to extend my subscription. Keep up the good work.

**Mary Ann Parsons**  
Ann Arbor, MI

Hi! Enclosed is my check for a 1 year subscription to your newsmagazine. As a former Ann Arbor resident and a semi-frequent Ann Arbor visitor/shopper, I want to keep informed of happenings in the Ann Arbor community. I also enjoy your transcribed speeches and your reportings of happenings elsewhere in the world. It is always refreshing to get a viewpoint different from that presented in the mainstream media which is usually distorted and which I do not pay much attention to anymore. Keep up the good work. Warmly.

**Larry Fishman**  
Farmington Hills, MI

## Left Rites

In astronomy, "revolution" refers to a return to the same place. For the left it seems to mean about the same thing. Leftism is literally reactionary. Just as generals prepare to fight the last war, leftists incite the last revolution. They welcome it because they know it failed. They're vanguards because they're always behind the times. Like all leaders, leftists

are least obnoxious when following their following, but in certain crises they step to the fore to make the system work. If the left/right metaphor has any meaning, it can only be that the left is to the left of the same thing the right is to the right of. But what if revolution means stepping out of line?

If there were no right, the left would have to invent it—and it often has. (Examples: Calculated hysteria over Nazis and KKK which awards these wimpy slugs the notoriety they need; or lowest common denunciation of the Moral Majority, obviating unmannerly attacks on the real sources of moralist tyranny—the family, religion in general, and the work-ethic espoused by leftists and Christians alike.) The right likewise needs the left: its operational definition is always anti-communism, variously drecked-out. Thus left and right presuppose and recreate each other.

One bad thing about bad times is that they make opposition too easy, as (for instance) every economic crisis gets shoehorned into archaic Marxist, populist or syndicalist categories. The left thereby positions itself to fulfill its historic role as reformer of those incidental (albeit agonizing) evils which, properly attended to, conceal the system's essential inequities: hierarchy, moralism, bureaucracy, wage-labor, monogamy, government, money. (How can Marxism ever be more than capital's most sophisticated way of thinking about itself?)

Consider the acknowledged epicenter of economic crisis: work. Unemployment is a bad thing. But it doesn't follow, outside righto-leftist dogma, that employment is a good thing. It isn't. The "right to work," arguably an appropriate slogan in 1848, is obsolete in 1986. People don't need work. What we need is satisfaction of subsistence requirements, on the one hand, and opportunities for creative, convivial, educative, diverse, passionate activity on the other. Twenty-five years ago the Goodman brothers guessed that 5% of the labor then expended would meet minimum survival needs, a figure which must be lower today; obviously entire so-called industries serve

nothing but the predatory purposes of commerce and coercion. That's an ample infrastructure to play with in creating a world of freedom, community and pleasure where "production" of use-values" is "consumption" of free gratifying activity. Transforming work into play is a project for a proletariat that refuses that condition, not for leftists left with nothing to lead.

Pragmatism, as is obvious from a glance at its works, is a delusive snare. Utopia is sheer common sense. The choice between "full employment" and unemployment—the choice that left and right collaborate to confine us to—is the choice between the Gulag and the gutter. No wonder that after all these years a stifled and suffering populace is weary of the democratic lie. There are less and less people who want to work, even among those who rightly fear unemployment, and more and more people who want to work wonders. By all means let's agitate for handouts, tax cuts, freebies, bread and circuses—why not bite the hand that feeds you? the flavor is excellent—but without illusions.

The (sur) rational kernel of truth in the mystical Marxist shell is this: the "working class" is the legendary "revolutionary agent": but only if, by not working, it abolishes class. Perennial "organizers," leftists don't understand that the workers have already been definitively organized for—their bosses. "Activism" is idiocy if it enriches and empowers our enemies. Leftism, that parasite for sore I's, dreads the outbreak of a Wilhelm Reichstag fire which will consume its parties and unions along with the corporations and armies and churches currently controlled by its ostensible opposite.

Nowadays you have to be odd to get even. Greylife leftism, with its checklists of obligatory antagonisms (to this-ism, that-ism and the other-ism: everything but leftism) is devoid of all humor and imagination: hence it can stage only coups, not revolutions, which change lies but not life. But the urge to create is also a destructive urge. One more effort, leftists, if you would be revolutionaries! If you're not revolting against work, you're working against revolt.

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# Update



## Sister City Announced by City Commision

ANN ARBOR—Ann Arbor will soon have a new sister city in Nicaragua. It all began last spring when a group of Ann Arborites involved in Central American issues, started talking about how to get such a relationship established. The group chose the citizen ballot initiative process as a way to bypass City Council and put this issue directly before the Ann Arbor voters as it was felt that the high profile of an election campaign would be educational for the citizens of Ann Arbor, and that traditional rumblings about City Council looking into international issues could be avoided.

The proposed ordinance: "Initiatives for Peace in Central America" was fashioned after an initiative which had recently passed in Seattle. The findings section made the following eight points: 1. Vast expenditures are made in Central America which only increase the bloodshed there, while beneficial programs at home are cut back; 2. The U.S. government supports regimes where gross human rights abuses continue; 3. Our tax dollars fund the contra terrorists; 4. The massive U.S. arms build-up and maneuvers in Honduras are destabilizing that

country; 5. The U.S. is supporting the ongoing aerial bombing of civilians in rural El Salvador; 6. The U.S. is undermining the neutrality of Costa Rica; 7. The U.S. is engaging in actions illegal under International Law; 8. The people of Ann Arbor, as citizens and taxpayers share in the responsibility for these actions. The ordinance itself has two sections. The first directed the city clerk to convey a statement to our representatives in Washington, declaring that the people of Ann Arbor call for constructive, not destructive uses of our tax money in Central America, that we support self-determination in Central America, that we respect International Law and the World Court, we oppose military aid to the region, and that we oppose the efforts to overthrow the government of Nicaragua. Section Two established the Sister City Task Force to expedite sister city relations with a city or cities in Central America.

To put the issue on the city ballot, 4,000 valid signatures of Ann Arbor voters had to be obtained. It was a lot of work, but many people came out to help, and we did

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## Bored for Peace

by Locke Anderson

*Steelyard Blues* is a cult film with a one-man cult—mè. In the opening scene, Donald Sutherland is thrown into a jail cell, dressed in jeans, a black sweater and stocking cap, and an insolently defiant grin. The cell is already populated by several large black men who are not grinning at all. Sutherland slouches down on a bench and continues to grin. After a few moments, one of the blacks gets up and stands over him, glowers and speaks. "You're tough, but you ain't dangerous," he announces. "I've been dangerous since I was eight years old." With this, everyone breaks into a grin, high fives are exchanged all around, and the most consistently funny film since the Marx Brothers gets rolling with a blast of raucous rock.

Somehow, a lot was lost in translation when Jonathon Ellis and I did our time at the county jail last month. Hilarious it was not and even a romantic like me could not sustain the illusion he was dangerous. Jonathon said our memoirs of the occasion should be called *Bored for Peace*.

We arrived on a Tuesday morning at 8, with two photographers and some placard wavers, one of whose signs proclaimed us "prisoners of conscience," an embarrassing overstatement. I don't know what the deputies thought of us, but they cannot have

been too happy to have us there. Who would be? After the paper work, we were put in the holding tank with a couple of drunken drivers who were sobering up. They were both quite pleasant, and showed no signs of contrition. To them, drunken driving was no big deal, and they were not distraught, not even very annoyed at being caught.

After a while, we were given prison uniforms and deprived of our shoelaces, "for our own safety." The deputy who took our belongings apologized for not being a college graduate, and assured us that most of the deputies were. I think he thought this would be comforting, but I recalled that half the CIA went to Yale. We were taken in through the doors that separate the lockup proper from the admitting area, and put in a room that seems to serve as a way station for people going in or out. The room had high barred windows that look out on an unused exercise area, a toilet, shower, and sink, a double-deck bunk and some miscellaneous furniture that the Salvation Army would not accept. This was to be our home for three days.

A young black man was already in the room. He had been picked up in Detroit over the weekend for something or other, and

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## Dick Stout of Michigan Farm Unity Michigan

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of wives of farmers—keeping their husbands' morales up. And these days that's a heavy duty job because 17 percent of Michigan farmers predict they will be getting out of farming soon and 25% of the state's farmers have too many debts according to Dick Stout of Michigan Farm Unity.

The Solowczuks were talking on their farm eight miles west of Ann Arbor. They were the farm hosts for the Interfaith Council for Peace's third annual Farm Tour August 16. This year the more than 50 participants went to Tom and Steve Solowczuk's Holstein dairy farm and got a technical introduction to the computerized world of modern milking.

The two brothers rent about 500 acres, some of which is from their father John who bought the farm in 1947. They milk from 102 to 112 cows daily and sell about 600 gallons a day. The milk eventually ends up in Kroger. The Solowczuks are members of the Michigan Milk Producers Association, a farm cooperative which guarantees them a market.

"Dairy is probably the least affected by the current farm crisis," said Gil Whitney, a retired dairy farmer and one of the organizers of the Farm Tour. And "the Solowczuks have done a very careful job of minimizing their expenses," he said.

One of the reasons why so many farmers are having trouble is the extent of their indebtedness. According to a survey done in the spring of 1985 by the state Department of Agriculture, 25% of Michigan farmers who responded to the survey have a debt/asset ratio of over 41 percent. A debt/asset ratio is the total debt divided by total assets. Two percent of these farmers are insolvent. Fifty-two percent of farmers have real estate debts, with 8% of those delinquent. However, this means that 48% don't have real estate debts, according to the survey which sampled 1,312 farmers.

Another problem is depreciation of land, equipment and buildings. In the (see Michigan, page 6)

# Does the family farm have to go?

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Each time a farm is sold it means fewer customers for the products of our factories; it also means many used tractors, trucks, and other equipment will be put on the market, further depressing these industries. Every farm liquidated means the loss of 5-7 jobs. Every 3 farms liquidated destroys another rural business.

In addition to the millions of jobs at stake, agriculture provides 70 percent of the nation's raw material wealth—new wealth that is needed to fuel our national economy. Every dollar earned by a farmer (or other raw material producer) circulates and multiplies throughout the economy, creating at least 5 additional dollars in goods and services.

Farmers and businesses losing money don't pay any taxes. Neither do unemployed workers. This sharp reduction in tax revenues is occurring at the very moment when the demands on government by bankrupt farmers, unemployed workers, and failing banks and businesses are increasing.

**Environmental impact:** Low farm prices always force farmers to increase their production. Like any worker whose wages are cut in half, farmers faced with falling prices must work twice as hard and sell twice as much just to cover bills. This has led to an abandonment of careful soil and water conservation practices and to the tilling of marginal, highly erodible land. In addition, the destruction of the cattle industry by cheap grain and corporate feedlots has virtually wiped out grazing on hillsides, leaving the farmer no choice but to put corn or soybeans on those fragile lands. After a few years the hills are deeply eroded, with all the topsoil destroyed.

The forcing of families off the land results in the control of a great deal of farmland being passed into the hands of large corporations and absentee investors. They have generally treated the irreplaceable soil and water resources with the same narrow, short-term profit orientation that has characterized their treatment of other capital resources, like factories and railroads. The earth is used and abused as long as it can show a high enough profit or serve as a tax shelter for other profits. Once depleted, land is abandoned or covered over for "development" purposes. Groundwater is pumped dry and rivers diverted.

**Social costs:** The social costs of the crisis are also extremely high. Alarming rates of spouse and child abuse, alcoholism, and the highest suicide rate among all professions are examples of the social and personal crisis growing out of the economic crisis.

The recent rash of murders by farmers and lenders who snapped under the extreme pressure is unfortunately only the tip of the iceberg.

**Impact on world hunger:** Another devastating impact of our low grain prices is on the poor farmers of the Third World. Since the U.S. is the dominant exporter of major grains and oilseeds—controlling over 70 percent of the world's corn and soybean

exports—our prices set world prices. By forcing down U.S. prices, grain corporations can underprice local farmers in the domestic markets of many Third World countries, robbing them of any chance to sell their products at a profit.

**Political implications:** The loss of 50 percent of our family farmers over the next few years has long-term political implications that are seldom considered. It would mean that assets worth up to \$500 billion in farmland, livestock, machinery, and buildings would be transferred from farm families to banks, insurance companies, and wealthy individuals.

## Haven't there been farm crises before?

This isn't the first time farmers have been threatened with extinction. For almost a decade before the Stock Market Crash of 1929, rural America suffered a terrible economic depression. Some economists argue that the 1920's farm depression was a major cause of the 1929 collapse, leading to the popular slogan, "Depressions are farm led, and farm fed." The 1920's and early 30's posed a serious threat to the survival of family farm agriculture. There were extreme hardships, including hunger and bitter cold, especially in those regions without electricity, phones, or other services.

The severity of this crisis spawned a resurgence of militant farmer organizing. At the national level, farmers lobbied for emergency assistance and federal legislation to provide long-term relief from the recurring nightmare of farm depressions. This legislation, often referred to as the Parity Farm Programs, had three central features.

First, the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) was created to set a minimum floor under farm prices. The CCC was authorized to make loans to farmers whenever the prices offered by the grain corporations fell below the cost of production. The farmer's crops were pledged as collateral against these loans. Once prices returned to normal levels, farmers repaid the loans with interest. By allowing farmers to control their marketing, the CCC made it possible for farmers to receive a fair price from the marketplace. Second, farm production was managed to balance supply with demand in order to prevent surpluses. This feature was needed to reduce the cost to the federal government of purchasing and storing surpluses. Third, a national grain reserve was created to prevent consumer prices from skyrocketing in times of drought or other natural disasters.

From 1933 to 1953 this legislation was extremely successful. Farmers received fair prices for their crops, production was managed to prevent costly surpluses, and consumer prices remained low and stable. At the same time the number of new farmers increased, soil and water conservation practices flourished, and overall farm debt declined dramatically. Most important, these Parity Farm Programs were not a burden to the taxpayers. The Commodity Credit Corporation, by charging interest on the

marketing loans made to farmers, actually made nearly \$13 million between 1933 and 1952.

The legislative victories by farmers in the 1930's prevented, for the moment, the elimination of family farm agriculture in the United States.

## If the parity programs were so successful, why was farm policy changed after 1952 and who formulated the new policy?

These parity programs, which were real victories for farmers, small businesses, and labor, were in direct conflict with the economic interests of some powerful corporations and banks. Farmers with a fair, secure income were not forced to borrow large amounts from banks; laws which stabilized grain prices hurt grain monopolies who profited greatly from huge swings in market prices; and effective supply management programs meant that fewer acres were planted, reducing sales of chemicals and fertilizer.

Near the end of World War II, powerful corporations and banks teamed up with economists and other academics to wage an all-out political war against the supply management and price floor programs of the Parity legislation. They used many of the same tactics made popular by Joe McCarthy, including the labeling of soil conservation and supply management programs as "central-planning socialism" and "contrary to our free market way of life."

Their efforts to discredit the parity legislation led to a fierce national debate over the direction of farm policy. Grain companies argued that they needed lower prices in order to sell more overseas, while agri-chemical companies attacked the supply management provisions.

In 1953 President Eisenhower and Agriculture Secretary Ezra Taft Benson defeated the Parity Farm Programs won by farmers in the 1930's. Price floors and supply management were replaced by "flexible parity." The Agriculture Secretary was given the discretionary power to lower farm prices to "market-clearing" levels in order to get "government out of agriculture." Rational supply management was replaced by instability. These lower prices forced farmers to produce even more in order to maintain their cashflow, creating even greater surpluses.

A number of corporation-controlled "think tanks" issued reports and recommendations on how to solve this "farm problem." One of these, the Committee for Economic Development (CED), is an excellent example of one of the many groups who issued policy statements on agriculture. Their 1962 report, "An Adaptive Program For Agriculture" recognized that there were only two possible solutions to recurring agriculture depressions. Quoting directly

from their report: "The Choices Before Us: (a) leakproof control of farm production or (b) a program, such as we are recommending here, to induce excess resources (primarily people) to move rapidly out of agriculture."

The first option recognized by the CED, "control of farm production," was rejected out of hand as too much "government in agriculture," and contrary to the so-called "free market."

Instead, the CED recommended the second option, the forced removal of a number of families from the land. Quoting again from their text: "Our program would involve moving off the farm about two million of the present labor force, plus a number equal to a large part of the new entrants who would otherwise join the farm labor force in the next five years." To accomplish this forced removal, they recommended that: "Price supports for wheat, cotton, rice, feed grains and related crops now under price supports be reduced immediately."

The CED argued that the farmers who were liquidated could be more productively used in other sectors of the economy. In addition, employing them elsewhere would open the way for greater capital investment in agriculture. This would require an increased use of energy-intensive methods—like more mechanization and greater reliance on chemicals—in order to replace the farmers being pushed off their farms.

In addition, they cited other "real benefits" of enforced lower prices: "The lower prices would induce some of the increased sales of these products both at home and abroad. Some of these crops are heavily dependent upon export markets."

The CED report proposed the elimination of approximately one-third of our farm families—primarily moderate-sized operations. Their strategy was to replace family farmers with a small number of super-farms (both large corporate-owned and a few large family-managed operations), and several million "small farms" to be financed primarily by off-farm income or welfare. The large farms would identify and politically align themselves with lenders and corporations investing in agribusiness; the small farmers' dependency on government and on the non-farm economy would weaken them politically and tend to diminish their traditional affiliation with progressive movements.

There were dozens of similar policy

reports on the "farm problem." Groups ranging from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce to the American Bankers Association all made the same recommendations. This is not surprising since many of the same people served as authors, researchers, and advisors on a number of different reports.

### Are farmers in trouble because they are poor business managers?

In 1974, after a decade of silence, the CED published another report on agriculture, "Toward a New Farm Policy." In this 1974 report, the CED recommended that farmers who had been able to survive be maintained on a "direct income subsidy program" from the federal government. This concept of "direct income subsidy" became the cornerstone of the new federal farm legislation passed in the early 1970's; it was called a "deficiency payment" and was linked to a "target price" set by Congress.

In addition to the recently created deficiency payment program, the government also maintained the original Commodity Credit Corporation price support program. However, the price floor has been set at extremely low levels, roughly 50 percent of parity at present, using the same justification for low prices used in the 1950's—the need to boost exports. Although this program is often promoted as a "farm program", it primarily benefits the grain traders and their foreign customers. Farmers don't export grain; grain companies do.

Here's how our current farm program works. A target price is a price level set by Congress and the Secretary of Agriculture. If the prices received fall below this level, participating farmers receive a check directly from the government to make up the difference. This check is called a deficiency payment.

Let's look at corn. The CCC loan rate set by Agriculture Secretary John Block for 1986 will be \$1.92 per bushel. As always, this will effectively establish a floor price at this level. The target price is now \$3.03. Since the market price is always roughly the CCC loan rate, taxpayers will be forced to make deficiency payments for the difference between the target price and the loan rate—about \$1.10/bushel on corn. On a [national] corn crop of over 7 billion bushels, this will require almost 8 billion dollars to subsidize a crop, a significant

proportion of which, is exported to other countries.

But it costs more than \$3.03 to grow corn. In 1983 the USDA said it cost over \$3.20/bushel. This means that farmers are losing money on every bushel harvested, forcing them to borrow even more money to cover their losses. Over the past 15 years this has created an enormous drain on the credit systems of our country, adding to the high interest rates already being charged by the banks.

The end result of this deficiency payment system is that grain corporations and foreign buyers are allowed to buy our grain at prices over \$1.00 below cost of production. We spend huge sums of taxpayers' money to compensate farmers for part of their loss caused by this subsidy to the grain trade; then we suffer the effects of forcing farmers to borrow enormous sums of money to cover the rest of their losses.

### How will the farm crisis ever be resolved?

There are three central elements to our current farm policy debate. First and foremost, what prices for their crops and livestock should farmers ultimately receive? Second, what is the amount, if any, of public financial support that is necessary or appropriate? And third, what is the role of food exports and imports in creating and potentially solving the current rural economic crisis?

Two conflicting positions emerged during the 1985 Farm Bill debate. The first is often referred to as the "Free Market" position. In hopes of boosting exports, supporters wanted to modify the current program by lowering prices; but they would have increased subsidies a small amount to cover some of the losses farmers would suffer because of these lower prices.

The other position, sometimes referred to as the "Supply Management" proposal, would have given the farmers the right to vote in a national referendum, as they did in the 1940's, to approve effective supply management programs based on bushel quotas. Under this proposal, all deficiency payment subsidies would be eliminated, and CCC loan rates would be raised to fully cover production costs.

The real debate over farm policy comes down to this: Should farm prices be set below cost of production in an effort to increase export sales, with the farmers' losses partially offset by taxpayer subsidies? Or should farmers be given the right to vote on a program that would combine higher CCC loan rates with effective production controls?

### Did the best farm bill get passed in 1985?

The Food and Agriculture Policy Research Institute at Iowa State University and the University of Missouri have done the most comprehensive and accurate computer modeling for analyzing these federal farm policy proposals. In 1985, they specifically prepared the above side-by-side comparisons of their impact on farmers.

Their conclusions clearly highlight the problems with the Supply Management or Free Market approach, the approach that eventually won out in the 1985 Farm Bill debate.

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#### Economic Implications of two 1985 Farm Bill Alternatives

| Proposals                  | Free Market  |                 | Supply Management |                |
|----------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|
|                            | Short Term   | Long Term       | Short Term        | Long Term      |
| Net Farm Income            | decrease 16% | decrease        | 8% increase       | 52% increase   |
| Government Costs           | increase 39% | decrease 15%    | 60% decrease      |                |
| Variability in farm price  |              | increase        |                   | decrease       |
| Variability in farm income | no change    |                 | decrease          |                |
| Income:livestock producer  | increase     | little change   | decrease          | current levels |
| Land price                 |              | decrease        |                   | increase       |
| Acreage in production      |              | decrease 10-15% | decrease 35%      |                |
| Demand for machinery       |              | no change       | increase          | stabilize      |
| Volume of exports          |              | increase        |                   | decrease       |
| Value of exports           |              | little change   | increase          | increase       |

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## Family Farm

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### Don't high farm prices lead to high prices for consumers?

One argument often made for keeping farm prices below cost of production and supplementing farmers with tax dollars is that it keeps prices down for consumers. Some argue that at least the tax structure is somewhat progressive, whereas the retail food system is regressive; that higher farm prices would equal higher retail prices which would hurt poor people even more.

Unfortunately, this argument ignores the fact that most of our subsidized food products are shipped overseas to the Soviet Union, Europe, Japan, and the Middle East—which means U.S. taxpayers are primarily subsidizing foreign buyers at the same time they are subsidizing all U.S. consumers, rich and poor.

