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Kudos

I think your magazine is one of the finest I've read, really! Your graphics are the best of any newspaper-like journals. The only suggestion is to be as unbiased as possible in your articles; do present the other side. I hope you continue and prosper!

Andrew Voskov
ANN ARBOR

This is just a short note to let you know that we are very pleased with your publication of our monthly announcement in your Community Resource Directory.

We find AGENDA a good looking, well written (and politically correct) forum for our organization, and because we do not have a large budget for publicity, we consider our AGENDA item as money well spent.

Keep up the fine work.

Bill Shea, GEO Office Manager
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Afghan Refugees

The article regarding atrocities in Afghanistan was appreciated. As well as informing people of circumstances in Afghanistan, you may also wish to make note of organizations working to alleviate the suffering there.

One such organization is the Afghan Refugee Fund (ARF). Since the Soviet invasion in December 1979, five million Afghans have fled their country and now live in refugee camps around Pakistan. As the target in a war of terror, they have been forced to leave their land. They are the largest refugee population in the world.

The ARF works with European affiliates to collect funds for direct distribution to the refugees. All funds are distributed by volunteer administrators, so all money donated goes directly to the Afghans. The ARF has no political or religious affiliation, and all with real need are considered. Hundreds of families have been helped since 1980. Hundreds of orphans have been clothed, and thousands blinded or crippled by the war have received assistance.

The needs for medical care, clothing and other necessities are ongoing. Donations or requests for further information can be directed to:

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LETTERS

Feb Rev Over?

A year ago, millions of Filipinos in Metro Manila, in a dramatic display of "people power," toppled the 13-year dictatorship of Ferdinand Marcos in what has been called the February Revolt or "Feb Rev." With the ascendancy of a new government headed by Corazon Aquino emerged the hopes for social justice, peace and economic progress.

The new government made strange bedfellows of militarists and conservatives like Defense Minister Enrile, Gen. Fidel Ramos and Vice-President Laurel, and liberals and nationalists such as Human Rights Commissioner Diokno, Cabinet Ministers Sanchez, Saguisag and Pimentel.

President Aquino's visit to the U.S. proved to be a turning point in the struggle for power in the Philippines. Under pressure from the U.S. government and the military, she began sacking her liberal ministers or "promoting" them to the sidelines. Events since then, raise serious questions regarding both U.S. policy and the direction of the Aquino government.

A key component of current U.S. policy is the shoring up of the NAFF as demonstrated by the record \$208 million in U.S. military aid and training for 1986-87. The "New" AFP, however, remains the same old AFP with only a few names changed. To date, not a single military or paramilitary unit involved in atrocities has been disbanded; not a single member of the military has been prosecuted for the hundreds of disappearances and thousands of "salvagings" (summary executions) during the Marcos regime. The military is still arresting dissidents and currently detains several hundred political prisoners. "Salvagings" and militarization continue in the countryside, as documented by human rights groups.

During the ceasefire talks, the military violated security arrangements, launched major offensives in at least three areas, sabotaged the Davao del Norte regional ceasefire, and provocatively deployed 70 combat battalions to the countryside, more than the number deployed under Marcos. Just before the 60-day ceasefire agreements were signed last Dec. 10, AFP Chief Gen. Ramos issued orders to his commanders justifying continued armed operations against the insurgents during the ceasefire period.

After 13 years of massive build-up made possible by over \$1 billion in U.S. military aid, the military has now become a powerful actor in Philippine politics, demonstrating an effective "veto power" within the government, especially on human rights

matters. The Aquino government has found it extremely difficult to punish even the officers and soldiers who openly rebelled in two ultrarightist coup attempts.

Within the Aquino government, the military receives support from conservatives who dominate decision-making now that liberal cabinet members have been eliminated. Economic policies, for example, are completely controlled by conservative technocrats whose basic economic strategies differ little from those under Marcos. A case in point is land reform, an issue affecting millions of impoverished, landless farmers who make up the majority of the population.

