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University Cellar: R.I.P. 1969-1986

by Fred Chase

ANN ARBOR—On Christmas Eve, 1986 the University Cellar Bookstore closed its doors "forever," as the sign in the window announced to would-be customers. Expressions of sadness could be seen on the faces of many who read it as they passed.

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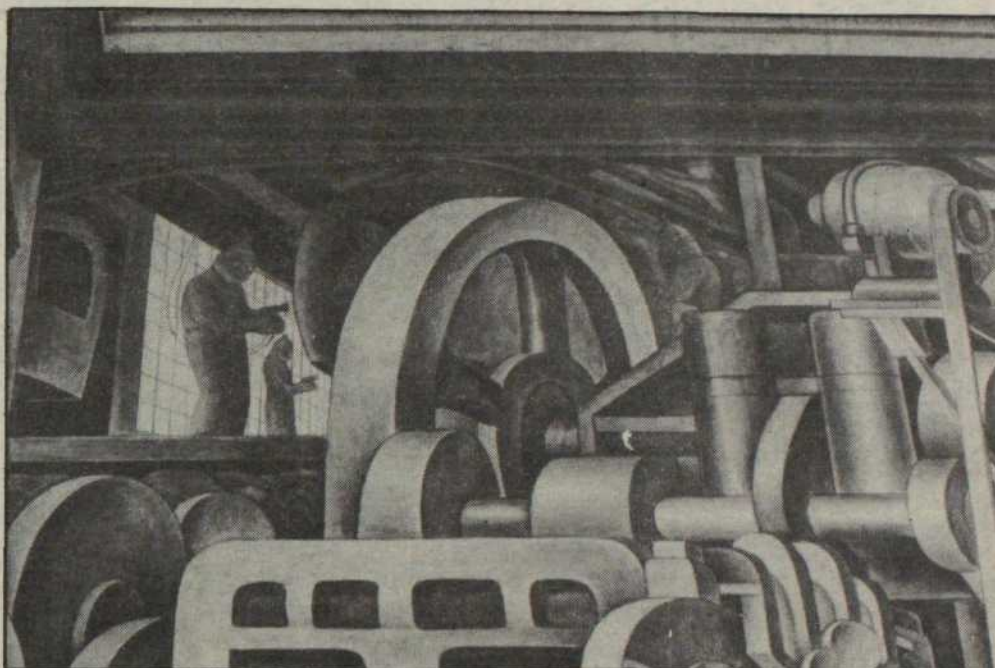
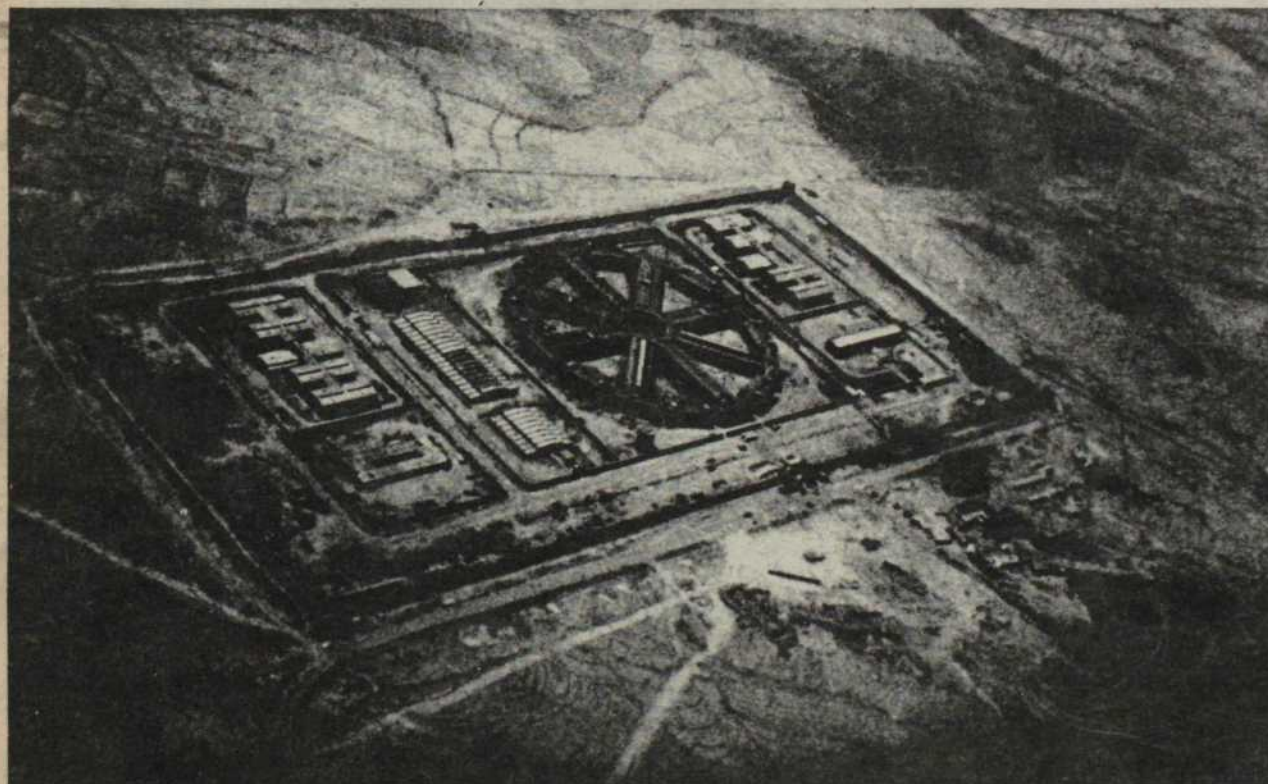


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Lest We Forget:

50th Anniversary Tribute to the Pioneers of
the Great Flint Sit-Down Strike

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Pul-e Charki prison was originally built for 5,000 prisoners, but Amnesty International believes that the number held there is now well in excess of 10,000. (graphic: courtesy of Amnesty International)

TORTURE in Afghanistan

Soviet-Backed Government
Violates Rights of Thousands
of Political Opponents

by Tom Algeo

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Shortly after this picture was taken of Plant #4 on Feb. 1, 1937, the diversionary attack at Plant #9 allowed strikers to seize Plant # 4 and thus to effectively shut down all of General Motors Chevrolet Production.

Lest We Forget:

In Tribute to the Pioneers of the Great Flint Sit-Down Strike

by Ronda Hauben

Remember when the 'Sit-Down' came?
And all the papers laid the claim
Against each Union Member's name?
'Subversive!'

from the poem "Subversive" by
Floyd Hoke-Miller

Fifty years ago, on Feb. 11, 1937, auto workers in Flint, Michigan marched triumphantly out of the factories they had occupied for 44 days. They had endured cold, tear gas, gun-shot wounds, injunctions, etc., but they did indeed "Hold the Fort" until General Motors (GM) agreed to grant sole bargaining rights to their union, the United Auto Workers (UAW). One historian, evaluating the significance of the Sit-Down, writes:

"The era of the New Deal was studded with great strikes, many of them signifying an upheaval of unskilled labor in the nation's mass production industries." (Thomas Karman, "The Flint Sit-Down

Strike," Michigan History, June 1962, p.98)

The strike wave of the 1930's made it possible, for the first time, to have industry-wide rather than craft unions in the United States. But to understand the strike wave of the 1930's it is necessary to look back to its roots in the 1880's.

"There has been labor unrest ever since there was a factory system," points out one commentator, "but the movement referred to [in the 1930's-ed] can properly be traced back to 1886-87, a period of open warfare characterized for the first time by a series of important strikes on the issue of the right to organize and bargain collectively through nationwide unions." (Fortune Magazine, Nov. 1937)

The "right to organize and bargain collectively" was the long-sought goal of the labor movement through the 50 year period from the 1880's through the 1930's. That right had been conceded in other industrial countries, but it was bitterly resisted in the U.S.

American businessmen adamantly opposed this right. In the mid '30's, 35% of the workers in Britain were in unions and 70% of the Swedish workers were

unionized. But the U.S. nonagricultural labor force had only 18% of its workers in unions. Interestingly now, in 1987, once again, only 18% of the U.S. labor force, down from 37% in 1945, is unionized.

The period before and after the Depression of 1929, was one of radical technological change. The auto industry of the 1920's was heralded as the epitome of the modern world. It was pointed to as proof that the "old-fashioned" features of modern industrial life like trade unions had been "eliminated."

But for workers, the situation was quite different. Ken Malone, a '37 sit-downer described what life in the shops was like before the Depression:

"We were a pretty good bunch of guys in those days. No Seniority. No Union. No Contract. No Committeeman. No Pay. No nothing but work, work, work, and more work. There wasn't a war on then, but we worked 14 hours a day, 7 days a week. Absenteeism was unheard of. Failure to report to work cost you your "job."

("Whadda Yuh Mean, Tough Cookies," The Searchlight, Jan. 20, 1944, p. 2)

The assembly line had become the definition of modern labor relations.

With the stock market crash of '29 came even more intolerable working conditions. Malone describes the effect of the Depression on his working conditions at GM:

"About this time the depression hit. Thousands . . . were laid off without any means of making a living . . . I well remember the boss coming to me and saying, 'Ken, production has been cut out two-thirds and we are going to lay off a large number of men and here is the way we are going to do it. The next two weeks we are going to watch all men and see who runs the most production and WE ARE GOING TO KEEP THE MEN WHO RUN THE MOST. . . We all speeded up, so instead of 70% being laid off it was 90%. After the lay off we worked about two days a week but in those two days we did about four days work, for everyday the boss was threatening us if we didn't run more stock.'" (ibid.)

By the mid 1930's the economy was recovering, but there were still more than 11 million out of work. The American

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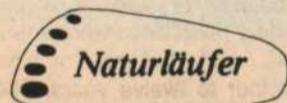
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Federation of Labor (AFL) called for a congressional investigation into the new technology that management was using to displace workers. The headlines of a typical article in an AFL newspaper during the period read: "Business Recovers, but Millions are Kept Jobless." (Flint Weekly Review, Jan. 17, 1936)

Workers were organizing and looking for some mechanism of fighting their intolerable conditions. In 1936 the newly formed UAW sent an organizer to Flint, Michigan, the heart of the GM empire. Wyndham Mortimer wrote a series of articles he sent to workers describing the problems brought about by the rapid technological change and outlining the UAW program. In one article he described the kind of trouble auto workers were facing.

"In Cleveland," he wrote, "1,000 workers have permanently lost their jobs as a result of the elimination of wood in the all steel bodies. In Norwood, Ohio, 200 men are permanently out of work for the same reason . . . There is the ever increasing productivity of the improved machinery that produces prodigiously with an ever decreasing number of workers." His articles proposed shorter hours, higher wages, and unionization in the mass production industries. ("Mortimer Points Out the Evils of New Machinery", FWR, Sept. 18, 1936)

To combat the growing movement for industry-wide unions, companies like General Motors introduced company unions, known as Works Councils. An individual grievance procedure was set up, but workers found the Works Councils, controlled as they were by the centralized power of GM management, powerless.

On Dec. 30, 1936, management in the Fisher II factory in Flint, MI tried to fire three UAW members. Fellow and sister workers stopped work and occupied the factory. The major daily newspaper in Flint reported: "A sit-down strike in which 22 men are said to have taken part, halted all operations at the No. 2 plant of the Fisher Body Division here this morning . . . throwing 2,200 men out of work." ("Strike Halts Car Assembly," Flint Journal, Dec. 30, 1936)

A sit-downer in the plant remembers the story quite differently. Not 22 workers, but

everyone he worked with stopped work to join the sit-down. "Every one of those fellows," he recalls, "had pretty much the same idea and they weren't taught by anybody . . . The idea was to stay put and to hold the plant." (interview with Roscoe Rich, Dec. 30, 1986)

"We were," he stressed, "all different people thinking the same." Roscoe Rich, who was elected the Sit-downers' Chief of Police in Fisher II, explains that before the sit-down strike most of the men working in the plant didn't even know each other's names. But they got to know each other once the sit-down began. A lot, he explains, were young guys, since GM usually threw a man out by the time he was 40. But he and others felt that working under such bad conditions meant: "there were no tomorrows so what have we got to lose."

An anonymous sit-downer, writing in his strike diary, describes the seizure of the Fisher II plant on December 30, 1936 at 6:45 am:

"Men waving arms—they have fired some more union men. Stop the lines. Men shouting. Loud talking. The strike is on. Well here we are, Mr. Diary. . . This strike has been coming for years. Speed-up system, seniority, overbearing foremen. You can go just so far you know, even with working men. So let's you and I stick it out with the rest of the boys. We are right and when you're right you can't lose." ("Holding the Fort: A Sit-downer's Diary", Flint, MI, 1986)

Several hours later, on the afternoon of Dec. 30, workers at the Standard Cotton Products Co., a supplier for GM, sat-down. Then around 10 pm that night, workers at the big Fisher I factory in Flint took over their plant.

"Thus began the first great auto strike, one of the most dramatic labor conflicts in our history," comments J. Raymond Walsh in his book, "CIO: Industrial Unionism In Action," (NY, 1937). He goes on to document how the impetus for the Flint Strike came from the ranks of the auto workers, in opposition to the leadership of the CIO. "The CIO high command," he explains, "preoccupied with the drive in steel, tried in vain to prevent the strike; it was fed by deep springs of resentment among thousands of men against

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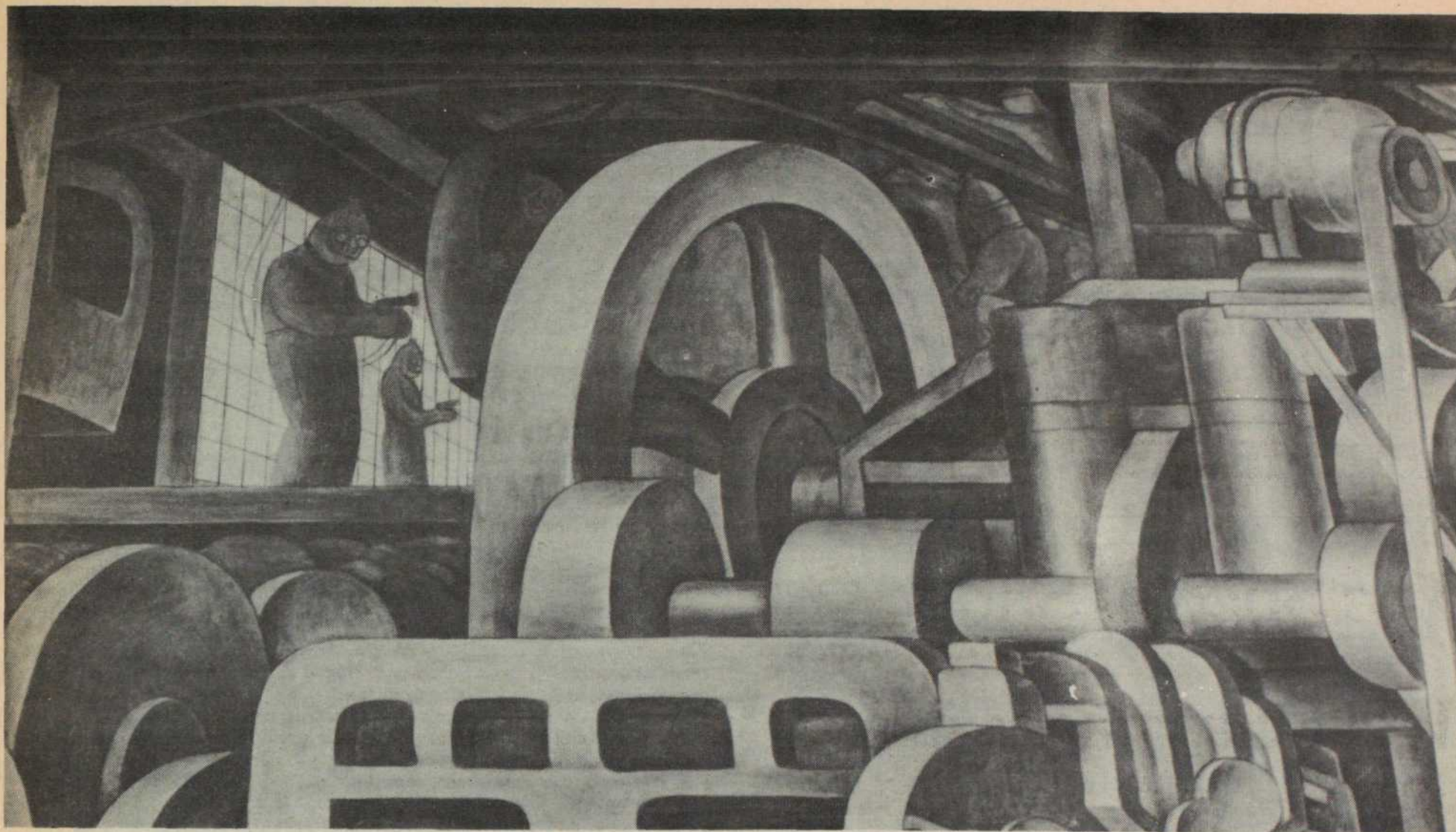
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a corporation grossly derelict in its obligations" (p. 112)

Then on Jan. 3, 1937, 200 UAW delegates from around the country met in Flint to create a Board of Strategy. They elected Kermit Johnson, a rank and file auto worker at the Chevrolet Engine Plant as the head of their strategy committee. The delegates authorized a formal corporation-wide strike and served GM with a set of the following eight demands:

" . . . first of all, that the representatives of the United Auto Workers and General Motors meet for an industry-wide conference to discuss the differences between labor and management; second, that all piece-work be abolished and straight hourly rates of pay be adopted; third, that a 30 hour work week and a six-hour workday be established with time and a half for overtime; fourth, that a minimum rate of pay commensurate with the American standard of living be established throughout the corporation's domestic plants; fifth, that all employees unjustly discharged be reinstated; sixth, that seniority rights be based upon length of service; seventh, that the UAW be recognized as the sole bargaining agent between General Motors and its employees; and finally, the speed of production be mutually agreed upon by management and a union committee in all General Motors plants." (Thomas A. Karman, "The Flint Sit-Down Strike," Michigan History, June, 1962, pages 105-6.)