In 1986, we will spend nearly \$12 billion to subsidize corn and wheat. If prices for both these crops were raised to the levels adequate to meet farmers' current production costs, it would add only \$10 billion to the \$340 billion U.S. food bill—an increase of less than 2.3 percent, and less than a nickel on a dollar loaf of bread. This increase of \$10 billion in retail costs would result in a savings of \$12 billion in taxpayer costs, creating a net savings of \$2 billion—a savings that could be used to nearly double the food stamps available to poor people. In a letter to Congress from the AFL-CIO Legislative Director Ray Dennison during the last days of the 1985 Farm Bill debate, the unions spoke directly to the arguments for maintaining low farm prices in order to "help" consumers. Quoting directly from his letter: "In urging your support for the Harkin Farm Bill the AFL-CIO is aware of opponents arguments that this program would result in higher prices and is therefore

anti-consumer. While always concerned about the interests of consumers, millions of whom are union members, the AFL-CIO has painfully experienced the toil that an obsession for the lowest price can have on American industry and in turn the jobs of thousands of America's workers."

### Don't we need low farm prices to gain more export markets?

The only argument used in recent years to justify the subsidy system is that we must lower our prices and subsidize grain corporations to gain more export markets. Some economists and politicians still believe that more exports will be a solution to our farm crisis. For them, the concept of lowering farm prices in order to boost exports which would eventually raise overall income has some logic. But the logic has never been supported by economic facts. Volume has never risen enough to compensate for the lower prices. Export earnings have tended to fall with lower prices, even though volume may rise. For example, corn priced at \$2.00 would boost exports to 2.2 billion bushels, valued at \$4.4 billion. Corn priced at \$3.60 would have sales of only 1.6 billion, but valued at \$5.76 billion—almost 25 percent more. This does count the additional costs of imported fuel and fertilizer needed to produce extra bushels being sold at the lower prices.

### Wouldn't higher farm prices push us out of world markets?

Another argument for keeping farm prices below cost of production is that if we raise prices to a decent level, "it would price the U.S. out of world markets." Since we supply over 70 percent of the world's soybean and corn, this argument is, on its

face, ludicrous. But it is worth taking a closer look at it to understand the role of imports and exports.

A number of major farm commodity organizations contracted with the Food and Policy Research Institute at the University of Missouri to project grain export sales under different price levels. Based on their calculations, there would be only a slight drop in volume of exports if farm commodity prices were raised to a break-even level here in the United States; due to the increased prices, however, actual export earnings would be much greater. Since what is important in balanced trade deficits is dollars, not bushels, any proposals which may increase volume but decrease earnings must be seen as dangerous to the economic health of the nation.

For example, they project that corn set at current levels of around \$2 per bushel would give the U.S. an export volume of 2.2 billion bushels with earnings of roughly \$4.4 billion. However, if corn was set at \$3.60, roughly the cost of production at this moment, it would generate total sales of 1.6 billion bushels and the new value of those bushels would be over \$5.76 billion—nearly 25 percent higher exports under higher prices. In addition, the additional bushels sold at the lower price level, for lower export earnings, would also require imported fertilizers and fuels costing close to \$1.6 billion to grow them, causing a net loss to our already badly damaged balance of trade of over \$3 billion on just this one crop alone.

### Don't higher farm prices benefit large corporate farmers more than small- and moderate-sized farmers?

The final argument used against any increase in commodity prices is that only

the big corporate farmers would benefit, allowing them to grow ever stronger and larger. This is clearly an important concern, and is addressed directly in almost every proposal brought by Democrats to Congress. Senator Tom Harkin, in his Farm Policy Reform Act, included targeting provisions that would require family farms up to a \$200,000 gross income to set aside only a flat portion of their production, while farms over this size would face a set-aside rising directly with an increase in their gross income size. Targeting to benefit family farms is extremely important in any farm policy proposal, but must be carefully worded. Often these proposals pit small farmers against so-called "big farmers," damaging the coalition-building needed in rural America if we are to pass good farm legislation. A thousand acres may be large in some states and small in another; but they are all probably in trouble, needing a change in the overall policy.

This struggle between those who believe we should raise farm prices and eliminate subsidies and those who believe we should lower farm prices to boost exports will be an important and interesting one in the next year. The latest farm polls are now becoming available on these issues, with some surprising results. In a recent Kansas poll, for example, 81 percent of those responding supported the rights of farmers to vote on a referendum, and over 75 percent supported the approach which would raise commodity prices and impose effective supply management controls.

Compiled from a paper by Kevin Ristau of the Minnesota League of Rural Voters and Mark Ritchie of the North American Farm Alliance.

(Also see the Community Resource Directory listing for Michigan Farm Unity Coalition on page 18.)

## Michigan

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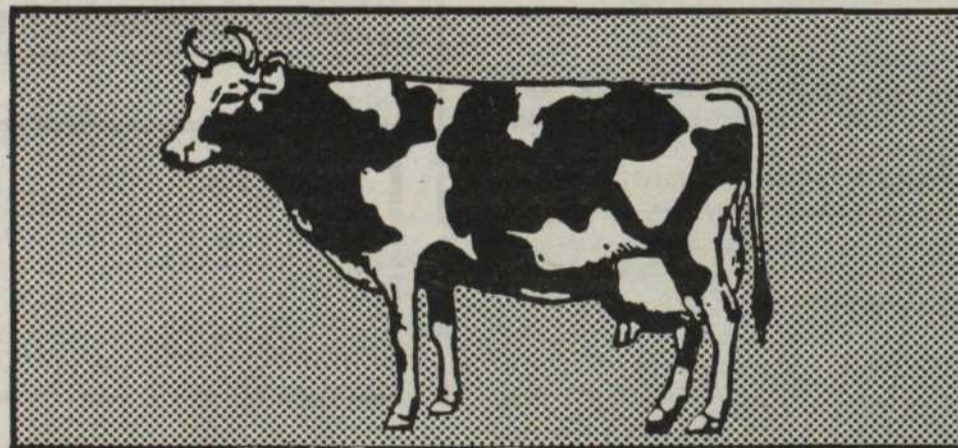
1970s, banks were encouraging farmers to borrow in order to expand, by either buying new land, equipment or building more buildings. Those farmers who bought land between 1974 and 1981 are having greater difficulties than farmers who resisted doing so, according to the study. The Solowczuks managed to avoid getting too deeply in debt.

"A lot of farmers are considering whether to stay in farming or not," said County Extension Agent Ivan Camacho. "It's just a question of not getting enough back" in prices for your product.

"There's going to be a lot of farmers out of farming in the next five years," he said. "Farming's going to be just like a factory.

"It's good to get bigger and bigger," said Camacho, who is director of the Saline Valley Project which encourages farmers to be concerned about conservation and the environment. "Big farmers can produce more and can fight competitors better.... Young farmers would be trouble.

"It's the low prices," he said. "Cost of production is high. Chemicals, just like everything else, are more expensive every year. But the price of wheat (and other crops) is not going up. Everything goes up



but the price of their products. Big farmers can afford to get paid low."

The government says that there is too much production of milk and that is why prices are low. So after much controversy the federal government has sponsored a program called the Dairy Buy-Out. This is a controversial program in which the government buys the next year's supply of milk from dairy farmers and gives them the price for the cows. The cows must be killed or sold to Canada, but so far none have been sold there. The slaughtering of young producers of a lot of milk can be painful for the farmer, who has farming in his veins and has gotten attached to the cows.

Farmers who stay in business end up picking up the tab for this program.

Originally, they were to pay 40 cents out of every 100 pounds of milk sold, but with Gramm-Rudman 12 cents was added. One hundred pounds of milk now sells for \$11.86. Two years ago the price was \$14 per 100 pounds, according to Steve Solowczuk. So with the cost of everything going up, the value of machinery and land going down, added to the fee for the Dairy Buy-Out things can look pretty bleak.

But the younger Solowczuk is only occasionally daunted. In an answer to a question about why farmers are in trouble, he said, "They're not always taking advantage of the management tools available" to them through the Cooperative Extension Service and government programs such as those that pay farmers not

to farm land.

On the other hand, he warns, "In eight years, we (the Solowczuk family) may not even be here."

Net farm income during 1981-83 declined from \$356.7 to \$204.2 million, according to a 1985 report from the Michigan Department of Agriculture. New cash income, which is cash sales less cash expenses including interest, went down a fourth from the 1983 level of \$1,079 million to \$700 million. However, this figure "tells very little about the farm's ability to survive over the long-run or how profitably the farm is being operated," the report states.

One indication of profitability in dairy farming is how much milk is given per cow. Michigan cows gave nearly 5.4 billion pounds of milk in 1984, down 3 per cent from the year before. "Production was only 7% below the record high of 5.75 billion pounds set in 1964," according to the DOA report. But this was produced by about half the number of cows—394,000 cows in 1984, 610,000 cows in 1964.

Dairy farming accounts for more cash receipts than any other single agricultural enterprise in Michigan. In 1984, "reduced milk marketings and lower milk prices resulted in the first drop in dairy cash receipts in recent history.

# News

## Salvadoran Union Exiles Speak to UAW Locals

by Ellen Rusten

In El Salvador, strikers don't have the luxury of having four-hour picket line duty. They must occupy their factories, their schools, their hospitals. Because, as one El Salvadoran said recently to union workers in Detroit, "If we are outside on the street, we would run the risk of being massacred by the army or by one of the death squads."

José Rivas and Fernando Rodriguez, both Salvadoran union workers, now live in exile as a result of their union activities. In a presentation to several Detroit UAW locals on August 21, the two Salvadorans discussed labor organizing and strikes in El Salvador.

Rivas told of a 31-day strike in San Salvador during June 1985. The Social Security Workers Union struck for higher wages, a negotiated labor contract, and social security benefits for their families. The government gave the workers a deadline when they had to end the strike or be fired from their jobs.

"I remember very well that it was a Monday they had set for the last day that we could be on strike," said the tall, lanky

Salvadoran, "If we went back to work they would take out of our wages only the days that we had been on strike."

At 2:45 am that morning, military police entered the hospital from the roof. "They came in breaking windows and knocking down doors....They began tying up doctors, nurses and other paramedical personnel."

Rivas said that four military police, dressed in civilian clothes were killed in the action by their own forces.

Despite other efforts of the government to break the strike, including arrests of union leaders, the workers were not intimidated, and the strike ended with the arrested leaders released and a solution that satisfied Rivas.

However, Rivas and several other unionists had to flee the country because of threats against their lives by a paramilitary anti-communist league. Rivas and Rodriguez, directors of CISSA, the Salvadoran Trade Unionists in Exile Information Center, are on a tour of 18 cities in this area.

## Greenpeace Protests Toxic Burning Plan

by Henry E. Hardy

Organizers from the environmentalist group Greenpeace staged a two-day protest against the Stauffer Chemical Company near Chicago to oppose plans to increase burning of toxic wastes there. Two Greenpeace members were arrested. Ken Hollis, 27, of Toronto, Ontario, and Steve Loper of Chicago were arrested as they descended from a two-day occupation of the company's smokestack. The two men had hung a huge 75 foot banner which said "Ban the Burn," and a smaller banner which said, "Greenpeace." Other Greenpeace members released balloons with protest messages and did guerilla theater in white chemical protective coveralls and breathing gear.

John Else, director of Greenpeace's Ann Arbor office, said that people in the suburban Chicago neighborhood were surprisingly supportive of the Greenpeace action.

"When we were standing out around the plant, a number of people would drive by, honk their horns, give a thumbs-up. In one instance, an older lady sat in her car and applauded," said Else.

The Stauffer Co. has a previous record in the chemical disposal industry. A "Potential Hazardous Waste Site Preliminary Assessment" form prepared for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) describes previous environmental problems caused by the company, according

to Greenpeace, which obtained a copy of the document.

The report lists 100 tons of "toxic," "persistent," and "corrosive" material described as having the characteristics of a "sludge," "slurry," and "liquid." Hazardous substances found in this preliminary survey include arsenic, cadmium, chromium, copper, lead, mercury, nickel, selenium, silver and sulphuric acid.

The report lists eight "Hazardous Conditions and Incidents" including groundwater and drinking water contamination. The report dryly notes that "contamination of Grand Calumet River and Lake Michigan food chains are inevitable."

Mr. Molini, now with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, supported the accuracy of the data in the report obtained by Greenpeace in a recent interview.

"Stauffer has a blemished environmental record," said Mr. Molini. He explained that by this he meant that "It appears that they have not always operated in a legal manner." Molini explained that the figure of 100 tons of waste had been provided by the company in 1977 and that it could be higher.

Despite Stauffer's unpromising past record, the Indiana and Federal authorities may grant Stauffer a permit to expand their

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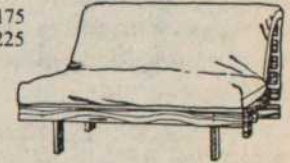
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Greenpeace activists unfurled banner atop smokestack at Stauffer Chemical Company.

## Greenpeace

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burning of toxic waste at the suburban site to include 342 different chemicals. Greenpeace charges that there are no guarantees that this facility will transmute all of these substances into completely harmless forms. The Chicago action succeeded in drawing increased public attention and awareness to the issue.

The television and print

media gave substantial coverage to the Greenpeace action. The Chicago Tribune and other local newspapers gave the story front page exposure. The coverage in one of the local Hammond newspapers, the Times, was

particularly sympathetic. One resident, Terry McCloskey of the local Izzac Walton League, was quoted as saying that "ducks die on contact" when they land on one of the Stauffer Co. lakes.

Greenpeace will follow up

on the August 13-14 action by tabulating and reporting the results of a health survey conducted near the site of the plant by Greenpeace workers. The Greenpeace Water for Life campaign will continue with other actions against pollution in the Great Lakes, especially at the Dow Chemical plants in Midland and Sarnia.

# NEWS

## Baker

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build-up, but that he had also supported cuts in programs such as social security, medicare, student loans, and environmental clean up projects.

Pursell will start the campaign with several clear advantages over Baker. He is a five-term incumbent, running in what is normally considered a heavily Republican district. He will also probably be able to outspend Baker by ten to one, or more. But, Baker's supporters are not intimidated by these odds. Campaign worker Bob Smart remarked, "We're going to do the same thing to Pursell as we did to Grimes. The only difference is that Pursell has to defend his record. He's been scared to show his face in Ann Arbor for the last two years because he knows that he can't stand up to his constituents and justify using their tax dollars to finance terrorism. We're finally going to be able to hold him responsible for these votes."

Baker sees indications that Pursell is worried by his candidacy. "In the week after the primary victory, Pursell reversed his position on Reagan's

**"The message is clear, people do not want their money sent to a gang of terrorist thugs like the contras. They don't want their money going to bomb civilians in El Salvador, and they don't want it used to buy every crazy weapon that the Pentagon can dream up."**

**...Pursell is simply out of touch with his constituents."**

military build-up and cast four separate votes in support of arms control and restraining military spending." He also said, "Pursell will have to reconsider our demand for a debate after years of having avoided public appearances in confrontational situations."

The Republican primary results indicate that Pursell may be in trouble as well. Pursell ran over 1300 votes behind his 1984 total in Washtenaw County, even though the total turn-out in the Republican primary was almost identical. In some areas his vote was down by 30-40%.

In western Wayne County, where his support is traditionally strongest, he ran 15-20% behind the Republican candidates for state senate and state representative, all of whom like Pursell, were running unopposed. "People were willing to pull the levers for all the Republican candidates except Pursell, which could indicate some real hostility," Baker said.

Weisbrot points to the evidence as his reason for believing that Pursell can be defeated. Furthermore he sees the long odds as an advantage, "This isn't just a normal congressional

race that will determine one vote in the house of representatives. If a bunch of determined activists can get together and throw out someone who is as entrenched as Carl Pursell, then Reagan's plans for war in Central America and further militarization of our society are dead. The people will have sent a clear message. If the other members of congress are not prepared to listen, then they'll have to be prepared to join Pursell on the unemployment line."

To volunteer for the Baker campaign call Democratic Party Headquarters at 747-8211.



photo by Gregory Fox

## Sister

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it. Next was the campaign. No group was willing to debate the issues with us. It got to the point where we were seeking someone to argue against our proposal so that we could make a presentation before such groups as the League of Women Voters (which requires that both sides be presented.) *The Ann Arbor News*, which had previously endorsed Reagan, endorsed our proposal.

Come election day, we won handily with 61%. The *Ann Arbor News* cited strong bipartisan support.

The Central America Sister City Task Force has been meeting since May to establish the structure for our sister city relations. After much discussion we recently decided to invite the city of Juigalpa, Nicaragua, to enter into a sister city relationship with us. As this paper goes to press we are

awaiting word from the Mayor of Juigalpa to formalize the relationship.

While our federal government is waging war against the people of Nicaragua, Ann Arbor has voted to establish peace and mutual cooperation with the people of Nicaragua. In the future there will be local projects in support of the relationship. We also hope to establish friendship relations in El Salvador and Guatemala. The

nature of these relationships is under discussion at our meetings, which are open to public participation. We have invited our current Congressman Carl Pursell to meet with us to discuss Ann Arbor and the issue of Central America, and to let him know what his constituents are doing. This body is a city commission, and while Pursell has not refused the request of the commission, he has not been in any way cooperative.

## Bored

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brought to Washtenaw County after a computer discovered that he was behind on his child

support. He was really agitated, having already missed a day of work and in the process of missing another. He kept making phone calls to get someone to come and bail him

out. Between calls, he would throw himself on the bunk, smoke, curse, and writhe with impatience and impotence. I was glad to see him go when his ride got there, more for my sake than

his. After this, we had no more contact with other prisoners. I found this maddening. One thing that made me want to go to jail

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# Graffiti

## Imprints

In crystalline cold beneath a black glass sky  
I follow a nightly route  
Companion to a quiet friend  
Who has no human doubts

The snow has landscaped geometric planes  
That leap across my searching glance  
Stark reflections off the moonwhite chill  
Can bear no warm illusions

The tracks that I made yesterday, distinct and clearly mine  
Are now no more than mounds upon the trampled frozen path  
The wind makes mockery of my attempts  
To leave proof of my existence.

But the wind has been my teacher before  
And here, though harsh, benign,  
Reminds me of my common ground and then dares invitation—  
The sweetest steps are across smooth snow.

by Vicki Mehl  
Hopwood Award, 1986

## The Roots of Modern Terror

You are among the many passengers of a large bus careening wildly down a twisted mountain road. The bus is being driven by a drunk who is half blind. He and those near the front are also suffering from some sort of intoxication from gaseous emissions. They are also drinking. It is night; not even the moon is out to provide lighting. The main lights of the bus are broken from near brushes with the steadily deteriorating old guardrails that are the only thing between the bus and a twenty-five foot plunge off a sheer face cliff.

The bus is travelling at a truly high rate of speed, etc. Evidently the brakes are out. Only the screams of watchful passengers have kept the sleeping driver from crashing. Within the last few minutes more than four times the bus has had a near miss, headed straight forward into a sharp turn.

It is raining and the roads are slick. You originally got into the bus to obtain protection from the elements. This was long ago; so long that you don't remember. Way back then, some wise guy started the bus, and began driving. The drivers have been changed several times, but no matter what, they all speed up; they frequently promise to slow down some; and they all drink heavily from seemingly bottomless flasks stored near the front.

Most of the passengers sit, mute, staring off into space, rolling out their seats and not getting back into them. They seem paralyzed. Those that still seem conscious are divided.

Most of them believe the bus is headed somewhere. So do most the drivers. But others know that there never was any particular destination in mind. A while back you and some others found a map, inside something called a "history book," and on the map was a picture of a road. The map has clear markings that say "Dead End." In fact, it is a deader end than most; the map indicates that the road ends in an abrupt, unmarked precipice.

Some of the passengers want to get out but the windows and doors are welded shut. When they go up front to talk with the driver or his supporters near the front, who are also drunk, they are forcibly pushed back. Shouts have one result: the driver speeds up, and slumps over the wheel more

frequently. Some of the passengers think that everyone should be quiet and enjoy the ride. Others are positively certain that the driver should speed up. Still more don't even think the bus is moving.

Once in awhile a passenger goes berserk, doing great physical harm to those around him in an attempt to go and seize the wheel.

According to the map, you are not far from the end of the road. Most of the people who are told this become immediately agitated and call for new drivers. They then attempt to go and take the wheel, which causes the present driver to swerve and screech around in an even more chaotic way. You just want to stop the bus and get out, but you cannot. To no one else has it occurred to stop the bus. And it seems that those in favor of speeding up are gaining the upper hand; they are driven by the idea that if they get there faster everything will be okay.

Federal Government.

by Gerry Reith

## Freedom

I ran around chasing freedom  
like someone chasing taxis  
through the dusk

the freedom that's nothing more  
than to be by myself  
with my cross and my swarm  
of gigantic dreams

the freedom to seat myself  
at the vital desk  
of everyday hope

freedom, I understand now  
smells  
like a mountain of invisible flowers.

by Bertalicia Peralta  
Translated by Matthew Kopka

**Why isn't there more graffiti on the wall?**  
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London artists, employed by the recently dismantled GLCA, paint giant canvasses at a festival.

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## Contra Terror: Our Tax Dollars at Work

— by Phillis Englebert —

May 29 was a day that had filled the members of the Daniel Teller Cooperative with hope. The beans they had just harvested were of high quality. The 35 families in the co-op had each taken home their share of the profit from the sale of 90 head of cattle. The next day, Mother's Day, the corn planting was to begin.



Photo by Gregory Fox

*Ocotol, Nueva Segovia, Nicaragua  
This woman lost two sons in the fight against  
U. S. backed Dictator Somoza.*

That day, however, brought neither corn planting nor Mother's Day celebration. The people were awakened at 4:45 am by the sound of enemy fire. Three hundred contra troops had surrounded the settlement. In the darkness they came sweeping down from the mountains, firing automatic weapons, tossing hand grenades and launching mortars. There were only 35 men to defend the 200 people of the co-op. Sixteen men and an 8-year-old girl were

## Readers Write

killed—all by mortar explosions. Twelve others were injured (one woman was not expected to live). Houses went up in flames and with them went the hard-earned money which had been distributed the night before. The school was burned to the ground. The bean harvest was destroyed. The remaining cattle were slaughtered. All that had taken two years to build was destroyed in two hours. Seventeen lives were lost, sixteen women became widows and thirty-six children became fatherless.

This cooperative was formed in 1984 when the people of three neighboring co-ops joined together. 2,200 acres of land had been provided for the co-op by the government, through the agrarian reform program. Workers from the Ministry of Agriculture and volunteer workers from the international community (mostly Swiss) had helped to construct the houses and school.