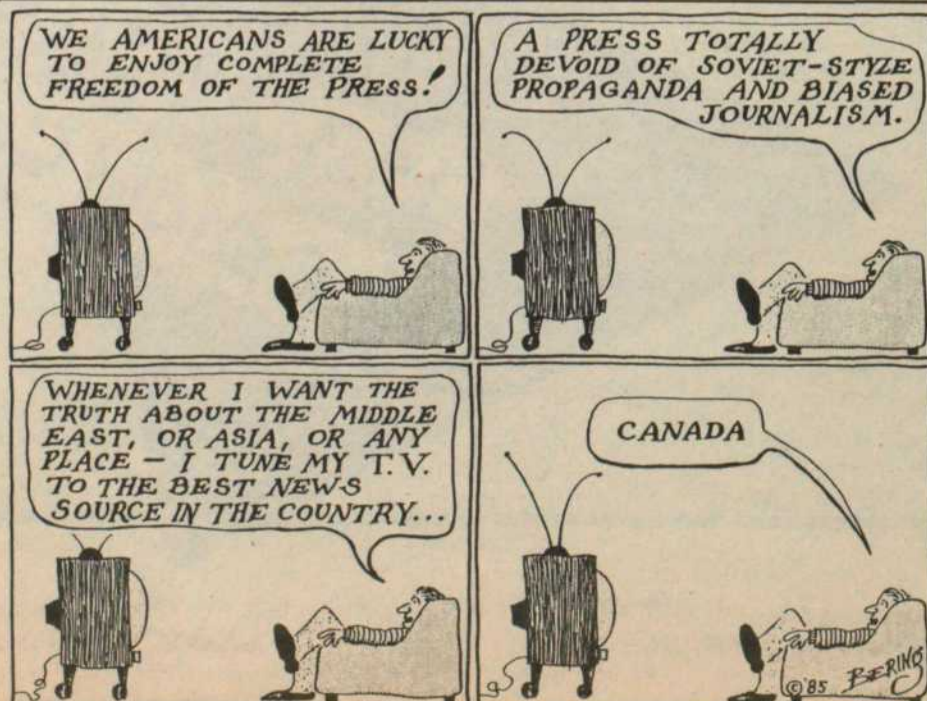
Most of the arable land in the Philippines is controlled by a few landlords and agribusiness multinationals. For Filipino farmers, land is tantamount to survival. Yet for eleven months, the Aquino government, itself composed of many wealthy landlords (including Laurel and Aquino herself), did not offer an agrarian reform program, but like its predecessor, presented proposals along the lines of the U.S. and World Bank scheme of expanding large agribusiness estates for export crops. Last Jan. 22, farmers from across the country marched towards the Presidential Palace in their fourth attempt to gain an audience with the president. The march was met with bullets; at least 18 were killed and 94 seriously wounded.

Since then, five of Aquino's seven Human Rights Commissioners, including Diokno, have resigned, charging that government "pronouncements for human rights have not been validated by its actions." One of the three government negotiators, the Secretary-General of the government's ceasefire negotiating panel, also resigned stating: "I have found it increasingly difficult to defend the position of government on a wide range of issues." This was accompanied by the mass resignation of nine staff members of the government panel. They condemned the government for merely making "statements of intention" with no substance on social issues of grave importance, while the NDF proposed specific programs for human rights, land reform and national industrialization.

With the breakdown in negotiations, the Philippines is moving relentlessly towards Low Intensity Conflict (LIC), a U.S.-inspired model of counterinsurgency practiced in Latin America which the U.S. government would like the Philippines to follow. In LIC, military forces are trained by U.S. advisors (and mercenaries) in conventional and "unconventional" warfare, including psychological operations. Nowhere in LIC are the root causes of insurgency addressed, such as grinding poverty in the face of extreme wealth, landlessness, human rights abuses and other socioeconomic injustices which confront Filipinos, Salvadorans, and other Third World peoples. LIC also requires a government of the conservative elite with some democratic trappings to create a facade of social reform, while leaving the business of counterinsurgency in the hands of a dominant and powerful military. Is the Aquino government moving in this direction?

The overwhelming ratification of the constitution a few weeks ago reflects the continued popularity of Corazon Aquino as a person. But if the government continues to succumb to U.S. government and AFP pressure for a military solution to the insurgency, the gains of the February Revolution a year ago will surely be lost, and with them the hopes for a just and lasting peace in the Philippines.