General Motors responded to the strikes with a back-to-work movement called the Flint Alliance, ("The Flint Alliance for the Security of Our Jobs, Our Homes and Our Community"). The "Flint Journal" was filled with news of petitions signed by "happy" workers who wanted the strike ended. (Even in 1987, 50 years later, the "Flint Journal" is still trying to rewrite history, claiming that 91% of the workers in Chevrolet signed back-to-work petitions. See "Flint Journal," Jan. 9, 1987, p. D1.)

A union newspaper called "The Chevy Worker" was started on Jan. 7, 1937 to counter the company back-to-work movement. One article in the first issue exposed how workers were being forced to sign the Flint Alliance petitions and were threatened if they didn't sign.

"A petition is supposed to be a voluntary expression of opinion," the article explained, "How voluntary are these petitions that you have had to sign Chevy workers: glance at a few facts . . . Thursday morning, January 7th, a petition was circulated in Plant No. 5 and those refusing to sign were told that their names would be referred to the office and that they would be ineligible for loans from the company thereafter." The article goes on to give other examples of supervisors threatening workers to solicit

their signatures.

While the petitions were being passed around and forced on workers by supervision, a group of workers meeting outside the Chevy union hall were attacked by some GM supervisors: "Violence has been started in this strike by the company," Chevy workers reported, "We know who the men were . . . we are going to name the dirty rats right here and now, so that they can be shunned by all honest men." ("GM Starts Violence," Chevy Auto Workers, vol. 1, no. 2, Jan. 8, 1937.) The police came and arrested not the attackers, but the victims of the attack. Two union men were taken off to jail. The police charged them with fighting each other. 200 demonstrators went to the jail protesting the arrest and demanding the release of the two. In the meantime, a union member from Fisher I, William Coburn leaving the demonstration, was hit by a car

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and died as a result of his injuries.

On Jan. 11, 1937, police tried to cut off food to the strikers in Fisher II. A battle ensued when the police shot tear gas and shot-gun bullets at the strikers and their supporters who surrounded the plant. "At midnight," reported Rose Pesotta, (a CIO organizer who was sent to the scene) "the police tried a second time to force their way into the plant, but were met by a deluge of cold water from a firehose and an avalanche of two-pound steel automobile hinges. The cops' line broke under this defensive onslaught. Defeated and shame-faced they left the scene at top speed." (Bread Upon the Waters, NY, 1944, p. 241-2) The victorious battle of Jan. 11 became known as the Battle of Bulls Run, for the police, who were at that time called "bulls," had been routed.

Pesota visited the sit-downers inside the occupied plants and describes how they endured the 44-day ordeal to hold to their goal. She writes:

"Newspapers and periodicals of various political shades, labor papers and mystery magazines were among the reading matter in evidence . . . Most of these men had worked for Fisher Body from four to twelve years. They told me it was tough to sit around and do nothing after the speed-up had got into their blood. 'But I'll sit here till hell freezes under me,' said one. 'I won't give up the fight for I know where I'll land if we don't win this time.'" (p. 238-239)

Each occupied plant had its own governing body to make decisions and to carry out discipline. There was a kangaroo court charged with disciplining violations of the regulations passed. There were sanitation committees, recreation committees, educational committees, among others. "Punch Press," the official strike bulletin of the sit-downers, provided the following description of how strikers organized themselves in the plants:

"The most astonishing feeling you get in the sit-down plants is that of ORDER. Every activity is systematized. Communications are automatic; each striker has his hours of duty, his hours of play and rest; there is an organization set up for every routine problem, plus a lot of other problems; if you want first-aid, it is a department, a subdivision of Welfare. Transportation? That also is a section by itself. Would you beautify yourself? It has a department. The plant has been re-administered. As one striker said, 'No matter what happens, this plant will never be the same again!' " (Punch Press, Official Strike Bulletin, No. 7 U.A.W.A. local #156, p. 1)

By Jan., 1937, strikes had shut down a large part of GM's operations. Almost all of the company's 200,000 employees were out on strike or were out of work because of the lack of parts. Eighteen plants in ten cities were on strike. Besides Flint, the other cities hit by strikes were Detroit; St. Louis, Mo.; Toledo, Ohio; Cleveland, Ohio; Janesville, Wisc.; Anderson, Ind.; Norwood, Ohio; Atlanta, Georgia; and Kansas City, Mo. GM seemed to be getting desperate.

There were growing indications that the company was willing to try to use violence to break the strike. Mobs had attacked strikers in Anderson, Indiana on Jan. 27, in Bay City, Mich. on Jan. 27, and in Anderson, Indiana on Jan. 28. The sit-downers felt that it was important to go on the offensive. But they understood the need to take into account the presence of company-planted stool pigeons inside the union, as shown through the LaFollette investigation being conducted by Congress. Rose Pesota explains "As in war, something unexpected and startling

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was called for . . ." (p. 243). What followed was one of the most skillful and strategic plans used by labor in all of American history. Kermit Johnson, the rank and file chairman of the '37 strike strategy committee describes what was done:

"A few of us on the strike committee had met almost constantly for a week on a plan to shut down the Motor Plant of Chevrolet . . . Plant 4 [the Chevrolet Engine Plant] was huge and sprawling, a most difficult target, but extremely important to us because the corporation was running the plant, even though they had to stockpile motors in anticipation of favorable court action; GM had already recovered from the first shock of being forced to surrender four of their largest body shops to sit-down strikes. They already had the legal machinery in motion that would, within a short time, expel by force (if necessary) the strikers from the plants. If that happened, we knew the strike would be broken." (from "Lest We Forget," The Searchlight, Flint, MI, Feb. 11, 1960)

Kermit Johnson and the rest of the strike strategy committee realized that if they could get and hold Plant 4, they could stop production sufficiently to mortally wound GM. But 100 feet from plant 4 was the company personnel building which was used as an arsenal for the company police.

"Even the top leadership in the CIO, including John L. Lewis," Kermit wrote, "were seriously worried about the GM situation. When Lewis' right-hand man, John Brophy, approved our plan of action, he did it with great reluctance and a complete lack of confidence. He couldn't conceive of a successful strike in a plant that was less than one-fourth organized." The strike strategy committee developed a diversionary plan. They held a meeting of

carefully chosen union men, but insuring that a General Motor's informant was included. They convinced the men at the meeting that they would take Plant 9, despite the fact that Plant 4 was the vital plant for Chevrolet production. The stool pigeon convinced GM that the strikers planned to seize Plant 9. Thus the strikers lured the plant guards away from Plant 4. With the guards gone, the thousands of workers in Plant 4 were able to fight the necessary battles against supervision and company goons to gain control of their plant. And when the police tried to enter Plant 4, they were stopped at the gate by the Women's Emergency Brigade, a group of women who played an important role in defending the sit-downers.

Writers in Fortune Magazine in Nov., 1937 were compelled to admit, "Out of all the sensational news of the auto strike, the seizing of Chevy IV was the high point." They acknowledged it as an "illustration of labor's growing initiative . . . a landmark measuring how far labor had traveled in less than three years and through some 4,000 strikes."

On Feb. 11, 1937, sit-downers emerged from their occupied factories and joined a long parade through the streets of downtown Flint. General Motors had been forced to sign a one-page document conceding to the UAW the basis to become the sole bargaining agent for the auto workers.

The sit-downers went back to work by Feb. 18. They found that GM had not changed. To the contrary, the LaFollette Committee hearings document how GM management singled out union people and threatened or tried to fire them when they returned to work. In Chevrolet, Arnold Lenz, the anti-union plant manager, marched 1,000

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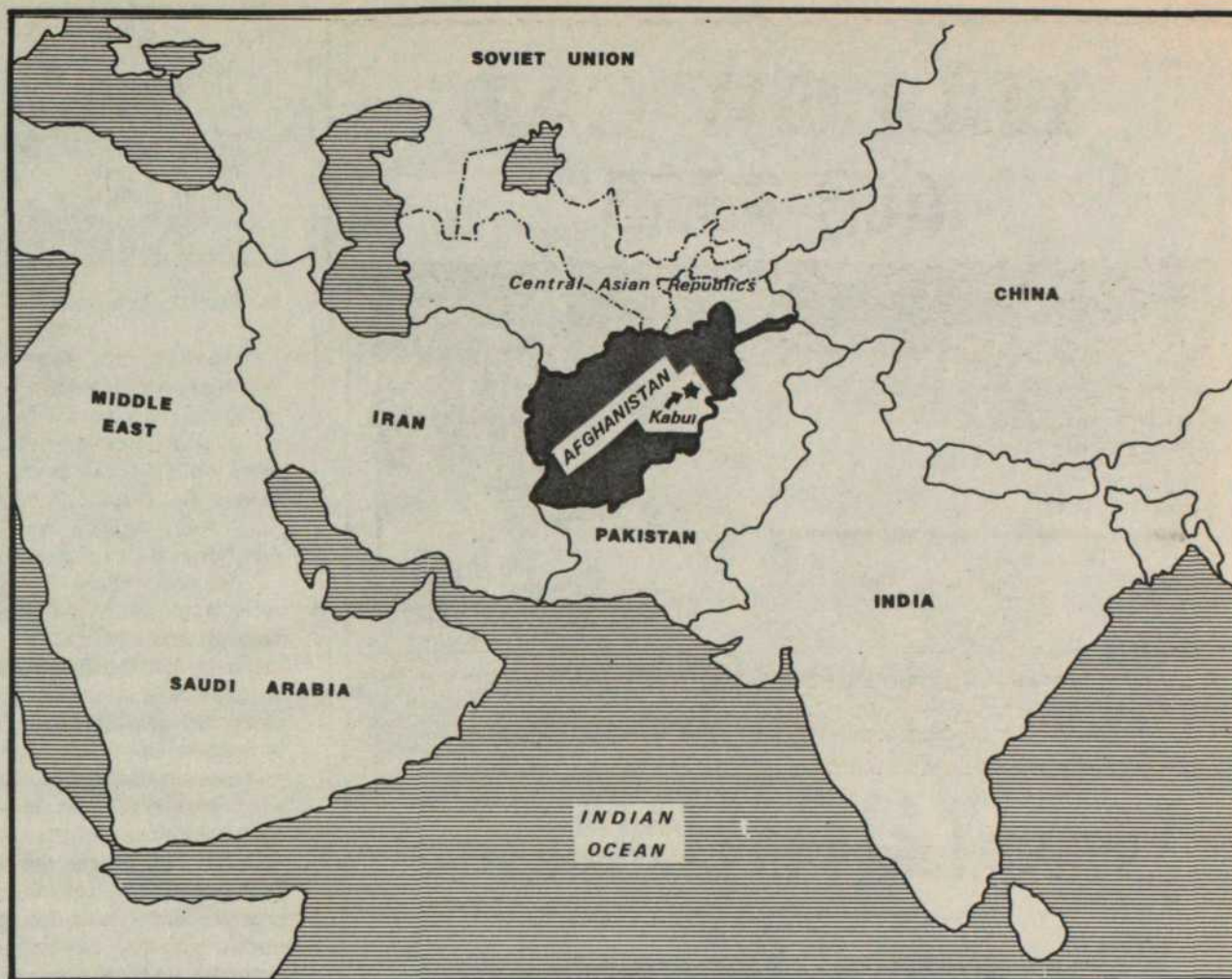
Upon coming to office during the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan on Dec. 27, 1979, Karmal announced the termination of "the torture machine" of the previous regime and gave solemn assurances to an Amnesty delegation in Kabul in Feb., 1980 that human rights abuses of the recent past would not be repeated, a pledge that was enshrined in the Fundamental Principles issued by the new government. In his first weeks in office thousands of political prisoners were released.

Since that time, however, arrests, detentions, and "disappearances" have again become commonplace. The precise number of detainees, although unknown, is now estimated to be in the tens of thousands and includes a broad cross-section of Afghan society: peasants, students, teachers, merchants, and police and government officials. Reasons for arrest, apart from armed resistance to the government, include such "crimes" as participation in demonstrations, possession of officially unapproved literature, attempting (or being suspected of attempting) to flee the country, or having friends or relatives who are (or are suspected of being) government opponents.

Interrogation and torture are the personal fiefs of KHAD, the State Information Services. The methods employed are the long-established favorites of torturers everywhere: beatings, electric shocks, cigarette burns, extraction of fingernails, suffocations, and mock executions. Commonly, prisoners are abused for several hours daily over a period of weeks, months, or years, and then released after a few weeks of nonabuse which permit most external evidence of torture to heal. Soviet personnel, although not known to have actively engaged in torture, are commonly present during such interrogations and dictate the lines along which questioning proceeds.

Torture is not the only concern of Amnesty International in Afghanistan. Human rights violations run the gamut from extrajudicial executions of both captured mujahedeen (holy warriors) and the populace at large as part of a campaign of terror, the detention without charge or trial of thousands of political prisoners (including many prisoners of conscience, who have neither advocated nor used violence), and implementation of the death penalty (108 executions were officially reported in 1984-85, but the actual number is thought to be much greater).

The functions of head of government and head of the torture-agency KHAD were officially merged when Najibullah came to power in May, 1986. Staunchly pro-Soviet, he joined the Afghan Communist Party in 1965, received KGB intelligence training in Moscow, and, according to the testimony of ex-prisoners, developed a predilection for torture. Najibullah's loyal support of the pro-Moscow faction of the Party and his efficiency and ruthlessness in suppressing political opponents contributed to his rapid rise to power under Soviet tutelage.



Torture in Afghanistan

Soviet Intervention

The Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, to which seven years, 120,000 men, and billions of rubles have been committed, was motivated by several fears. Obsession with border security has prompted the Soviet regime to establish a chain of dependent buffer states from Finland to Mongolia in which Afghanistan is the newest link. Additionally, the growth of the Moslem population in the Soviet Central Asian Republics and the resurgence of Islamic fundamentalism as a nationalistic force has been a cause for concern. In the view of the Soviet government, an independent Islamic Afghanistan might serve as a beacon of freedom for Moslem ethnic groups with cross-border relatives such as the Tadzhiks and Uzbeks.

The Red Army is only the latest in a long series of foreign forces who have subjugated, but not subdued, the unyielding Afghans. Due to its central location, wedged between Iran, Pakistan and the Soviet Union in the heart of Asia, Afghanistan has been a crossroads for caravans and conquerors for millennia. Persian, Greek, Mongol, Indian, and British masters have sought to rule this mountainous country, dominated by the towering Hindu Kush. The mountains, while serving to shield the Afghans, have kept the country isolated and underdeveloped, and its 18 million inhabitants rely chiefly on nomadic animal husbandry and subsistence agriculture for nourishment.

Monitoring events in Soviet-occupied Afghanistan is

difficult for journalists and humanitarian organizations alike. The Afghan news media are government controlled and the few foreign journalists are carefully chaperoned. Unauthorized reporting has waned since the Soviet Ambassador to Pakistan promised in 1984 that reporters apprehended in the company of mujahedeen would "be eliminated." Requests from humanitarian organizations such as Amnesty International, the United Nations' Commission on Human Rights, and the International Committee of the Red Cross for information and for limited access to detainees have been repeatedly denied or ignored by the government.

Unfortunately, Afghanistan is only one of approximately 50 countries world-wide in which governments systematically practice torture on their citizens, according to Amnesty International, a nonpartisan human rights organization with 500,000 members world-wide. Amnesty operates on the principle that no government likes to have its human rights violations publicized. It applies pressure to miscreant government officials through letter-writing campaigns, advisory and research councils, and awareness events, thereby focusing the spotlight of world public opinion on specific human rights violations. Amnesty hopes to eventually eliminate torture much as the 19th century Abolitionists did slavery, and thus to move another step closer to a world in which human rights are guaranteed for all.

across the country.

The newspaper put out by the Plant 4 sit-downers was called *The Searchlight*, subtitled, "The Voice of the Chevrolet Worker." In testimony before the War Labor Board in Washington, GM's Director of Labor Relations complained, "We always had a tough bunch of cookies up at Chevrolet-Flint to deal with. That was the breeding ground for the sit-down strikes . . . It is this same group of people," he went on, "that we thought that through the evolution of labor relationship . . . would probably be changed and improved." He lamented, "They are now back in the saddle and one very interesting paper (*The Searchlight*, official local publication) they got out recently is directed at 'Herr Thomas' [Pres. of the UAW]. So the worm has turned and they have got their own union officials, some of whom they dislike, to replace us in the news." (*The Flint Journal*, Jan. 7, 1944)

In response, George Carroll, the first editor of *The Searchlight*, explained, "We have criticized (not attacked) R.J. Thomas [Pres. of UAW] and Phillip Murray [Pres. of CIO] and shall continue to exercise the right to criticize as long as they pursue a policy we feel to be detrimental to the best interests of the membership of this Local."

Floyd Hoke-Miller, co-editor of *The Searchlight*, replied in verse to Coen's labelling the Chevy workers "tough cookies":

You can't be nice to human lice
That feed upon your blood,
And boast with pride about their side
A liftin' you outta the mud."

(from "Tough Cookies: With No Apologies" by Floyd Hoke-Miller.)

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SIT-DOWN

men armed with clubs through the plant. And the workers fought back, sometimes with slowdowns, sometimes with sit-down strikes as their way to resolve grievances or settle injustices. For example, there were sitdowns at plant No. 4 and No. 8 in Flint on March 6 when 6,500 workers sat-down, and on March 8, 500 workers in Plant 4 sat-down. (Sidney Fine, "Sit-Down," *Ann Arbor, MI*, 1969, p. 322)

Floyd Hoke-Miller, a sit-downer in Plant 4, sums up the victory of '37: "We didn't win the war, but we developed the unity to fight the coming battles."

"The Chevy Worker," the newspaper started by the Chevy workers on Jan. 7, 1937 to name the "dirty rats . . . so that they can be shunned by all honest men" became the precursor of shop papers put out by UAW locals



(PHOTOS BY GREGORY FOX)

Yankee Come Home!

by Phillis Englebert

On Jan. 8, about 35 people protested U.S. policy in Central America at the National Guard armory in Downtown Ann Arbor. Former congressional candidate Dean Baker and his campaign manager, Mark Weisbrot, were arrested when they refused to leave the building.