Could the surviving cooperative members rebuild the co-op with what they had left? Some people considered leaving, but they did not know where else they could go and not also be in danger. After the attack, many people walked around listlessly, in shock; many became sick. A site was established for the graveyard. None had previously existed but now there were seventeen companeros to bury.

The co-op members finally decided to pick up the pieces and start again. The Ministry of Agriculture supplied the necessary materials for reconstructing the buildings. A brigade of 40 Swiss workers came for two days, to help with the reconstruction. Swiss volunteers moved in with women whose husbands had been killed to help them with the housework and the children during this painful period of transition. Through the tears came a new, even stronger sense of resolve to work and live cooperatively, with the sense of dignity they had come to know since the revolution.

On July 22, as part of a delegation of fourteen North American women on a study tour of Nicaragua, I visited this cooperative. The road leading up to the co-op had to be swept for contra mines, to insure our safety. We witnessed the charred remains of houses, the newly constructed schoolhouse, and the graves of those killed in the attack—including the tiny grave of the eight year old girl. The woman who had lost her daughter provided lunch for us. As the rice and beans were being passed around, I whispered to another woman that I didn't know if I could eat the food of a woman whose child had been killed by

my tax dollars. "Eat it; it would be rude not to," I was told.

On that day, several members of the cooperative, in addition to providing me with the preceding account of the contra attack, shared with me their thoughts, their hopes, and their prayers. I learned of the people's wish to farm in peace, without the weight of a rifle over one shoulder and the fear of another attack in their hearts. I learned that it is through the conviction that the revolution is making possible a better life, that these people are able to persevere. Further, I learned that the people will never give up the independence they have suffered so long and fought so hard to achieve. One woman gave me the following message to take back to the people of the United States: "Don't send in the U.S. Marines because mothers in the U.S. will suffer just as we do."

It is the rage that fills my heart whenever I think back on this day that drives me to share this experience with you. I was welcomed with open arms and open hearts by the very people whose lives were shattered by my tax dollars. I couldn't help but feel personal guilt at being a U.S. citizen. I was both inspired by the will of the people to continue their struggle and struck with a sense of despair, hopelessness, and disgust by what had transpired. This is one of many such acts of terror by the contras, directed toward the people of Nicaragua. This type of incident is not an exception; rather it is a basic strategy of contra warfare to terrorize the people and sabotage their resources.

Those who make the decisions in our country tell us that we're fighting a war to instill democracy in Nicaragua. From my study of Nicaragua, I must conclude that the Nicaraguan people, in many ways, enjoy an even greater degree of democracy than we do in the United States. In Nicaragua, the people actively participate in governmental policy making and governmental officials are held accountable to the people through regularly scheduled public meetings. Moreover, it is ludicrous to me that we are attempting to "instill democracy" by killing the people and destroying their property. How can we preach the ideals of democracy and in the same breath sanction the tactics of terror employed by the contras?

The people of Nicaragua are coming to know terror under the contras as they have never known it before. We, as U.S. citizens, are morally obligated to stand up and shout our opposition to this killing which our government is financing. We have the blood of many innocent civilians on our hands. We cannot allow this to continue.

## Drunks Make Poor Revolutionaries: Alcoholism in the Lesbian/Gay Community

— by Steven L. Berg —

If possible, try to imagine a disease worse than AIDS. Imagine that this disease has no cure and unless arrested is 100% fatal. Now imagine that gay men and lesbians are two to three times more likely to contract this disease than are members of the heterosexual population. Furthermore, let us assume that one out of every four homosexuals is already afflicted.

Unfortunately, this situation is not hypothetical. The disease to which I refer is alcoholism. Statistically, 24% to 40% of the homosexual community is alcohol or drug dependent and an additional 30% of gay men and lesbians have serious drinking problems which cannot yet be classified as addiction. In other words, no less than 54% of all homosexuals have problems with alcohol or other drugs.

The future for chemically dependent individuals is grim unless they stop drinking and taking drugs. If they do not enter a recovery program such as Alcoholics

Anonymous, practicing alcoholics either die in an alcohol-related accident or they die of an alcohol-related illness, or, if they do not die, they suffer from alcohol induced insanity.

However, the progress of alcoholism can be stopped. Although addicted individuals can never be cured, alcoholism can be arrested. And until death and insanity occur, there is always hope of recovery.

But, if it is true that alcoholism is such a terrible disease, why isn't more alcohol and drug education being done in the gay/lesbian community? To answer this question, we must confront the issue of denial.

Alcoholism thrives on denial. We deny that it can happen to us. We deny that it can happen to our friends. We deny that no fewer than one of two gay men and lesbians has an alcohol or drug problem. We deny that one of four gay men and lesbians is already addicted.

In working with co-alcoholics—those people who are affected by an alcoholic's drinking/drugging—we frequently talk about the white elephant in the living room. When an individual comments that there is drinking in the house, she/he is frequently told to deny it with remarks such as "No, Jane doesn't drink." Although the drinking is no less obvious than if a white elephant walked into the house, the drinking is denied. Or, if the addiction has reached a stage where it can no longer be ignored, the totality of the experience is denied. "Yes, you are being squeezed against the wall; but it's not because of

the elephant." Other versions of this partial denial of experience include: "There is not enough money to pay the bills, but it's not because Jane drinks." "Jane hasn't passed out, she's just tired. After all she works hard and has earned her evening cocktail." or "Yes, Jane was arrested again for driving under the influence. You know how those damn police wait outside gay bars to harrass patrons."

While the co-dependent enables the alcoholic to continue drinking, the alcoholic also denies that the elephant exists. "My drinking isn't that bad." I can't be an alcoholic because I only drink beer; white wine; never before dinner; never before noon; never alone; always alone." Or, "I can't be an alcoholic because I haven't lost my job; lover; friends..." You get the idea.

But why the denial? Stop for a moment and conjure up the image that "alcoholic" brings to mind. Thoughts typically center on skid row bums who smell of today's cheap wine and yesterday's urine. Or, if we realize that only 6% of alcoholics live or have lived on skid row, we might think of the man who beats his wife and children; the man who cannot hold a job; the man who cares more about booze than paying his bills. Seldom do we think of women. Nor do we think of children not yet out of their teens. Nor do we think of those with whom we socialize or those who sit around us.

Until we, as a community, reach our "bottom," we  
(see Alcohol, page 30)

## Is Your Professor Building the Bomb?

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catastrophe" (New York Times, March 8, 1985). Currently, \$700,000 worth of Star Wars research is being performed at the University of Michigan. We have another \$7.3 million in proposals pending right now. This number is almost as much as all the DoD funding we received for all of 1985.

We should not deceive ourselves that a good portion of this funding will not be accepted. Last April, University of Michigan professors submitted proposals to a new Pentagon program called the University Research Initiative (URI). Under this program, the Pentagon will establish research centers on the campus, with an exchange of personnel and equipment between the Pentagon and the University. The establishment of Pentagon laboratories on campus has not occurred since the time of the Vietnam War. Linda Wilson, the Vice President for Research, said we would be lucky to even get one and students should base their concerns on the facts not on "false assumptions" (Michigan Daily, June 20, 1986). Well, the facts are in and the University of Michigan has received three centers, funded for at least \$15 million and as much as \$32.4 million over a five year period. These alone could double the amount of military research at this University for the next five years.

The largest URI award, for \$15 million, has been given to Professor George Haddad. His project will focus on developing microelectronic circuits which are needed, according to the Army, because "micro-electronic circuits based upon current technology will not meet the data handling and system control requirements necessary in the full implementation of future battlefield plans." In other words, Haddad's research is aimed at integrating information in a "complex battlefield" situation or one which involves both nuclear and conventional weapons. In the past, Haddad's research on microelectronic circuits has been used in the guidance system of the Phoenix missile.

To facilitate these and other increases in Pentagon funding at the University of Michigan, the Regents decided to review the guidelines for classified research. The ad-hoc committee appointed to perform this review has just come out with its recommendations. The proposed guidelines eliminate the current ban on classified research destructive to human life. Ironically, just four year ago the Faculty Senate and the Michigan Student Assembly voted to extend the "destructive to human life" ban to cover all research, not just classified. At the time, the Regents rejected extension of the clause and now they are have gone so far as to suggest its total elimination. This clause banning research destructive to human life constitutes a strong moral statement for the University. The removal of the clause would signify that the University sanctions research which is destructive to human life.

Currently three bodies review research proposals for adherence to the guidelines: the two student and faculty committees: the Research Policies Committee and the Classified Review Panel, along with the Vice President for Research. The proposed

guidelines eliminate all such faculty/student input into research policy decisions and leave adherence to the discretion of the individual department heads and professors. These are the persons with most to benefit from seeing the project continue, totally unhindered. The removal of the enforcement mechanism paves the way for virtually any type of weapons research to be performed at U-M. It is primarily the deterrent of submitting their research proposals to student-faculty committees which has prevented professors from performing classified research.

It is not suprising that the ad-hoc committee has suggested such a weakening of the guidelines when the members, chair and agenda were hand-picked by President Shapiro. When calling for the review of the guidelines, Regent Roach said, "Maybe we will see that the guidelines have outlived their usefulness." The current guidelines were created due to faculty and student outcry over the amount of war research the University of Michigan was performing during the Vietnam War. Just thinking about our current increases in military research here at U-M and United States actions in Grenada, Nicaragua, and Libya to name a few, we know the times are not any different, actually too much the same.

Who are the casualties in this war? These are some of the direct ones here at the University. While Department of Defense funding was increasing 17% over 1985, Department of Energy funding did not increase at all and Department of Education funding decreased 49% over the same period. This is in a period when we wonder why the United States is not as academically competitive with other nations as we used to be, why S.A.T. scores are falling and why so many high school students cannot even read. The Art, Education and Natural Resources schools have been cut, when a new 35 million dollar engineering building on North Campus will be partially used to house the three new Pentagon centers. While they have room for Pentagon centers at this new building, many engineering Teaching Assistants will still be scattered across main campus in offices far from their professors and the guidance they seek from them.

Of course, there are many more casualties and the war is far-reaching when you consider what the University has used Pentagon money for. Before the guidelines were passed, the University of Michigan was one of the nation's leading centers of weapons research. Work was done here developing guidance systems for ICBM's. U-M scientists traveled to Thailand to train Air Force personnel on advanced counter-insurgency equipment. There was even a project, called "XXX," so secret even the students and faculty working on it did not know its true nature. During the Vietnam War, U-M was known as the "Eyes of the Army" because of our research on infra-red heat sensing. Infra-red heat sensing was used to locate Vietnamese in the field and therefore more effectively destroy them. Although it has geography applications, natural resource students were excluded from the research due to "security reasons."

Since the Vietnam War, the University  
(see Bomb, page 30)

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## 3 Wednesday

Beans and Rice Dinner:

Central America  
Education/Action  
Committee

6 to 7:30 pm at Guild House, 802  
Monroe. All proceeds beyond the  
costs of the dinner go towards  
material aid projects in Central  
America. Sponsored by LASC and  
Guild House. \$2/adult and \$1/child  
age 6 to 12 suggested donation.  
663-1870

General Meeting: Latin  
American Solidarity  
Committee (LASC)

8 pm at the Michigan Union. Ask  
for the room number at the front  
desk. 665-8438

## 4 Thursday

Thursday to Saturday

The Great Peace March  
comes to Ann Arbor: MAD,  
UCAM, CAWS, MSA

The Women's Collective of the  
Great Peace March crossing the  
U. S. will be encamped in a peace  
camp on the Diag of the U-M  
campus for three days. Various  
activities are planned. 995-0183,  
662-8607, or 936-2453

Public Hearing: Appleridge  
Tenants Union

A public discussion of matters  
concerning the rent strike by the  
Appleridge Tenants Union, call 763-  
6876 for time and place.

Great Peace March  
Workshops: United  
Campuses to Prevent  
Nuclear War (UCAM)

1 to 5 pm on the Diag. UCAM will be  
hosting a contingent of marchers  
from the Great Peace March. 763-  
3241

General Meeting: HAP-NICA  
5:30 pm at the Michigan Union. 769-  
1442

Workshop: Women's Crisis  
Center

7 pm to 9 pm at the Center, 306 N.  
Division. Topic: "Identify the  
Goddess Within," a workshop on  
bringing ancient matriarchal  
concepts into the present,  
directed by Mary Wolf (Metis),

pagan feminist and women's  
counselor for 20 years. \$2  
donation, call 761-9475 to register.

## 5 Thursday

Rally for the Great Peace  
March: United Campuses to  
Prevent Nuclear War  
(UCAM)

Activities begin at 12 noon on the  
Diag. March with the peace  
marchers to the north campus  
building that will house the new  
Pentagon centers where a "die-in"  
is scheduled. A potluck dinner on  
the Diag begins at 5 pm.

## 6 Saturday

Introductory talk: Zen

Buddhist Temple-Ann Arbor  
7 to 8 pm at 1214 Packard. Topic:  
"Zen Buddhism in North America:  
History, Philosophy, and  
Practice." 761-6520

"Hearts and Minds": East  
Quad Film Series

7 pm in Room 126, East Quad.  
Award winning documentary of the  
Vietnam War. Free.

## 7 Sunday

METRA Cruz for Wellness:  
Gay Liberation

7:30 pm, Bob-Lo Boat, Detroit.  
763-4186 or 1-892-9009

Meditation Service: Zen  
Buddhist Temple-Ann Arbor  
5 pm to 7 pm at 1214 Packard  
Road. 761-6520

General Meeting: A2MISTAD  
Construction Brigade  
7:30 pm in the Michigan Union.  
Room number at front desk.  
761-7960

Israeli Folk Dancing: B'nai  
Brith Hillel Foundation

7:30 pm at Hillel, 1429 Hill. One  
hour of instruction followed by  
open dancing. For beginning and  
advanced students. 663-3336

General Meeting: Coalition  
for Arms Control  
7:30 pm at 310 S. Ashley.  
663-4897

## 8 Monday

General Meeting: South  
African Political Prisoner  
Bracelet Program

5 p.m. at 2501 Braeburn Circle.  
Please call 973-2016 to confirm  
the location.

General Meeting: Industrial  
Workers of the World (IWW)  
6 pm in Room 4304, Michigan  
Union. 483-3478

General Meeting: World  
Hunger Education-Action

Committee (WHE-AC)

6:30 pm at the Michigan Union.  
Ask at the front desk for the room  
location. 663-3560

General Meeting: Free  
South Africa Coordinating  
Committee (FSACC)

7 pm in Room 111, West  
Engineering Bldg (corner of S.  
University and E. University). 971-  
7994 or 769-8549

Lecture Series:

"Reflections on Liberation  
Theology"

Rev. Gustavo Gutierrez, father of  
Liberation Theology and professor  
in the Dept. of Theology and Social  
Sciences at Catholic Pontifical  
University in Lima, Peru. 8 pm to  
10 pm in MLB Auditorium 3.

## 9 Tuesday

Central America Interest  
Group meeting: New Jewish  
Agenda (NJA)

7 pm at 711 Wesley. 995-5210

U.S. Group 61  
meeting: Amnesty  
International (AI)

7:30 pm at Michigan Union. Ask for  
room number at front desk.  
761-1628 or 761-3639

General Meeting:  
National Organization for  
Women (NOW)

7:30 pm at 1917 Washtenaw.  
"Positive and Negative Images of  
Women" will be the topic, with the  
emphasis on images of women in  
the local area. Free child care is  
available during the meeting, and  
the public is always welcome. A  
portion of each meeting is devoted  
to writing letters of support or  
critique regarding current issues to  
the people involved and the  
government officials concerned  
with their resolution. 995-5494

## 10 Wednesday

Beans and Rice Dinner:

Central America  
Education/Action  
Committee

6 to 7:30 pm (see 3 Wednesday)

GE Boycott Committee:

Michigan Alliance for  
Disarmament (MAD)  
7:30 pm in the Michigan League.  
995-5871

General Meeting:  
Latin American Solidarity  
Committee (LASC)  
8 pm (see 3 Wednesday)

General Meeting: New  
Dimensions Study Group  
8:30 pm at the Yoga Center 205  
E. Ann. "An Introduction to the  
Medicine Wheel," Lynn Michalik,

NDSG co-founder and student of  
Native American teachers Bill and  
Judy Wahlberg, presents an  
overview of the "Powers of the  
Four Directions in Medicine Wheel  
Practice." Meetings are open to all  
interested parties and are free,  
although small donations are  
welcome to help defray the nominal  
cost of the meeting space.  
971-0881

## 11 Thursday

Informational Tea

Reception: Housing  
Bureau for Seniors, Inc.

3 to 4:30 pm in the second floor  
conference room of Turner Clinic.  
Learn about the Bureau's activities  
and how to become a volunteer  
housing counselor. 763-0970

General Meeting:  
Bread for the World

7:30 pm. In Ann Arbor (2nd  
District) meetings are held at the  
First Presbyterian Church, 1432  
Washtenaw. For information call  
Jim Rutz at 668-4064. In Ypsilanti  
(15th District) contact Robert  
Krzewinski at 487-9058.

## 12 Friday

Festifall: UAC,  
Arts and Programming, SAC  
Student organizations strut their  
stuff all day on the Diag of the U-M  
campus. Many of the  
organizations listed in the  
Community Resource Directory of  
*Agenda* will be on hand to discuss  
their organizations, pass out  
literature and sell t-shirts, buttons,  
etc. Campus Information:  
763-4637.

Bucket Drive:

Women's Crisis Center  
Swing a bucket to raise money for  
the Center. To sign up for a Fri. or  
Sat. 2 to 3 hour shift, call  
761-9475.

## 13 Saturday

Deadline for News and  
Feature Articles: *Agenda*

By mail to P. O. Box 3624,  
Ann Arbor, 48106. Hand deliver to  
1 Jefferson Ct. or call 996-8018.

Bucket Drive:

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The Ensemble for Early  
Jewish Music: B'nai Brith  
Hillel Foundation

8:45 pm at the U-M Museum of  
Modern Art. Jewish music of the  
Medieval Renaissance periods,  
performed on authentically  
reproduced historical instruments.

Tickets available at Hillel, Beth  
Emeth, and Beth Israel. 663-3336

## 14 Sunday

General meeting: Wellness  
Networks, Inc.- Huron  
Valley (WNI-HV)  
3:30 to 5:30 pm at St. Joseph  
Mercy Hospital Education Center.  
662-6134

Meditation Service: Zen  
Buddhist Temple-Ann Arbor  
5 pm to 7 pm (see 7 Sunday)

Steering Committee

Meeting: New Jewish  
Agenda (NJA)  
5 pm at 1736 Glenwood.  
971-5382

Mass Meeting: Student  
Struggle for Soviet Jewry,  
B'nai Brith Hillel Foundation  
7 pm in the Michigan Union.  
761-3121.

General Meeting: A2MISTAD  
Construction Brigade  
7:30 pm (see 7 Sunday)

Israeli Folk Dancing: B'nai  
Brith Hillel Foundation  
7:30 pm (see 7 Sunday)

## 15 Monday

Deadline for Ad space  
reservations: *Agenda*  
By mail to P. O. Box 3624, Ann  
Arbor, 48106. Hand deliver to 1  
Jefferson Court or call 996-8018.

General Meeting: South  
African Political Prisoner  
Bracelet Program  
5 pm at 2501 Braeburn Circle.  
(see 8 Monday)

General Meeting: Industrial  
Workers of the World (IWW)  
6 pm (see 8 Monday)

General Meeting: World  
Hunger Education-Action  
Committee (WHE-AC)  
6:30 pm (see 8 Thursday)

Speaker: Gideon Spiro,  
Israeli Peace Activist: New  
Jewish Agenda (NJA)  
7:30 pm in the East Conference  
Room, Fourth Floor, Rackham.  
Topic: "The Israeli-Palestinian  
Peace Movement: Confronting the  
'Iron Fist' in the Occupied  
Territories." Co-sponsored by  
LASC, ICP, Rackham Student  
Government, Office of Ethics and  
Religion, FSACC, MAD, and the  
Ecumenical Center. 662-9217

Mass Meeting: Free South  
Africa Coordinating  
Committee (FSACC)  
8 pm at the Amphitheatre of the  
Rackham Bldg. The focus will be  
the current situation in Southern  
Africa and how to get involved in  
the Free South Africa Movement.  
971-7994 or 769-8549

## 16 Tuesday

General Meeting:  
Washtenaw County

**Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament, Inc. (WAND)**  
Doors open at 7 pm for conversation and sales of WAND items, the meeting begins at 7:30, the program at 8:30 and discussion follows at 9 pm. Ann Arbor City Council member Kathy Edgren will be discussing Federal policies and local response. Babysitting is provided. St. Aidan's Episcopal/Northside Presbyterian Church, 1679 Broadway. 761-1718

**Meeting: Hill Street Players**  
7 pm in the Michigan Union, Wolverine Room. Hillel's student-run theatre company. 996-8131.

**General Meeting: Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)**  
7:30 pm at the Fellowship Room of Friend's Center, 1420 Hill Street. 971-4702

**Annual Fall Outreach Meeting: Democratic Socialists of America**  
Jim Shoch, National DSA's Political Director, will be there. For time and location call Greg Scott, 665-5652.

**17 Wednesday**

**Beans and Rice Dinner: Central America Education/Action Committee**  
6 to 7:30 pm (see 3 Wednesday)

**The Connection Committee meeting: Michigan Alliance for Disarmament (MAD)**  
7:30 pm at the Michigan Union. Anyone interested in writing, graphics, or journalism should come. 995-5871

**General Meeting: Latin American Solidarity Committee (LASC)**  
8 pm (see 3 Wednesday)

**18 Thursday**

**General Meeting: HAP-NICA**  
5:30 pm at the Michigan Union. 769-1442

**Black Orchid Theater Coffee House**  
8 pm at the Halfway Inn, Church St. entrance of East Quad. An eclectic, dynamic evening of music, poetry, and performance.

**19 Friday**

**Deadline for Community Resource Directory (CRD) and Calendar listings:**

**Agenda**  
By mail to P. O. Box 3624, Ann Arbor, 48106. Hand deliver to 1 Jefferson Ct. or call 996-8018.

**Peer Counselor Training: Women's Crisis Center (WCC)**  
35 hours of training over two weekends followed by a 4 hour per week, 6 month commitment. WCC is a grassroots, collectively run, all

women, free counseling organization. Call 761-9475 for a screening interview.

**Shabbat Potluck: New Jewish Agenda (NJA)**  
7 pm at 1302 Gardner. Bring a veggie dish to pass and be prepared to have fun with nice people. Al Fishman of Detroit NJA will show slides of his trip to the U.S.S.R. RSVP by Wed.17, 994-8052.