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ELECTION GUIDE

One of Agenda Publication's main goals is to increase public participation in the democratic processes available. To this end, we invited all candidates running for Ann Arbor Mayor or Councilperson to fully participate in the following forum. The format is a 3-question written interview: one question from each candidate and one question from AGENDA. That is, candidates formulated one question which both they and their opponent answered.

AGENDA was as flexible as possible with all candidates in an attempt to publish a complete guide. Those candidates absent are not listed due to their own failure to meet our very flexible deadlines.

Mayor: Ed Pierce (D) vs. Gerald Jernigan (R)

- A. AGENDA: Two years from now, at re-election time, what would you like to be able to claim as your most important accomplishment as Mayor? What steps will you take to achieve your goal?
- B. Pierce: Did you vote for or against Proposal A and Proposal B in the spring of 1986? (Proposal A called for the cessation of U.S. military activity in Central America and for the establishment of a sister city relationship; Proposal B was a \$3 million bond proposal to provide \$1 million/year for the next three years for street reconstruction.)
- C. Optional: Concluding Remarks

Ed Pierce

A. Two years from now I would like the average Ann Arborite to say that Ed Pierce and his fellow Democrats have run the City well; the roads are finally getting repaired; the crime rate is edging downward; affordable housing is more of a reality because of the 1/2 mill approved by the voters for that purpose in April of 1987; the various human services that we partially fund are fulfilling their missions of caring for our people; the arts are flourishing; the kids in public housing feel better about themselves; our planning efforts are less contentious; and our City is maintaining its image where all of our diverse population lives in peace.

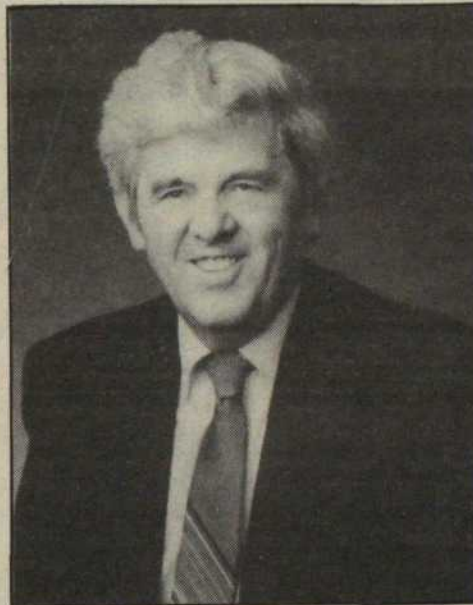
I will continue to support the above goals by the prudent use of taxpayer dollars. I am planning early in my second term to appoint a knowledgeable citizen's group to examine the status of crime in Ann Arbor, i.e. what can we effectively do to reduce crime in our wonderful city. I will also continue to appoint people to our Boards and Commissions who represent the full diversity of our population.

B. I strongly supported both Proposals last year. I vigorously supported Proposal A. The voters also supported this Proposal with a 61% majority. (By way of perspective, I have never won any of my elections by anything approaching 61%!) The Central America Sister City Task Force was appointed by myself, with Council approval, and we Democrats provided operational seed money for the task force.

My wife, Mary Lee, and I led the first delegation of Ann Arbor citizens to our new Sister City in Juigalpa, Nicaragua. I am very proud of the fact that Ann Arbor people support such endeavors. We are true peacemakers. On March 11, 1987 our Congressman, Carl Pursell, finally voted against further Contra aid; perhaps he's finally listening.

I have been so impressed with the Task Force's activities that I am planning, if re-elected, to appoint an Ann Arbor Peace Commission. Such a commission will be modestly funded and will be a focal point for all of the peace activists of Ann Arbor. Who knows, in time we may have a sister city in the USSR.

The Road Bond Proposal was the only



way that I could see to continue our aggressive road repair program. We are finally getting on top of the situation, thanks to the support of 61% of the people who approved the Proposal. The Republicans on City Council, including my opponent for this election, fought Proposal B and I am glad the voters did not follow their lead.