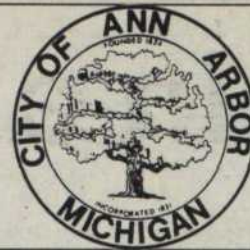
The protest, organized by the Latin American Solidarity Committee and endorsed by several organizations including the Ann Arbor Sister City Task Force, marked the beginning of a series of scheduled weekly events.

The first two protests happened on Jan. 8 and 15; both were staged at the National Guard armory. The target of the 3rd week's protest was the Navy Recruiting Station. The 4th protest, in which 9 were arrested was held on Jan. 29 at the Federal Building.

The protesters targetted these institutions because each is in some way contributing to the U.S. war in Central America. The Michigan National Guard has taken part in "exercisus" in Honduras which aid the contras in their efforts to terrorize the Nicaraguan people. According to a recent New York Times article, the Michigan guard is scheduled to return to Honduras in the next few months.

The protesters also sought to draw attention to the recently passed Montgomery Amendment which takes control of the Guard out of the hands of Governors and places it into the hands of the President. The repeal of this amendment was one of the demands of the protesters.

The weekly protests are scheduled to continue indefinitely or until the US changes its Central America policy. Call the LASC office at 665-8438 for current protest updates.



Contras active near Juigalpa

by Gregory Fox

The contra terrorist attack that occurred near Juigalpa while the Ann Arbor delegation was there in Nov., 1986, was not an isolated incident. We have received word that since the delegation's visit, there have been about ten contra attacks in the area near Juigalpa, and numerous land mines have been discovered.

Members of the Ann Arbor delegation went to the site of the Nov. 7, 1986 contra ambush at Comalapa, in a civilian pickup driven by Eduardo Zuniga Somoza. On Jan. 7, 1987 Eduardo was killed by contras, along with two other Juigalpans, near the farming co-op of Juigalpa, about 15 miles south of Juigalpa. The same pickup which carried the Ann Arbor delegates was destroyed in this attack.

The presumed target of this attack was Dr. Marilyn Camillo Martinez, who had been riding in that same pickup just a little while earlier. Dr. Camillo is the head of the Juigalpa medical clinic and is responsible for public health in the region and all of the outpost clinics. The delegates had extensive contact with Dr. Camillo and three delegates stayed at her house. She had told us that she is a probable target because of her political activities and her work bringing medical care to the community. Medical workers have been prime contra targets. Since that visit, Dr. Camillo has been condemned on the new 50,000 watt contra radio station: in other words, she is on their hit list.

January 7 was a big day at the Santa Marta co-op. The campesinos were going to receive titles to the land they were working (part of the Nicaraguan agrarian reform program). In addition to Dr. Camillo, a dentist, a social worker, an agrarian extension worker, and other government officials came to the co-op. They brought tools and clothing. Three pickup trucks were sent to the nearby town of Acoyapa to get barbed wire and zinc roofing. They were about 3 km from the co-op when the contras ambushed the trucks.



(PHOTO: ELLEN RUSTEN)

DR. MARILYN CAMILLO MARTINEZ

Eduardo, 23, was recently married, and had worked on a malaria brigade. Oscar Plata, the driver of one of the other pickups, was approximately 50 and the father of five children. Marvin Perez was a guard: we know nothing else about him. Three other people were seriously wounded in the attack. A few days later Dr. Camillo returned to Santa Marta to finish her medical rounds.

Other contra assaults near Juigalpa about which we have information include: on Nov. 27, 1986, ten campesinos were kidnapped from a private ranch and all of their homes were burned. Three of those kidnapped managed to escape. Three of the kidnapped who did not escape are children. On Jan. 12, 1987, approximately 30 contras attacked a co-op run by the ten Hurtado-Lopez brothers. Approximately one year ago they had pooled their resources to raise cattle and corn. Three of the brothers were killed in the attack and two women were abducted.

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Michigan Quest:

\$3.8 million in Humanitarian aid
for the Nicaraguan people

by AGENDA staff

On Jan. 27, press conferences were held in Lansing, Ann Arbor, Grand Rapids, Marquette, Detroit, Brethren, Kalamazoo, and Muskegon, as religious and peace organization leaders announced the kick-off of "Michigan Quest," a statewide campaign with the goal of raising \$3.8 million in humanitarian aid for the people of Nicaragua.

The Michigan goal is part of a national "Quest for Peace" campaign to raise \$100 million overall in the period from July, 1986 through Sept., 1987 to match congressional military aid to the contras. The campaign has been endorsed by over 400 organizations nationwide.

"We are creating a concrete way to offer our hand in peace to the Nicaraguan people who are being battered and killed by the violent policies of our government," said Bishop Thomas Gumbleton, Auxiliary Bishop of the Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit.

"Last year Congress voted \$100 million in death-causing aid to the contras," said Bishop Gumbleton. "This year citizens across Michigan and the nation will offer life-giving aid in food, clothing, and medical supplies, to the people the contras are attacking."

"Over \$250,000 of humanitarian aid has been sent to Nicaragua since last July according to our initial tally," reported to

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Hunger in a City of Plenty

by Jen Heitman

Most people are content to ease their conscience on the hunger problem by throwing some spare change in a bucket, donating a can for a holiday food basket, or serving a free meal on Thanksgiving or Christmas. These actions, while necessary and admirable, don't address the root problems of hunger. Hunger isn't a problem only during the holidays. It exists year round, is found in Ann Arbor, and is increasing here at a rapid rate.

Under the Reagan Administration, cuts in Federal and State food programs have hurt people in Ann Arbor. Cuts in the Federal food stamp program mean 733 fewer Washtenaw County residents received aid in 1985 as compared to 1984. Eliminating school breakfast funds mean 200 low income Ann Arbor children no longer receive a free or reduced-price meal before they start their school day.

To meet these new and compelling needs, local agencies have been forced to pick up the slack created by the Federal government—so people can eat. Local food programs have become a necessary and ongoing food source instead of an occasional emergency resource. 1986 saw a 10% increase in the number of individuals using the six largest local food programs. This includes a 4% increase in the number of families forced to use alternative ways to make ends meet.

The Ann Arbor City Council is active in meeting the needs of hungry people in two basic ways. The Mayor's Committee on Poverty was formed to demonstrate the extent of hunger in Ann Arbor and to identify strategies to meet these needs. This evolved into the Emergency Needs Committee which meets quarterly to

confirm needs and to oversee program effectiveness. The city also provides funds to local food programs. In 1986, \$62,000 was given to: Bryant Community Center, Catholic Social Services, the Human Services Department of the Second Baptist Church, Ladies that Care, Northside Community Center, St. Andrews Breakfast Program, and the Salvation Army.

HUNGER WATCH, sponsored by the World Hunger Education-Action Committee (WHE-AC), a U-M student group, is documenting the extent of hunger among residents in Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Detroit, and Lansing. HUNGER WATCH plans to publish its report in March. (This reporter is the sole researcher for the Ann Arbor portion as a part of her graduate studies at U-M in Public Policy.)

Student volunteers are interviewing program administrators, health and other professionals, civic and religious groups, as well as program users in the four cities. Five Federal programs are being studied: Food Stamps, WIC (aid for Women, Infants and Children), Child Care Nutrition Programs, School Lunch and Breakfast Programs, and Elderly Nutrition Programs. Local organizations such as soup kitchens, food pantries, and food banks are also assessed.

HUNGER WATCH has three goals: to sensitize people to the issues of hunger, to educate people about hunger in their community, and to motivate people to work to alleviate hunger. We're confident that these goals will be met. Press coverage of the study has led to initial sensitization. Exposure of the facts, namely Federal and State cuts and the increase in private assistance, educates people on the situation hungry people and food providers are faced with in four Michigan cities. The

directory of private agencies provides a tool for people to get involved at the local, hands-on level. At the same time, we can advocate for changes in federal and state policies based on our own experiences in the community. HUNGER WATCH is compiling a summary of current legislation and legislators' addresses to encourage broad based citizen lobbying on hunger issues.

In trying to arrive at a hard and fast number of hungry people in Ann Arbor, HUNGER WATCH has encountered a few obstacles. The agencies collect cumulative numbers of program participants. This means that a person may be counted multiple times if he or she returns to the same program during the year. Also, at this point, there is a lack of good demographics on how old program users are, their employment status, whether or not they have children, how many utilize a variety of local agencies, or how many receive federal assistance. To rectify these two problems, City Council's Emergency Food Distribution Committee will begin compiling monthly figures of the number of people served and will try to determine the characteristics of the hungry population in Ann Arbor. An additional problem is that one cannot merely add up all of the figures for the different food programs and arrive at the number of hungry people. Since programs offer a variety of services, a hungry person may utilize many different programs to meet their needs. While this presents a problem for quantifying hunger, it represents the chronic nature of hunger. Some people will use our inability to present a hard and fast number of hungry people as a way to circumvent giving money to local programs. We've seen this tactic used by the Reagan Administration,

and by other conservative forces, but we won't let this ploy stop us. With the help of City Council, it may be possible to arrive at a number of hungry people in Ann Arbor within the next few years. For now, it is clear that the local agencies are being utilized more heavily, that this is in direct correlation with cuts in public food programs, and that this problem needs to be addressed.

In response to these unmet needs, a number of steps are in order. Educate yourself and others on the issue of hunger in Ann Arbor. Read the HUNGER WATCH report when it comes out in March, talk to hungry people, or go to a workshop on hunger given by the Interfaith Council's Task Force on Hunger. Help out local food programs. This can take the form of giving your time to a soup kitchen or donating food or money to a local agency.

While individual help is always welcomed, group efforts can have a more marked impact. Lobby for hungry people at the local, state, and federal level. City Council has shown great sensitivity to the issue, so call your councilmember and encourage them to increase funding to meet the increase in need. (Send them this article.) Find out how state and federal food policies effect local food programs and write your representatives to convey your opinion. Tell them there is hunger in your community and challenge them to do something about it. Address root causes of hunger: poverty, unemployment, underemployment, and a lack of affordable housing. The number of hungry people will continue to grow unless we responsibly use our abilities and resources to work to alleviate hunger in Ann Arbor and beyond.

Directory of local food providers

ANN ARBOR COMMUNITY CENTER
625 North Main Street
662-3128

Contact: Kent Bernard
Program: Emergency Food Bag
Distribution

Contact: Vera Greer
Program: Ladies that Care—Hot Meal

BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER
3 West Eden Court
994-2722

Contact: Lefiest Galimore
Program: Emergency Food Bag
Distribution

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES
117 North Main Street
662-4534

Contact: Freedy Jackson
Program: Emergency Food Bag
Distribution

**HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF
SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH**
850 Red Oak Street
663-9369

Contact: Johnnie Mae Baylis
Program: Emergency Food Bag
Distribution

HUNGER COALITION
604 East Huron
663-1870

Contact: Sheila Clancy
Program: Hot Meals

HURON HARVEST FOOD BANK
4090 Packard Road
971-9222

Contact: Tom Mahs
Program: Food Distribution to Local Food
Providers

NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER
809 Taylor
994-2985

Contact: Lefiest Galimore
Program: Emergency Food Bag
Distribution

PEACE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER
662-3564

Contact: Bonnie Billups, Jr.
Program: Youth and Job Training
Programs, Food Coupons

RED CROSS
2729 Packard
971-5300

Contact: Jeff Hutchinson
Program: Emergency Food Bag

Distribution

SAFE HOUSE
P.O. Box 7052
973-0242
Contact: Gabby Bublitz

ST. ANDREW'S BREAKFAST PROGRAM
306 North Division
663-0518
Contact: Mary Long or Trudy Courtney
Program: Free Breakfast

SALVATION ARMY
100 Arden Drive
668-8353 or 668-7212
Contact: Jack Wilson
Program: Emergency Food Bag Distribution

S.O.S. COMMUNITY CRISIS CENTER
114 North River, Ypsilanti
485-8730
Contact: Andy Burke
Program: Emergency Food Bag Distribution,
Cheese Hot Line

Groups Studying Hunger in Ann Arbor

**HUNGER TASK FORCE OF THE
INTERFAITH COUNCIL FOR PEACE**
640 East Huron
663-1870
Contact: Chuck Barbieri

**WORLD HUNGER EDUCATION-ACTION
COMMITTEE**
4202 Michigan Union
Contact: Cindy Phillips 662-9765 or Jean
Cilik 663-3560

ATTENTION:

While the Ann Arbor section of the report has been completed, additional help is needed for research in Ypsilanti, Detroit, and Lansing, for public relations work, and for distribution. If you are interested in working with HUNGER WATCH this semester, or if you would like to know more about the project, please call Cindy Phillips at 662-9765 or Jen Heitman at 747-6329.

University Cellar: 1969-1986, R.I.P.

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and providing temporary employment to thousands in the process. The store led the market in determining prices on textbooks by discounting new books by 5%. Numerous local stores which wouldn't match the Cellar's prices fell by the wayside. In its earlier years it forced reduction of local prices on photo-copying from a 10 cent per page standard to 4 cents, and it provided the lowest prices in town on records.

The store also provided a unique ambience and working conditions which made it a pleasant place in which both to shop and work. While decision making technically rested with management in the early years, the workers maintained a high degree of self determination. There was no dress code. Workers tended to be indistinguishable from their customers. A product would not be carried by the store if a significant number of workers found it offensive. Firings were few and far between, generally only in the rare instance of theft. People with nontraditional lifestyles found a home at the Cellar and rewarded it with dedicated labor. Parents brought children to work and found among their co-workers an extended family ready to assist in childcare during the work day.

While other stores in town compensated management well and payed everyone else at or near minimum wage, the Cellar had the best starting wage and best average nonmanagement wage of any bookstore in town. Management wages, while higher than those of workers in what eventually became the Union bargaining unit, were suppressed relative to those of the competition's management, in recognition of the fact that Cellar workers were making many of the decisions and undertaking many of the tasks reserved for management.

In 1978 the degree of worker control seemed threatened by the introduction of a new manager who wanted to establish a more traditional hierarchical structure. Consequently, a two-thirds majority of the workers opted to join the IWW to maintain and enhance the conditions which made employment at the Cellar desirable. The IWW was chosen by the workers because of its emphasis on self-management and because of its democratic organizational structure. One worker commented at the time: "Why should we choose the IWW? Because it's cheap, it's democratic, and it's us."

In early 1979, just after an IWW Branch had been established in the shop, management posted a chart on the store bulletin board describing a new organizational structure with managers for each department and two assistant

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managers for the store as well as the general manager. Bargaining unit members were encouraged to apply for the new positions complete with titles and higher wages. There were few applicants and a majority of the workers developed a case of book dust flu and called in sick. When the proposed structure remained posted after the one day sick-out, another sick-out occurred. The proposed structure was withdrawn.

The first contract established a store council with representatives from each department which made most day to day operational decisions for the store, but didn't provide much in the way of improved wages and benefits until the workers engaged in a 2 1/2 day strike. Through its initial actions the Union established a reputation for militancy in the face of unreasonableness and for only delivering warnings rather than idle threats, which stood in good stead through the years. While occasional shop floor actions were necessary to remind the management and the board of directors of the balance of power, five more contracts were negotiated over the years, each providing improvements in wages, benefits, and working conditions, without need for any further strikes.

In 1982 new management of the Michigan Union, the Cellar's home since its inception, attempted to impose a drastic rent increase and a lease which prohibited the store from selling the higher profit items such as Michigan sweatshirts and mugs which made the discounting of textbooks possible. The Cellar had no choice but to move to the corner of Liberty & Division, three blocks further from the heart of campus. A large degree of customer loyalty to the nontraditional store kept sales from collapsing drastically, but the location did hurt. The Cellar only managed to make profit once after the move.

The store's equity dwindled over the final years. Attempts to turn things around were showing success, but not fast enough to satisfy the store's banker, Citizen's Trust. Despite a financial statement which looked better than in the Spring when Citizen's had granted a \$700,000 line of

credit, the line of credit was not renewed in the Fall. Additionally, without any advance notice to the store, Citizen's withdrew over \$140,000 from the Cellar's account to cover a renovation loan.

Efforts were made to contact other lenders: but all of them seemed to fall in line behind the first, seemingly with the attitude that if one bank wasn't going to take the risk, neither were they. A last minute attempt by a local bookstore owner, Tom Borders, to purchase the Cellar fell through when he could not come to terms with the Cellar's landlord, Jack Lepard. Borders was also reportedly concerned that the Cellar workers would expect to eventually return to the wage levels they had held prior to accepting an 18% wage reduction in an effort to save the store and that the Cellar wages might lead to pressure from his other employees for improvements in their pay.

The Cellar was still viable, but with no one willing to grant a loan, it was forced to liquidate to avoid being forced into bankruptcy by its creditors. In retrospect it seems, judging from the outpouring of support from customers and even many creditors when the closing was announced, a public appeal for aid a few months earlier might have led to funding through restructuring as a cooperative or to the purchase of the store by a private investor, which would have preserved the 75 jobs and the Union branch. That approach was rejected generally out of the concern that publicizing the store's problems might lead creditors to force the Cellar into bankruptcy while obtaining a conventional bank loan still seemed possible.

Pinpointing a villain in the situation isn't easy. It's a little tough to blame the management when the workers had such a major part in the management. There were some bad business decisions along the way. Some decisions weren't made quickly enough. The organizational structure didn't lend itself to speed. But it generally led ultimately to wise or at least necessary decisions.

It became clear from comments of bankers and Borders that business people found the presence of the Union and the democratic organizational structure it

promoted unnerving. That ultimately discouraged attempts which might have been made to save a more traditional business. At the last minute a consortium of banks were willing to grant the store a loan if the store would agree to a traditional management structure and if the University would guarantee payment of the loan should the store default. The workers were willing to agree to restructuring to see the store through the crisis. The University wouldn't guarantee the loan. No love had been lost between the University and the Cellar over the years. The disruption when the store was founded and the unwillingness of the Cellar to pay exorbitant rent in a University building had left some University officials with little interest in seeing the Cellar survive.