**20 Saturday**

**General Meeting: Ann Arbor War Tax Dissidents/U.S. Peace Tax Fund**  
12 noon to 3 pm, Wesley Foundation Lounge, 602 E. Huron. 662-2838

**"Lovejoy's Nuclear War: East Quad Film Series**  
7 pm in Room 126, East Quad. Film about nuclear power and civil disobedience. Free

**21 Sunday**

**Deadline for camera-ready ads: Agenda**  
By mail to P. O. Box 3624, Ann Arbor, 48106. Hand deliver to 1 Jefferson Ct. or call 996-8018.

**Monthly Meeting: New Democratic Movement**  
4 pm at the Michigan League, 3rd floor, Room D. 996-8408

**Meditation Service: Zen Buddhist Temple-Ann Arbor**  
5 pm to 7 pm (see 7 Sunday)

**General Meeting: A2MISTAD Construction Brigade**  
7:30 pm (see 7 Sunday)

**"Berlin, Jerusalem and the Moon," Traveling Jewish Theatre (TJT): B'nai Brith Hillel Foundation**  
8 pm at the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre. TJT presents a comedy-drama that explores the contradictions of Jewish identity using Germany of the '30s and today's Middle East as its backdrop. Ambitious theatre that weaves music, mime, masks, puppetry, storytelling, and stand-up comedy. Tickets are available at Ticketworld and Hillel.

**Speaker: Latin American Solidarity Committee**  
Jane Slaughter, Detroit-based journalist who has recently returned from 5 months in Guatemala will discuss her experiences there. 8 pm, call 665-8438 for recorded announcement of location.

**22 Monday**

**General Meeting: South African Political Prisoner Bracelet Program**  
5 pm at 2501 Braeburn Circle. (see 8 Monday)

**General Meeting: Industrial Workers of the World (IWW)**  
6 pm (see 8 Monday)

**General Meeting: World Hunger Education-Action Committee (WHE-AC)**  
6:30 pm (see 8 Thursday)

**General Meeting: Free South Africa Coordinating Committee (FSACC)**  
7 pm (see 8 Monday)

**24 Wednesday**

**Beans and Rice Dinner: Central America Education/Action Committee**  
6 to 7:30 pm (see 3 Wednesday)

**Mass meeting: Student United Jewish Appeal Campaign**  
7 pm at Hillel, 1429 Hill. 663-3336

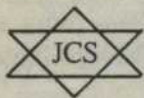
**The Connection Committee meeting: Michigan Alliance for Disarmament (MAD)**  
7:30 pm (see 17 Wednesday)

**Adult Child Workshop: Housing Bureau for Seniors**  
7:30 to 9 pm in the Burns Park Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. "Where will home be next for mom and dad?" Designed for adult children of senior citizens deal with this new phase in their lives. To register, call 763-0970.

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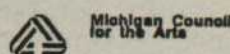
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The following are brief excerpts from some articles published in FULL DISCLOSURE:

**Inventory of CIA Toxic Drugs:** "...The 11,405gr of the Shell Fish Toxin is sufficient to kill 14,000 humans if administered orally, or several hundred thousand if administered by darts shot into the human heart. Approximately 6 grams of the toxin was produced by the United States Public Health Service in Naragansett, RI..."

**Ex-CIA Official Speaks Out:** "...a joint operation between the CIA and the KGB... this is one of the most fantastic cases... in intelligence history."

**The GAP Commentaries:** "...How much secrecy is necessary in a free society; that is, in a society in which the people control the government instead of the government controlling the people?...The techniques of information suppress and distortion are frequently perpetrated in the name of national security..."

**Post Office Launches Assault on Privacy:** "...Shortly thereafter he was approached by the FBI. They asked him how he could 'morally' provide privacy to some of his customers who were probably radicals and/or 'tax protestors'... He discovered that the USPS, FBI, BATF and IRS has accumulated over 200 files on him, and they wouldn't give him any of them."

**NSA Newsletter:** "...is reprinted an uncensored copy of the May 1985 National Security Agency Newsletter. According to the newsletter, it contains information 'which is not available to the general public', it also requested that 'newsletter copies received in the mail or taken from Agency buildings should be given special care and destroyed as soon as they have been read.'..."

**Police Use Excessive Force:** "...Policemen unnecessarily become 'apes' with an excess of muscle power and a real shortage of grey stuff underneath the skull..."

**CIA Ordered to Pay Legal Costs:** "...The Central Intelligence Agency and William Casey, CIA Director, were ordered to pay Glen Roberts [Full Disclosure Publisher], \$656.28 for costs and attorney fees in a lawsuit brought against the agency and Mr. Casey on June 30, 1983..."

**DOJ Information Suppression:** "...At the direction of Attorney General William French Smith and the Deputy Attorney General, Theodore Olson (office of Legal Counsel) gave false and misleading testimony to a Judiciary Subcommittee hearing on March 10, 1983..."

**FBI Political Harassment:** "...the following discussion of my exercise of First Amendment rights between two [FBI] agents transpired: 'You see that guy in a tan coat that just walked by?' 'Yeah.' 'He publishes the newspaper on police surveillance.' 'Oh. So you can go introduce yourself.' 'He is walking around with earphones on.' ... 'I think I see G.R. [Glen Roberts]' 'Repeat' 'Remember you showed me the article about him, he is walking South on the T street [Thayer], looking all around.'..."

**Power, the FBI, Police and Dignity:** "...Police officials do not treat the power given to them by the citizens of the United States whom they are paid to serve with respect..."

**The GAP Commentaries:** "...what the Department of Justice and IRS find intolerable is First Amendment activities critical of government operations and policy..."

**The Bulgarian Contribution to Limiting the Illicit Traffic in Narcotics:** "...The DEA has yet not given us a single piece of practical information which would help us in catching drug smugglers..."

**The FBI Out of Control:** "...The Appeals court also stated that the government did not 'seriously challenge the fact of intentional deception, but disagrees that the deception called for suppression' of evidence. Although it is apparent that the affidavit was willfully falsified, FBI Special Agent Lumpkins has not been prosecuted for perjury..."

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**The Case of Curtis Clark:** "...Officers have no right to make an arrest when they violate the law to be present at the commission of a crime..."

**Reagan Censorship:** "...In 1983, the last year for which statistics are available, Pentagon censors reviewed 10,088 books and articles before publication, up dramatically from 6,457 in 1982, and 2,784 in 1981..."

**First Amendment Update:** "...The U.S. Supreme Court let stand a California court's ruling that profanities yelled at a police officer during a crime investigation constitute speech protected by the First Amendment..."

**Computer Signal Interception:** "...There have been reports that Polish Government intelligence agents have used this technique to collect sensitive computer data in West Germany. And there have been persistent reports for years that NSA has done such monitoring involving commercial business sites as well as ones with military intelligence interest..."

**The Right to Privacy vs. Big Brother:** "...not only must one know one's rights and how to defend them, but one must also object to any violation or attempted violation of them in a timely manner..."

**The Question of Driver's Licenses:** "...The Appellate Court has yet to resolve the issue of how the Secretary of State could revoke an expired state license..."

**Belize: Police in a Democratic Society:** "...the most effective remedy for improving police and public relations is to bring about a change in the police attitude towards the public..."

**FBI Agent Tries to Kill Daughter's Boyfriend:** "...Mr. Poplinger's decision to kill his daughter's boyfriend, instead of seeking a court order to prevent him from telephoning, is the same sort of practical or procedural decision an FBI Agent might have to make under any number of equally irritating or distressing circumstances. The public's interest in a high standard for employment with the FBI has been compromised by the handling of this attempted murder charge..."

**General Meeting: Latin American Solidarity Committee (LASC)**  
8 pm (see 3 Wednesday)

**General Meeting: New Dimensions Study Group**  
8:30 pm at the Yoga Center 205 E. Ann.  
Video: "The Global Brain." NDSG Detroit coordinator Tom Lincoln hosts a video based on the Gaia hypothesis, that the Earth is a living organism, and arguing that humankind's emerging information society can be seen as Gaia's central nervous system. \$2-\$3 admission. 971-0881

**25 Thursday**  
**Feminist Interest Group: New Jewish Agenda (NJA)**  
7:30 pm at 1208 Chapel Ct. 665-2825

**General Meeting: Michigan Alliance for Disarmament (MAD)**  
7:30 pm at the Michigan Union. Professor Daniel Axelrod and Janis Michael, MAD's chair, will give keynote talks and fall activities will be discussed. 995-5871

**26 Friday**  
**Bowl-a-thon: A2MISTAD Construction Brigade**  
Help raise funds for tools and materials, Colonial Lanes, call 761-7960 for details.

**"Women in Politics-1986": National Organization for Women (NOW)**  
7:30 to 10:30 pm, 1781 Arlington, Ann Arbor. A fund-raising celebration to honor and support local women politicians. Senator Lana Pollack; Commissioners Merilou Murray, Catherine McClary, and Mary Egnor; and Councilwomen Doris Preston, Kathy Edgren, and Bev Fish will be among the honorees. Your \$25 donation will go to the Ann Arbor NOW-PAC. 995-2532

**Anti-Apartheid Shanty Rededication Ceremony: Free South Africa Coordinating Committee (FSACC)**  
8 pm on the Diag. The ceremony will include songs, speeches, poems and drama. 971-7994 or 769-8549

**27 Saturday**  
**Book Sale: Michigan Alliance for Disarmament**  
9 am to 5 pm in the Wolverine Room, Michigan Union. Books of all shapes, sizes, and sorts, really cheap. 995-0183

**28 Sunday**  
**Indoor Composting Workshop: The Ecology Center of Ann Arbor**  
11 am to 1 pm at Leslie Science Center. A demonstration vermicomposting (indoor composting with the aid of worms) box will be set up. 662-7802.

**Harvest Feast Open House: Project Grow**  
1 pm to 4 pm at Leslie Science Center. A workshop on root cellaring, displays of organic produce, a garden blue-printing activity and more. 662-7802.

**Meditation Service: Zen Buddhist Temple-Ann Arbor**  
5 pm to 7 pm (see 7 Sunday)

**General Meeting: A2MISTAD Construction Brigade**  
7:30 pm (see 7 Sunday)

**Israeli Folk Dancing: B'nai Brith Hillel Foundation**  
7:30 pm (see 7 Sunday)

**29 Monday**  
**General Meeting: South African Political Prisoner Bracelet Program**  
5 pm at 2501 Braeburn Circle. (see 8 Monday)

**General Meeting: Industrial Workers of the World (IWW)**  
6 pm (see 8 Monday)

**General Meeting: World Hunger Education-Action Committee (WHE-AC)**  
6:30 pm (see 8 Thursday)

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was the hope of talking politics on more-or-less even terms with people with a minimal stake in the existing order. "Respectable people" don't often get a chance to do this. Indeed, you must somehow shed your respectability to do it at all. I would like to think the jail authorities kept us from other prisoners to keep us from talking radical politics, but I fear it was just for our own protection. I am 53, small and gray-haired. Not dangerous, alas, but endangered. How humiliating.

The two and a half days we spent in the cell were uneventful. Our food (not bad) was brought in three times a day, and three times the trays were collected. The only time I left the room was to visit briefly with one of the chaplains, who is a friend of Jonathon's. We could see other prisoners, mostly young and black, when they passed the window that faced the hallway, but there was no way to get a sense of what their lives were like, other than noticing that

most of them seemed quite cheerful. We were scheduled to get out at midnight on Thursday, but neither of us objected when one of the deputies appeared at six in the evening and said we could go then if we wanted.

Judging from my experience, people don't have much to fear from doing time in Washtenaw jail. This was not true in the sixties, when handcuffed people frequently "tripped" and fell face first down the concrete stairs, and others were thrown in "the hole," an empty, black-painted, pitch-dark room in the old jail, and forgotten for long periods of time. But the sheriff's department is thoroughly professional now, the people who work there are friendly and courteous, and the jail itself is a model "correctional facility." But take plenty to read if you go there. And if you hate to have your shoes untied, as I do, get some of those sneakers with velcro fasteners. Until someone figures out how to commit suicide with velcro, you will be able to wear them in jail.

# Community Resource Directory

**Agenda Publications**  
 P. O. Box 3624  
 Ann Arbor, MI 48106  
 (313)996-8018

**Statement of Purpose**

*Agenda* is a monthly newspaper that focuses on the concerns and activities of grassroots organizations in the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti area. The largest section of the paper, the "Community Resource Directory" (CRD), provides groups the opportunity to give basic information on their background and current work. The "Calendar" emphasizes meetings and community events and the "Readers Write" section is a forum in which individuals or groups can write in-depth about a concern or topic. *Agenda's* news and feature articles provide coverage of events that do not find their way into the local media on a regular basis.

One of the main goals of the publication is to increase participation in the available political processes. Voting is important but a lot of equally important work, which deserves more public attention and support, takes place outside of the voting booth. The Community Resource Directory (CRD) helps readers select where to get involved by providing details on each group's views, strategies, and focus. Groups are encouraged to consider their listing an ongoing conversation with the public and with their own members. Listings in the CRD are written by members of the organizations because *Agenda* aims to give the reader a view of current events right from the source. By listing a wide range of organizations, *Agenda* provides readers with many ways to become involved and make a difference in their community.

Another purpose of the publication is to increase public participation in the media. We do this by providing a credible forum in which nonprofessional writers can develop ideas, interests, or convictions into published articles. In general, the public at large is invited to write for *Agenda*, and many of our sections are designed to facilitate this participation: the "CRD," "Readers Write," "Letters," and "Graffiti" (new this month).

When the event calls for it, *Agenda* practices and experiments with our own journalism style, which we call "verbatim journalism." In some stories (such as the "Why are you here?" series), we present a variety of opinions by printing what a reporter tape-records in its entirety, believing that the reader can best draw his or her own conclusions. "Verbatim journalism" is an attempt at removing the reporter from the story and giving more weight to eyewitness accounts, participant motives, and in many cases, a speaker's style. In this same vein, we record and print speeches in their entirety.

*Agenda* prints articles that provide the information readers need to question, better understand what they read elsewhere, and spark action. We also publish government and media address directories, interviews with candidates, event chronologies, and articles written by the activist community.

**Membership**

*Agenda* has two full-time Publisher/Editors (paid staff), Laurie Wechter and Ted Sylvester; a part-time Advertising Representative, Glenn Bering; and as of

September, a Student Intern from the School of Natural Resources, Bonnie Nevel. Denis McBee is in charge of paste-up and art production, Jim Kirk is in charge of circulation and technical support, and Al Lozano is in charge of distribution and is our business consultant. Judy Brown, Andrew Boyd, Cinder Hypki, and Ellen Rusten write for *Agenda*. Gregory Fox and Peter Odom are *Agenda's* resident photographers. In addition to these volunteers, *Agenda* relies on many others for the day to day tasks of publishing, from transcribing to putting the paper in the mail and on the streets.

We welcome students, activists and community residents to help us with this enormous effort and are especially in need of: (a) advertising representatives (commission paid), (b) distributors to take half-hour to one hour routes every month, (c) writers, (d) proofreaders, (e) business experts, (f) computer experts, (g) outreach workers, (h) researchers, (i) law experts and (j) fundraisers. If you are a student, you can receive credit through an independent study or a field work assignment. Volunteers do not have to come to *Agenda* skilled. They just need to come with a desire to learn and we will train.

**Current News**

The September edition of *Agenda* is our sixth issue. We print and distribute 10,000 copies every month. Approximately 9,000 copies are distributed for free from over 120 locations in the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti area. The other 1,000 copies are mailed to subscribers, advertisers, and targeted readers. Financially, *Agenda* is supported through advertising revenues, paid subscriptions, donations, and loans.

Publishing a newsmagazine involves considerable capital and resources. We have made great progress at making *Agenda* a financially self-sufficient non-aligned publication, but are constantly in need of subscribers, advertisers, donations and loans to keep it up. Your help is greatly appreciated and helps sustain this important community resource. If you like us, please subscribe or volunteer.

We are always looking for news and feature articles, letters to the editor and more listings for the CRD. Don't forget to contact us about events or meetings that we should be covering. We depend on you for information as much as your readers do. Please do not hesitate to contact us and get your views into the news. We welcome all opinions.

**September Schedule**

**Sat. 13:** Deadline for Feature/News drafts.  
**Mon. 15:** Deadline for ad space reservations.  
**Fri. 19:** Deadline for CRD. If hand delivered, please call 996-8018 for our new address. Deadline for photos and graphics. Deadline for Calendar listings.  
**Sun. 21:** Camera-ready ads due.  
**Fall in general:** We're considering throwing a rally on the Diag to introduce students and the public to the organizations listed in our publication. FSACC came up with the same idea. If you want to help organize such a rally, call us at 996-8018 or Barbara Ransby at 769-8549. We are also trying to organize a dinner-benefit which would feature El Salvadoran food and Latin culture. If you are interested in working on that, please call us at 996-8018 immediately. Al Lozano will be coordinating the benefit.

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 PLEASE LOOK FOR MAILING FROM AGENDA IN THE SECOND WEEK OF THIS MONTH AND SHARE THE INFORMATION WITH YOUR GROUPS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR OCTOBER LISTING FOR THE CRD BY SEPT. 19. THANK YOU!

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19 FRIDAY

Phillips P. Moulton is on hand to sign copies of his recently published *Ammunition for Peacemakers: Answers for Activists*.

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### Statement of Purpose

The mission of the Ecology Center is to channel community resources into meaningful action on environmental issues. The Center pursues its broad aims through education, advocacy, demonstration, and service, all the while maintaining a balance between involvement at the local level and involvement on a broader scale.

### Meetings

Meetings of Ecology Center groups, the Issues Steering Committee, Pesticides Task Force, Environmental Education Committee and others, take place at 3 to 5 week intervals. New volunteers are invited.

The Ecology Center has over 2,200 member households and businesses, mostly in the Ann Arbor area. Membership rates are \$15 per household. Member benefits include a year's subscription to the Center's monthly newsletter; environmental alerts on critical local issues, discounts on Center publications, merchandise, energy visits, voting rights to elect board members, and invitations to member activities. Sponsorships, bequests, and special contributions are welcomed.

### Community Services

**Environmental Information and Referrals:** By phone, Mon.-Fri., 9:30 am to 5 pm, and Sat., 9:30 am to 1 pm. The Environmental Library and Resource Center

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is open Mon.-Fri., 1 pm to 5 pm and Sat., 9:30 am to 1 pm. Presentations and slide shows are also available upon request. The "Michigan Household Hazardous Substance Handbook," is available for \$15 at the Ecology Center. It is a new guide to precautions, alternatives, and safe practices in the home.

**Recycle Ann Arbor:** The Center provides set-scheduled monthly pick ups of recycleables on every city street. Trucks pick up newspapers, glass, tin cans, aluminum, used motor oil and batteries. Special pickups may be arranged for local businesses and institutions wishing to recycle. Call the Center for further information. The Center also operates a drop-off station at 2050 S. Industrial for nonresidents and those who just can't wait for their pick-up day (or missed it). The station is open Fri. and Sat., 9:30 am to 4:30 pm.

**Home Energy Works:** Starting up again in the first week of September, the Center's Energy Team offers free home visits to income-qualifying renters and homeowners. A home visit is a two to three hour weatherization and energy education session in a resident's home. These services are also offered on a for-fee basis for renters, homeowners, and property managers.

**Environmental Policy Programs:** Involve research, policy analysis, and lobbying. Programs are primarily carried out by volunteers. Current project areas include: Household Toxics, Pesticides and Herbicides, Community "Right to Know" About Toxics, and the Environmental Education Outreach program.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** All program areas at the Ecology Center utilize the involvement of the local community. Individuals who would like to lend a hand, should contact the Ecology Center.

### Current Events

**Ecology Month (October)** is just around the corner and the Ecology Center and cooperating organizations have a host of fun and fact-filled environmental activities in store.

**Sept. 28:** Indoor Composting Workshop from 11 am to 1 pm and Harvest Feast Open House from 1 pm to 4 pm, both at Leslie Science Center. At the Composting Workshop, a demonstration vermicomposting (indoor composting with the aid of worms) box will be set up. The Harvest Feast, sponsored by Project Grow, will feature a workshop on root cellaring, displays of organic produce, a garden blue-printing activity and more. Both events are free. For information: 662-7802. Also, "The China Syndrome" will be shown as part of the Perry Bullard film series, \$2.50, 7:30 and 9:30 pm, Aud. A, Angell Hall, U-M, Ann Arbor.

**Oct. 2:** Groundwater Demonstration Display Construction Workshop, Leslie Science Center, 7 pm. For information: 662-7802.

**Oct. 3 and 4:** Tag Days. Help out by contributing to the Ecology Center. Volunteers will be at all major downtown Ann Arbor corners.

**Oct. 4:** The annual Household Hazardous Substances Drop Off Day is back! All residents are encouraged to bring unwanted household chemicals to Shadford Field, just east of Ypsilanti High School, 1779 Packard, Ypsilanti, 10 am to 4 pm.

## Meeman Archive 1535 Dana Building School of Natural Resources University of Michigan Ann Arbor, MI 48109 763-5327

### Statement of Purpose

Established by the School of Natural Resources and the Scripps-Howard Foundation in 1982, the Meeman Archive preserves and makes available to the public outstanding newspaper journalism concerning conservation, natural resources,

and the environment. Its computerized data base, using over a hundred subject and geographical keywords covering a wide variety of topics and articles from many different newspapers, is available to anyone. It is of particular value to natural resource professionals, environmental groups, teachers, students, journalists, and the public at large.

The Archive receives articles from a variety of sources. The principal source is the national Meeman Awards sponsored by the Scripps-Howard Foundation, which honors outstanding coverage of environmental topics. Articles are selected from other sources as well. New articles on subjects such as hazardous waste,

endangered species, energy conservation, water policy, soil erosion, Native Americans, occupational health, transportation, among others, are constantly being added to the Archive, thus expanding the available collection of environmental information.

### Community Services

As a nonprofit information service, the Archive responds to information inquiries from all across the country. To find out if the information you need may be found within the Archive, phone, write, or visit. The data base allows us to search for articles, abstracts, or copies of the articles in our files. The only charge for the service is for postage and reproduction costs.

## GAY RIGHTS

### Gay Liberation c/o 4117 Michigan Union Ann Arbor, MI 48109 INFO: 763-4816 HOTLINE: 662-1977

### Statement of Purpose

To provide information, counseling, and related social services for people concerned about sexual orientation: (1) maintain Hotline for crisis intervention, peer counseling, referral; (2) help provide factual information to offset prejudice and misinformation about lesbians and gay men; (3) work to obtain human and civil rights for lesbians and gay men; (4) consult and

cooperate with other community groups and agencies; (5) help other lesbian and gay male groups organize.

### Meetings and Membership

Our meetings vary according to purpose (counseling, education, civil rights, etc.). Call for information. Our organization includes U-M students, staff, and faculty, and people from the larger community. Currently there are approximately 50 members.