C. One of the criticisms my opponent levels at me and the other Democrats on City Council is to accuse us of micromanagement. I spend about 20 to 25 hours per week on City business. After being your Mayor for two years, there are still many things regarding City Hall about which I don't know enough. To make proper decisions I need to be properly informed. This takes time. It seems to me that the current scandal in Washington should make us wary of chief executives who pay no (or too little) attention to detail.

Lastly, I have had wonderful support of the voters of Ann Arbor over many years and many elections. It has been a high honor to serve you. I cannot be a good Mayor without the help of my Democratic colleagues on City Council. If you like what we've been doing these past two years, please go to the polls on April 6.

Gerald Jernigan

No response.

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First Ward Candidates: Ann Marie Coleman (D) vs. Ron Witchie (R)



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A. AGENDA: Two years from now, at re-election time, what would you like to be able to claim as your most important accomplishment as councilperson? What steps will you take to achieve your goal?
 B. Witchie: What portion of Council time should be dedicated to each of the following issues: global, national, state, and local?
 C. Coleman: Because of the Reagan budget cuts, more and more human services must be funded locally. How would you make sure that critical human services are available locally?

Ann Marie Coleman



A. In two years, I hope to be able to say that Ann Arbor is a better place to live and work because I have served on City Council. That means continuing to provide the quality constituent services which Lowell Peterson and Larry Hunter have done. I will be an advocate in City Hall for the concerns of the people of the First Ward. I believe an active, involved citizenry is important to our community. Neighborhood groups which are concerned with a variety of issues help people know one another and work together. I hope to strengthen neighborhood groups by supporting those which already exist and by helping others emerge.

The development of affordable housing for low and moderate income individuals and families is crucial to our community. I support the Housing Millage and intend to work to meet the pressing housing needs of our community. Uniform and consistent enforcement of the housing code which sets minimal standards for rental housing is necessary to protect the health and safety of the tenants. It also helps protect the housing stock. 57% of the people who live in Ann Arbor rent housing. In the First Ward, this is even higher. Improving living conditions in public housing through rehabilitation and tenant service will also help.

For Ann Arbor to be a good place to work, we must maintain a diverse business community where small as well as large businesses can thrive. I support the Community Development Corporation which assists small businesses and encourages those which are cooperatively run. Because I believe the City can contribute to a good atmosphere for all workers in the community, I will support efforts to make the city a model employer with strong affirmative action goals.

B. The role of City Council is to make policy and oversee the operations of the City of Ann Arbor. Therefore a major portion of time is spent on issues which relate specifically to this community. They include land use; development of a solid waste strategy; how the downtown will look; plans for the North Main/River corridor; what mix of housing, commercial and business the community desires; how we build a community that includes diverse races and economic situations; how we maintain our parks and set aside money for park acquisition; how we

community development block grants, and public housing. I believe City Council must address those National issues which have local implications.

Through the Central America initiative, citizens have made it abundantly clear that when the national government does not respond to citizens, it is the role of the city to be involved. The Initiative was placed on the ballot by citizens, and passed overwhelmingly by the voters. I believe that citizens of Ann Arbor want and expect leadership from local officials.

We are part of the global community. As we learn to work together on City Council, we can provide models for what it means to be a just and humane community.

C. The City Council has recognized the responsibility for meeting needs by adopting a human services definition which includes "Human Services are those services provided to individuals or families experiencing difficulty in meeting their basic human needs for physical survival ... for ... sustaining gainful employment, ... for support and interaction in times of personal or family crises, for assistance in addressing specific pathologies and for help in gaining access to available appropriate services." - Task Force on Council Priorities for Human Service Funding.

They have also adopted eligibility requirements, criteria for selecting grant recipients and application requirements.

A process has been set up to systematically and rationally make decisions about human services. This is especially important because there are going to be more demands for human services. Each year the City Council sets up priorities for funding based on public hearings, input from agencies, and staff needs assessments. I support the Council process which has been established and will work to see that it is continues. I also hope we can work more closely with the county to meet the human service needs of our citizens.

Because the needs are so great and so pressing, we must lobby our state and federal legislators and bureaucrats about the human service needs of our citizens. We must also encourage and develop public private partnerships to meet the critical human needs.