The Cellar's landlord found himself in the catbird seat when a building which had stood vacant for a long while before the Cellar moved in, was suddenly a hot property desired by Barnes and Noble, Borders, and the Nebraska Book Co., who recently bought Ulrich's Book's. The machinations were extensive. Pinpointing who did what to whom would provide a classic model of how to eliminate a viable alternative business in Capitalist society.

The Board meeting at which the decision to liquidate was made was well attended by Cellar workers. As the vote was taken, tears appeared on the faces of several workers. A telex to wholesale suppliers announced the demise of the store followed by the lyric "Look what they've done to my song, Ma. Look what they've done to my song. It's the only thing I could do half-right, but its turning out all wrong, Ma. Look what they've done to my song."

Local and campus newspapers carry stories of overcrowding and overpricing in Ann Arbor's two remaining textbook stores. A core of unemployed former Cellar workers are meeting to explore the possibility of developing a new cooperative worker managed bookstore to resolve those complaints come next Fall while avoiding the pitfalls which destroyed the Cellar.

The IWW General Membership Branch is making efforts to maintain the ties of the workers and coordinate social activities and mutual aid for a bunch of people with a lot of time on their hands and little money. When the former Cellar workers find employment elsewhere in situations with few of the Cellar's amenities, the IWW will welcome the opportunity to again help them turn things around.



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Future Notes: Preamble

by Jim Burchell

The future. Who knows what lies ahead. Anything could happen. We surely don't lack for people offering their particular visions of tomorrow. In the beginning there was Alvin Toffler. Now there's "Mega"-John Nesbitt. And science fiction writers embellish trends in splendid, or frightening, colors.

Some writers use a future scenario to highlight dangers in the present. Margaret Atwood's chilling "The Handmaid's Tale" lets Phyllis Schaffley in for a peek at her role in the fundamentalist, patriarchal future she's striving for: the powerless Commander's wife, mistress of a house lorded over by an all-powerful male. George Orwell did Ronald Reagan a big favor by providing most of Reagan's speeches and developing

many of his concepts with precise foresight (contra terrorist = freedom fighter; MX missile = the Peacemaker).

But what about Ann Arbor? Surely there's enough happening on our streets today to spark a few insights about our city's future happenings.

"Future Notes" is my humble attempt to do just that. They may comprise imagined clippings from later-day editions of The Ann Arbor News or personal reflections on some future happening. Perhaps a film review of Rocky VI or a few comments on Ronald Reagan's resurgent TV and film career as the host of The New Death Valley Days and as Rambo's mentor in Rambo: First Blood, Part V. The possibilities are endless, as is the future.

Housing corner

Rental Heating Costs Notification

by Ray Ayer

This year tenants in Ann Arbor should be warm and cozy with no surprises in their heating bills. This is due to two city ordinances: the "Information Regarding Utility Changes" ordinance, and the voter initiated "Winterization" ordinance. These laws apply whenever tenants pay their own heating costs.

The City Housing code, chapter 105, section 8.533, "Information Regarding Utility Changes," requires that, "No owner of rental property shall lease the property without furnishing to the tenant (before the time of entering into a lease) a budget plan . . . a projection of monthly utility costs for primary heating fuel [and] . . . it shall be in writing."

This law applies to all dwelling units where the tenant is required to pay heating bills either to the landlord or to the utility company, and where the cost information is available.

A landlord simply needs to call the utility company to get this projection. Many landlords are unaware they must give tenants this information prior to signing a lease, or that this information is available. This utility heating cost information allows prospective tenants to shop and compare these—up to now hidden—costs.

This ordinance was proposed by the City Energy Advisory Committee. It was hoped that this ordinance would operate as a passive "free market approach" incentive to encourage landlords to winterize their units. This took the place of ordinances requiring winterization, which was strongly opposed by the landlord lobby.

Unfortunately this law was never enforced. In fact somebody forgot to tell the enforcement agency that the law had been passed for them to enforce, had they wanted to. When it was finally brought to their attention, nobody told them to enforce it, so they didn't. Since nobody followed up to see if this ordinance was enforced no tickets were ever issued for violating it. Thus the "free market approach" to encourage winterization failed. No other weatherization ordinances were passed. Units with poor winterization continued to waste heat and continued to run up high heat bills. Landlords paying their own heat bills have been very industrious about insulating and

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Future Notes 1.1. Ann Arbor's UNO

The Ann Arbor News, April 8, 1987

"Republicans Form Government-in-Exile"

ANN ARBOR—Just days after devastating losses in the Ann Arbor city elections, several local Republican leaders have announced the formation of a government-in-exile. They have appealed to President Reagan's National Security Council for humanitarian aid and covert assistance.

Raymond Tanter, a University of Michigan political science professor and former Reagan National Security Council advisor, Lou Belcher (a former mayor of Ann Arbor), and Lou Velker, a former Ann Arbor Council member, today announced the creation of UNO, the political umbrella organization establishing the government-in-exile. UNO, for United NO, will "strive to make it impossible for the communist-socialists who have taken power in Ann Arbor to carry out their anti-American agenda," according to Belcher.

The UNO leaders mentioned their admiration for their "contra" counterparts in Nicaragua who are trying to overthrow the government of that Central American country.

"They are our inspiration. We are contras, too, and proud of it," said Belcher.

Republicans lost two Council seats in the 2nd and 4th wards, once considered safe Republican territory. Democrat incumbents held on to their seats, giving them a 9 to 2 Council majority. Mayor Ed Pierce won re-election by a wide margin over Republican Council member Jerry Jernigan.

Tanter accused Council Democrats of religious persecution. He cited Council opposition last year to a request by the First Presbyterian Church to demolish the Ark coffee house and to construct a parking lot as evidence of the Democrats' "anti-religious crusade."

Mayor Ed Pierce has refused immediate comment on the formation of UNO, saying only that he has asked officials of the city airport and Willow Run airport to report any landings of planes owned by Southern Air Transport, a company formerly owned by the CIA that has been linked to supply missions to the Nicaraguan contras.

The Ann Arbor News, April 9, 1987

"Pot Hole Terrorism"

ANN ARBOR—Midnight commandos have reportedly blasted potholes in newly paved Huron Parkway and Packard Streets, in what may be the first overt actions of UNO, the newly formed government-in-exile, established by disgruntled Republican leaders to harass the solidly entrenched Democratic City Council majority.

The self-proclaimed "Ann Arbor contras" publicly disavowed the actions but one hinted that the potholes may be "acts of God, a heavenly sign of displeasure with the Democratic atheistic agenda," said UNO leader Lou Velker.

City officials are investigating the matter.

The Ann Arbor News, April 11, 1987

"UNO Issues Development Permits"

ANN ARBOR—Area developers report receiving site approvals to proceed with their development plans from UNO, the "government-in-exile" recently formed by disgruntled city Republicans.

"United NO" leaders acknowledge granting the development requests. They also say they will soon release UNO certificates of occupancy to area landlords denied such permits from Ann Arbor's building department for building code violations.

"We believe in the free market," said UNO leader and former mayor Lou Belcher. "Developers should be able to develop whatever and wherever they want. Landlords should be able to rent whatever property they own. If the market won't buy it, the developers and landlords will fail. That's how our system used to work before these communist-socialist Democrats took over city government."

Projects granted UNO approval included seven condo conversions, five downtown hotel/conference center proposals, and three shopping center plans. The plans would displace over 150 low to middle-income families.

"They can move to Ypsi," said Belcher.

One apartment building to be granted a UNO certificate of occupancy reportedly has no insulation, an inadequate heating system, and several broken or missing windows. "Hey, this is a free country," said Belcher. "No one is forcing tenants to live there. The landlord must be doing something right if people rent the rooms."

City officials reacted to the UNO approvals with denials of their validity, but did admit that they could lead to some confusion within the city.

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2 Monday

Beginning HathaYoga class: The Solar Yoga and Cultural Center. 6 to 8 pm at 205 E. Ann St. New visitors can try it out free of charge. 769-4321

General Meeting: Free South Africa Coordinating Committee (FSACC) 6:30 pm in CAAS Lounge, 111 W. Engineering Bldg., U-M. All welcome.

Freedom March Planning Meeting: (FSACC) 8 pm in the Michigan Union, ask for room at info desk. Planning for the 2nd Annual April 4th Freedom March. We invite other progressive forces to join us in beginning plans for an even larger and more spirited march against racism and for human rights than we had last year. 769-8549

Library Open House: International Appropriate Technology Association (IATA) 7 to 10 pm in 4202 Michigan Union. Come see our tremendous selection of books, magazines, and newspapers concerning appropriate technology and third world development. 665-5244

Writers Series: Guild House 8 pm at Guild House, 802 Monroe. Mary Minock and Peggy Moller. 662-5189

Free Film Series: Agents for Change. 4 pm in Angell Hall, Aud. B. "Winnie and Nelson Mandela" and "God and Money." 764-7442

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

Lesbian-Gay Male Open House: Gay Liberation 8:30 pm at Canterbury House, 218 N. Division. 665-0606 or 763-4186

CALENDAR

Far Eastern Super 8mm Films: EYEMEDIAE

7 pm at 214 N. Fourth Ave. Super 8 from Hong Kong and Japan. \$3

"L.A. Raw": EYEMEDIAE 9:30 pm at 214 N. Fourth Ave. Super 8 from the L.A. club scene. \$3

3 Tuesday

Meeting: Hunger Watch 7:15 pm in the WHEAC office, 4202 Michigan Union. The project involves interviewing administrators of and participants in federal food programs and private agency administrators.

"Preconditions for Appropriate Technology in the Third World: The Case of Nicaragua": International Appropriate Technology Association (IATA) 7 to 9 pm in the Pond Room, Michigan Union. A discussion and slide show led by Abdula Dashti of The Committee for Social Progress in Rio San Juan, Nicaragua (CSPR) and IATA. Abdula is an anthropology graduate student at U of M and has lived for over 2 years in Nicaragua. 665-5244

"What's the Difference Between a Country and a House?": EYEMEDIAE 7 pm at 214 N. Fourth Ave. World premiere of a super 8mm documentary about women living in war-torn Belfast, Northern Ireland. The director will be present. \$3

"German Super-8": EYEMEDIAE 9:30 pm at 214 N. Fourth Ave. \$3

4 Wednesday

"Black Feminist Thought": Women's Studies and the Center for Afroamerican and African Studies. 4:30 pm in the Rackham Building, 4th Floor. A talk by Prof. Pat Hill Collins from the University of Cincinnati. 764-5513

Mass Meeting: U of M Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center Kuenzal Room of the Union. For people interested in volunteering at the Center. Call 763-5865 for time.

Beans and rice dinner: LASC 6 pm at the Guild House, 802 Monroe St. A \$2 donation buys a great meal and contributes to material aid for the people of Central America. Funds raised at recent dinners have gone to El Salvador for earthquake relief.

The Connection staff meeting: Michigan Alliance for Disarmament (MAD). 7:30 pm, room 4104 in the Union. Editing and planning Ann Arbor's best alternative journal of analysis and news. All interested in journalism welcome.

Planning Meeting: Ann Arbor Coalition Against Rape 7:30 pm at Community Access, by the Fire Station. Planning meeting for the annual Take Back the Night March and Rally. 971-4667

Beginning HathaYoga class: The Solar Yoga and Cultural Center. 6 to 8 pm (see 2 Monday)

General Meetings: LASC 8 pm in 1407 Mason Hall. Attention will be given to planning participation in demonstrations for Peace, Jobs and Justice to be held in Detroit and Washington D.C. in the next few months. 665-8438

38th District Annual Meeting: Washtenaw County Soil Conservation District 8 pm Pittsfield Union Granger Hall, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. The featured speaker will be Bill Bortel, Cooperative Extension Service Agent from Tuscola County, who will present a slide show on South American agriculture.

"The Goodbye Girl": Hill Street Cinema. 8 pm at Hillel, 1429 Hill St. \$2.50

"The 21 Club": EYEMEDIAE 8 pm at Ann Arbor Theaters 1 & 2. A selection of 8mm works from young filmmakers all over the country. \$3

5 Thursday

On the Air Fundraiser: WCBN 88.3 hours of on the air fundraising for everyone's favorite station in town, WCBN, radio free Ann Arbor. Pledges call 763-3501.

Meeting: The Committee for Social Progress in Rio San Juan, Nicaragua (CSPR) and The International Appropriate Technology Association (IATA) 5:30 to 7 pm at 4202 Michigan Union. Discussion of social progress and appropriate technology and a campaign strategy to expand 3 existing primary schools in 3 peasant resettlements located in the Rio San Juan region, southcentral Nicaragua.

Weekly Thursday Demonstration against U.S. Intervention in Central

America
 Call 663-1870 or 665-8438 for the time and location of today's vigil.

Interfaith Dialogue: Hillel 7:30 pm at Hillel, 1429 Hill St. Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

Films in Competition: EYEMEDIAE 7 & 9 pm at Ann Arbor Theaters 1 & 2. \$3

Organizational Meeting: Computer Professionals for Social Responsibility (CPSR) 7:30 pm at the Guild House, 802 Monroe St. Organizational meeting for people interested in forming a local CPSR chapter. CPSR is a national group working for socially responsible uses of computer technology. Prof. Douglas R. Hofstadter will speak about Star Wars. 763-5875 or 994-3726

"The Firebugs": The Brecht Company 8 pm at the Residential College Auditorium corner of Hill St. and E. University. "The Firebugs" (originally titled "Biedermann and the Arsonists") is a wildly comic absurdist parable on middle-class complacency which focuses on self-absorbed businessman George Biedermann, his wife Babette, his Irish maid, and two strange guests who come to live in the attic, bringing with them barrels of gasoline. Admission \$6 for Fri. and Sat. shows, Thurs. and Sun. shows \$4 and student rush tickets \$4. Advance tickets available at Michigan Theater box office. Group discounts available, call 995-0532

"The Maids": Performance Network 8 pm at The Performance Network, 408 W. Washington. "The Maids," written by Jean Genet and directed by guest director, Shawn Yardley. Two sisters work as maids for a wealthy young woman. Night after night they enact a chilling fantasy ritual in which they murder their mistress. Their role playing takes over one night and the game merges with reality. \$7 general admission, \$2 discount for students and seniors. 663-0681

6 Friday

On the Air Fundraiser: WCBN (see 5 Thursday)

General Meeting: Nov. 29 Comm. for Palestine (N29) 5 pm in the Michigan Union. Ask at the

information desk for locations. 764-6958

Womyn's Afternoon Tea: Women's Crisis Center (WCC) and Lesbian Programs Office 5:30 to 7 pm at the Women's Crisis Center, 306 N. Division. Informal feminist fun and social support. All women invited. 763-4186 or 994-9100

"The Firebugs": The Brecht Company . 8 pm (see 5 Thursday)

Films in Competition: EYEMEDIAE. 7 & 9 pm at Ann Arbor Theaters 1 & 2. \$3

"The Maids": Performance Network. 8 pm (see 5 Thursday)

7 Saturday

Parenting Education Conference: Washtenaw Area Council for Children. One day conference at EMU, "Strengthening the Foundations of Home Life." Call for time. \$12 Registration fee covers the workshops, instructional materials and lunch. 761-7071

On the Air Fundraiser: WCBN (see 5 Thursday)

Legal Defense Fund Raising Party: LASC. 6 pm at Dominick's, 812 Monroe St. Fundraising for what may be the most significant political trial of the decade in this area - the trial of more than 100 people arrested at Congressman Pursell's office in their attempt to stop contra funding. Direct contributions can be mailed to the LASC office, to the attention of the "Legal Defense Fund." Suggested donation \$5. 665-8438

Beginning HathaYoga class: The Solar Yoga and Cultural Center. 10:30 am to 12:30 pm at 205 E. Ann St. (see 2 Monday)

Monthly Introductory Talk: Zen Buddhist Temple 7 to 8 pm at the Zen Buddhist Temple, 1214 Packard. Zen Buddhism in North America: history, philosophy, and practice. 761-6520

"Tom Sawyer": Performance Network 1 & 3 pm at The Performance Network, 408 W. Washington. 663-0681

A Day of Film Workshops: EYEMEDIAE
 Call for information 662-2470.

Films in Competition: EYEMEDIAE 7 & 9:30 pm at Aud. A, Angell Hall. \$3

"The Firebugs": The Brecht Company 8 pm (see 5 Thursday)

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"Bananas": Hill Street Cinema
7:15 & 9:05 pm at Hillel, 1429 Hill St.
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8 Sunday

Free Film Series: Agents for Change. 7:30 pm in Angell Hall, Aud. B. "Merton (Thomas): A Film Biography". The story of a spiritual writer and an outspoken social critic using interviews with Ernesto Cardenal, Ferlinghetti, Joan Baez, Dalai Lama. "Allan Boesak: Choosing for Justice" A 'coloured' South African elected leader of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches had Apartheid declared a heresy.

General Meeting: A Place to Stay. 3 to 5 pm at Guild House, 802 Monroe. A group working to set up a network of host homes in the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti area for women and their children in need of temporary housing. 668-6280 or 761-8426

Homegrown Women's Music Series. 7 pm at the Ark, 637 1/2 S. Main St. Lansing Women's Chorus, a feminist a cappella chorus, and Gentle Persuasion, acoustic electric harmony and fun. Donations at the door, \$3.50 to \$5 (ability to pay).

Benefit Bash: WCBN
8 pm at the Michigan Union Ballroom. Annual fundraiser for U of M's student-run radio station. Featuring the Chenille Sisters, Dead Milkmen, Frank Allison and the Odd Sox, New Testament Singers, A2 Sax Choir, the II, IV, I Orchestra, O.J. Anderson and more. Cash bar. \$6 at the door or \$15 for shirt and ticket. 763-3501

Monthly Meeting: Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament (WAND)
7:30 pm at the First Baptist Church, 512 E. Huron. Dr. Bruce Carlson, a U-M professor and exchange scientist who has travelled extensively in Russia, discusses "Amerika," a 14-hour mini-series, to be shown February 15-22, which shows the United States after a Soviet takeover, aided by UN troops. Doors open at 7, the meeting begins at 7:30, the speaker at 8:30. 761-1718

Board Meeting: Wellness Networks, Inc. (Huron Valley)
St. Joseph Mercy Hospital's Education Center; enter through Outpatient entrance. All those interested in local AIDS organizing, both for education and support, are welcome. Call 662-6134 for time.