### Organizational Structure

Gay Liberation has the executive offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. We also do a lot of work in subcommittees: Counseling, Group Workers, Education Workers, and

Civil Rights Workers.

### Community Services

**Hotline:** Crisis intervention, peer counseling, referral.

**Education:** Workshops and conferences on lesbian and gay male concerns, with an emphasis on how people in the helping professions and teaching professions can work positively with lesbian and gay male clients, patients, students.

**Speakers Bureau:** Call for information.

**Civil Rights:** Information and referral to help people who are being discriminated against because of their actual or presumed sexual orientation or gender characteristics; lobbying for human and civil rights.

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**Community Organization:** Information and help on organizing groups, setting goals and objectives, resolving interpersonal and group conflict.

**Current News**

Apologies are not enough! The U.S. Justice Department has researched by Dr. William Haseltine, a researcher at Harvard University who has devoted much of his recent work to AIDS. The Department had erroneously quoted Dr. Haseltine as stating that the HTLV-III virus can be transmitted through casual contact or proximity to a person with AIDS.

Apologies are not enough because the Justice Department has ruled that employers can fire or refuse to hire people with AIDS merely because the employer fears spread of the disease in the workplace, although research has shown that AIDS is not transmitted through casual day-to-day contact.

The American Medical Association itself has filed a brief with the U. S. Supreme Court, arguing that a federal law on the rights of handicapped persons protects people with AIDS and people with other infectious diseases from discrimination

based on irrational fear that co-workers might contract the illness.

The brief argues that employment decisions should be based on "reasonable, individualized medical judgements" about whether the handicap allows a person to perform a job and about the "nature, degree, and duration of risk" to co-workers.

The Justice Department ruling states that ability to transmit the AIDS virus does not constitute a handicap and therefore that the law does not protect people with AIDS from being fired because the employer fears contagion. The ruling is likely to reinforce discrimination not only against people with AIDS but also against people known or believed "to be gay."

In Michigan, the State House of Representatives is preparing for an early September vote on two discriminatory AIDS bills. Anyone arrested for gay sex, prostitution, or I. V. drug abuse would be required to take the AIDS antibody test and could be denied bail and jailed if the results are positive. Hemophiliacs, bisexual men, and I. V. drug abusers would be denied marriage licenses if they refused to take the test. Police would be encouraged to step up the enforcement of Michigan's laws

forbidding gay sex. Employers would be encouraged to require the antibody test and to fire or refuse to hire people with positive test results and people believed to be gay. The way would be paved for other discriminatory bills allowing insurance companies to refuse policies to people suspected of being gay and people testing positive. The State would be required to compile lists of all people testing positive and to investigate their sexual contacts.

To fight this proposed legislation we need to make our voices heard in Lansing. Please authorize MOHR (Michigan Organization for Human Rights) to send your legislators up to three telegrams in your name in opposition to these discriminatory bills. The telegrams will be sent just before key votes and will be charged to your home telephone at a charge of \$4.25 each. Nothing in the telegram will imply sexual orientation.

Write to MOHR, 17520 Woodward, Detroit, MI 48203 authorizing telegrams in your name. Include your name, address, the telephone number to be charged and the name appearing on the telephone bill. For more information: 763-4186 (message tape if no answer) or 869-MOHR.

**BOOK REVIEWERS WANTED**

New Pages, a national review journal covering the alternative press, is looking for writers. We provide free books and pay for reviews we publish. Writers interested in social/political/economic change topics and in contemporary fiction and poetry can write to us for further details.

**New Pages**  
P.O. Box 438  
Grand Blanc, MI 48439  
313/743-8055

**HEALTH ISSUES**

**Wellness Networks, Inc.—Huron Valley (WNI-HV)**  
P. O. Box 3242  
Ann Arbor, MI 48106  
662-6134

**Statement of Purpose**

WNI-HV aims to educate the general public about Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) as well as to provide support and direct care to people with AIDS (PWA's), people with AIDS-Related Complex (ARC), and individuals concerned about AIDS. Our service area encompasses the greater Huron Valley area.

**Membership and Meetings**

Any individual is welcome to work with the organization as a volunteer and/or board member. Current membership includes men and women from all walks of life: health care professionals, educators, therapists, members/representatives of high risk groups, and individuals from the general public.

General meetings are held the second Sunday of every month and are open to all. The next meeting is September 14, 3:30 to 5:30 pm, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Ann Arbor. (Enter through out-patient entrance.)

**Community Services**

**Education:** Speakers available to address any group on all aspects of HTLV-III infection: transmission, testing, psychosocial issues, safe sex, etc. Written materials available.

**Support Groups:** Currently available for: those who have AIDS, ARC, or a positive antibody status; friends, family, partners of the above; high risk individuals concerned about HTLV-III infection. Others will be formed as needed.

**Direct Services:** Transportation, assistance with errands, home or hospital visitation, coordination of health care/social service benefits, whatever else is necessary for the person with AIDS.

**Referral:** To other health care, educational, or social service agencies.



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**HOUSING**

**Ann Arbor Tenants Union**  
4001 Michigan Union  
Ann Arbor 48109  
763-6876

**Community Services**

The Ann Arbor Tenants Union educational and counseling services are available to individuals and groups in the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti area. AATU's central service office is located in the Michigan Union. Tenants who work with neighbors towards a collective solution to shared problems have more strength than individuals. These tenants form Tenants Union locals where they live in order to bargain collectively with the landlord. AATU provides back up services for locals including research, graphics production, organizational and negotiating assistance and networking with other tenants.

**Counseling services:** Phone counseling is available Monday and Thursday afternoons. In-person counseling is available Wednesdays at 1 pm and 7 pm at the office in the Michigan Union (other

times by appointment please). Please bring photocopies of leases, letters, anything on paper.

**Published materials:** "How to Evict Your Landlord" a manual of basic tenants rights is available for \$3. "Fight Back! How to defend yourself in court when you're being evicted" helps you through the courtroom without an attorney. This book costs \$4. Add \$1 per booklet for mail order.

**Membership**

AATU memberships are available on a sliding scale to any tenant in the area. Membership is not mandatory to receive counseling but all contributions are needed and welcome. AATU is a member organization of the National Tenants Union, the Community Housing Coalition (Ann Arbor), and the Michigan Ad-Hoc Committee on Housing.

**Current News**

**Appleridge Tenants Union:** The seven-month rent strike at Appleridge apartments on Ann Arbor's west side has forced the landlords there to make numerous improvements. Rotten bathroom floors, leaky windows, kitchen sinks and other neglected items have been repaired. Tenants are pleased that a swimming pool

that sat unusable and unsafe for six years has been filled in.

The Appleridge Tenants Union has filed an appeal of Housing Inspection Bureau errors alleging violations of the law by city bureaucrats. The bureaucrats improperly granted a certificate of occupancy (the landlords license to collect rents) when numerous violations were known to still exist.

The average time for release of inspection reports is about two weeks. Some reports take as long as four months to release. After intense landlord pressure (as it has been repeatedly described by bureaucrats), the Bureau mailed letters to tenants one day after an inspection. Bureaucrats have admitted that language in the letter telling tenants to end the rent strike was improper. A public hearing on these matters will be held on September 4 at the fire station. Interested tenants are encouraged to attend.

**Inspection fees changed:** Ann Arbor housing bureaucrats recently proposed housing inspection fees which would have passed the financial savings of efficient city work on to the city's largest

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**West Side Book Shop**

113 West Liberty  
995-1891

**Say Cheese**  
All-Natural New York Style Cheesecake



416 W. Huron  
Ann Arbor, Michigan  
994-5163

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landlords. Owners of the largest buildings would have paid as little as 5% of the per unit cost to the city of the inspection operation. The fee for a building with only one unit in it would have been 200% of the cost to the city. The real cost to the city per month per unit is about \$1.95.

AATU members and staff and other tenant advocates worked with Council members to redefine the fee structure. The fee structure which passed council accurately reflects the city's real costs and costs less than one half of one percent of a tenants rent. The per unit cost is based on units inspected rather than the political pull of the largest landlords. In addition the fee for rooming houses was reduced relative to other rents.

**University Terrace:** Contradictions abound in the continuing story of University Terraces. While the University is planning to tear down 193 units of worthwhile

student housing, Regent Deane Baker has told the Michigan Daily that the University won't build any new housing unless there is a crisis shortage in current housing. The fact is, there is a housing crisis in Ann Arbor and the non-speculative construction of decent housing by the University would help reduce the problem. University destruction of decent housing will only aggravate the problem.

**Inspection delayed by non-existent law suit:** In May, the Housing Inspection Bureau issued a report on the notorious rooming house at 708 E. Kingsley. That report noted a reinspection would be needed after July 22. The bureau supervisor told the Tenants Union in early August that the city could not inspect because of a federal law suit which had been filed against the city, the AATU and various individuals. The AATU had never been served and checked with the city attorneys office. There was no record of such a

suit there either. The HIB supervisor claimed the AATU had talked to the wrong city attorney and that a different city attorney knew about the suit. Not true. More phone calls from the AATU to the city finally prompted the scheduling of an inspection. Results in the October CRD.

Meanwhile tenants should be aware that when city housing officials claims sound fictional they may indeed be fictional. Do not take your public servants at their word if it seems questionable.

**Midwest housing conference in Ann Arbor:** Rent control, how to pass it and why, will be one of the featured topics at the National Tenants Union Midwest regional housing conference in Ann Arbor on October 25. Basic training sessions in Michigan tenants rights and tenants organizing will be offered for local tenants. Tenant experts and rank and file tenants from throughout the Midwest will be sharing experiences and expertise.

## The Inter-Cooperative Council (ICC)

4002 Michigan Union  
Ann Arbor, MI 48109  
662-4414

### Statement of Purpose

The ICC is a student owned and operated housing corporation that offers quality housing below market rates. The ICC owns 17 co-op houses near the U-M campus which house over 500 students. Unlike dorms and apartments which are controlled by landlords or the University, cooperative houses are owned and controlled by the students who live in them. Students decide everything from what color the house will be painted to what type of meals will be served. Because each house member must do 4 to 5 hours of work per week around the house (cooking, cleaning, maintenance, etc.) and because no profiteering landlords are involved, co-ops are considerably less

expensive and more fun than other housing options.

The economic alternative offered by ICC co-ops is only part of their attraction. A strong sense of community exists in co-ops; each house has its own personality and members get to know each other very well by sharing work, meals, and fun. Almost each house hosts an ICC-wide party some time during the semester. Houses also host special events such as poetry readings, meet the candidates night, coffee houses, etc. The ICC is opening an education center this fall that will be a focal point for many of these activities and other events such as movie nights and classes about cooperatives.

The ICC promotes a system of housing that is based upon human worth as opposed to other housing systems that are based upon monetary worth, social standing, or how many goldfish you can swallow. We emphasize cooperation not only as a means to low cost quality housing but also as a way to self empowerment, economic democracy, and as a way of life!

### History of Ann Arbor Cooperatives

Student cooperatives in Ann Arbor began in the 1930's

as impoverished students banded together in order to survive the Great Depression. Michigan Socialist House opened in 1932 and is said to have been the first room and board housing cooperative in the United States. The ICC was incorporated several years later in order to gain greater efficiency in common functions such as maintenance and new housing purchases. Michigan House Co-op enters its 55th year of operation this fall, continuing to thrive along with the 16 other ICC houses purchased over the years.

For more information about ICC cooperative housing, drop by the ICC office weekdays, 10 am to 4 pm, or drop by one of the houses anytime for a tour.

### Current News

Our new houses have been renovated and we are currently planning programs for our education center. Any community issue groups that are interested in presenting workshops, teach-ins or other programs for ICC members should contact our office. We still have a couple of open spaces for fall/winter. For more information call 662-4414.

## LABOR

## Industrial Workers of the World (IWW)

Southeastern Michigan General Membership Branch  
42 S. Summit  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197  
483-3478

### Statement of Purpose

To promote the ownership and control of all means of production and distribution by the working class which creates all social wealth through its labor. In the short run, the IWW helps workers organize for increased democracy in

the workplace, as well as for increased wages and benefits. The Union promotes its purposes through workplace organizing and education with an emphasis on direct action as the most effective means for workers to achieve their goals.

### Meetings and Membership

Every Monday (except holidays) 6 pm, Room 4304, Michigan Union, 530 S. State, Ann Arbor. Observers are welcome.

Area membership includes the majority of the employees at: Ann Arbor Tenant's Union, People's Warehouse, University Cellar, and several other employees, both employed and unemployed, homemakers and students who are in agreement with the Union's principles. The IWW has approximately 110 members in this area. The initiation fee is \$5. Dues are \$5 per month for

workers making more than \$300 per month, \$2 per month for anyone making less than \$300 per month.

### Community Services

**Labor-organizing:** Members of the IWW are available to advise and assist anyone engaged in organizing which will promote worker control, regardless of whether the organizers ultimately desire affiliation with the IWW.

### Current News

Plans are in the works for a series of educational events over the next several months to highlight the contributions of the working class to U. S. history. The first event will hopefully occur toward the end of September. Watch for posters around Ann Arbor announcing times and places.

## Michigan Farm Unity Coalition

P.O. Box 506  
Howell, Michigan 48843  
Phone 1-800-MI-FARMS

### Statement of Purpose

The Michigan Farm Unity Coalition was organized for the purpose of returning economic stability to the family farm system of agriculture, through a farm program based on parity pricing with supply management.

The Coalition supports alternative agricultural legislation which provides parity pricing for a wide range of commodities, including dairy, with mandatory supply management. The coalition supports no proposal which would require farmers to produce any commodity for any market at below the cost of production. Due to farm foreclosures of epidemic proportion, the Coalition supports a credit program which provides for debt-management with a moratorium on foreclosures and repossessions. This would

help stabilize land values until the pricing legislation would allow troubled farmers to become economically viable.

Because of the severe financial problems prevalent throughout rural America today, many farm families are without the bare essentials. The Coalition supports legislation which would provide survival assistance for those who need food, clothing, shelter or health care but do not qualify for programs already in place. In order to achieve these goals, members of the Michigan Farm Unity Coalition have been actively organizing grassroots membership groups for the purpose of educating and activating farm families in the art of changing agricultural policy.

The coalition has opened a hotline number for Michigan farmers in need of assistance. The number is 1-800-MI-FARMS.

Coalition members have participated in discussions with other major farm organizations and have come to a unified position regarding alternative legislation. It is now in the hands of our Congresspeople and Senators to pass

legislation which will restore economic viability to rural America and in doing so, bring prosperity to America.

### Member Organizations

American Agriculture Movement, Michigan Agenda, Michigan Catholic Conference, Michigan Community Action Agency, Michigan Democratic Agriculture Committee, Michigan Education Association, Michigan Farm Borrowers Association, Michigan Farm Justice Coalition, Michigan Farmers' Union, Michigan Land Improvement Contractors, Michigan League of Rural Voters, Michigan Organic Growers Association, Michigan State AFL-CIO, Save America's Farming Environment, National Farmers Organization, Oakland-Livingston Human Services Agency, United Auto Workers, Women for Survival of Agriculture in Michigan.

### Officers

Richard K. Stout, President; DeVere Noakes, Vice President; Merrie Kranz, Secretary; Neal Rogers, Treasurer.

# LATIN AMERICA

**A<sup>2</sup>MISTAD  
Construction  
Brigade**  
802 Monroe  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
761-7960

**Statement of Purpose**

The A2MISTAD Construction Brigade, a project of HAP-NICA, was organized for the purpose of building a soil and water analysis facility on the campus of the Autonomous University of Nicaragua. By working with Nicaraguans to help build a stronger, more independent agricultural economy, A2MISTAD (Ann Arbor-Managua Initiative for Soil Testing and Development) hopes to create lasting ties between Nicaragua and Ann Arbor, showing solidarity with the Nicaraguan people as they attempt to implement the goals of their revolution.

A2MISTAD is part of an international effort involving not only the Ann Arbor-based brigade, but modern equipment donated by the Italian government, a \$20,000 donation from the Dutch government, and training provided by Canadian technicians. The brigade, which will begin construction in January, is currently raising \$20-30,000 for the purchase of materials. Other current focuses include recruiting skilled workers to assist in the project and collecting needed tools from the community.

**Central America  
Education/Action  
Committee**  
604 E. Huron  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
663-1870

**Community Services**

Phone tree to lobby Congressman Carl Pursell and others against the continued militarization of Central America (leave name, phone, and address at ICP office, 663-1870).  
Speakers' Bureau and slide shows related to Central America (call ICP to schedule, 663-1870).

**HAP-NICA**  
802 Monroe  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
769-1442

**Statement of Purpose**

HAP-NICA is a nonprofit organization conducting a national campaign of aid for Nicaraguan agriculture. Our goal is to help the Nicaraguan people achieve economic development and self-sufficiency. Toward that goal, we work with the Nicaraguan Union of Small and Mid-sized Farmers and Ranchers (UNAG), the Farmworkers Union (ATC) and the Higher Institute of Agricultural Science (ISCA), through our full-time coordinator in Managua. When we accept a development project proposed to us by one of these organizations we work to raise funds for it or to arrange for other groups across the country to take responsibility for raising all or part of the necessary money.

**Meetings and Membership**

A2MISTAD's meetings are open to all, Sundays at 7:30 in the Michigan Union. Ask for the room at the information desk. A2MISTAD is composed of 20-30 students and permanent community members. Although some skilled workers are already involved with the brigade, experienced plumbers, masons, electricians, and carpenters are still needed for the construction of the lab in Nicaragua. In addition, a health care worker and fluent Spanish speakers are needed.

**Current News**

A2MISTAD would like to thank all those who helped out at the July 19 Bash at West Park and the food booth at the Art Fair. Your much-appreciated assistance helped us raise about \$4,500.

Two upcoming events in September, a phone-a-thon and a canvass, will also require a great deal of effort from the community if they are to be as successful. Any volunteers who are able to give a few hours at either of these fundraising events would be more than welcome. Please call or stop by if you are interested in helping out.

**September Events**

- Weekend of 13th:** Canvass for collecting donations and tools.
- Wed. 17 to Thurs. 18:** Phone-a-thon to solicit donations and tools.
- Fri. 26:** Bowl-a-thon at Colonial Lanes to help raise funds for tools and materials.

**September Events**

We are still collecting materials for Betania Refugee Camp in El Salvador, the mission of Fr. Jim Feltz in Paiwas, Nicaragua, and the Border Witness: blue jeans, t-shirts, cotton clothing, and shoes for children, tennis balls, frisbees, garden trowels, sewing scissors, sewing machines, hammers and drills. All in good condition and not in need of mending can be dropped off at the ICP office.

**Wednesdays, 6 to 7:30 pm:** Beans and Rice Dinners: All proceeds beyond the costs of the dinner go towards material aid projects in Central America. Sponsored by LASC and Guild House. \$2/adult and \$1/child age 6 to 12 suggested donation. Guild House, 802 Monroe, Ann Arbor.

We are a project of the Guild House Campus Ministry of Ann Arbor (an ecumenical ministry devoted to principles of human justice) and the New World Agriculture Group (NWAG).

**Meetings**

HAP-NICA meets on alternate Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. at the Michigan Union. Meetings in September will be September 4 and 18.

**Services**

"Seeds of Hope", an 18-minute slide-tape documentary about agriculture in Nicaragua, is now available for interested groups and individuals. This documentary describes the exemplary progress Nicaraguans have made in working toward an ecologically, economically, and socially just system of agriculture. We learn how the contra war, the trade embargo, and Reagan's propaganda campaign have

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## HAP-NICA

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"sowed the seeds of discontent" in Nicaragua. We learn that "progress is possible" and what we as citizens of North America can do to "sow the seeds of hope" and "contribute to peaceful cooperation between our two countries."

HAP-NICA is looking for opportunities to show "Seeds of Hope" to church groups, union groups, women's groups, solidarity groups, colleges, and other groups both in Ann

Arbor and other communities in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. If you can provide contacts in other communities, please contact HAP-NICA at the address listed above. We can provide the slide-tape documentary with or without a speaker from HAP-NICA. "Seeds of Hope" can be rented for \$20 or purchased for \$85. HAP-NICA can also provide brochures, newsletters, literature about agriculture in Nicaragua, and colorful "Let Nicaragua Farm" t-shirts.

**HAP-NICA condemns Senate vote to aid contras**  
On August 13, the U.S. congress gave \$100 million

dollars to further destroy the progress Nicaraguans have made in agriculture, education, and health care. We are acutely aware of how the contra war diverts precious financial and human resources from the progress of the revolution. In the face of this illegal and immoral act of aggression, we are committed to working harder to speak out against U.S. acts of war and to work in solidarity with the Nicaraguan people by providing support for agricultural projects which Nicaraguans identify as important for establishing their economic independence.

## LIFESTYLES

### Alternative Career Center P.O. Box 7682 Ann Arbor, MI 48107

#### Background

The idea of an Alternative Career Center (ACC) was first conceived on the campus of the University of Michigan in December, 1985. It was inspired by the overall success of the annual Alternative Career Fair. The founders of the Alternative Career Center (ACC) felt that more counseling, resources, scholarships, and support was needed for students desiring to pursue non-traditional areas of employment.

Through the winter of 1986, the concept of the ACC was expanded. Counselors for the 1986-87 academic year have been recruited and an office has been secured within the Residential College. That office will be made available on a daily basis, or as staffing permits and the Center will operate as a pilot project during the coming year.

#### Statement of Purpose

The ACC aims to educate students about the full range

of available career options by providing them with counseling and informational resources regarding internship and employment opportunities with non-profit, community-based educational and charitable organizations throughout the United States and abroad.

By informing students about a wider and more comprehensive range of career options, the ACC overcomes the limitations of traditional counseling programs. The ACC thus serves as a channel through which committed and self-motivated students may find challenging and meaningful employment.

It is our belief that many students would choose to enter more progressive and community-oriented fields if information about such work was made more accessible.

#### Services

The ACC provides literature and counseling about graduate programs, internships and careers in the following fields: peace and disarmament, natural resources and the environment, media and mass communications, health and human services, agriculture, appropriate technology, vocational ministries, union organizing, and community

organizing and social change.

The ACC also provides a forum for representatives from a variety of organizations and institutions to interact with students on campus through guest lecture programs, follow-up discussions and informal exchange. It is the objective of the ACC to secure funding necessary to provide students with scholarships and stipends for summer internships.

#### Structure

The ACC will function under the direction of a 12-member board of directors, selected from the academic, civic, religious, and professional community. A smaller, nine-member Advisory Council has been formed incorporating community activists and organizational leaders from around the United States. Advisory Council members will serve largely in an honorary capacity.