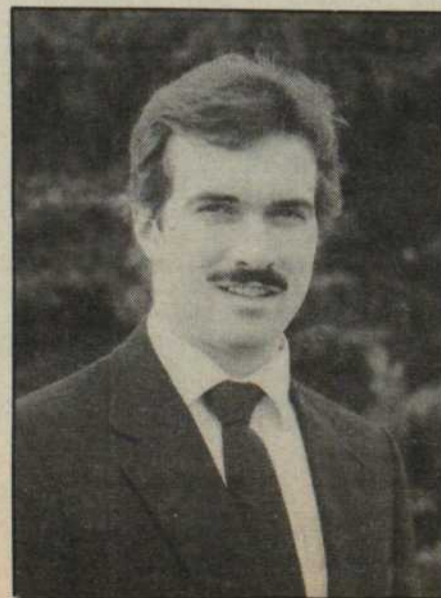
protect significant natural features; how police and fire service can be effective; how we can improve parking policies and traffic patterns; and many others.

However, we do not live in a vacuum. We are connected with others and in particular, county and state governments. Ann Arbor is part of Washtenaw County and we must find better ways of cooperating with one another. Such cooperation could lead to the commitment of funds which could be used for human services of park acquisition.

The State of Michigan has laws which affect this community as well as funds which can help make our community a better place to live. Because we are interconnected, we have to consider what effect our actions have on the state, as well as how state legislation affects this community.

Certainly the last few years have made it abundantly clear that national policies have an effect on Ann Arbor. Because of the Reagan Administration's desire to build more and more weapons, human beings have suffered. While the military has received more and more, it has been the policy of the Administration to shortchange our most important resource—human beings. There have been cuts in federal revenue sharing,

Ron Witchie



A. In two years, I hope to be able to say that I helped to make more funds available for the city's use.

We encouraged small business to locate in Ann Arbor, which brought in the greatest portion of new jobs during the two years. The city also became more attractive for developers to produce single family dwellings. Encouraging the city to purchase real estate along North Main and reselling it at a profit also added to our usable funds.

The increase in funds allowed us to bolster our police department, sending more officers out on the street to patrol and keep Ann Arbor safe. We maintained the attractive and homey atmosphere that has been Ann Arbor's heritage.

B. Our city is a unique place because of our commitment to it. Maintaining Ann Arbor's special and homey atmosphere requires

foresight and planning. Concentration on local issues is the key. Dealing with global, national, or state issues duplicates effort. We have elected and paid taxes for people to represent us in those levels of government. In Ann Arbor, we have a job to do, a local job, an important job. Local issues require 100% of our time.

C. Necessary human services can be provided in Ann Arbor if tax dollars are available to fund them. The way to make sure tax dollars are available is not by increasing personal property taxes, nor should it be from introducing city income tax, rather we must look to long term tax base improvements through increased commerce. Until that point, if significant amounts of funding were diminished, some deficits and budget cutting would be unavoidable.

Second Ward Candidates: Mary Reilly (D) vs. Terry Martin (R)

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- A. AGENDA Two years from now at re-election time, what would you like to be able to claim as your most important accomplishment as a councilperson? What steps will you take to achieve your goal?
 B. Martin: What is your position on financing of low-income housing? Please be specific.
 C. Reilly: What do you consider the important city issues that affect the Second Ward?

Mary Reilly

A. I would like to see the work of the Downtown Steering Committee put into action so that the direction of downtown development will be clearly established. I am especially concerned with the pedestrian improvements, which are so important to a vital downtown. I expect to continue to work closely with the DTSC to help implement our proposed plans.

B. The city should consider the use of mandatory inclusionary zoning to make low and moderate-income housing available. Where large multiple-family housing units are proposed, a certain proportion should be dedicated to this purpose.

If the voters decide to approve the millage proposal currently on the ballot, I would support the use of these funds to make loans to low-income families through the Community Block Development Office. Often the payments on a modest home are as low or lower than apartment rental, but these families have difficulty in obtaining loans. This would encourage private ownership of homes by families at all income levels.