"Tom Sawyer": Performance Network
1 & 3 pm (see 7 Saturday)

"The Firebugs": The Brecht Company
2 pm (see 5 Thursday)

"The Maids": Performance Network
8 pm (see 5 Thursday)

"The Front": Hill Street Cinema. 8 pm at Hillel, 1429 Hill St.
\$2.50

Israeli Dancing: Hillel
7:30 pm at Hillel, 1429 Hill St. 1 hour of instruction followed by 2 hours of open dancing. For beginning and advanced students. 663-3336

Festival Party: EYEMEDIAE
11:30 pm location to be announced. \$2

Winners Night: EYEMEDIAE. 7 & 9 pm at Ann Arbor Theaters 1 & 2. \$3

General Meeting: A2MISTAD
7:30 pm. at the Michigan Union (ask for room number at main desk). 761-7960.

9 Monday

Planning Meeting: Free University Network
7:30 pm at 1402 Hill St. FUN classes and events are free and self-directed, and can deal with any topic: political discussion/practice, sharing favorite books, films, crafts...anything! Courses to begin in March. Please help develop, plan or publicize courses! 662-8607

General Meeting: (FSACC)
6:30 pm in CAAS lounge, 111 W. Engineering Building, U-M.

Writers Series: Guild House
8 pm at Guild House, 802 Monroe. Brian Greminger and Carol Sheldon. 662-5189

Appropriate Technology in the U.S. and Abroad: IATA
7 to 8 pm in 4202 Michigan Union. An informal discussion. 665-5244

Planning Meeting: Michigan Alliance for Disarmament
7:30 pm, Michigan Union, room 4104. Organizing a Peace Art Fair for early June.

Cameraless Animation Workshop Part 1: EYEMEDIAE
8 pm at 214 N. Fourth Ave. Michigan filmmaker Frank Davis's on black film scratching and bleach film coloring: a discussion and demonstration of the two techniques and the tools required. Participants will make their own films. Registration is \$16 per person and includes the cost of film. Advance registration is recommended. 662-2470

General Meeting: Industrial Workers of the World (IWW)
6 pm (see 2 Monday)

Beginning HathaYoga class: The Solar Yoga and Cultural Center. 6 to 8 pm (see 2 Mon.)

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays: Gay Liberation
7:30 pm at First Methodist Church, State at Huron. 763-4186

Free Film Series: Agents for Change. 4 pm in Angell Hall, Aud. B. (see 8 Sunday)

Lesbian-Gay Male Open House: Gay Liberation
8:30 pm (see 2 Monday)

Beginners' course in Zen Meditation: Zen Buddhist Temple. 9:30 to 11:30 am at the Zen Buddhist Temple, 1214 Packard Road. \$120 for 6 Monday mornings, \$100 for students and those who are unemployed. Please register ahead of time, 761-6520.

10 Tuesday

Monthly Meeting: Religious Coalition on Central America/Interfaith Council for Peace. 7:30 pm at first Unitarian Church, 1917 Washtenaw. Special speakers are Eve Mokotoff and Janet Landman of Temple Beth Emeth who recently spent time at the Texas border learning about Salvadoran and Guatemalan refugees. 663-1870

"Living in the World Parts I-V: EYEMEDIAE
8 pm at 214 N. Fourth Ave. This super-8 classic has been described as the "perfect remedy for job induced depression." \$3

Meeting: National Organization for Women. 7:30 pm Unitarian Church, 1917 Washtenaw. The topic will be Economic Issues. 995-5494

Meeting: Hunger Watch
7:15 pm (see 3 Tuesday)

11 Wednesday

The Connection staff meeting Michigan Alliance for Disarmament. 7:30 pm in the Union, Rm. 4140, (See 4 Wed.)

Monthly Meeting: Land, Food, and Justice Committee of Interfaith Council for Peace
7:30 pm Student Center of First Baptist Church, 512 E. Huron. Special guests will be Bill Lutz, a Saline area farmer who raises dairy cows, sheep, hogs, and apples, and Ken King, an organic farmer who markets his produce at the Ann Arbor Farmers' Market.

Ann Arbor Film Festival: Performance Network
7:30 & 9:30 pm at The Performance Network, 408 W. Washington. Call 663-0681 for information.

Beans and rice dinner: LASC
6 pm. General meeting: 8 pm. (see 4 Wednesday)

Beginning HathaYoga class: The Solar Yoga and Cultural Center
6 to 8 pm (see 2 Monday)

Planning Meeting: Ann Arbor Coalition Against Rape
7:30 pm (see 4 Wednesday)

"Knut Rockne-All American": Hill Street Cinema
8 pm at Hillel, 1429 Hill St. \$2.50

"The Idea of the Soul in Jewish Mysticism: Through Conception, Birth, Love, Death and Afterlife": Hillel
8 pm at Rackham Amphitheatre. The speaker, Dr. David Ariel is Pres. and Assoc. Prof. of Judaic Studies at the Cleveland College of Jewish Studies.

12 Thursday

Trial: 118 Pursell Arrestees
9 am at City Hall. 118 protesters who were arrested on trespassing charges at Congressman Carl Pursell's office last March will be on trial. 665-8438

Building Remodelers Seminar: A2 Energy Program
10 am to 5 pm at the Ann Arbor Inn. "Energy Efficiency and the Asbestos Threat". Workshops featuring national and local speakers on weatherization, insulation, air quality, toxicity levels, city building regulation, incentives and funding sources for retrofit/remodeling. Workshops on asbestos issues will address identification, removal, health risks, contractor liability and Right to Know legislation. To register 996-3150

Weekly Thursday Demonstration: Religious Coalition on Central America, ICP. Call 663-1870 for the time and location of today's vigil.

International Solidarity Day for Soviet Jewry: Hillel. 7:30 pm in the Pendelton Room, Michigan Union. Folk-musician and singer Rita Charleston will present a musical evening of solidarity with Soviet prisoners of conscience. 663-3336

Meeting: Lesbian Network
7:30 pm at Guild House, 802 Monroe. Social and political group for lesbians. 763-4186

General Meeting: Bread for The World
7:30 pm at the First Presbyterian Church, 1432 Washtenaw. 487-9058

Course Workshop Description Deadline: Free University Network
Please mail or drop by 1402 Hill Street, Ann Arbor, 48104. 994-4937 or 662-8607

Interfaith Dialogue: Hillel. 7:30 pm at the Islamic Center. Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. 663-3336

"The Firebugs": The Brecht Company. 8 pm (see 5 Thursday)

"The Maids": Performance Network. 8 pm (see 5 Thursday)

13 Friday

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General Meeting: Nov. 29 Comm. for Palestine (N29)
5 pm (see 6 Friday)

Womyn's Afternoon Tea: Women's Crisis Center (WCC) and Lesbian Programs Office
5:30 to 7 pm (see 6 Friday)

Gay Men's Coffeehouse: Gay Liberation. 8 pm at Guild House, 802 Monroe. 763-4186

Lesbian/Gay Valentine Dance: Mich. Gay Union and Lesbian/Gay Law Students
9 pm at U-M Law School Lounge, 551 State. Donation requested. 763-4186

"The Firebugs": The Brecht Company. 8 pm (see 5 Thursday)

"The Maids": Performance Network. 8 pm (see 5 Thursday)

14 Saturday

"February is Heart Month": Ypsilanti Food Co-op
10 am to 3 pm, Ypsilanti Food Co-op, 312 N. River St., Ypsilanti. Demonstration of lowfat, high fiber recipes. 483-1520

"Give Peace a Dance" Fundraiser: WAND
8 pm to 1 am in the Union Ballroom. "Give Peace a Dance" with the Urbations, Madcat's Pressure Cooker, People Dancing, and records with S&N all emceed by entrepreneur-in-exile Joe Tiboni. Cash bar. Admission is \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Tickets are available by calling 994-6268 or at Schoolkids and CTC ticket offices. Anyone who brings \$25 in contributions for WAND which are not ticket sales, will be admitted FREE! 761-1718

Meeting: Gray Panthers of Huron Valley. 2 to 4 pm in 2nd Floor Conf. Rm, Ann Arbor Fire Station, 107 N. 5th Ave. "Catching Up: Looking Forward." Reports on action to date, and plans for major efforts in immediate future. 663-1786

Beginning HathaYoga class: The Solar Yoga and Cultural Center(see 7 Sat.)

"Seven Samurai": Hill Street Cin. 7:15 pm and 9:05 pm at Hillel, \$2.50.

Lesbian/Gay Valentine Dance:
Huron Valley Comm. Church
9 pm at Green Glacier Comm. Ctr.
1001 Green Rd. 763-4186

"The Firebugs": The Brecht Company. 8 pm (see 5 Thursday)

"The Maids": Performance Network. 8 pm (see 5 Thursday)

15 Sunday

Vegetarian Potluck and Gathering: Women's Crisis Center. 12 to 2:30 pm at the Women's Crisis Center, 306 N. Division. February is Black History Month and the Crisis Center will be celebrating with readings by and about Black women. All women are invited and welcome to bring something to share. 761-9475 or 994-9100

"The Aids Epidemic: An Ethical Perspective": Hillel
3 pm at Hillel, 1429 Hill St. Rabbi Dr. Moshe Tendler is an expert in the field of Jewish medical ethics. 663-3336

Free Film Series: Agents for Change. 7:30 pm in Angell Hall, Aud. B. "Las Madres: Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo": A recent history of Argentina told through interviews with three women whose families were 'disappeared' and of their struggle to learn the facts from their government. "Union Maids": A history of the American Labor Movement retold through the personal accounts of three women and their struggle against working class oppression, and the secondary status of women and minorities.

"The Magnificent Seven": Hill Street Cinema
8 pm at Hillel, 1429 Hill St. \$2.50

Israeli Dancing: Hillel
7 pm (see 8 Sunday)

General Meeting: A2MISTAD
7:30 pm (see 8 Sunday)

"The Firebugs": The Brecht Company. 2 pm (see 5 Thursday)

"The Maids": Performance Network
6:30 pm (see 5 Thursday)

16 Monday

Citywide Primary Elections
Polls close at 8 pm

Forum on "The Implications of the Recent Wave of Corporate Divestiture from South Africa": (FSACC). 7 pm in the Michigan Union. A speaker from the New York Office of the American Committee on Africa will be present. 769-8549

"Women in Jewish Life": Hillel
7 pm Hillel, 1429 Hill St. Prof. Tikvah Frymer-Kensky. 663-3336

The Connection staff meeting: MAD. 7:30 pm in the Michigan Union Rm. 4140, 530 S. State St. See 4 Wednesday

Writers Series: Guild House
8 pm at Guild House, 802 Monroe. Duane Niatum and Andrew Viles.

Cameraless Animation Workshop Part II: EYEMEDIAE
8 pm at 214 N. Fourth Ave. Screening and discussion of participants' works. (see 9 Monday)

"Informal discussion of appropriate technology in the U.S. and abroad": IATA
7 to 8 pm (see 9 Monday)

Free Film Series: Agents for Change
4 pm in Angell Hall, Aud. B. (see 15 Sunday)

General Meeting: (IWW) 6 pm (see 2 Monday)

Beginning HathaYoga class: The Solar Yoga and Cultural Center. 6 to 8 pm (see 2 Monday)

Lesbian-Gay Male Open House: Gay Liberation
8:30 pm (see 2 Monday)

17 Tuesday

Public Forum on "Radon in Houses": Ecology Center, Ypsilanti Recycling, and Wash. County Health Dept.
7 pm at the Main Branch of the Ann Arbor Public Library. Call the Ecology Center, 761-3186, to register.

"Biogas: A Solution to Waste Disposal, Energy, Water Quality, and Other Problems in Rural Areas": Int. Appropriate Technology Association (IATA)
7 to 9 pm at the International Center, Michigan Union. A discussion led by Jim Hartman, water quality graduate student at the U of M and member of IATA. Slides will be shown of Mich. Methane Digesters and the thought provoking film, "Kilowatts from Cowpies", will be viewed. 665-5244

No Nothing Cinema: EYEMEDIAE. 8 pm at 214 N. Fourth Ave. A selection of independent San Francisco films. \$3

Meeting: Hunger Watch
7:15 pm (see 3 Tuesday)

18 Wednesday

"The 4th Way: Reconstructionism": Hillel
7:30 pm at Hillel Aud., 1429 Hill St. Rabbi Richard Hirsch. 663-3336

Beans and rice dinner: LASC
6 pm (see 4 Wednesday)

Beginning HathaYoga class: The Solar Yoga and Cultural Center. 6 to 8 pm (see 2 Monday)

The Connect staff meeting: Michigan Alliance for Disarmament
7:30 pm in the Michigan Union Rm. 4140 (see 4 Wed.)

Planning Meeting: Ann Arbor Coalition Against Rape
7:30 pm (see 4 Wednesday)

Membership Meeting: Graduate Employees Organization (GEO)
7:30 pm in the Pond Rm. of the Michigan Union. 995-0221

General Meetings: LASC
8 pm (see 4 Wednesday)

"A Thousand Clowns": Hill Street Cinema
8 pm at Hillel, 1429 Hill St. \$2.50

19 Thursday

"Fighting Racism at the U of M": Free South Africa Coord. Comm. (FSACC)
4 pm at the U-M Regents Meeting in the Regents Rm. of the Fleming Bldg. Speakers reaffirming our anti-racist campus agenda. 769-8549

Lecture: A Higher Form of Killing - Chemical and Biological Warfare Comes Back: Michigan Alliance for Disarmament
7:30 pm. In the Michigan Union, 530 S. State St, call for location. Professor Susan Wright, an internationally known expert on CBW speaks about the frightening resurgence of gas and germ war in the 1980's under the Reagan administration.

Public Forum on "Radon in Houses": Ecology Center, Ypsilanti Recycling, and Wash. County Health Dept.
7:30 pm in the Ypsilanti Farmers' Mkt. Bldg., Depot Town.

Monthly Meeting: U of M Regents

Public comment time is from 4-5 pm for those who have requested time in advance in the Meeting Room on the ground floor of the Administration Building. Speakers and audience are needed for what may be the last chance to speak in favor of retaining the end-use clause in U-M research.

Meeting: The Committee for Social Progress in Rio San Juan, Nicaragua (CSPR) and The International Appropriate Technology Association (IATA). 5:30 to 7 pm in 4202 Michigan Union. (see 5 Thursday)

Interfaith Dialogue: Hillel
7:30 pm at the Lord of Light Lutheran Church. Judaism, Christianity and Islam. 663-3336

Weekly Thursday Demonstration against U.S. Intervention in Central America
Call 663-1870 or 665-8438 for the time and location of today's vigil.

"The Firebugs": The Brecht Company. 8 pm (see 5 Thursday)

20 Friday

"Bent": Performance Network
8 pm at The Performance Network, 408 W. Washington. Written by Martin Sherman and directed by Lanney Steele, "Bent" is a shattering play of intense action set in Hitler's Germany. Written in the language of the Holocaust, "Bent" movingly dramatizes the Nazis' persecution of homosexuals. One of the most important political and cultural events of the last few years. \$7 general admission Friday and Saturday; \$6 Thursday and Sunday with \$2 discount for seniors and students. 663-0681

Monthly Shabbat Potluck: New Jewish Agenda
For time and place call 662-5731 or 994-5171

General Meeting: Nov. 29 Comm. for Palestine (N29)
5 pm (see 6 Friday)

Womyn's Afternoon Tea: Women's Crisis Center (WCC) and Lesbian Programs Office
5:30 to 7 pm (see 6 Friday)

"The Firebugs": The Brecht Company
8 pm (see 5 Thursday)

21 Saturday

Natural Health Workshop: The Human Body as an Ecological System
10 am to 4 pm at 405 E. Ann St. The Solar Yoga and Cultural Center presents the Rev. Gelong Carlos Michan in a day-long workshop. \$16. 769-4321

Beginning HathaYoga class: The Solar Yoga and Cultural Center
10:30 am to 12:30 pm (see 7 Saturday)

Meeting: Ann Arbor War Tax Dissidents
12 to 3 pm in the Wesley Foundation Pine Room. We will address the impact of 1987 "tax reform" on war tax resistance and refusal. Explore the nuts and bolts of the new W4 form, charitable deductions, professional exemptions, etc.. How can these changes help us in lobbying for the Peace Tax Fund Bill. 747-6713

Feminist Interest Group Meeting: New Jewish Agenda
7:30 pm at 1066 Island Drive Court #104. We will be learning about Jewish ideas on abortion in

preparation for alerting the Jewish community about the importance of preserving Medicaid funding for abortions. 769-5680

Detroit Women's Coffeehouse Winter Series
7:30 pm at the Unitarian Church in Detroit, Cass and Forest. Julie Leadbetter, vocal and guitar; Expresso, dramatic poetry; Kate Carter, vocals; and Rebecca Cook, artist and photographer. Admission \$3. 832-3428

"The Firebugs": The Brecht Company. 8 pm (see 5 Thursday)

"Bent": Performance Network
8 pm (see 20 Friday)

22 Sunday

Monthly meeting: The New Democratic Movement
4 pm in Michigan League Room C

Homegrown Women's Music Series. 7 pm at the Ark, 637 1/2 S. Main St. Roxanne Minche, musician extraordinaire! Washington Sisters, the dynamic duo from Columbus, Ohio, will unravel your socks! Donations at the door, \$3.50 to \$5 (ability to pay)

"Bent": Performance Network
6:30 pm (see 20 Friday)

General Meeting: A2MISTAD
7:30 pm (see 8 Sunday)

23 Monday

General Meeting: (FSACC)
6:30 pm in CAAS Lounge, 111 W. Engineering Bldg., U-M. All welcome.