#### Current News

We are currently in the process of expanding our resource library, fundraising, organizing the ACC office, and recruiting volunteers. If you are interested in helping to staff the office or to work in any other capacity, please contact Phillis at 764-0175.

### New Dimensions Study Group P.O. Box 2664 Ann Arbor, MI 48106 971-0881

#### Statement of Purpose

The New Dimensions Study Group is a volunteer, nonsectarian organization dedicated to helping people in their search for deeper meaning in life. It operates without formal structure, charges no dues and follows no master. Rather, it functions as a forum for the presentation and discussion of ideas, information and techniques, and as a networking resource for those who want to put those ideas, information and techniques into practice. The group hosts speakers, mini-workshops, round table discussions, and

from time to time, taped lectures or videos. The range of topics involved is broad, but generally concerned with the development of human consciousness and with the expression of human spirituality. Thus, the group has presented material ranging from a lecture on "Quantum Physics and the Human Mind" to an evening workshop on "Native American Medicine Wheel Spirituality." Topic schedules are compiled quarterly, and the scheduling meetings are open to all. If you have material to present, or know someone who does, please feel free to attend the scheduling session, or send any relevant information to the address above.

The NDSG draws its inspiration from a nationally broadcast program, "New Dimensions," produced by the New Dimensions Foundation of San Francisco. The program airs locally on WUOM, 91.7 FM, Sundays at 7 pm and on WDR, 90.9 FM, Wednesdays at 6 pm and Saturdays at noon. The broadcast schedule through

September 14th appears in the NDSG newsletter.

#### Meetings

The group meets at the Yoga Center of Ann Arbor at 205 E. Ann, Ann Arbor every other Wednesday night. The building becomes available at 8:05 pm and programs start by 8:30 pm. Meetings are open to all interested parties and are free, although small donations are welcome to help defray the nominal cost of the meeting space.

**Wed., Sept. 10:** "An Introduction to the Medicine Wheel," Lynn Michalik, NDSG co-founder and student of Native American teachers Bill and Judy Wahlberg, presents an overview of the "Powers of the Four Directions in Medicine Wheel Practice."

**Wed., Sept. 24:** Video: "The Global Brain." NDSG Detroit coordinator Tom Lincoln hosts a video based on the Gaia hypothesis, that the Earth is a living organism, and arguing that humankind's emerging information society can be seen as Gaia's central nervous system. \$2-\$3 admission.

## PEACE AND DISARMAMENT

### Ann Arbor War Tax Dissidents/U.S. Peace Tax Fund c/o 1427 Broadway Ann Arbor, MI 48105 662-2838

#### Statement of Purpose

Ann Arbor War Tax Dissidents (AAWTD) works for passage of the U.S. Peace Tax Fund bill (a law permitting people morally opposed to war to have the military portion of their taxes allocated to peacemaking), and provides counseling and information resources for persons conscientiously opposed to payment of war taxes.

AAWTD is affiliated with the National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee (NWTRCC) and with the National Campaign for a Peace Tax Fund (NCPTF). AAWTD is of an informal nature with a diverse membership and a volunteer coordinator.

#### Meetings

AAWTD generally meets the third Saturday of each month in the Pine Room, Wesley Foundation, 602 E. Huron, Ann Arbor.

#### Community Services

AAWTD provides the community with a speakers bureau, workshops, forums, information hotlines (contact appropriate number listed below), and "Taxes for Peace" (a slide show). For general information about AAWTD, contact: Mary Lou Kerwin at 662-2838, David Bassett at 662-1373 about the U.S. Peace Tax Fund bill, Fran Elliot at 663-2655 about war tax resistance.

#### September Events

The response to our booth at the Art Fair was exciting and stimulated a lot of discussion. Come to our regular meeting to plan further dialogues and develop strategies for the coming year. Saturday, September 20, 12 noon to 3 pm, Wesley Foundation Lounge, 602 E. Huron, Ann Arbor.

### Coalition for Arms Control, 2nd District 1015 Church Street #5 Ann Arbor, MI 48104 663-4897

#### Statement of Purpose

After working together on an informal basis on arms control lobbying (the MX, Star Wars, chemical weapons) for the past 3 years, a number of groups have formally coalesced. It is hoped that the coalition effort will make weapons issues more visible in the media locally and will increase our ability to educate the public on these issues.

The current focus of the Coalition for Arms Control is on the need for a nuclear warhead testing moratorium and a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

#### Meetings

The Coalition for Arms Control meets once every 3 to 4 weeks on Saturdays at 9:30 am. If your organization is

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interested in joining the Coalition, please call 663-4897 or send a representative to the next Coalition meeting Sunday, Sept. 7 at 7:30 pm, 310 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor.

If you are an individual interested in working on arms control lobbying efforts, please join one or more of the organizations involved in the Coalition (see below) or join one of the working committees of the Coalition: Events Committee, Publicity Committee and Computerization Committee. You will be greatly appreciated.

**Membership Profile**

The Coalition for Arms Control includes the following organizations: Hillsdale Center for Peace Awareness, Common Cause, Gray Panthers, Guild House, Interfaith Council for Peace, Lawyers' Alliance for Nuclear Arms Control, Michigan Alliance for Disarmament, 1000 Cranes, Physicians for Social Responsibility, SANE, Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and the Western Wayne

Peace Resource Center.

**September Events**

The Coalition has developed a flyer on Congressman Carl Pursell's voting record on arms-related issues. The plan is to distribute it as widely as possible throughout the congressional district. If you would like to help with the distribution effort, please call Tobi Hanna-Davies at 662-7869 or the Coalition at 662-4897.

**Michigan Alliance for Disarmament (MAD)**  
410 W. Washington  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103  
313/995-5871

You can make a difference. In 1969, a large anti-war demonstration forced President Nixon to call off plans then in place for a nuclear attack on Vietnam, as Nixon admits in his memoirs. In 1963, the U.S. and U.S.S.R. signed a partial test ban treaty stopping above-ground testing, a victory President Kennedy attributed to popular organizing for peace. In 1950, the U.S. decided not to make a first strike against the Soviet Union because the people would not stand for it, according to NCS-68, a top secret report to President Truman. In the 1980s, a revived peace movement has forced Congress to cut the number of MX missiles by 260, from 300 to 40 and is pressuring Congress to reduce funding for Reagan's Star Wars.

What you do can make a difference! But you have to do it. The U.S. builds 8 new nuclear warheads a day to pile on top of the 32,000 it already has, which are already enough to blow up the planet dozens of times over. These weapons are likely to be used in foreign interventions in the Mideast or elsewhere, triggering World War III. But the Soviets have

stopped testing nuclear weapons and are pressing for total nuclear disarmament by 2000. If we act, we can force our government to take these offers seriously and achieve a nuclear free world in our lifetimes. But only if we act. Join MAD and help us build a world with a future.

**Who We Are.** MAD is a 4 year-old Ann Arbor group working on disarmament, nonintervention, and social justice. Our 500 members include students, professors, University staff, and many members of the Ann Arbor community. We come from diverse backgrounds and points of view but share a commitment to breaking the deadly connections among nuclear war, U.S. intervention, and social oppression. MAD is the Ann Arbor affiliate of the national Mobilization for Survival.

**What We Do.** In the past, MAD has sponsored a city-wide ballot initiative to make Ann Arbor a Nuclear Free Zone and participated in organizing nonviolent civil disobedience at a nearby cruise missile plant. MAD's monthly journal, *The Connection* recently received national recognition in *The Nation*. Our pamphlets on Star Wars, the "Soviet Threat," and Deadly Connections, and U.S. Nuclear Threats have been used in college courses throughout southeastern Michigan and by activists and interested citizens. We have organized three major conferences.

Our fall schedule is quite active, and we need your help to carry it through. We are helping to bring the Women's

Collective from The Great Peace March to the campus in early September. MAD is spearheading activities around the national boycott of General Electric, the nation's number three nuclear weapons contractor (led nationwide by INFAC, the organizers of the successful Nestle's boycott). An action around "civil defense" and "nuclear war preparedness" ideas heavily promoted by the government, is being planned. MAD is also working on Dean Baker's campaign for Congress and helping to plan a conference on University Military Research in the fall.

**Meetings.** MAD's General Meeting for the fall, will be Thursday, September 25, Michigan Union, 7:30 pm. Professor Daniel Axelrod and Janis Michael, MAD's chair, will give keynote talks and we will discuss activities for the fall. Be there or be square! *The Connection* Committee meets every Wednesday, normally at MAD offices, 7:30 pm. There will be Connection organizing meetings at the Michigan Union on Wednesday, September 17 and 24, 7:30 pm. Anyone interested in writing, graphics, or journalism should come. An organizing meeting for the GE boycott committee will be held at the Michigan League, Wednesday, September 10, 7:30 pm.

**Membership.** Memberships are \$10 a year, \$5 for students, seniors, and unemployed, and waivable on explicit request. Send check made out to MAD to our office, listed above.

**United Campuses to Prevent Nuclear War (UCAM)**  
3909 Michigan Union  
Ann Arbor, MI, 48109  
763-3241

**Statement of Purpose**

This is the first UCAM chapter to be organized on U-M campus. UCAM has joined Campuses Against Weapons in Space (CAWS) to become one organization. Under UCAM affiliation, CAWS has national connections. Furthermore, CAWS has broadened its concern about Star Wars to the overall militarization of our campus, our nation and our lives. Our purpose is to increase awareness of the military-industrial complex and to organize against it and thereby effect change in the University and national policies that perpetuate it. UCAM is working for a University able to

perform research free from government manipulation and militarization. UCAM is also working to create a society free from the fear of nuclear war.

**Meetings**

General meetings are Monday evenings at 8 pm in the Michigan Union. Check the front desk for the room number.

**Community Services**

Speakers from UCAM are available for any group on request. Information on Star Wars and other kinds of

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military research are always available at the Michigan Student Assembly. We also have a hotline (763-3241) to answer any questions during office hours, 9 am to 5 pm.

**Current News**

Our main concerns at present are the review of guidelines for classified research at U-M and the huge increase in the amount of military research being performed on campus. The current guidelines were enacted in 1972 in response to the University's role in the Vietnam War. At that time, U-M was one of the leading performers of military research and was known as the "Eyes of the Army". The guidelines for classified research are as follows:

1) "The University will not enter into any contract...the clearly foreseeable result is destruction of human life". 2) "The University will not enter into any contract...that limits publication of results beyond one year." 3) Three University bodies will review projects for compliance with the guidelines: The faculty and student composed Research Policies Committee and Classified Review Panel, along with the Vice President for Research.

However, in August of 1985, the University Regents passed a resolution calling for an executive committee to review these guidelines. This committee has just come out with its recommendations. Their proposed guidelines have no ban on research destructive to human life, thereby eliminating any moral stand made by the University. Moreover, the committee's proposed guidelines eliminate the three bodies for reviewing research. With no enforcement mechanism, there will be no University discussion of the appropriateness of different kinds of research and professors will be allowed to perform classified research. Taken together, these two recommendations by the committee would increase classified

war research to the level the University held during the Vietnam War.

Already there have been enormous increases in military research at U-M. The University just received three large grants to establish Pentagon centers on campus under a new program called the University Research Initiative (URI). There would be an exchange of equipment and personnel between the University and the Pentagon. There is a strong possibility that the research performed at the centers will become classified; already foreign graduate students will not be able to participate in the program. These centers have been funded by the Department of Defense for at least \$15 million and as much as \$32.4 million over the next five years. In 1985, U-M performed \$7.7 million worth of Department of Defense research and with the URI grants alone this number could double for the next five years. During the Vietnam War such Pentagon centers existed on the campus, but were forced off due to student and faculty insistence. UCAM believes this can happen again.

In September of 1985, the Regents voted to "encourage" Star Wars research on campus. This was the first time they had ever endorsed a specific research program. The University is currently performing \$700,000 worth of Star Wars research, with another \$7.4 million in proposals pending. The amount of military research at the University could increase enormously in the next year. UCAM is working to see that this does not happen.

**September Events**

UCAM will be hosting a contingent of marchers from the Great Peace March September 4, 5 and 6. Workshops will be held on the Diag on Thursday, Sept. 4, from 1 to 5 pm. On Friday, Sept. 5, we will hold a rally at 12 noon and then march with the peace marchers to the north campus building that will house the new Pentagon centers. Once there, we will have a "die-in." On Friday night, beginning at 5 pm, we will have a potluck dinner on the Diag and after a women's peace encampment Saturday morning there will be more workshops. All are welcome to join in the fun.

**Washtenaw County Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament, Inc. (WAND)**  
P.O. Box 1815  
Ann Arbor, MI 48106  
761-1718

nuclear weapons.

The local WAND is a fully functioning organization which includes an Executive Committee, a Coordinating Committee, and ten active committees which reach out to others with public speaking, lobbying, sales, publicity, coalition-building, and political action, while strengthening the group with educational programs, fundraising, a newsletter, and membership services.

**Meetings and Membership**

Meetings are on the second Sunday of the month at St. Aidan's Episcopal/Northside Presbyterian Church, 1679 Broadway, Ann Arbor. Doors open at 7 pm for conversation and sales of WAND items, the meeting begins at 7:30, the program at 8:30 and discussion follows at 9 pm. Babysitting is provided. All are welcome.

Membership is open to anyone interested in stopping the arms race. Current paid membership is around 200. Men are welcome and encouraged to join. Membership fees are \$25 per year with scholarships available for those unable to pay the entire amount. Membership benefits include the local monthly newsletter and the national quarterly WAND

**Statement of Purpose**

Washtenaw County WAND was formed in December 1984 by 12 individuals and became affiliated with the national WAND organization which was founded in 1980 by Dr. Helen Caldicott. The local group currently has around 400 members and affiliates. There are more than 20,000 national members.

WAND's primary purpose is to educate ourselves and the public about the dangers of continued weapons production and to influence our congressional representatives by informed lobbying. An overall goal is to empower women personally and politically, and to broaden the constituency of individuals who are working towards the elimination of

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Bulletin, voting rights at the annual meeting, and alerts from the coalition phone bank as key votes come up in Congress which require immediate lobbying. For more information: 971-9249.

**Previous and Ongoing Activities**

During its first year and a half, WAND sponsored the Mother's Day Festival of Peace in West Park twice, had an Art Fair booth twice, gathered 5,000 anti-nuclear signatures on petitions to send to the President, participated in two commemorations of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, produced an informative local brochure and various items for sale, sent representatives to national peace conferences, participated in Peace Week at Huron High, sponsored several speaker-training workshops, helped found the Second Congressional District Coalition for Peace, and was the beneficiary of Rock for Peace, a concert of rock and heavy metal by four young local bands whose members were concerned about nuclear issues.

Anyone can call our Information Hotline at 761-1718 to hear a 3-minute message announcing important lobbying information, meeting times, and upcoming community events.

Our speaker's bureau provides trained speakers who will address small informal groups, classes, public forums and

rallies on a variety of issues. Contact Jean Carlson at 426-2232.

**Current News**

Sunday, September 16 is our next monthly meeting. Ann Arbor City Council Member Kathy Edgren will be discussing Federal policies and local response. She will discuss the effects of Federal policies on people in Ann Arbor. In turn she will offer suggestions on how WAND members and others can effect change on the local level by participating in local activities.

Recently WAND gathered 600 petition signatures and participated in a phone bank to encourage voters to contact Congressman Pursell about votes on three important defense issues: SDI funding, adherence to SALT II, and a ban on nuclear testing. The petitions were sent to Washington and presented to him there by representatives from the WAND Legislative Office just before the first vote.

The WAND National Office in Boston sponsored a Speaker Training workshop which was attended by several local members. They are now qualified to lead Speaker Training workshops in the fall in Ann Arbor and other communities; these are open to anyone who is interested.

Laura Schieb-Biedron from WAND was one of the speakers at the Hiroshima/Nagasaki commemoration at Gallup Park on August 6.

Members are still appearing at the Farmer's Market every week to hand out lobbying materials, the WAND brochure, and the flier with Congressman Pursell's voting record.

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A note from the publishers: As part of an outreach effort, **Agenda** has been sending promotional copies to a mailing list provided by WAND. If you have been receiving **Agenda** in the mail the last two months and you are *not* a subscriber, this issue is the third and last one that you will receive. We hope that you have appreciated our efforts. You may continue to receive **Agenda** in the mail every month by purchasing a one-year subscription for \$10.

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**Ypsilanti Peace Fellowship (YPF)**  
c/o 539 Maple Ct.  
Ypsilanti, MI 48198  
484-4365

**Statement of Purpose**

The Ypsilanti Peace Fellowship first organized in June of 1985 to link Ypsilanti area churches in co-sponsoring a 40 year Hiroshima anniversary "Commemorative Service" in

Ypsilanti. Subsequently, the group has sponsored several peace education programs and events, including an annual Mothers Day peace celebration in the newly decorated Edith Hefley Peace Park in Ypsilanti.

The group is made up of Ypsilanti residents representing several city church and peace organizations. Acknowledging that peace issues need to be addressed where we live, the fellowship defined the following purposes and aims for its activities in Ypsilanti:

- (1) To maintain personal and inter-organizational communication, ties, and networking, by meeting together throughout the year.
- (2) To be available for collaboration on

peace projects with other groups/individuals in the community. (3) To be available as a sponsoring or co-sponsoring organization for such events. (4) To plan and sponsor for annual peace observances and events on Hiroshima/Nagasaki Anniversary, Veteran's Day, Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, and Mother's Day.

**Meetings**

All are welcome to join us in our meetings and in working together to bring public peace observances to Ypsilanti. Call 484-4365 for information.

**POVERTY AND HUNGER**

**Bread for the World**  
706 Dwight Street  
Ypsilanti, MI 48198  
487-9058

**Statement of Purpose**

Bread for the World (BFW) is a citizen's lobbying organization that deals with hunger and health related legislation. It is a national group with chapters in the local area. Although it does not send any direct aid itself, BFW, through its members, has given crucial support to domestic and international hunger programs since being founded in

1971. Members are encouraged to contact their legislators on hunger issues and are kept informed through newsletters, background papers, and informational meetings about pertinent legislation.

**Meetings**

Bread for the World is organized by Congressional Districts. In the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti area there are two chapters. In Ann Arbor (2nd District) meetings are held at the First Presbyterian Church, 1432 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor, on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm. For information call Jim Rutz at 668-4064. In Ypsilanti (15th District) contact Robert Krzewinski at 487-9058.

**Current Events**

Every year BFW sets many goals, with one major project that, if successful, would help millions of people who are affected by hunger throughout the world. In 1986 the major project is passage by Congress of the Universal Child Immunization Act which would attempt to immunize all the world's children by 1990 working through programs established by UNICEF. At the same time, BFW is working to pass other legislation such as a national nutrition monitoring program, famine-relief reserves for Africa, tax relief for the very poor, and other hunger related concerns. For more information about programs, BFW can also be contacted at their national office: Bread for the World, 802 Rhode Island Ave. N.W., Washington, DC 20018.

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4202 Michigan Union  
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663-3560

### Statement of Purpose

WHE-AC focuses on the causes of and solutions to world hunger. Its objectives include educating the community through reading groups, films, speakers, presentations, research, and group actions. WHE-AC is dedicated to understanding the complex social, political, economic, and environmental forces that create and promote world hunger, and advocates self-determination and long-term development as viable solutions. The group supports and works closely with Oxfam America and the

Institute for Food and Development Policy. The group has various resources available, including newsletters from Food First and Oxfam America.

### Meetings

The tentative time for our weekly meetings this fall will be Mondays at 6:30 pm. Check at the front desk of the Michigan Union for the room location.

### Current News

WHE-AC member Sandra Steingraber has recently returned from a 10-week tour of the Sudan where she recorded oral histories of Oromo refugees who have fled Ethiopia. She went at the request of the Oromo Relief Association, a grassroots organization that assists Oromos displaced inside their own country and those who seek refuge in other countries. Ms. Steingraber is currently finishing her report which will be published on its own and as part of a book about Ethiopia, called "The Orchestration of Famine."

The Institute for Food and Development

policy in San Francisco gained a great worker in the person of Mindy Williams, a former WHE-AC member. Mindy left our group to begin an internship with the institute after a long and dedicated involvement with WHE-AC.

When school begins in September, everyone will be anxious to hear stories from Siri Striar, a WHE-AC member who travelled to Nicaragua this summer after completing her proficiency in Spanish at the Residential College.

### September Events

Look for us at Festfall on the Diag, Friday, September 12. The group will be planning a full schedule of activities for the coming semester. We are looking for people to help us with fundraisers, bake sales, poster and planning. As usual we'll be sponsoring the Oxfam America fast on the Thursday before Thanksgiving. We look forward to Sandra's presentation on Ethiopia and hope to train speakers to help with various educational activities.

## PROGRESSIVE RELIGION

### B'nai Brith Hillel Foundation 1429 Hill Street Ann Arbor, MI 48104 663-3336

#### Statement of Purpose

The B'nai Brith Hillel Foundation at the University of Michigan is not only for Jewish students at the U-M but is also a central resource for the entire Ann Arbor community.

#### Community Services

Hillel's extensive cultural arts program, including the Celebration of Jewish Arts and the Hill Street Forum lecture series, brings some of the best music, drama, writers, singers and lecturers to the University of Michigan campus. Already booked for the 1986-87 season are writers Kurt Vonnegut, Amos Oz and Joseph Heller, as well as San Francisco's Traveling Jewish Theatre and singer Chava Alberstein. Hillel's student-run film co-op, Hill Street Cinema, presents feature length films three evenings a week and features an Israeli or Jewish interest film every other Sunday. The Hill Street Players, Ann Arbor's newest student-run theatre program, will be staging one production each semester in the Hillel auditorium.

Hillel sponsors a wide array of speakers throughout the year and also coordinates the Israel Conference Day and the University's annual Conference on the Holocaust. Its Jewish Learning Center

offers afternoon and evening courses open to the entire community on subjects ranging from Bible and Talmud to Jewish ceramics, Hebrew, Yiddish, Jewish history and Jewish thought. Hillel also houses the Jewish Elderly Outreach program which pairs University students with Jewish elderly in the community. Israeli dance instruction is offered Sunday evenings, followed by two hours of open dancing.

Hillel provides housing and support for over 20 independent student organizations. These range from the United Jewish Appeal to the Progressive Zionist Caucus to the Soviet Jewry and Ethiopian Jewry Action groups. This year will also see the formation of a Jewish feminist group, as well as a speaker series entitled "Women in Judaism." *Consider*, founded by Hillel in 1983, is the University's weekly issues forum dedicated to presenting opposing viewpoints on a variety of topics.

Individual professional school organizations as well as a general Jewish graduate group schedule lectures, parties and potlucks throughout the academic year.