C. A. Land use: One issue is land use and development. Maintenance of open "green

space" and preservation of natural features will be very important in the next few years. I would work for the proposed Natural Features ordinance and for park acquisition. The planning process in general needs to be made more progressive, with more citizen involvement at early conceptual states of planning. B. Public safety: The Neighborhood Watch program is an important way for citizens to feel safe from crime as it affects them in their homes. We could also augment our police force by hiring cadets on 3-year probationary terms. This would help increase the numbers of minorities and women on the force, and would be a cost-effective method of increasing numbers of police personnel. C Roads: The final configurations of Plymouth Road and Fuller as the major traffic arteries through the Ward should include provisions for pedestrian safety, such as sidewalks on both sides of each road and stoplights near major shopping areas and at crossings for schoolchildren. Bicycle paths should be included where possible.

Terry Martin

A. Why is Ann Arbor considered such an attractive place to live? Why do its citizens drive many miles each day to their workplace in order to live in Ann Arbor? Why do people of all income levels believe that Ann Arbor is THE place to live? Is it because this community has character, individuality, and a quality of life which makes it unique? Is it the mix of academic, cultural, recreational, and aesthetic features or its high rate of employment? Is it the high quality of its schools and the opportunity to pursue educational alternatives? Is it the citizens' concern and support for the less fortunate, the handicapped, the homeless, the deprived?

It is all of these existing positive features which make this City a vigorous, thriving community, a place where many aspire to live. It is my goal to maintain and enhance the good qualities which already exist.

B. If the need for housing for residents of low income is verified, and eligibility and criteria clearly established, I would encourage and support the involvement of the private sector. Private developers, with incentives, such as a percentage of tax abatement for a specified period of time, could provide moderately priced housing. Alternate, creative solutions should be investigated. "Sweet equity," a program which has met with success in other communities, involves hands-on experience in creating one's own dwelling. Ownership, with the resultant pride, self-confidence and sense of responsibility is another option.

A viable solution for assistance to low income residents, could include a subsidized down payment from the public or private sector, to buy equity in a housing unit. While the proposed Council concept is not burdened with paralysis of analysis, it is

assumed that a three bedroom unit could be built for \$50,000. Even with the current bank interest rate of 9 percent, a mortgage could be assumed for a monthly payment of \$355 over 15 years. Amortization schedules vary with initial down payments and the number of years, and possible MSHA loans, at 6 percent could reduce monthly payments considerably. The question must be asked, why did Council not investigate other options or inaugurate a pilot program with existing funds in order to test the waters?



The ballot proposal as it reads, is non-specific, and voters should not be asked to approve funding for a concept which has no supportive facts, no public input and no binding documentation.

C. Issues that affect the City are obviously pertinent to the Second Ward. Crime, roads,

development, and taxes concern all citizens. Neighborhood Watch reports, in the Second Ward, indicate concern with an increasing rate of crime. Theft, which has increased by 54 percent, has made residents aware of roaming cars and unidentified persons in neighborhoods.

Police should be more visible to Ann Arbor citizens. Patrols should be assigned to each ward with special emphasis on the schools where officers should be encouraged to make friendly contacts with children.

The Police Department should not be in the business of collecting revenue for the City, as it breeds ill will. Rather they should save unfriendliness for the criminal element that has infiltrated the City.

Development of existing land is of special interest to Second Ward residents. The quality of residential neighborhoods must be maintained and natural features and the environment protected. Developers and neighborhoods must cooperate to make rational decisions, but residents must realize that an increase in the tax base is essential if the City is to maintain high quality education, parks and recreation and aesthetic improvements.

Roads and maintenance are of continuing concern and millions of dollars have been poured into asphalt with monies raised by two voter approved bond issues, a state gasoline tax refund and sales tax refunds. The City must grade the performance of contractors to determine the effectiveness of road repair and maintenance.

Many of our citizens have recently received hefty increases in their tax assessments. These increases will necessarily be passed on to renters. Residents on low or fixed incomes must be considered when taxes or assessments are increased and the expenditure of tax dollars must be carefully prioritized.



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Third Ward Candidates: Jeff Epton (D) vs. Isaac Campbell (R)

Jeff Epton

A. My major goal as an activist, councilperson or otherwise, is to live in a community which attaches the highest importance to Affirmative Action and non-discrimination. Some people and groups in our society are consistently under represented politically and discriminated against socially and economically. The conse-

quences of discrimination and inequality are destructive to each of us as individuals and as part of a larger community.