Two Anti-Apartheid Speakers: New Jewish Agenda
7:30 pm on the 4th floor of Rackham. Rabbi Ben Issacson of Johannesburg and Reverend Zachariah Mokgoebo, a Black minister from Soweto. Rabbi Issacson is the founder of an anti-apartheid group called Jews for Justice and is a close associate of Archbishop Desmond Tutu. He has been a critic of South African government policies since the 1960's. Reverend Mokgoebo has spent his life in Soweto. He is a member of the Soweto Civic Association, a leader in the development of liberation theology in South Africa and serves as national organizer of the Belydende Kring, the group of dissident non-white ministers. 662-9217

Michigan 8mm Films: EYEMEDIAE
8 pm at 214 N. Fourth Ave. A selection of 8mm works (film and video) by Michigan filmmakers. \$3

General Meeting: (IWW) 6 pm (see 2 Monday)

Beginning HathaYoga class: The Solar Yoga and Cultural Center. 6 to 8 pm (see 2 Monday)

Lesbian-Gay Male Open House: Gay Liberation
8:30 pm (see 2 Monday)

24 Tuesday

Tour Guide Training: Leslie Science Center
10 am to 12:30 pm at the Leslie Science Center, Traver Rd. Learn to be a tour guide for groups visiting the Leslie Science Center. 761-3186

"The Naked Kiss": EYEMEDIAE
8 pm at 214 N. Fourth Ave. Samuel Fuller's most shocking film about a prostitute who goes straight only to become disillusioned with the "respectable" life. \$3

Meeting: Hunger Watch
7:15 pm (see 3 Tuesday)

25 Wednesday

A2 Area 2000 Futuring Session: Old West Side Association
7:30 pm at Bach School Auditorium. A meeting of our neighborhood residents to review A2's past, evaluate the present, and explore what you and the neighborhood wish the A2 area to be in the year 2000.

Ann Arbor Film Festival: Performance Network
7:30 & 9:30 pm (see 11 Wednesday)

Beans and rice dinner: LASC
6 pm. General meeting, 8 pm. (see 4 Wednesday)

Beginning HathaYoga class: The Solar Yoga and Cultural Center
6 to 8 pm (see 2 Monday)

Planning Meeting: Ann Arbor Coalition Against Rape
7:30 pm (see 4 Wednesday)

26 Thursday

Self-Defense Workshop for Women: Women's Crisis Center (WCC)
7:30 to 9:30 pm at the Public Library, downstairs in the meeting room. A basic workshop that includes sexual assault prevention and awareness, assertiveness training, and physical techniques. For all women, any age or physical ability. \$4 donation requested, or free if that's better for you. To register 994-9100 or 761-9475

Weekly Thursday Demonstration against U.S. Intervention in Central America
Call 663-1870 or 665-8438 for the time and location of today's vigil.

"Bent": Performance Network
8 pm (see 20 Friday)

27 Friday

General Meeting: Nov. 29 Comm. for Palestine (N29)
5 pm (see 6 Friday)

Womyn's Afternoon Tea: Women's Crisis Center (WCC) and Lesbian Programs Office
5:30 to 7 pm (see 6 Friday)

Gay Men's Coffeehouse: Gay Liberation
8 pm at Guild House, 802 Monroe. 763-4186

"Bent": Performance Network
8 pm (see 20 Friday)

28 Saturday

Beginning HathaYoga class: The Solar Yoga and Cultural Center
10:30 am to 12:30 pm (see 7 Saturday)

"Bent": Performance Network
8 pm (see 20 Friday)

MARCH

3 Tuesday

"Holy Terror": Mich. Abortion Rights Action League and Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights
7:30 pm at the Public Library. A documentary film on the emerging political activism of the religious New Right focusing on anti-abortion activities including harassment and clinic violence. A brief discussion of religious opinion on abortion will follow the film. 665-2825 or 663-3621

COMMUNITY RESOURCE DIRECTORY

ATTENTION READERS:

It is the intention of this DIRECTORY to be an open forum for community action organizations to publicize their activities and resources.

The format calls for the groups to write their own copy. The views expressed herein are not necessarily those of the editors or publishers.

Agenda Publications

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

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 local community action organizations the opportunity to give basic information on their background and current work.

The "Calendar" emphasizes meetings and community events and "Readers Write" is a forum in which individuals or groups can write in depth about a concern issue or topic. AGENDA's news and feature articles focus on events that do not find their way into the local media on a regular basis.

We welcome students, activists, and community residents to help us with this enormous effort and are especially in need of: advertising representatives (commission paid), typists, distributors to take half-hour to one-hour routes every month, writers, proofreaders, photographers, business experts, and fundraisers. If you are a student, you can receive credit through an independent study or a field work assignment.

From the Publisher:

AGENDA will NOT be publishing a March, 1987 issue. Please note the deadlines for the April, 1987 return of AGENDA.

There are basically two reasons for us not publishing a March edition. First is that Laurie Wechter, one of two editors of AGENDA, has been trying to recover from an auto accident in which her neck was injured. She has been unable to work since mid-October and a great strain has been put upon the whole publishing process due to her absence (not to mention the strain put on me, co-editor and husband). Since we produce AGENDA out of our house, removing the pressure of a publishing deadline will allow the both of us to catch our breath.

There is also a strategic reason for taking a break from the production part of the operation. We need to re-think and perhaps re-format parts of the paper. We will also revamp and expand our advertising department. We need to spend time just plain taking care of business, the many little things that we just never have the time to do.

We are sorry to do this on such short notice but some things just can't be helped. Please write and let us know what you think of our first year (11 issues) of publishing.

We look forward to being even more productive upon our return, so watch for AGENDA to be back on the streets and in your mailbox just in time for the April election.

Until then, keep those subscriptions and donations coming in. We are still operating by the seat of our pants.

Deadlines for APRIL Issue

March 13: Deadline for Feature/News drafts.

March 15: Deadline for ad space reservations.

March 19: Deadline for CRD for APRIL issue. Deadline for photos and graphics. Deadline for Calendar listings.

March 21: Camera-ready ads due.

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ENVIRONMENT

Ecology Center 417 Detroit Street Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104 (313)761-3186

Who we are: The Ecology Center of Ann Arbor is a nonprofit environmental organization that was founded after the first Earth Day. We run several programs, including: Recycle Ann Arbor, which runs curbside recycling service to all single-family houses in Ann Arbor; Home Energy Works, which provides free weatherization and energy education to low-income renters and homeowners; a Recycling Drop-off Station at 2050 S. Industrial; and environmental issues and recycling promotion programs. We also have a library that is open to the public Mon. to Fri. from 1 pm to 5 pm and on Sat. from 9:30 am to 1 pm.

How you can help: The Ecology Center can use your help in promoting a cleaner, healthier environment. You can do this, on a personal level, in several ways. **Recycle** your newspapers, glass, tin cans, aluminum, car batteries, and used motor oil. **Ask for paper bags**

rather than plastic ones, when you shop in a supermarket (paper biodegrades quickly). Or better yet, bring your own bags when you go shopping. **Buy recycled paper**, and thereby promote the use of recyclables. You can order recycled stationery, wrapping paper, copier paper, and bond from Earth Care Paper Co., 325 Beech Lane, Harbor Springs, MI 49740. Write to them for a catalog, and if you order something, let them know you heard of them through the Ecology Center—that way we get a percentage of the profit from them. Use fewer toxic household cleansers. There are alternatives to using bleach products, drain cleaners, and ammonia. For a detailed list of these alternatives, contact the Ecology Center. **Become a block coordinator.** By spending an hour a month reminding your neighbors to recycle, you can double the number of recyclers in your neighborhood.

Coming Events: The Ecology Center is hosting two public forums on Radon in Houses (see the Calendar). Presentation will be made on the health hazard of radon and on what you can do if high levels are measured in your house. Radon is a naturally occurring, colorless and odorless radioactive gas emitted from uranium deposits in the earth. If it is present, it poses an increased risk of lung cancer.

On Feb. 24, you can learn to be a tour guide for groups who visit the Leslie Science Center. Training is from 10 am to 12:30 pm. And we are already thinking about Spring, and our largest annual fundraiser, the Ecology Center Bike-a-thon. We hope to see you at any or all of these activities. (2522)

Ann Arbor Energy Program c/o Community Development City Hall, P.O. Box 8647 Ann Arbor, MI 48107 (313) 996-3150

Current News: On February 12 and 13, the Energy Program, with grant support from the Michigan Energy Administration, is offering a seminar on "Energy Efficiency and the Asbestos Threat" for Ann Arbor area building

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remodelers. The Energy Program surveyed area contractors and designed the seminar around their questions.

Residential Energy Conservation Consulting Group leaders Tom Wilson and Rana Belshe will speak about weatherization, insulation, window

treatments, solar and energy efficient construction techniques. They will also cover moisture control, air quality and toxicity issues. Other speakers will address city regulations, incentives, cost saving methods for energy efficiency, funding sources, and pro-

grams designed to assist small businesses.

Discussion about asbestos will focus on identification, removal, disposal, safety procedures, health risks, contractor liability, and Right to Know legislation, which requires worker access to information about effects of hazardous substance exposure in the

workplace and how it affects contractors.

Conference dates are February 12 to 13. Workshops at the Ann Arbor Inn will be held from 10 am to 5 pm. For more information or registration forms, please call 996-3150. (1360)

GAY RIGHTS

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

Current News: The Primary Election for Mayoral and City Council candidates is on Mon., Feb. 16, (the General Election will be on Monday, April 6). We urge voters to determine their candidate's stand on issues concerning lesbians and gay men. Some questions to consider follow below.

What are your personal views about homosexuality? To what extent do you believe that discrimination against lesbians and gay men is a problem in our society? In what ways do you believe that gay people are harassed and discriminated against?

To what extent does the Ann Arbor anti-discrimination ordinance effectively counter discrimination against gay

people?

What have you done to advance the cause of civil rights for gay people?

In practical terms, what do you think can be accomplished in the future with regard to civil rights for lesbians and gay men through the local legislative process?

What, to your mind, are the city's responsibilities concerning AIDS? How could an AIDS policy concerning city employees strike a reasonable balance between public health concerns and the rights of individuals and groups?

Many of the benefits (e.g., health insurance) provided to a city employee as partial compensation for work performed are also available to the employee's legal spouse. Would you favor employment contracts that require such benefits to be available to an employee's "significant other," whether the "significant other" is a legal spouse or not? Would you prefer a "benefits package" allowing the employee to

choose among a range of benefits adding up to a given dollar or salary-percentage total?

Would you welcome an endorsement by a gay organization?

In the March Calendar we will announce a forum where candidates will be invited to share their views about the concerns outlined above.

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 all, regardless of sexual orientation; (4) help lesbian and gay men's groups organize; (5) link to other community groups.

Meetings and Membership: Our meetings vary according to purpose; we do most of our work in subcommittees (counseling, groupwork, education, civil rights). Call for time and place.

Our group includes U-M students, staff,

and faculty, and people from the larger community. We have a President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer. At present we have approximately 50 members. We're a registered nonprofit organization.

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.

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

Community Organization: Information and help on organizing groups, setting goals and objectives, addressing conflict, linking to other groups and resources. (3536)

HEALTH ISSUES

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

Current News: "Sex, Drugs, and Rock 'n' Roll" has lost none of its rhythm as a cultural byword, as witnessed by the title of a new 18-minute video recently approved for use in Michigan public schools. "Sex, Drugs, and AIDS" is a hip hit for teens that combines good teaching techniques—lots of repetition, lots of examples—with fast editing. The success of the piece is due to narrator Rae Dawn Chong, doing her best imitation of a high-schooler, embarrassed at having to talk about this stuff, but firm about how important it is.

The film makes three points: AIDS is hard to get; you can get AIDS by sharing needles; and you can get AIDS by having unprotected intercourse: vaginal ("the usual boy-girl stuff," Chong says with a shrug) or anal.

The pitch is to high-school kids (the people with AIDS shown are not much older than the targeted audience), and the dialogue about the pill vs. rubbers is realistic. The major audience is made up of primarily young women, as that dialogue among three girls makes it clear, and women are thus cast in the old role of being enforcers for birth control.

The piece is too sprightly for cavils, however, and Rae Dawn Chong transcends her role of the star plugged into the expert slot. The comparison with Robert Solo (The Man from U.N.C.L.E.) as narrator in the excellent American Red Cross film on AIDS is both inevitable and painful.

The news that this film will get play in

Michigan schools has generated some interest already. This is wonderful because solid educational efforts are crucial to coming to terms with the plague associated with AIDS, ARC, and HIV (HTLV-III) exposure generally.

The growing medical understanding of the virus and the clinical studies of treatments (AZT is only one of many drugs under study) are important developments that deserve the attention they are getting.

But education is vastly more important, and support for educational efforts will also be needed. Teachers and other educators who are spreading the word about AIDS deserve congratulations, especially for their use of the specific and unavoidably difficult words to do it with. To stop this plague or at least control it, we need to be able to talk about clean needles and sex with condoms.

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 February 8, 3:30 to 5:30 pm at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Ann Arbor (enter through outpatient entrance). (3190)

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HUMAN RIGHTS

Nov. 29th Committee for Palestine (N29) 4203 Michigan Union Ann Arbor, MI 48109 764-6958, 764-5011

News from Palestine: U.S. aid to Israel: how is our tax money being used? Did you know 1) that Israel is by the far the largest recipient of foreign aid in U.S. history, receiving the equivalent of \$42.3 billion (in 1983 dollars) since 1948? 2) that the illegal settlements in the West Bank and Gaza could not be built without U.S. subsidies? 3) that Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon was subsidized by U.S. aid, costing approximately \$2 billion and rising as the occupation continues? 4) that one-half of all U.S. military aid between 1978 and 1982 went to Israel? 5) that U.S. aid has made the Israeli army the fourth most powerful in the world? 6) that U.S. aid has made Israel one of the top five arms exporters in the world? 7) that Israeli arms go to repressive regimes throughout the world, such as South Africa, Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, Chile, as well as to the contras in Nicaragua? 8) that third countries may use U.S. aid

to buy Israeli arms and services—a privilege enjoyed only by Israel? 10) that for the past eight years, U.S. aid to Israel has averaged over \$7.4 million each day?

If you find this U.S.-Israeli relationship indefensible when unemployment, poverty and hunger are soaring in our own country, then join us in the November 29th Committee for Palestine to protest.

Meetings and Office Hours: We meet every Friday at 5 pm in the Michigan Union. Ask at the information desk for locations. Members must agree on N29's bylaws and principles of unity. Office hours are Tues., Thurs. and Friday from 2 pm to 4 pm. If you would like to join N29 or need information on the Palestine conflict or would just like to talk, please visit us.

Purpose: The November 29th Committee for Palestine takes its name from the date declared by the United Nations as the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. A resolution declaring this solidarity day was passed by the U.N. on Dec. 12, 1979. It resulted from a joint drive by the overwhelming majority of member states to recognize the legitimacy of the struggle of the Palestinian people under the leadership

of the Palestine Liberation Organization. The resolution also expressed the international consensus that there cannot be peace in the Middle East without the recognition of the inalienable national rights of the Palestinian People.

N29 was founded in 1981 to create a movement of solidarity with the Palestinian people here in the U.S. The Committee includes more than one hundred member groups, progressive individuals, and representatives from other liberation struggles.

Palestine Focus, the national newsletter of the Nov. 29th Committee for Palestine, is an informational vehicle tied to an activist movement, yet aimed at a general audience with little background knowledge. The newsletter counters the barrage of pro-Israel propaganda which Americans find in their newspapers and on their television sets by advancing factual and understandable explanations of all the issues raised by the state of Israel and the dispossession of the Palestinian people. Subscriptions \$6, sample copies, 50 cents—from our local office or our national office at : P.O. Box 27462, San Francisco, CA 94127. (3340)

INTERGENERATIONAL

Gray Panthers of Huron Valley 1209 Island Dr., #103 Ann Arbor, MI 48105 663-0786

Purpose: To unite the generations in working for social change where great deficiencies and injustice still prevail. Areas of special concern include peace, health care inequities, housing, etc.

Membership: Of any background and any age, young and old together for ACTION

Meetings: Second Saturday of each month, Sept. through June. (Second Floor Conference Room, Ann Arbor Fire Station, 107 N. 5th Ave., 2 to 4 pm. Public Welcome.

Current News: Firming up action plans for a public forum in the spring, to bring awareness of need for alternatives to the current health care provision system. Contact with public figures is being made for strategies to accomplish change. Also, February display on Gray Panthers work is being shown in the main floor of the Ann Arbor Public Library, at 5th Avenue and E. William.

OUR CONCERNS APPLY TO ALL AGES, not just the elderly. (952)

LABOR

Graduate Employees Organization (GEO)

American Federation of Teachers/Michigan Federation of Teachers Local #3550

802 Monroe #3

Ann Arbor, MI 48104

(313) 995-0221

Current News: Three new bylaws were passed by the membership: Associate dues per term shall be 10% of the dues for a Full-Time Equivalent (raising dues from \$6 to \$7.20); Dues increases and Union affiliation issues shall be out of order during the spring and summer membership meetings; In the event that any department/unit fails to elect steward(s), the Vice-President may appoint an acting steward(s) until elections are held.

Chris Roberson (Phil), Alice Haddy (Chem), Lisa Huberty (Biology), Wally Genser (Am Cult) and Dan Schafer (Hist) were newly elected or re-elected to the Steering Committee.

GEO's current Legal Defense Fund stands at \$15,783.73.

Meetings: Regular membership meetings are held monthly. Times and places will be announced ten days in advance and posted on GEO bulletin boards and published in the University

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Record. The next membership meeting will be Feb 18, 7:30 pm, Pond Rm, Union.

Office Hours: MF:12:30 pm-4:30 pm,
TW: 9:30 am-1:30 pm, Th: 10:30 am-12:30
pm, 2:30-4:30 pm.

Industrial Workers of the World (IWW)

Southeastern Mich. Gen-
eral Membership Branch
42 S. Summit
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
483-3478

Current News: Almost all members of the University Cellar Branch of the IWW are now unemployed due to the closing of the store on Dec. 24th (see the related article in this issue of AGENDA). The General Membership Branch is establishing an unemployed committee to provide mutual aid, entertainment, and information about job prospects and skill sharing to our members. Any unemployed worker who would like to avail him/herself of these services is welcome to do so. Call the number above.