Hillel offers Reform, Conservative, and Orthodox services during all of the major holidays as well as every Friday night during the academic year. For more information on any of Hillel's programs, please call 663-3336.

#### September Events

**Sun. 7, 14, 28:** Israeli Folk Dancing. One hour of instruction followed by open dancing. For beginning and advanced students. 7:30 pm, Hillel, 1429 Hill.

### Interfaith Council for Peace (ICP) 604 E. Huron Ann Arbor, MI 48104 663-1870, 9:30-5:00

#### Statement of Purpose

Interfaith Council for Peace (ICP), a nonprofit educational organization, believes in the possibility of a world where every woman, man, and child has the opportunity to live in freedom, peace, and without fear. Begun in 1965 by a small group of area clergy and lay, ICP focused on protesting U.S.

involvement in the Vietnam War. Over the past 20 years Interfaith's work has expanded to address justice concerns related to hunger and agriculture in addition to the ongoing work for peace.

ICP, a local chapter of the national Clergy and Laity Concerned (CALC), has worked to educate and promote action on these issues. We act as a clearinghouse for peace and justice activities in local religious congregations and in the community at large. Interfaith raises moral questions about disarmament, hunger, the U.S. food system, economic justice, and Central America. Donations are gratefully accepted at the above address.

**Sat. 13:** The Ensemble for Early Jewish Music. Jewish music of the Medieval Renaissance periods, including Sefardic/Ladino music, performed on authentically reproduced historical instruments, 8:45 pm, U-M Museum of Modern Art. Tickets available at Hillel, Beth Emeth, and Beth Israel.

**Sun. 14:** Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry. Mass meeting for all those interested at 7 pm in the Michigan Union. For more information, call Phyllis at 761-3121.

**Tues. 16:** Hill Street Players, Hillel's student-run theatre company. Meeting at 7 pm in the Michigan Union, Wolverine Room. For more information, call Mark at 996-8131.

**Sun. 21:** A Traveling Jewish Theatre (TJT) presents "Berlin, Jerusalem and the Moon," a comedy-drama that brilliantly explores the contradictions of Jewish identity using Germany of the '30s and today's Middle East as its backdrop. The company presents ambitious theatre that weaves music, mime, masks, puppetry, storytelling, stand-up comedy and strong individual performance into powerful contemporary drama. Sponsored by Hill Street Forum and Common Ground Theatre Ensemble, 8 pm, Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre. Based in San Francisco, TJT is one of the finest traveling theatre companies in the world. It has performed to critical acclaim throughout the U.S. and Europe since 1978 and has received numerous awards in direction, production and performance. Tickets are available at Ticketworld and Hillel.

**Wed. 24:** Student United Jewish Appeal Campaign. Mass meeting, 7 pm, Hillel.

#### Organizational Structure

ICP's membership includes 60 area congregations and approximately 3,100 individuals. A Steering Committee oversees the work of the staff and the work of three task forces:

**Land, Food, and Justice Committee:** Presentations to concerned groups, public tours of local farms, support of direct-marketing projects (e.g., farmers' markets and pick-your-own operations), and production of a seasonal/regional cookbook. The committee also works with groups involved in preserving agriculture land near urban areas, encourages support of local

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farmers through more seasonal eating, and supports legislation favoring small and moderate size farms and sustainable agricultural practices.

**Hunger Task Force:** The annual CROP/Hunger Walk, educational presentations to school and other groups on domestic and international hunger, support of local free meal programs, and exploration of related economic justice issues and legislation.

**Disarmament Working Group:** Educational presentations to interested groups, sponsorship of speakers and public events, suggestions for life-style changes which will help to make our society a less violent one (e.g., boycotting war toys and examining issues related to parenting), discussion with the University community on

the impact of defense-related research on campus, and support for arms control legislation.

**Community Services**

ICP publishes a monthly newsletter, maintains a lending library of both written and audio-visual materials on peace and justice concerns, and has a speakers bureau which includes both staff and task force members.

"Covenant for a World Free of Nuclear Weapons" kits are available from the ICP office for \$5. The kit lists nuclear weapons contractors, the consumer products they manufacture and non-nuclear alternatives. The second edition of "There is a Season," a 117 page seasonal cookbook is available from the ICP office for \$6. Drop in and

visit us soon. The ICP office is located in the basement of the First United Methodist Church (corner of State and Huron).

**September Events**

**Tues. Sept 9:** Recruitment rally potluck for the 12th annual Washtenaw County CROP Hunger Walk. The potluck will be followed by the film "Roots of Hunger, Roots of Change" and discussion of how to recruit others to participate in the Hunger walk. The rally will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to pass, 6:30 to 8:30 pm, First Baptist Church, 512 E. Huron, Ann Arbor. For more information: 663-1870.

**New Jewish Agenda (NJA)  
2208 Packard  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
662-9217**

**Statement of Purpose**

New Jewish Agenda (NJA) is comprised of Jews from a variety of backgrounds and affiliations who are committed to progressive human values and the building of a shared vision of Jewish life. Our history and tradition inspire us.

We believe that Jewish experience and teachings can address the social, economic and political issues of our time. Many of us find inspiration in our people's historical resistance to oppression and from the Jewish presence at the forefront of movements for social change. Many of us base our convictions on the Jewish religious concept *otikun olam* (the just ordering of human society and the world) and the prophetic tradition of social justice.

We are committed to building an inclusive Jewish community and therefore place particular importance on addressing issues which traditionally exclude many Jews.

**Activities**

NJA meets regularly around issues of political, social and cultural importance. We have a monthly Friday night (Shabbat) pot-luck dinner. We gather together and

celebrate many of the Jewish holidays. We have Middle East, Feminist and Central American Interest groups. NJA publishes a monthly newsletter and the Steering Committee meets monthly. Our activities are open to all and we hope those of you with some interest in NJA will join us.

**September Events**

**Tues., 9:** Central America Interest Group meeting, 7 pm, 711 Wesley, Ann Arbor. Information: Judy 995-5210.

**Sun., 14:** Steering Committee Meeting, 5 pm, 1736 Glenwood. Information: Gary 971-5382.

**Mon., 15:** Speaker: Gideon Spiro, Israeli Peace Activist "The Israeli-Palestinian Peace Movement: Confronting the 'Iron Fist' in the Occupied Territories," co-sponsored by LASC, ICP, Rackham Student Government, Office of Ethics and Religion, FSACC, MAD, and the Ecumenical Center. 7:30 pm, East Conference Room, Fourth Floor, Rackham, Ann Arbor.

**Wed., 17:** RSVP for Potluck on September 19, 994-8052.

**Fri., 19:** Shabbat Potluck, bring a veggie dish to pass and be prepared to have fun with nice people. Al Fishman of Detroit NJA will show slides of his trip to the U.S.S.R., 7 pm, 1302 Gardner, Ann Arbor.

**Thurs., 25:** Feminist Interest Group, 7:30 pm, 1208 Chapel Ct., Ann Arbor. Information: Judy 665-2825.

**The Poseidon Foundation  
c/o Shaman Drum Bookshop  
313 S. State Street  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104**

**Statement of Purpose**

The Poseidon Foundation offers educational programs in various areas of spirituality for students, faculty and staff at the University of Michigan as well as for people in the larger Ann Arbor community. Poseidon is founded on the belief that the spiritual dimension of life can be experienced directly. The foundation operates on an independent, non-profit basis and is not affiliated with any other spiritual or religious organization. Funding is contributed by those who support its work. Poseidon's programs draw on intuition, imagination and inspiration. They use wisdom from sources as far away as Exupery's "The Little Prince" who tells us, "It is only with the heart that one can see rightly: what is essential is invisible to the eye."

**Community Services**

The Poseidon Foundation sponsors talks, workshops, classes, publications, and service groups, and also makes resource referrals. These activities are of interest to people who are seeking one or more of the following: opportunities

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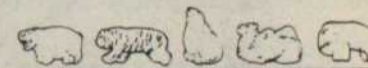
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for service as a spiritual path; a connection between politics and spirituality; integration of their masculine and feminine dimensions; a spirituality outside of any one religious tradition; a worldview which is more personally and socially enriching than our present culture offers. The foundation is directed by Jonathan Ellis who has worked on such issues

for the last 17 years on the University of Michigan campus and elsewhere. For more information, you may write to the Poseidon Foundation at the address above, or call Jonathan Ellis at 665-0248.

### September Events

The Poseidon Foundation will sponsor two classes beginning in mid-September and running through October. The first class is on "Politics and Spirituality" and will

consider the deeper resources people have within themselves for collective political action. The second class, called "Imagination and Intuition," will give people a chance to use their ability to imagine to develop the ability to have intuition. Both classes are led by Jonathan Ellis and meet once a week, for two hours, for six weeks at a weekday evening time to be arranged. For information about how to join these Poseidon classes, call 665-0248 as soon as possible.

## The Zen Lotus Society Zen Buddhist Temple-Ann Arbor 1214 Packard Road Ann Arbor, MI 48104 761-6520

"We are what we think  
All that we are arises with our thoughts  
With our thoughts we make the world  
Speak or act with an impure mind  
And trouble will follow you  
As the wheel follows the ox that draws  
the cart"

the *Dhammapada*

The Zen Lotus Society, a nonprofit religious organization and North American Buddhist Order, was founded by Samu Sunim in the late summer of 1967 in his

flat in Manhattan, New York City. It was established with a view to spreading Buddhadharma in America through teaching the practice of Zen and promoting Buddhist culture.

Zen Buddhist Temple-Ann Arbor was established in 1981 and now serves as the U. S. office of the Zen Lotus Society.

### Programs

A Buddhist Service from 4:45 pm to 6:30 pm on Sundays is open to the public. Guidance is provided for newcomers. On Sunday morning there is a service for Korean members. There is also morning and evening meditation practice for members and visitors. The temple schedules regular introductory talks on Zen Buddhism, usually at 7 pm on the first Saturday of each month. Beginners Weekends and a weekly beginner's course (six Thursdays) is offered to provide instruction in the basics of Zen Meditation and practice.

*Zen Lotus Society Handbook*, which is available from

Zen Buddhist Temple-Ann Arbor, describes the activities of the Zen Lotus Society in detail. It includes: The autobiography of Samu Sunim; history of the society; the teachers; training programs for Buddhist priesthood, for Dharma teachers, for Dharma workers and for Zen artists; membership; retreats and summer training; beginners and visitors programs; Buddhist Institute of Canada and Summer Lecture Series in Ann Arbor; Buddhist events and observances; and Buddhist services and ceremonies.

### September Events

**Sat. 6:** Introductory talk, "Zen Buddhism in North America: History, Philosophy, and Practice", 7 to 8 pm, Zen Buddhist Temple, 1214 Packard Road, Ann Arbor. For information: 761-6520.

**Sept. 11 to Oct. 16:** Beginner's class. Six Thursday evenings, 6:30 to 8:30 pm, Zen Buddhist Temple, 1214 Packard Road, Ann Arbor. For information: 761-6520.

**Oct. 17 to 19:** Beginner's Weekend Retreat with Samu Sunim. For information: 761-6520.

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### New World Agriculture Group (NWAG) 4096 Natural Science Building University of Michigan Ann Arbor, MI 48109 313/764-1446

#### Statement of Purpose

Much of the work currently being pursued by members of the New World Agriculture Group (NWAG, pronounced *New Ag*), centers around helping the people of Nicaragua find ways of developing an independent system of agriculture. Achieving independence in agricultural development entails, among other things, reducing the country's dependence upon expensive foreign agricultural inputs such as fertilizers and pesticides. Such a task is not easy considering the level to which Nicaraguan farmers in the Somoza era had become dependent upon pesticides, many banned in the United States, but actively marketed in countries like Nicaragua by U.S. corporations. In the mid-1970's Nicaragua was one of the world's leading users of DDT. A rapid and continuous increase in the degree of pest resistance to these chemicals resulted in an "arms race" between farmer and pest with farmers spraying their fields as many as 30 times per season!

Since the Sandinista revolution in 1979, however, there

have been major changes in the country's pattern of pesticide use. Much of the success in reducing Nicaragua's chemical dependency can be attributed to the regulatory policies adopted by the Sandinista government.

The government has lowered by 45% the volume of pesticide entering the country, banning dangerous chemicals such as DDT, BHC, endrin, dieldrin, Phosvel, and DBCP.

The National Pesticide Commission (CNP), composed of members from the public and private sectors, was established to oversee pesticide imports and to protect the health of workers. The CNP has developed a system of color coding the labels of pesticide containers so that workers who cannot read the labels will know the potential hazards they face.

In 1980, the Ministry of Agriculture (MIDINRA) instituted a program of Integrated Pest Management (IPM), which emphasizes the integration of a variety of biological pest controls, such as naturally occurring predators and parasites, to be used instead of chemical controls. The IPM program is a huge success because insecticide use has been reduced to a record low of 16-17 applications per season, saving farmers up to \$2.92 million in 1982-83.

The government of Nicaragua has made grower participation in the IPM program mandatory, and subsidizes and insures farmers against additional costs and financial losses.

NWAG recognizes the new system of agriculture in

Nicaragua, where the government and farmers work together to feed the country yet also protect workers and the environment, as a model for Third World agricultural development. This is why NWAG members are so eager to lend a hand to the government and people of Nicaragua.

#### Membership

NWAG consists of social and natural scientists, plus many non-academics, all with interests in agriculture, who are dedicated to assist in finding alternatives to contemporary agricultural production that are neither socially nor ecologically destructive. There are approximately 100 NWAG members dispersed across the continent. The largest chapters are in Ithaca, NY, Ann Arbor, MI, Berkeley, CA, and Champaign-Urbana, IL. In addition there are active members located in Massachusetts, Vermont, North Carolina, Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri, Canada, and Nicaragua.

NWAG has a steering committee consisting of a member from each of three regions: East, Midwest and West. There is also a Nicaragua Coordinating Committee. Beyond this there is relatively little structure, although regional and international meetings are conducted in a formal manner.

#### Local Meetings

Interested persons are welcome to attend our meetings and should call the NWAG-Ann Arbor office (764-1446) to find out the place and time meetings occur.

## SENIOR CITIZENS

### Housing Bureau for Seniors, Inc. 1010 Wall Street Ann Arbor, MI 48109 763-0970

#### Community Services

The Housing Bureau for Seniors provides peer counseling for senior citizens and their families about housing choices in Washtenaw County. Volunteers staff the Bureau's main offices which are now located in the Kellogg Eye Center, 990 Wall Street, Ann Arbor, or in Outreach sites in Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti Township, Whitmore Lake, Chelsea, Saline, and the Burns Park Senior Center. To arrange for a free interview to discuss your housing situation, contact the Housing Bureau at 763-0970.

#### September Events

**Training sessions for new volunteers** will begin on September 22. The training will feature workshop sessions in which new and continuing counselors develop ways to defuse crises, sharpen their listening skills and become effective interviewers. Also, effective information about housing for seniors in this area will be presented.

Volunteers will be exposed to a wide variety of available senior housing in this county through several field trips to facilities in this area.

An informational tea reception for prospective volunteers will be held September 11, from 3 to 4:30 pm in the second floor conference room of Turner Clinic. If you are curious about the Bureau's activities and would like to learn more about becoming a volunteer housing counselor, call 763-0970. Arrange to come to the tea, or ask for an interview with Carolyn Hastings, executive director, or Carole Lapidus, volunteer coordinator. Informational

interviews will be held the week of September 15.

**Adult Child Workshop:** Adult children of senior citizens are often placed in highly stressful situations when their parents face housing crises. Coping with a parent's age-related disabilities, reduced financial circumstances, or dependent or unstable emotional state can force many adult children to feel lonely or panicky. This in turn, may interfere with whatever housing decisions may be contemplated or necessary.

"Where will home be next for mom and dad?" is a workshop designed to help the adult children of senior citizens deal with this new phase in their lives. The workshop will be held Wednesday, September 24, 7:30 - 9 pm in the Burns Park Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin, Ann Arbor. The workshop is free. To register, contact the Housing Bureau for Seniors at 763-0970.

# SOCIAL JUSTICE

## Ann Arbor Coors Boycott Committee 1537 McIntyre Ann Arbor, MI 48105 995-5767

### Statement of Purpose

Over the past several years, the Adolph Coors Brewery has expanded distribution of Coors beers into the midwest. Coors beer is now available in many local bars, restaurants, and stores. Many people are aware that Coors has been the object of a nationwide boycott by labor, minority groups, and environmentalists. The purpose of this local boycott committee is to institute an effective boycott of Coors beer here in Ann Arbor. We are just getting organized so our meeting times are irregular. Please call for more information.

### Reasons to boycott Coors beer

1. The Coors company has broken 19 unions of Coors workers in the last 20 years. Coors requires its workers to submit to mandatory lie detector tests and physical examinations are carried out on demand by company police.
2. In 1984, Coors chairman William Coors publicly stated that blacks "lack the intellectual capacity to succeed." Many Coors workers have charged the company with racism and Coors has lost or settled out of court several suits involving charges of discriminatory hiring practices.
3. Joseph Coors founded the Mountain States Legal Fund in 1977, a pro-nuclear group which also represents companies attempting to extract natural resources from wilderness areas. James Watt was the organization's first president. Coors also boosted Ann Burford, Reagan's disastrous EPA chief, to national prominence.
4. The rise of the religious right has been aided by Coors donations. Recipients include the Moral Majority, Campus

Crusade for Christ, the John Birch Society, and the Committee for Survival of a Free Congress.

5. The Coors family owns all of the voting stock and 90% of the non-voting stock of the company. Thus every dollar of profit serves the family's own right-wing political agenda. The national boycott of Coors beer begun in 1977 by striking Coors workers has been endorsed by the AFL-CIO, the National Education Association, NOW, the National Congress of Black Trade Unionists, the Mexican American Political Association, and gay rights and consumer groups across the country.

6. The boycott is working. Since 1977, Coors has dropped from 3rd to 7th place among beer producers nationally. Coors has also gone from having the lowest advertising budget (per barrel of beer) to the highest advertising budget in the country.

## Democratic Socialists of America Ann Arbor Local P.O. Box 7211 Ann Arbor, MI 48107

### Statement of Purpose

The Democratic Socialists of America formed in 1982 by a merger of the Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee, a remnant of the old Socialist Party, and the New American Movement which grew out of the New Left of the 1960's.

DSA draws its members from many Left traditions. We cultivate an open and pragmatic political style that enables us to work in and with all the main progressive movements—labor, feminist, peace, anti-racist, and so on.

We try to help the progressive forces in American society form a powerful coalition to achieve peace, economic democracy, and racial and sexual justice. We believe that this task must at least begin within the Democratic Party.

### Membership and Structure

Membership is open to anyone committed to democratic principles and progressive change. National dues are \$35.00 per year (\$15.00 low-income) and local dues of \$10.00 (\$5.00) are voluntary.

The main Ann Arbor local has a steering committee, but most major decisions are taken at monthly membership meetings. These are open to all and any DSA member may vote. For more information about meetings, see our bi-monthly newsletter or call Greg Scott, 665-5652. The Youth Section meets weekly during the school year and also gets together to socialize on Friday afternoons. For more

information, call Paul Meyer, 996-5950. The Local also has an affiliated political action committee, SOCPAC, that endorses candidates for public office and donates small amounts of money.

### Current Events

DSA will hold its annual Fall outreach meeting Tuesday, September 16. Jim Shoch, National DSA's Political Director, will be there. For time and location, call Greg Scott, 665-5652.

This fall DSA is organizing a general conference of the local Left to work out a common agenda in city politics. The conference on "New Directions for Ann Arbor" will be held Saturday, October 11. For more info, call Eric Ebel, 662-4497.

DSA members are also working with various groups to get the city to study comparable worth in city employment. For more on this, call Greg Scott, 665-5652.

## New Democratic Movement (NDM) P.O. Box 3527 Ann Arbor, MI 48106 996-8408

### Theory

Any viable strategy for change in America today must reckon with the cultural ascendancy of capitalism. This is a central fact of our social existence and must be met head on.

By means of the mass media the education system, popular culture, and bureaucratized and alienating methods of production, the capitalist State has "colonized" civil society, and confused and weakened working class solidarity. The corporations thus rarely need to use overt violence to enforce their rule. To overcome this complex and often subtle form of domination we must build and nurture a nation-wide counter-cultural trend that reaches into all spheres of society. Only out of such a movement can we then develop a "democratic" or "majoritarian" process of change.

Cultural (and counter-cultural) power is not limited to the narrow field of "arts and leisure" but extends throughout our entire society, molding value systems, social networks,

learned behaviour and ritual. It comprises not only the mental aspect of culture but its material aspect as well: the implementation and realization of values in concrete institutions.

### Strategy

How can the cultural ascendancy of capitalism be overcome? How can the counter-cultural power of working and oppressed peoples be constructed? What are the proper methods of struggle? What are effective strategies and correct tactics?

We must simultaneously challenge power and deliver services. To do only the former would be oppositional; to do only the latter, reformist. We must create our own institutions and seize footholds of power in existing institutions. We can expand these footholds; we can use them to shield and nurture our own projects. The power and resources are out there. In unions, in cooperatives, in churches. Even the State is not monolithic. The community, city and state levels and even some courts and some parts of the federal bureaucracy enjoy a relative independence which is subject to influence and pressure from working people. We can exploit contradictions here. We can find openings here. Eventually, local power bases can serve as a "springboards" for national power. Reagan and Nixon catapulted into national power from their local California power base—we can do likewise from ours. Think of it in terms of guerilla warfare: we are building a network of

"liberated zones" and "base areas" in an institutional/cultural space.

Our strategic targets are the corporate monopolies and in particular the federal government policies and structures that serve them. However, merely opposing corporate America does not deal with alternatives or with the reality of the U.S. system. The people of America will seek new leadership among those who have presented a vision, and have constructed living examples and working models of that vision. Competent leadership must be visible and demonstrable.

We can not wait for an economic catastrophe. We can not only protest, oppose and delay. We must contend.

### Program and Meetings

Our program is not a list of shrill demands or a utopian blueprint. It is a comprehensive plan of action around which local and national organizing efforts can be structured. It is transitional. It deals concretely with the trends, problems and opportunities of the present period of crisis. It is non-sectarian and pluralistic. It speaks to the majority of Americans and strives to unite members of different classes and sectors around their common economic interests. For more information on the program, attend the NDM September monthly meeting.

Sun., Sept. 21: Monthly Meeting/Introduction to NDM, public welcome, 4 pm, Michigan League, Room D, 3rd floor, Ann Arbor.