No single change, no casual commitment, will create a diverse, inclusive, non-discriminatory community. Though Ann Arbor cannot reach such a goal alone, progress can be made in incremental steps.

The strategy, to this point, has included steps such as attempts to create new, affordable housing, a continuing commitment to Affirmative Action, the provision of services to populations with special needs (such as day care to low-income single parents), city-wide

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Epton

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support for an integrated educational system, maintenance and creation of employment opportunities at all skill and training levels, and outreach to and recruitment of minorities, women and other groups to serve on city boards and commissions.

I hope, over the next two years, to be

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- B. Campbell: If not elected, what will be your political goals for the next two years?
- C. Epton: Do you think that strict enforcement of the Housing Code is a desirable goal? Do you think that strict enforcement makes housing less affordable?

part of a Council majority which takes a variety of different steps, affirmative, non-discriminatory and empowering, such as: significant steps towards increasing the number of women and minorities in leadership positions at City Hall; follows up on the results of a pay equity study and ends any pay discrimination in the City Hall workforce based on gender; passes a new Housing Code and new inspection regulations which guarantee fair and comprehensive enforcement of the code; involves more community people in program planning especially in the community centers and in youth programming; continues previous efforts to ensure that the City's Human Rights Ordinance is understood throughout the community and enforced; and adds staff to the City Hall workforce in order to improve Human Rights evaluation and enforcement, Housing Code enforcement, and complaint

processing, especially in regard to police conduct (perhaps in the form of an ombuds-type function).

B. Thinking about my political goals over the next two years, if I am not re-elected to Council, is something I can do with part of the next two years.

C. The requirements of the Housing Code represent the City's position on the kinds of conditions which insure tenant health and safety, maintenance of rental housing stock, and provide for the general public benefit.

Though the Housing Code confers certain rights on tenants, such as the right to withhold rent if a Certificate of Occupancy has expired or been revoked, such rights are not generally known or exercised. Tenants' power to compel compliance with the code, in the absence of predictable and comprehensive enforcement, is limited.

The City's record in code enforcement in

the past has been erratic. Only recently has an effort been made to fit all rental housing into a regular, bi-annual inspection cycle. Other features of a strict, but fair inspection policy which remains to be implemented include: regular staff training and consultation sessions in which inspectors seek clarification and agreement on code interpretation, and the addition of the staff necessary to eliminate inspection backlogs. Such an approach will help to maintain general rental housing quality in Ann Arbor and protect the more specific interests of individual tenants who are frequently less knowledgeable about the requirements of the code than are property owners and managers.

In general, such an enforcement approach should not create upward pressure on rents. In certain cases, where conditions in a unit are in excessive violation of the code, enforcement may result in vacating or eliminating a unit from the market. However, regular and routine enforcement should prevent such situations from developing. Enforcement should, over time, eliminate the need to close units and reduce the need for major and expensive rehabilitation. Because most of the requirements of the code bear on maintaining safe conditions in good repair, code enforcement which guides such routine maintenance could result in better average conditions in housing and stable costs.

Isaac Campbell

A. Two years from now, at re-election time, I would like to claim as my most significant accomplishment the fact that I am not a stranger to my constituents in my ward.

The Third Ward is a large and diverse ward. It contains citizens from every economic and social status. I may have common goals with only a small group of my constituents, but I must represent them all equally.

I know that the majority of citizens do not follow the workings of their government. This is true on the local and the national level. It is usually not until something of major importance happens that the people will get involved in the details. This means that my job as their representative is to take the government to them.

I have strong feelings as to how the City of Ann Arbor should exercise its responsibility as a local government. However, I don't believe that I know it all. I

must always be outreaching to the citizens for their input. As I do this, I hope that I will gain the reputation as a person who is honestly concerned with the welfare of all the people I represent. I hope that even the people with whom I disagree on a certain point, will concede that I am honest and sincere in my desire to serve my city.

B. If I should not be elected, I hope to spend the next two years working with some of the people I have met during my campaign who feel that they are disenfranchised. They have found in me someone who is willing to listen and to act on their behalf. I feel that they still need to be represented in committee meetings, in social gatherings, at caucus meetings, and everywhere there is someone with the power to act upon their concerns. One thing that campaigning for public office does for the candidate, I believe, is that it makes us more conscientiously aware of what is going on around us. If we are good candi-

dates, we take this education and we use it whether we do it in office or out.