In March, members of the General

Purpose: To represent all Graduate Student Assistants in collective bargaining with the University of Michigan, thus protecting staff and Teaching Assistants (TAs) against deterioration in economic compensation, real wages, working conditions; and to address graduate

Membership Branch will be participating in the Free University, conducting a course on the history of labor from a radical perspective. Participation by all wishing to share information or expand their knowledge on the subject will be most welcome.

Meetings: Every Monday (except holidays), 6 pm, Room 4304 Michigan Union. Observers are welcome. Recently the meetings have been adjourning to Dominick's around 7 pm. Feel free to join us for a little socializing.

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

employees' common concerns, such as: excessive class size, teacher training, reallocation of University funds from administration overhead to actual teaching, and the ideals of non-discrimination and affirmative action. (1696)

achieve their goals.

Membership: Area membership includes the majority of the employees at: Ann Arbor Tenant's Union in the Michigan Union; People's Warehouse at 727 W. Ellsworth, and numerous other wage earners, 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.

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. We also participate in efforts to support workers struggling for justice from their employers and their Unions by joining in picketing, promoting boycotts, fundraising and other direct actions. (2530)

LATIN AMERICA

AMISTAD Construction Brigade

802 Monroe
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
761-7960

Current News: After a whopping send-off party, the first contingent of the construction brigade took off for Managua on Jan. 12. They have all settled in with Nicaraguan families and begun clearing the land for the laboratory. Faced with shortages and delays due to the economic and military war in Nicaragua, progress will be slow but steady. Shortly after their arrival, brigadistas met with members of the Commission on Higher Education and the Agricultural Institute (two sponsoring bodies) who expressed their gratitude not only for Ann Arborites' help in construction of the lab, but in bringing home the reality of

Nicaragua to other North Americans.

On Jan. 27, AMISTAD participated in press conferences in Lansing and Ann Arbor kicking off Michigan's part in the "Quest For Peace" campaign to raise \$100 million in humanitarian aid to be sent to Nicaragua. Michigan solidarity groups from around the state were present.

Meetings: AMISTAD's meetings are open to all, Sundays at 7:30 p.m. in the Michigan Union (check CIC desk). The group is still recruiting people who would like to work on the construction in Nicaragua for at least four weeks between March and July. Skilled persons, especially women, including plumbers, masons, and health care workers are encouraged to join us.

Background: "AMISTAD" is the acronym for the Ann Arbor-Managua Initiative for Soil Testing and Development in English, and the word for friendship in Spanish. The construction brigade is group of local people who will work in Nicaragua through the spring of 1987 building a soil and water

testing laboratory with the Agricultural Institute in Nicaragua. The facility will be used to test soil and water so that farmers may better determine how much to fertilize and irrigate their lands. The facility will also be used to train technicians.

AMISTAD is a project of HAP-NICA (see below) and has offered its cooperation in this project along with the Italian Government, a Dutch University and the Nicaraguans themselves. The construction brigade has raised over \$30,000 locally to purchase and ship materials to Nicaragua, and approximately 30 people from the area will be laying blocks and concrete in Managua.

The AMISTAD project is conducted in a spirit of solidarity with the Nicaraguan people and their revolution and of condemnation of the U.S.-sponsored contra war being waged on Nicaragua. The group and its supporters see this project both as a way to promote lasting ties between the people of Nicaragua and the U.S. and to actively protest our country's interventionist policies in Central America. (2685)

Latin American Solidarity Committee (LASC)

4120 Michigan Union
Ann Arbor MI 48109
665-8438

Feb. Activities: LASC and several other solidarity organizations are currently staging a winter offensive against U.S. policy in Central America. Join us in protest every Thursday at 3:30 pm at the National Guard Armory on the corner of Ann St. and Fifth Ave. (Time and site may change, call the LASC office for weekly updates.) The protests have involved civil disobedience, according to the discretion of each individual participant.

This is a crucial time to maintain as much pressure on the administration and Congress as possible, now that the facts are finally appearing in the mainstream media and the U.S. war with Nicaragua is more widely recognized for what it has

always been: ill-conceived and morally bankrupt. The participation of the National Guard in military exercises and the construction of roads and airstrips for the Contras in Honduras and air deepened our country's involvement, uselessly endangering the lives of our servicemen and bringing death and suffering to thousands of innocent Central Americans. It needs to be made clear to our legislators that there is a mass base of people opposed to Reagan's war who won't tolerate another spineless vote for aid to the Contras.

More than 100 protesters who were arrested on trespassing charges at Congressman Carl Pursell's office last March will be on trial Feb. 12th and 13th in Ann Arbor. University students, professors, religious leaders and other concerned citizens sat-in at the office for several days in an unsuccessful attempt to meet with Pursell and convince him that he should not vote for aid to the Contras.

Fundraising activities to pay for the group's legal defense are being planned for this month. The first is a party, Feb. 7 at 6

pm at Dominick's. A \$5.00 donation will be requested at the door, though any size contribution will be greatly appreciated. Direct contributions can be mailed to the LASC office, to the attention of the "Legal Defense Fund."

Attention at the meetings this month will be given to planning for participation in demonstrations for Peace, Jobs and Justice to be held in Detroit and Washington DC in the next few months.

Beans and rice dinners are held each Wednesday evening at 6 pm at the Guild House, 802 Monroe St. A \$2 donation buys a great meal and contributes to material aid for the people of Central America. Funds raised at recent dinners have gone to El Salvador for earthquake relief. The first Wednesday night of each month is LASC's night to cook and we need some volunteers to help out! Anyone able to contribute some time?

People interested in any of the activities mentioned should call or visit the LASC office or come to a meeting. We welcome all newcomers!

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Meetings: 1407 Mason Hall is now the permanent site for LASC meetings every Wednesday evening at 8:00 pm. Information about weekly activities can be obtained by visiting or calling the LASC office. The office is normally staffed from noon to 2 pm on weekdays, and messages can be left on the answering machine at all other times.

Community Services: LASC sponsors educational events such as films and speakers. The outreach committee provides

speakers for University and high school classes as well as for other groups interested in Latin American issues. The LASC newsletter, "La Palabra," is sent to about 800 subscribers. It contains a summary of our activities and updates on the news from Latin America. To receive "La Palabra" and any other special announcements from LASC, sign in at any Wed. night meeting or leave your name and address on the phone answering machine.

Purpose: LASC is a nonprofit group dedicated to supporting the legitimate aspirations of Latin American peoples to self-determination. Its goals are to increase awareness here about contemporary realities in Latin America and the U.S. role in perpetuating these, and to pressure our government to change its military, political, and economic policies toward Latin America. (4080)

PEACE AND DISARMAMENT

Ann Arbor War Tax Dissidents/U.S. Peace Tax Fund

c/o Mary Lou Kerwin
1427 Broadway
Ann Arbor, MI 48105
662-2838

Current News: As followup to the informational workshops held in Jan. we will address the impact of 1987 "tax reform" on war tax resistance and refusal. Explore with us the nuts and bolts of the new W4 form, charitable deductions, professional exemptions, and others. How can these changes

help us in lobbying for the Peace Tax Fund Bill? Sat., Feb. 21st, noon to 3 pm, Wesley Foundation, Pine Room.

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 information, contact:

Mary Lou Kerwin at 662-2838 for general information about AAWTD.

David Bassett at 662-1373 about the U.S. Peace Tax Fund bill.

Fran Eliot at 663-2655 about war tax resistance.

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. (1626)

Michigan Alliance for Disarmament (MAD)

410 W. Washington
Ann Arbor, MI 48103
(313)995-5871

A system of permanent war: President Eisenhower's 1960 warning about "the military-industrial complex" directed salutary attention to those corporate and bureaucratic interests which profit directly by war and preparations for war. But the phrase misleadingly suggests a powerful if dangerous player in a pluralistic play of interests which influence government policy. In fact, the armaments complex is rather closer to being the government than influencing it: no wonder, then, that opposition to war is sometimes confused with lack of patriotism.

Today 57 cents of every income tax dollar goes to the military. Reagan is requesting another \$300 billion dollars for the Pentagon. Around 85% of this goes to the top 100 military contractors, 34 of which are in the top 50 of the Fortune 500. Military firms average profits 125% higher than nonmilitary firms. And their wealth gives them the power to ensure that increasing amounts of our resources will be devoted to weaponry. This investment is for the most part a waste, never used except to kill people. Military spending hurts every sector of society from farms to industry. It absorbs the skills of workers, engineers, and scientists which are

lost to the rest of society. And as the little-known record of these firms trading with the Nazis during World War II shows, their pretense to patriotism is laughable. They are loyal only to money.

The other side of the armaments complex is the government side—more civilian, in fact, than military, but civilians who are often more militaristic than the generals. As Daniel Axelrod argues in his book, "To Win A Nuclear War," the driving force of the system of permanent war is not the arms makers but the arms buyers, those policymakers who seek political clout through military force. Without the officials who identify U.S. interests with international coercion, the weaponsmakers would be just another interest competing for influence.

Here, Attorney General Meese's recent characterization of the National Security Council (NSC) as a "rogue institution" is accurate, but only if we understand that the NSC (which consists of the President, the Secretaries of State and Defense, and the Director of the CIA) was created to be a "rogue institution," at least from the point of view of the American people and the people of the world. This raises the question: how can we get rid of the rogues and create a foundation for a permanent peace?

The Connection is the journal of the Michigan Alliance for Disarmament, and recently received national recognition in "The Nation." If you would like a copy of January's issue on the armaments complex (from which this article is excerpted), or to subscribe, write to MAD at 410 W. Washington, Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

Subscriptions come with memberships in MAD, which are \$10 per year, \$5 for students and low income.

"Connection" meetings are every Wednesday, 7:30 pm, usually at the MAD office, 530 South State St., Rm 4104. Call 995-0183 to check the location. All are welcome.

Who we are: MAD is a five year-old Ann Arbor group working on disarmament, nonintervention, and social justice. Our 700 members include students, professors, University staff, and many members of the Ann Arbor community, and 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: MAD's activities have ranged from a 1984 ballot initiative to ban nuclear weapons research in Ann Arbor to organizing demos and conferences and doing educational work around nuclear arms and intervention. Current work includes: (1) planning for a Peace Art Fair in early June, (2) exploring the use of computer conferences for peace, (3) publishing "TheConnection" and other literature, and (4) exploring a renewed campaign against cruise missile production at nearby Williams International in Walled Lake. Interested people can call 995-0183 or attend any of our meetings.

Meetings: MAD holds regular planning meetings, usually on alternate Mondays, but in February on the 9th and the 16th, at our office at 530 South State St., Rm. 4104 (Michigan Union), 7:30 pm. See Calendar for other announcements. (4388)

WAND Washtenaw County Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament, Inc.

P.O. Box 1815
Ann Arbor, MI 48106
761-1718

Current News: In response to the upcoming ABC TV production "Amerika," WAND is offering a discussion of life in the

Soviet Union at the February meeting. Dr. Bruce Carlson, a U-M professor of Anatomy and Biology, is an exchange scientist who has travelled extensively in Russia. He will speak about his experiences there followed by questions. Information will also be given on ways to respond to ABC and Chrysler about the program. "Amerika," a 14-hour mini-series to be shown February 15-22, shows the United States after a Soviet takeover which has been aided by UN troops; this type of alarmist fiction being shown to millions on TV does nothing to increase US/Soviet understanding.

WAND has a NEW LOCATION. February's meeting will be held on Sunday,

the 8th at the First Baptist Church, 512 E. Huron, Ann Arbor. This new meeting place is near campus and centrally located so people from all over the area can get there easily. We welcome new members. Doors open at 7 pm and the meeting begins at 7:30 with the speaker at 8:30.

Come celebrate Valentine's Day, Saturday, February 14 with us! WAND will be sponsoring a major fundraising event at the Union Ballroom from 8 pm to 1 am called "Give Peace a Dance" with the Urbations, Madcat's Pressure Cooker, People Dancing, and records with S&N, all Emceed

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Ongoing Activities: Call our Information Hotline at 761-1718 for a message announcing important lobbying information, meeting times, and up-coming events.

Our Speaker's Bureau provides trained speakers who will address groups, classes, and public forums and rallies on a variety of issues. Interested persons including non-WAND members may participate in Speaker Training workshops. Contact Jean Carlson at 426-2232.

Meetings and Membership: NEW LOCATION: Meetings are held the 2nd Sunday night of the month at First Baptist Church, 512 E. Huron (beginning with the February meeting). Call 761-1718 for details.

Membership is open to anyone interested in stopping the arms race. Membership fees are \$25 per year with scholarships available for those unable to pay the entire amount. Contact Barb Carson at 662-7851 for more information.

Purpose: WAND's goals are to educate ourselves and the public about the dangers of continued nuclear arms buildup, to influence our congressional representatives by informed lobbying, and to empower women personally and politically.

Washt. County WAND is affiliated with the national WAND org. which was founded in 1980 by Dr. Helen Caldicott. The local group currently has around 400 members and affiliates; there are more than 25,000 national members in 125 chapters. (3138)

POVERTY & HUNGER

WHE-AC World Hunger Education-Action Committee 4202 Michigan Union Ann Arbor, MI 48109 663-3560

Current News: Heart to Heart for the Homeless: The Salvation Army, Shelter Association of Ann Arbor, Ozone House,

SOS Community Crisis Center, and Safe House are working together to sponsor a community event which will involve residents of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti in a show of support for the needs of the homeless people in the area. WHEAC will be working on the publicity committee focusing on education. For more information contact Ozone House 662-2222.

Hunger Watch: Research continues in Lansing, Detroit, and Ypsilanti. The project involves interviewing administrators of and participants in federal food programs and

private agency administrators. Meetings are Tuesdays at 7:15 pm in the WHEAC office, 4202 Michigan Union.

Shelter Association of Ann Arbor: WHEAC is volunteering as a group at the shelter. More volunteers are always needed. Contact WHEAC if you would like to get involved.

Meetings: All are welcome to come and be a part of WHE-AC. General meetings are on Tuesdays at 6 pm in the Michigan Union (check at the front desk for room).

Purpose: WHE-AC is a campus-based organization whose focus is on educating the community on the causes of—and solutions to—world hunger. Our goal is to understand the complex social, political, economic, and environmental forces that both create and promote world hunger. We recognize that true development can only be achieved by empowering people on a grass roots level. We organize projects with this perspective in mind. Consequently, we work with Oxfam America and the Institute for Food and Development Policy. (1678)

PROGRESSIVE RELIGION

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

Anti-Apartheid Speakers: Two of South Africa's most dynamic anti-apartheid leaders will be speaking in Ann Arbor on February 23, 1987. The two are Rabbi Ben

Issacson of Johannesburg and Reverend Zachariah Mokgoebo, a Black minister from Soweto.

Rabbi Issacson is the founder of an anti-apartheid group called Jews for Justice and is a close associate of Archbishop Desmond Tutu. He has been a critic of South African government policies since the 1960's. Reverend Mokgoebo has spent his life in Soweto. He is a member of the Soweto Civic Association, a leader in the development of liberation theology in South Africa and serves as national

organizer of the Belydende Kring, the group of dissident non-white ministers within the Dutch Reformed Church that was founded by Rev. Allan Boesak.

The pair will speak at 7:30 pm on February 23 in the Rackham Amphitheater, on the fourth floor of the Rackham building on the U-M campus.

Feb. events also include the NJA monthly Shabbat Potluck on the 20th, and the NJA Feminist Interest Group meeting on the 21st (see the CALENDAR for details). Please join any or all of our

activities!!

Purpose: New Jewish Agenda (NJA) is comprised of Jews from a variety of backgrounds and affiliations who are interested in working for social and political justice within the framework of Jewish tradition. We are committed to building an inclusive Jewish community and therefore place particular importance on addressing issues which traditionally exclude many Jews. (1580)

SENIOR CITIZENS

Housing Bureau for Seniors 1010 Wall St. Ann Arbor, MI 48109 763-0970

Volunteers needed!! The Housing Bureau for Seniors, affiliated with Turner Geriatric Services of the University of Michigan Medical Center, has main offices located in the Kellogg Eye Research Tower, 990 Wall St., Ann Arbor. The Bureau is staffed predominantly by volunteer counselors, mostly senior citizens, recruited to perform a variety of housing-related services.

Outreach activities of the Housing

Bureau include counseling services provided in out-county locations. Chelsea, Whitmore Lake, Ypsilanti City, Ypsilanti Township, Saline and the Burns Park Senior Center. The outreach coordination has been provided by the Housing Options Project, funded by an Administration on Aging grant which the Housing Bureau received in August, 1985.

Public information materials and services, the housing guide, slide show and posters, developed by the Housing Bureau were also funded by the Housing Options Project grant.

The grant expired on Jan. 22. While Bureau activities have been cut back as a result, Carolyn Hastings, executive director of the Housing Bureau, has assured volunteers and clients of the

Bureau that counseling for seniors and their families on housing-related issues will continue.

"Now more than ever we are dependent upon the services of volunteers, not only as counselors, but to do public relations work, develop and maintain our information services, and keep Bureau operations moving smoothly," Ms. Hastings claims. Persons interested in volunteering to work at the Housing Bureau are asked to contact Carole Lapidus, volunteer coordinator, at 763-0970.

Many copies remain of the Bureau's housing guide, "Home is Where: A Guide to Housing for Senior Citizens in Washtenaw County." The guide is a comprehensive listing of area housing choices for senior citizens and includes information about

retirement centers, subsidized housing, cooperatives, condominiums, mobile homes, and apartments in Washtenaw County. Those who would like to receive a free copy of "Home is Where" are urged to contact the Housing Bureau.

Also, the Bureau's recently completed slide show may be viewed by groups and interested individuals. The slide show may be viewed by visiting the Bureau at its main office, or arrangements can be made for a Housing Bureau volunteer to come to your meeting or home to show the slide show and make a brief presentation about the Housing Bureau and its services and about housing choices for senior citizens in Washtenaw County. (2560)



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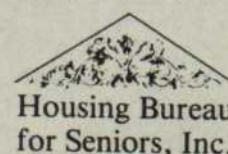
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SOUTH AFRICA

Free South Africa Coordinating Committee (FSACC)

8309 Michigan Union
Ann Arbor, MI 48109
971-7994 or 769-8549

Current News: FSACC members supported, publicized and participated in the Jan. events in memory of Dr. Martin

Luther King. Our Jan. 19th Mass Meeting was postponed to January 26th because of a King tribute at Trotter House the same night. Our weekly meetings are still drawing twenty to forty people. We have launched another "Honor Mandela" petition drive and plan to have a big presence at the Feb. Regents Meeting.