# SOUTH AFRICA

## Free South Africa Coordinating Committee (FSACC) c/o Michigan Student Assembly 8309 Michigan Union Ann Arbor, MI 48109 971-7994 or 769-8549

### Statement of Purpose

Formed in the spring of 1985, FSACC is a multi-racial campus-based group which is committed to opposing the brutal system of Apartheid in South Africa as well as racism in this country. FSACC produces literature and organizes educational events which examine Apartheid and expose ways in which U.S. institutions (including the University of Michigan), underwrite that system.

FSACC is also involved in grass-roots efforts to change the policies and practices of our government and university

which provide direct support to the Apartheid regime or reflect insensitivity to the aspirations of the majority of the country's disenfranchised Black population.

### Meetings

FSACC meets every Monday night at 7 pm in Room 111, West Engineering Bldg. (corner of S. University and E. University). At each meeting we have a brief update about the week's activities in South Africa. Call for more information.

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**Current News**

Last academic year FSACC organized and initiated five major events and campaigns to educate the campus and Ann Arbor community about the South Africa issue and to help pressure the university administration to take a stronger anti-Apartheid stand. (1) FSACC coordinated a mass petition drive (2,000 names) to bolster the nomination of S. African leader Nelson Mandela for an honorary degree. (2) When the University Regents refused to honor Mandela and handled the nomination in a secretive and undemocratic manner, we organized a 24 hour sit-in in the Administration Building, involving more than 100 students. (3) In May we held an alternative commencement ceremony to honor Nelson Mandela. The event was attended by nearly 400 people with U.S. Congressman George Crockett delivering the keynote address and a representative of the African National Congress accepting the honors for Mandela. (4) In March we built an anti-Apartheid shanty in the Diag as a symbol of the suffering in S. Africa and as a reminder of the actual conditions under which Black S. Africans live. Despite attacks by local vandals, the shanty has endured and will remain standing until Apartheid is abolished. (5) On

April 4, the anniversary of Martin Luther King's assassination, we joined forces with dozens of campus and community groups to sponsor a Freedom March against Racism and Apartheid.

We have also hosted numerous films, panels, and speakers, including a 3-day teach-in last October. We have held several candlelight vigils in memory of the victims of the violent Apartheid system. Over the summer a small corps of FSACC members met weekly to prepare literature and make preliminary plans for Fall activities. We also successfully pressured the local authorities to prosecute a shanty vandal caught by campus security last term.

**Coming Events**

We have four major campaigns planned for the upcoming school year: (1) Build an even broader and stronger campaign in support of the nomination of Nelson Mandela for an honorary degree in May, 1987. (2) Launch a material aid drive to collect funds and supplies for the Solomon Mahlangu Freedom School for South African refugees and political exiles in Tanzania. (3) Initiate dialogue and a petition drive with other progressive and minority organizations to develop an anti-racist agenda for the campus. (4) Organize a very broad coalition of organizations in preparation for the 2nd annual Freedom

March Against Racism and Apartheid, April 4, 1987.

**Fri. 12:** FSACC will have literature, posters and T-shirts at our Festifall booth on the Diag.

**Mon. 15:** Mass meeting to discuss the current situation in Southern Africa and to give an update on campus anti-Apartheid activities. We will also tell others how they can get involved in the Free South Africa Movement. 8 pm, Ampitheatre of the Rackham Bldg. (Washington St., across from MLB).

**Fri. 26:** Rededication ceremony for the anti-Apartheid shanty. The ceremony will include songs, speeches, poems and drama and will begin at 8 pm on the Diag.

**Sept. 26-Oct. 11:** Signup of teams to staff the shanty around the clock to kick off this year's anti-Apartheid campaigns. Oct. 10: The national day of solidarity with S. African political prisoners. Noon rally on the Diag, followed by a symbolic "breaking the chains" ceremony at several sites around the city. Oct. 10-11: Dr. Manning Marable and journalist Alexander Cockburn will be keynote speakers to kick off an all-day conference on Oct. 11, "Critiques of U.S. Intervention in Central America, South Africa and the Middle East," sponsored by FSACC, Latin American Solidarity Committee, November 29 Committee for Palestine, and New Jewish Agenda. Details will be announced.

## International Possibilities Unlimited (IPU) South African Political Prisoner Bracelet Program P. O. Box 2542 Ann Arbor, MI 48106 973-2016

**Statement of Purpose**

International Possibilities Unlimited (IPU), the organization conducting the bracelet program, is a nonprofit corporation with staff workers and a board of directors. The South African Political Prisoner Bracelet Program staff operates in four committees: the Orders, Network, Publicity, and Education Committees.

The purpose of the South Africa Political Prisoner Bracelet Program is to educate the public about the plight of political prisoners in South Africa and to increase the public's awareness of the continued racial and social-economic oppression of the people of Southern Africa.

Each bracelet bears the name of a South African political prisoner serving a life sentence. The bracelet should facilitate the development of a personal bond between the wearer and the prisoner named thereon and his or her family. To that end, we provide addresses where participants can write a particular prisoner. In addition, a portion of the funds generated through the sale of the bracelets is contributed to other organizations whose

central goals are consistent with IPU's.

**Meetings and Membership**

Meetings are held every Monday at 5 p.m. at 2501 Braeburn Circle. Please call 973-2016 to confirm the location. IPU presently has seven working members. We carry out all aspects of the bracelet program and therefore we are a task-oriented organization. This program offers numerous rewards to anyone who has the courage and commitment to take the challenge of creating a viable international program "against all odds." We need people who are excited by that type of challenge.

**Action Alert**

Every month in this section we will give you information about anti-apartheid campaigns or efforts that need your immediate attention and support. This month we will highlight Senate Bill S2701 and a new anti-apartheid PAC.

A bill that imposes economic sanctions on South Africa was passed by the Senate, August 15th. S2701, introduced by Senator Richard Lugar (R-IN), bars most new investments in, and loans to South Africa, prohibits the importation of coal, uranium and steel (with diamonds banned if there is no progress in 12 months) and severely restricts U.S. landing rights for South African aircraft.

Since the Senate bill falls short of the comprehensive sanctions contained in HR 997, the bill which passed in the House in June, a House-Senate conference committee was appointed. This committee will begin negotiating a compromise bill when Congress returns from summer break September 8th. It is imperative that you contact Congressman Pursell and Senators Levin and Reigle to

express your support for the comprehensive sanctions delineated in the House bill.

A political action committee has been established to assist candidates running for federal office who are "committed to vigorous action" in support of majority rule in South Africa and independence for Namibia. Americans Against Apartheid, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, offers money and volunteer support to congressional candidates and works in coalition with other anti-apartheid organizations. Contributions or information requests can be made to: Americans Against Apartheid, P O Box 65004, Washington, DC 20035-5004 or (202) 822-3131.

**Current Events**

To date, IPU has sold 1,600 bracelets to people in 30 states and in five countries. The bracelets and the 27 page resource brochure which accompanies them are available in two stores (Collected Works in Ann Arbor and the Shrine of the Black Madonna in Detroit) or through the mail at the above IPU address. They are \$6.76 each (\$6.50 + \$0.26 state sales tax).

A National Anti-Apartheid Student Conference will be held at Howard University, Saturday, September 20th. The goal of the conference is to develop a strategy for nationwide, campus-based, anti-apartheid activism. Written proposals for activities from student groups will be accepted prior to the conference and voted on at the conference. Voting will be democratically based in the sense that there will be one vote per campus. If you are interested, please contact Ms. Ona Alston of the Howard University Student Association at (202) 636-7007.

## WOMEN'S ISSUES

### National Organization for Women (NOW) Ann Arbor-Washtenaw County Chapter 1917 Washtenaw Avenue Ann Arbor, MI 48104 995-5494

**Statement of Purpose**

The National Organization for Women is committed to taking action to bring women into full participation in the mainstream of American society now, exercising full rights and responsibilities in partnership with men. NOW works to support the private choice of every woman to control her own reproductive life, to support each person's right to be free from discrimination based on one's sexual preference, and to include the Equal Rights Amendment in the Constitution of the United States of America. The NOW Political Action Committee gathers information about political candidates and their positions on feminist issues and may choose to endorse candidates that support

women's issues. Further, NOW works on many issues that affect women: fair insurance practices, nuclear disarmament, minority rights, homemakers' rights, day care, pay equity and so on; wherever women's lives are affected.

**Meetings**

The Ann Arbor-Washtenaw County chapter of NOW meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Unitarian Church, 1917 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor. A topic of general interest is presented at 7:30, preceded by a social half-hour. Free child care is available during the meeting, and the public is always welcome. A portion of each meeting is devoted to writing letters of support or critique regarding current issues to the people involved and the government officials concerned with their resolution.

**September Events**

**Fri., 26:** "Women in Politics-1986." A fund-raising celebration to honor and support local women politicians. Senator Lana Pollack; Commissioners Merilou Murray, Catherine McClary, and Mary Egnor; and Councilwomen Doris Preston, Kathy Edgren, and Bev Fish will be among the honorees. Your \$25 donation will go to the Ann Arbor NOW-PAC. 7:30 -10:30 pm, 1781 Arlington, Ann Arbor. For

information: 995-2532.

**Tues., 9:** "Positive and Negative Images of Women" will be the topic for the general meeting, with the emphasis on images of women in the local area. The meeting will be open to anyone wishing to share personal experiences and for ideas on how to work to improve the image of women. 7:30 pm, 1917 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor.

**To Be Announced:** "Feminist Friday" Monthly get-togethers to meet other feminists and discuss whatever is on your mind in an informal atmosphere. Information: 662-6429.

### Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) 619 East University, A-1 Ann Arbor, MI 48104 971-4702

**Statement of Purpose**

Since its founding in 1915, WILPF has united countless  
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women working for peace and freedom. Currently, there are approximately 120 members in the Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti branch. As an international organization with official representation in the United Nations, WILPF is committed to the U.N. as a strong force for settling disputes among nations. WILPF has always affirmed that peace and freedom are inseparable, two sides of the same coin. The organization continues to be a multi-issue, multi-race group, emphasizing the connections between war and poverty, racism and economic exploitation, and sexism and violence. The group stands for the equality of all people in a world free of racism and sexism, the building of a constructive peace through world disarmament, and changing U.S. government priorities to meet human needs.

**Meetings**

WILPF holds monthly program and action meetings to plan events, discuss issues and determine what actions the Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti branch will take regarding those issues. Call for specific times and places.

**Community Services**

Since education for peace is a major part of WILPF's program, the group has a lot of literature available on the subject. Art work, T-shirts, posters, buttons and books are also available for moderate donations. Members will speak on current issues and special topics, such as U.S. policy in Central America, war tax resistance. Also available are children's books on peace, disarmament and social justice

**September Events**

WILPF Ypsilanti-Ann Arbor branch will have its first meeting of the fall on Tuesday, September 16, at 7:30 pm, Fellowship Room of Friend's Center, 1420 Hill Street, Ann Arbor. The purpose of the meeting is to greet new members and explain the program for the year. The public is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

**OTHER**

**Amnesty International (AI)  
U.S. Group 61  
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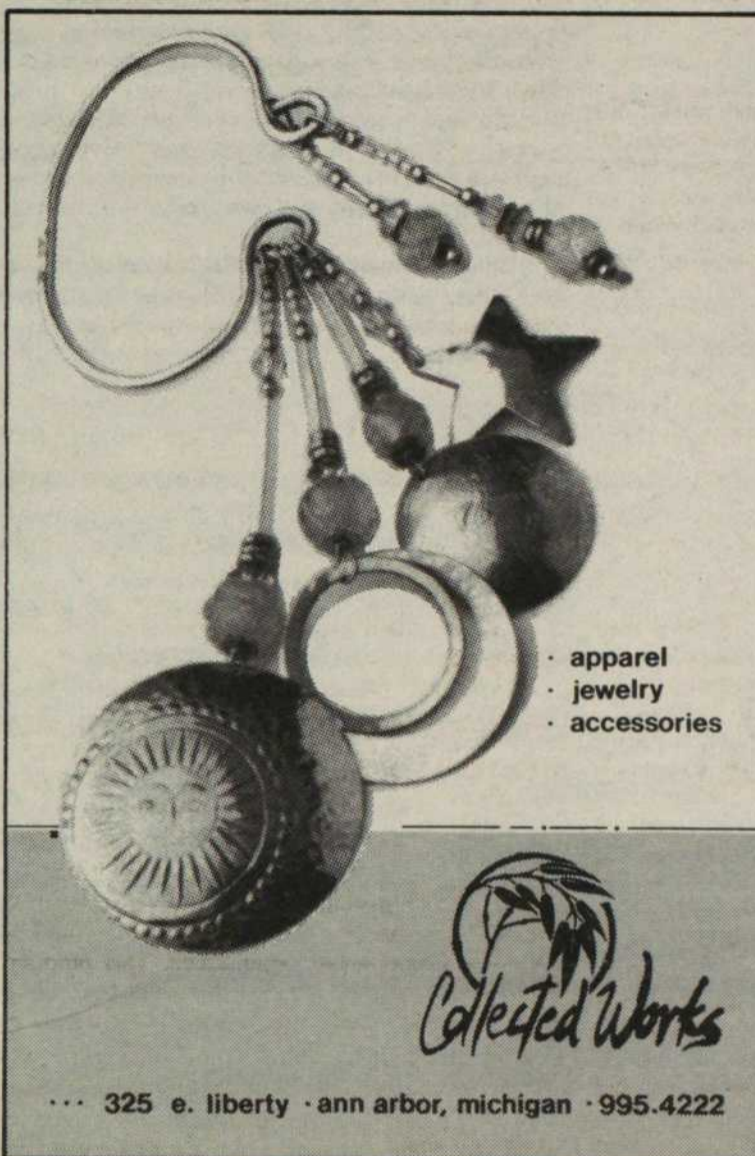
One of the key guidelines of AI's approach is to work on behalf of individual prisoners. Members of AI send communications on behalf of the imprisoned to officials. Members organize public meetings and arrange special publicity events, such as vigils at appropriate government offices or embassies. Members collect signatures for international petitions and raise money to send relief, (and often greetings and words of support) to the prisoners and their families. The hope and encouragement that this provides prisoners is reflected in the words of a former prisoner in Taiwan: "I can never forget how I was moved to tears when unexpectedly I was handed in a solitary cell a brief letter from Amnesty International."

Since it was founded in 1961, AI has intervened on behalf of more than 20,000 prisoners in over 100 countries. A key to AI's effectiveness is its scrupulous research and documentation of prisoners' cases. AI's International Secretariat in London has a research department which collects and analyzes information from a wide variety of sources and AI representatives go on missions to collect on-the-spot information. The accuracy of AI's findings is recognized throughout the world.

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popular ways of becoming involved in AI activities is to join an Adoption Group, which consists of 10 to 30 members and works on behalf of individual prisoners whose cases have been researched by the International Secretariat. The Ann Arbor group, AIUSA Group 61, holds official meetings on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm at the Michigan Union. Its primary work is letter writing to foreign countries on behalf of the group's "adopted" prisoners until those prisoners are released.

It is often asked whether writing letters does any good, particularly in countries with dismal human rights records. At the very least, letters help prevent a prisoner from getting lost in the system. Prisoners who have been

released have reported that their treatment in prison improved significantly once letters began to arrive. With regard to torture, many governments who use it "officially" condemn it, and are embarrassed at being exposed as practitioners. In the absence of diplomatic pressure, letter writing is sometimes the only way such abuses are exposed. Group 61 requires its members to write a minimum of two letters per month, one on behalf of each of its two adopted prisoners.

Group 61 members also staff literature tables at the Ann Arbor Farmer's Market and the Art Fair, and coffee and literature tables in the Fishbowl and Modern Languages Building at the U-M. Members also work on publicity and fundraising.

To learn more about AIUSA programs, contact the national headquarters at AIUSA, 322 8th Ave., New York,

NY 10001, (212) 807-8400. To join the U.S. Urgent Action Network, contact AIUSA, Urgent Action Office, P.O. Box 1270, Nederland, CO 80466, (303) 440-0913.

### Current Events

Presently, Group 61 works on the cases of two adopted prisoners, Tatyana Velkanova of the U.S.S.R., and Ahmet Isvan of Turkey. A third prisoner, A. Vettithasan of Sri Lanka, whose case is still under investigation, may be adopted by Group 61 in the coming months. Group 61 also needs help staffing an information booth at the Saturday Farmer's Market from 9 am to 1 pm. The group is presently organizing a September or October event to celebrate the 25th anniversary of AI. There is also an urgent action group in Ann Arbor which works on Latin American cases. Call 668-0249 for more information.

## PIRGIM

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PIRGIM (Public Interest Research Group in Michigan) is the state's leading consumer/environmental organization. PIRGIM'S 15,000 citizen members and thousands of student members nationwide have combined to win victories for consumers by lowering telephone prices, and for residents by reducing the dangers from toxic chemicals. For example, PIRGIM efforts last year led to state and county laws giving citizens and workers the right to know about toxic chemicals. We challenged Michigan Bell three years

ago and won over \$318 million in telephone cost savings for consumers. Our activities include voter registration campaigns, women's safety in Ann Arbor, and passing the federal Superfund law.

### Structure and Membership

PIRGIM is effective in changing state and local policies because of a unique partnership between students, who run the organization, and its citizen members. The Board of Directors is elected from student PIRGIM members. The Board then hires a professional staff of lawyers, lobbyists and organizers who run a Citizen Outreach Campaign to work with citizens to pass important legislation.

PIRGIM always welcomes volunteers. Projects for volunteers include producing consumer buying guides, working on the newsletter, researching for a study on

problems with the food stamp program, and researching on toxic waste sites. Contact Andy at 662-6597.

### Current Activities

PIRGIM's 1986-87 "Consumer Guide to Banking in Ann Arbor" will be available September 4. Also watch for our "Guide to Food, Spirits, and Entertainment" and the new newsletter.

The Citizen Outreach Project is kicking off its fall campaign to enact environmental enforcement legislation. Full and part-time paid positions are available with the campaign. Contact Jenna or Woody at 668-6515.

PIRGIM's campus activities: toxic cleanup, women's safety, world and domestic hunger relief and more begin in September. Watch for posters and announcements, or call Andy at 662-6597.

## Alcohol

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will never be willing to accept the unacceptable: alcoholism is killing us.

Admitting that we cannot control what the alcoholic and drug dependent among us do is the first step we need to take in order to help them. And for no less than one quarter of us, taking this step allows us to begin the path from addiction. The first step in our recovery is to admit that we live in a community which has a serious alcohol and drug problem. After giving up our denial, we need to determine which recovery program will work best for us. If we discover that we are part of the 2 to 40%, we need to become active in Alcoholics Anonymous. As long as we persist in our self destructive behavior, we cannot help advance ourselves or our community. Drunks make poor revolutionaries.

Ann Arbor is fortunate to have gay/lesbian meetings of AA. But, gay AA will not keep any of us sober. It is the program of Alcoholics Anonymous which keeps us sober. Gay/lesbian meetings are an

added bonus; a bonus that often helps newly sober alcoholics learn the basics of the program without fear of rejection by the larger AA community.

If we are co-dependents (and who in the gay/lesbian community is not affected by an alcoholic?) we need to go to AI-Anon. Based on the same Twelve Step program as Alcoholics Anonymous, members of AI-Anon learn how they are affected by the "disease" process of alcoholism and what they can do to gain some sanity in their lives.

If we are to be a healthy community, we need to begin working on ourselves; for unless we are healthy how can we expect to help others become healthy? And unless we are self-accepting, how can we expect others to accept us?

After beginning work on ourselves, we need to establish chem-free space in our community. In making this claim, I do not advocate that we rush out to join the ranks of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. Alcohol is not the enemy and the problems of alcoholism will not be eliminated if alcohol is made illegal. What we must do, however, is to give up that all

too prevalent notion that everyone drinks. And we need to quit using the gay and lesbian bars as a scapegoat for our addiction. Recent research concerning substance abuse in the gay male community indicates that homosexual alcoholics drank alcoholically even before they entered their first gay bar. Bars do not cause alcoholism.

A few years ago, I had my last alcoholic beverage. Yet, today, I enjoy meeting students and members of my department at our favorite East Lansing bar. While there I drink my soda and lime and enjoy the company of my colleagues while we chat and share joys, excitement, disappointments, and successes. Because I am able to get my non-alcoholic drink, there is no reason for me to avoid this particular bar. (In fact, the soda and lime is not only readily available; it is also free.)

Sadly, I cannot say the same thing about the majority of gay functions which I attend. Frequently, those of us who choose not to drink—and I should point out that not all of us are alcohol or drug dependent—find it difficult to obtain non-alcoholic beverages at gay functions. Even

when non-alcoholic beverages are available, they frequently are not as available as alcoholic ones. For example, the last time I went to a gay bar, I found that I could purchase a well drink for \$1.00. Yet, because it did not contain alcohol, my customary soda and lime cost \$1.35.

When we set aside chem-free space at our events and make sure that non-alcoholic beverages are equally available and desirable at our functions, we begin to help people understand that it is okay not to drink. This, of course, is not the same as saying that it is not okay to drink. Being drunk is not a requirement for being a politically correct homosexual. And, as Bob Kus from the University of Iowa has documented in his research with recovering gay alcoholics, sober sex—and social intercourse in general—is far more fulfilling than the "God was I drunk last night" syndrome made famous by *The Boys in the Band*.

Is the escape from reality that alcohol and drugs bring worth the risk of our health and, quite probably, our lives?

## Bomb

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missile and the Stealth Bomber. In 1978-1979, we researched ballistic missile defense that was in effect a violation of the 1972 ABM Treaty. U-M Professor Senior has studied the effects of EMP on bombers, to determine survivability of our planes to keep fighting even after a nuclear war. U-M professor Birdsall has researched anti-submarine warfare, which could upset the delicate nuclear balance between the U.S. and the Soviet Union. An article in *Scientific America* concurs, "The result of improved undersea surveillance capabilities" could be a "perceived erosion of Russian missile submarine survivability in these waters and a growing ability of the U.S. to

launch a first strike." There have been mustard gas, nerve gas, explosive dust and mind control experiments funded by the Department of Defense and the Central Intelligence Agency, as well.

Although the war may have taken a lot of casualties already, we can still win it! During the Vietnam War, we kicked the Pentagon centers, such as Willow Run Labs, off the campus and established the guidelines on classified research. And we can do it again! We must demand that the current guidelines be retained and strengthened. The enforcement mechanisms must be retained and the ban on classified research destructive to human life clause extended to cover all research. We must show our disgust for the increasing militarization of our University, our community, and our

lives. We are starting a United Campuses to Prevent Nuclear War (UCAM) chapter on campus to fight these issues (see CRD.) The time is now. Next time there is a "Hiroshima," there will be no one left to commemorate it.

— OOPS —

Roberta Bernhard should have been listed as an editorial assistant for the August issue of *Agenda*. Our apologies.

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