Feb. is Black History Month and we are sponsoring or supporting several events including a talk on "Black Feminist Thought" by Prof. Pat Hill Collins from the University of Cincinnati on Feb. 4, 4:30 pm in the Rackham Building. There will also be a forum on "The Implications of the

Recent Wave of Corporate Divestiture from South Africa" on Feb. 16 at 7 pm in the Michigan Union; and speakers reaffirming our anti-racist campus agenda at the U-M Regents Meeting on Feb. 19 at 4 pm.

On Feb 2, there will be an initial planning meeting for the April 4 Freedom March Coalition at 8 pm in the Michigan Union.

Meetings: General meetings are every Monday night, 6:30 pm in Room 111 of the West Engineering Bldg. All are welcome.

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 U-M), underwrite that system.

FSACC is also involved in grassroots 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. (1952)

WOMEN'S ISSUES

Michigan Abortion Rights Action League (MARAL)

1208 Chapel
Ann Arbor, MI 48103
665-2825 or 663-3621

Purpose: MARAL is one of 34 affiliates of NARAL (National Abortion Rights Action League). MARAL works to preserve the right of all women to choose a safe and legal abortion by involving pro-choice citizens in the Michigan electoral process. The right to make decisions about our reproductive lives without government interference is crucial to our constitutional

right to personal privacy. We are neither pro nor anti-abortion, rather we are pro-choice! MARAL speaks for the overwhelming majority of Michigan citizens who believe abortion is a personal choice, not a matter for government control.

Current Activities: On Tuesday, March 3, MARAL and RCAR (Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights) will sponsor a showing

of the film "Holy Terror," a documentary on the emerging political activism of the religious New Right focusing on anti-abortion activities including harassment and clinic violence. The film will be shown at 7:30 pm at the downtown public library and will be followed by a brief discussion of religious opinion on abortion. (1156)

U-M Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center

3100 Michigan Union
Ann Arbor, MI 48109
763-5865

Purpose: To help provide the University community with an awareness of sexual assault and sexual assault prevention through educational programming, crisis intervention and safety programs. The Center coordinates other units working on

these issues throughout the University.

Current News: We have many exciting activities going on and we are looking for volunteers to work with us this winter and spring. We need volunteers to facilitate our Date and Acquaintance Rape Workshops for students, help with our newsletter, help organize events for the University community to become aware of sexual assault and prevention, as well as to help in the office. If you are interested please call Jennifer Akfirat, 763-5865.

A national Rape Art Exhibit will be coming to the U-M Campus March 15-30, at the Slusser Gallery on North Campus in the Art and Architecture Building. There are

many related events surrounding the exhibit that will be publicized in the near future.

Meetings: There will be a Mass Meeting Thurs., Feb. 4, in the Kuenzal Room of the Michigan Union (first floor) for people interested in volunteering at the Center.

Services:
Educational Programming like the student led workshop on Date-Acquaintance Rape Prevention which 800 students participated in last fall, Self-Defense Workshops, training programs for University staff, and general awareness campaigns aimed at the University

community.

Crisis Intervention Services: coordinating services for sexual assault victims, family, and friends in the University community. Counselors are available on an appointment basis as well as assistance in dealing with the police and the court system.

Campus Safety: coordinating efforts to improve safety on campus. By working with the Dept. of Public Safety and Security, Transportation, Telephone Communications, and other departments as well, we hope to create a safer environment on campus for students, staff and faculty. (2084)

Women's Crisis Center - WCC

P.O. Box 7413
Ann Arbor, MI 48107
CRISIS LINE: 994-9100
Business line: 761-9475

Current News: The Ann Arbor City Council passed the Domestic Violence Ordinance in December. Under this ordinance the police will arrest an assailant who has assaulted a significant other residing or having resided in the same residence. The police department will also notify the survivor and SAFE House before the assailant is released. SAFE House will have an on-call team of volunteers who have experience working in crisis

intervention that will meet the woman and give her information on her rights and options. The Ordinance goes into effect on May 1, 1987. A WCC representative will be on the Oversight Committee for this ordinance along with representatives from SAFE House and various city and county officials.

For the past few months, WCC has been working with the Assault Crisis Center and the U-M Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center to develop a volunteer **Court Accompaniment Program**. Volunteers will work with counselors and survivors of sexual assault to provide empathy and support during court procedures. The program needs a volunteer coordinator as well as volunteers to accompany survivors. The coordinator will help with the development and implementation of this new program. At this

time we are looking to obtain funds to make this a paid position. For more information and to volunteer, call WCC at 761-9475, Assault Crisis Center at 994-2618, or U-M Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center at 763-5865. Volunteers are needed!

WCC is in the process of developing a Speakers Bureau to provide community education and support on feminist issues other than sexual assault and domestic violence. The Assault Crisis Center currently has a volunteer Speakers Bureau that can be scheduled by calling 994-2618. The Domestic Violence Project is developing a Speakers Bureau, call 973-0242 for info. WCC hopes to have ours ready for scheduling by mid-April.

We're happy to announce that another peer counseling training has gone successfully! Thank you to all the women

who went through our January training. It's great to have you all as part of the WCC community!

WCC will turn 15 in April and we're planning a birthday party! If you were ever involved in the Center, we would like to hear from you and send you an invitation to the party. If you have addresses of other women who worked at WCC in the past, please let us know so that we can contact them, too. Stay tuned for more information about this fun-filled event.

Community Services

The Crisis Line: 994-9100, operates every day, 10 am to 10 pm. Callers are guaranteed anonymity and can talk with a peer counselor who is there to provide non-judgemental support.

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Purpose: The purpose of the Women's Crisis Center is to help women help

themselves gain control and dignity in their lives by providing non-judgemental support, education, and resources.

WCC volunteers provide free peer counseling and crisis intervention for all women in the Washtenaw County area. We

also organize education and support groups, workshops, and activities.

WCC is a nonprofit, collectively run organization made up of community women concerned with the needs of all women. Our funding is primarily from private donations.

We depend on community support to be able to provide the services we have been for the past 14 years. We strongly encourage all women who want to work to change society to get involved in active, empowering work with other women. (3728)

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or share any idea, skill, or craft with other people in the community, Free University Network is for you. Please get involved soon by developing a course, or helping with planning and publicity.

Meeting: We would like to invite everyone who is interested in helping to join us in our next planning meeting to be held on Mon., Feb. 9 at 7:30 pm at 1402 Hill Street (children are welcome). Please call anytime if you have any ideas, suggestions, or questions. We look forward to learning with you! (1216)

Free University Network (FUN)

1402 Hill
Ann Arbor, Michigan
48104
994-4937 or 662-8607

Purpose: The purpose of the Free U Network is to encourage and support liberating education - free education that works to free people. Through program

Solar Yoga and Cultural Center

205 E. Ann St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
769-4321

The Solar Yoga and Cultural Center, sponsored by the Universal Great Brotherhood (UGB), is an organization dedicated to the attainment of peace through efforts made by us all to raise the consciousness of humankind as a whole. Since 1948 the organization has been a means for people to become active in improving their health, their human relationships and their understanding of natural laws, so that society can come to a greater maturity and more nobly reflect its potential in the universal values of every day life.

In 1972, the UGB founded the Solar Yoga and Cultural Center of Ann Arbor with four specific goals. 1) To promote a synthesis of science, art, philosophy, and education. 2) To aid individuals in search of their own physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual potential, thus promoting their self realization. 3) To unite humanitarian, philosophical, scientific, esoteric, religious and Initiatic societies. 4) To inspire world peace.

Community Service: After 15 years of quiet work, the members feel some satisfaction in the thought that they have been of help in transforming the Kerrytown

neighborhood in which they are located into the heart of today's New Age community of Cooperative natural foods and baking, book stores, art studios etc., from the unsightly scene of seedy bars, street fights and crime that it once was. The Solar Yoga and Cultural Center serves as a meeting point for many community service organizations: The New Dimensions Study Group; A Tai Chi group; The non profit Solar Line Products, makers of Ann Arbor's ever popular health food snack-Hommu; A Suffi Dance group from ERIKA; a Karate class; to name a few. It opens its doors to any organization that might need a hall or other support for some special community service.

Public Events: Beside serving as a home for the UGB's Regional Council of Michigan, The Solar Yoga and Cultural Center also offers various classes on vegetarian cooking, natural childbirth, astrology, and a regular series on Hatha Yoga. It also sponsors seminars and workshops by visiting speakers and puts on a quarterly Vegetarian Dinner Party, all open to the public. Inclusion in a regular mailing can be requested to keep informed of the calendar of events. The unique characteristic of UGB is that all teaching is done on a voluntary basis.

Hatha Yoga: By far its most popular event, the Hatha Yoga Classes are specifically designed to meet the second goal mentioned above. As might be expected, the classes use Action on the physical body to develop flexibility,

muscle tone, weight management, increased endurance, greater lung capacity, relaxation and stress control, hormonal balance, quick reflexes, in short to develop radiant health.

Initiation: The UGB publicly opens its Colleges of Initiation to anyone who feels this need. Initiation is a very ancient, sacred tradition of wisdom. We are all Initiates because we are all, even the plants and animals, evolving towards high consciousness. The UGB merely makes conscious recognition of this fact, offering an efficient way of accelerating the process and sharing it with others. It offers Schools of Initiation to those individuals who seek to develop themselves spiritually within a group context. Yamis School is where the candidate is first introduced to esoteric studies. The simple disciplines required for entrance lay the foundation for all succeeding steps.

Current News: How well the UGB, through its community service, public events, hatha yoga classes, and schools of Initiation, meets its rather ambitious goals, can best be judged by visiting the Solar Yoga and Cultural Center of Ann Arbor during one of its events. The Center is currently running "A New Year, A New You" promotion, and memberships through March are offered at a special 50% price of \$15 per month. Beginning HathaYoga classes are offered on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6 to 8 pm and on Saturday mornings from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. New visitors can try it out free of charge. (4124)

Student Chapter: Under the sponsorship of the Washtenaw Branch, a U-M student ACLU chapter was formed three years ago. The outgoing chair of the chapter is Fred Campbell, a Dec., 1985 graduate of the U-M Law School. Vice-President of the chapter is Joe Opich. Jason Engel and Monica Rimai represent the chapter on the Branch board.

The chapter has sponsored a forum on civil rights issues involved in AIDS and plans to sponsor a forum this spring on drug testing in employment and in other settings. It meets twice a month and, in addition, sponsors brown bag lunches on specific topics, such as the death penalty. Meeting times are posted in Hutchins Hall at the U-M Law School, on the corner of State and Monroe. Additional information can be obtained from the secretary of the chapter Deborah Osgood (668-6222).

Current News: The Washtenaw Branch's annual meeting in April will be a Silver Anniversary Potluck honoring those who have served on the Branch Board since its founding in 1961. Julie Carroll (662-6036) is research director for the event. If you have ever served on the Board or know of anyone who has, please call Julie with contact information. (3132)

Washtenaw County

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Purpose: The American system of government rests on two principles. The first, widely understood and accepted, is that the majority of people, through elected representatives, govern the country. That is the democratic principle. The second, less understood and often abused, is that the power of even a democratic majority must be limited to insure individual rights. That is the libertarian principle.

The concept of limiting the majority is part of the genius of the traditional American system, invented nearly 200 years ago. While the rest of the U.S. Constitution authorizes the government to act, the Bill of Rights sets limits. It describes what the government may not do. Even a democratically elected government is not permitted to take away from the people their inherent rights to freedom of expression, belief and association, to procedural fairness, to equal treatment before the law,

to privacy.

To protect these rights, to enforce these limits on government, is the sole purpose of the American Civil Liberties Union. Without legal guarantees of individual liberty, even American democracy can revert to acts of tyranny, to a despotism of the majority. The ACLU believes that any infraction of liberties weakens all liberties. The ACLU exists to make sure this does not happen, and to fight it when it does.

Meetings: The 16-member Executive Committee of the Washtenaw County Branch of the ACLU of Michigan meets (except in December and the summer) on the third Sunday of the month at 7:30 pm at the First Unitarian-Universalist Church, 1917 Washtenaw Avenue, Ann Arbor. The meetings of the Executive Committee are open to the public and visitors are welcome.

February's meeting will be held on Sunday, Feb. 15, at 7:30 pm. For other meetings, visitors should call Jean Ledwith King, chair of the Branch at 662-1334 during business hours to confirm time, place and date of meeting.

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PERSONALS

From March 10-24, I will be travelling to Nicaragua with Witness for Peace. I need to raise \$1500 by Feb. 27. I need your support. I will be available for speaking engagements upon return. Make checks payable to: Roberta Bernhard, 1090 Island Dr. Ct., Ann Arbor, MI 48105. For more information, call 665-0192

I will be moving from Ann Arbor on Feb. 1. To many friends and co-workers in the Agenda community, I send you my good wishes for your efforts here to make a newer world. I will be living in a small town where we pick up our mail at the post office, so my address is just Cassadaga, Florida 32706. It's between Daytona and Orlando, and I'd be happy to see you if you are passing near. I look forward to keeping up with Ann Arbor through my AGENDA subscription!

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Ypsilanti Food Co-op

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Current News: The Ypsilanti Food Co-op provides whole foods that have been processed as little as possible. We carry locally grown foods and deal with small distributors who are aware of where their products come from, and how they are grown or made. We avoid foods grown heavily with pesticides and foods grown with the use of exploited workers.

Whole foods are stressed for nourishment rather than processed foods with some of the nutrients added back in. We help educate our shoppers about how to use these natural, whole foods.

One Saturday a month the co-op sponsors "Cooking Encounters," a display of naturally prepared foods for your tasting.

Recipes are also available.

In March, we are asking you to do the cooking for a Whole-foods Baking Contest. The contest will be held Saturday, March 21st, from noon until 3 pm. If you are interested in entering, stop by the co-op for an entry form. Included are the details as to the ingredients permissible. Prizes include a twenty-dollar gift certificate to the co-op and natural foods cookbooks. Everyone is welcome to come by and try out these wholesome treats and see how good they really can be.

See the calendar for details about the February 14th "Cooking Encounters" on good foods for the heart.

Purpose: The Ypsilanti Food Co-op is a not-for-profit organization. We provide wholesome, nutritious food at the lowest possible prices. You can buy in small quantities or order in bulk. Although the Co-op is set up like a store and open to the public, members and shoppers have input to choose the food items and products that are sold in the store. The Co-op is based on a

one-member-one vote democratic system for successful management of the store.

Membership: The Ypsilanti Food Co-op can be whatever the members want it to be. The Co-op serves the entire community, however membership is easily obtainable and entitles you to

several benefits. Upon membership you become part owner of the Co-op, enabling you to vote on issues of concern within the Co-op as well as a discount.

A newsletter is published monthly to keep the community informed of the happenings of the Co-op. New members are always welcome. (2246)

SIT-DOWN

(FROM PAGE 7)

In 1987, all of the gains of the past 50 years won by the hard efforts of the sit-downers and the workers who followed in their footsteps are under attack. And the sit-down pioneers are still being treated as "subversives." UAW union officials have vetoed any appropriate commemoration to mark the 50th anniversary of Feb. 11 in Flint or elsewhere in Michigan. But if the history is known of what was won and how, there will be the basis to carry on the proud tradition of Feb. 11, 1937.

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***Note:** This poem is in a collection of poems by Floyd Hoke-Miller, "A Laborer Looks at Life: Then and Now," Flint, MI, 1984

Photographs and cartoons used as illustrations are from the collection of "Doc" Wilson, also a Flint sit-down pioneer. (except for the Rivera mural)

CONTRA

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The next day Nicaraguan soldiers located the group and in the ensuing fight, the two women were able to escape. They reported that they were raped and had been forced to carry supplies and ammunition. On the night of Jan. 13, 1987 a state farm, San Juan de Dios, was attacked by contras. Five campesinos on guard duty were killed and the homes were burned. The families are now refugees and it is considered too dangerous for them to return to the farm.

\$40 million of the \$100 million in overt aid to the contra terrorists is up for a vote in

Congress around mid-February. Our sister city is directly threatened by this funding for the contra terrorists. Congressperson Carl Pursell has been a consistent supporter of the contras. He did, however, state publicly that he hopes the contras don't attack Juigalpa. This is a good time to point out to him that he can protect the sister city of the biggest city in his district by voting against any aid for the contras. You might also remind Pursell of his Aug., 1985 promise to participate in a public forum on his Central American policy. Thus far he has refused to honor his promise to the people of Ann Arbor. Pursell's address is: 1414 Longworth Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

QUEST

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Jim Burchell of Ann Arbor, state coordinator for Michigan Quest. He also said that 40 Michigan organizations have endorsed Michigan Quest.

About \$60,000 of that figure has been raised by Ann Arbor organizations including AMISTAD, Nicaragua Medical Aid Project, the Ann Arbor Central America Sister City Task Force, and the weekly Beans-and-Rice

Dinners.

Some of the humanitarian aid raised will be shipped to Nicaragua through the Quixote Center, an independent Catholic-based social justice organization located outside of Washington, D.C. The Quixote Center has staff people in Nicaragua who directly channel the aid to people in need in locations throughout the country.

For more information, contact: Michigan Quest for Peace, 1910 Hill Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, (313)769-5051.

HEAT

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sealing buildings. Owners of units where tenants pay heat costs have done little, as there is no incentive for them to make their units energy efficient.

This failure of government to act, led to a second citizens' initiative—placed on the ballot—requiring minimal weatherization. This ordinance, the "Basic Winterization in Rental Housing," section 8.538 of the Housing Code, is supposed to have been completed for all rental units, and is even being enforced (more or less slowly). This ordinance will be

discussed next month.

Meanwhile the lack of "utility heating charge" information has begun cropping up in the courts. Consequentially, smart landlords are starting to comply with this rather easy regulation and are informing tenants of the projected "budget plan" as they are required to do. Tenants, now shopping for next year's unit, should be able to get this information in writing from their prospective landlord.

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