C. Strict enforcement of the housing code is a desirable goal. The housing code is designed to safeguard the health and lives of the people occupying the building. The code should be designed to cover the minimum of what is desirable. Therefore I don't think that it will make housing more costly.

The problem arises when code restrictions are used to try and weed out all possible abuses. Because this is an impossible goal, housing codes (or traffic codes for that matter) with this aim become too restrictive and unfair. They also become costly, and that cost gets passed on to those the code is supposed to protect.

I think it is best to have a set of codes that assure a minimum quality of safety. Beyond that I believe that abuses should be attacked as they occur on a case by case basis.



No response from Fourth Ward Candidates: Richard Layman (D) vs. Jerry Schleiker (R)

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Fifth Ward Candidates: Kathy Edgren (D) vs. Phil Spear (R)

- A. AGENDA: Two years from now, at re-election time, what would you like to be able to claim as your most important accomplishment as councilperson? What steps will you take to achieve your goal?
 B. Spear: Do you support the following: 1) combining a police and fire department, 2) four million dollars in millage for low-cost housing and 3) the SRO project on West Liberty?
 C. Edgren: What should the city do to ensure that adequate, quality housing is available for all who need it?

Kathy Edgren

A. My goal is to facilitate citizen involvement in city government. At re-election time two years from now I want to be able to look back at thousands of people who have gotten involved in the process of self-government and who have achieved important goals because of my efforts. I want to help citizens learn how to work the system and to institutionalize responsiveness on the part of the bureaucracy wherever possible. This is why my re-election slogan is: "Giving you clout at City Hall."

Citizens and I have worked to get certain issues onto the floor of City Council. We have successfully done this with issues such as domestic violence, child care and pay equity.

Working with neighborhood groups about issues of developments or neighborhood nuisances; with public housing tenants about conditions in their housing; with tenant groups about housing code enforcement; with church groups, students, and unaffiliated individuals about housing problems and the housing millage; and improving citizen access to boards and commissions are some more specific examples of steps I have taken to achieve this goal.

I have also helped individuals who have called me with what they thought were individual problems to form groups to work together effectively. Parking ordinances, zoning ordinance enforcement problems, condo-conversion concerns, problems regarding free time activities for youths, and building a skate boarding facility are some specific examples.

I want people to be able to say: government is us, not them doing something to us.

B. 1) No. I do think it was a valuable experience, however, to explore this possibility. Committee members agreed to further study of the two departments to increase their effectiveness and reduce costs.

2) Yes. Council unanimously passed the Peterson/Hahn resolution agreeing to sell city-owned land on West Liberty if a

MSHDA financing package could be put together. The proposal still needs to go through re-zoning and site plan approval with several public hearings yet to come.

There is a real need for an S.R.O. facility, especially given the closing of the Downtown Club and the high cost of housing in Ann Arbor. Residents would be limited to those with Ann Arbor ties. It is anticipated that about 50% of the single residents will be working at minimum wage jobs, 35% would be G.A. recipients who are potentially employable, and 15% would be SSI recipients, who due to disabilities would be unlikely to be employed.

The S.R.O. would be an innovative partnership between the city, a developer, and the Salvation Army. I believe it will be well-maintained, well-managed and an attractive asset to the city and to the surrounding neighborhood.

3) I believe there is a community consensus on the problem of housing affordable to lower income people. In countless public hearings, in A3 futuring sessions and in conversations with constituents it is consistently raised as a key problem. Target populations for the housing created by the housing millage will include families, seniors and handicappers with Ann Arbor ties. The units created will be mixed in with non-subsidized developments that rent at normal market rates. We can bring more state money to Ann Arbor with the passage of the millage. MSHDA is enthusiastic about it and has said they will provide their expertise and matching money for any projects that meet their criteria.

Contrary to what some people say, the millage is well thought out. A great deal of effort was made to incorporate the ideas and concerns of a broad base of interested people, and the millage details are better because of this input. The Housing Trust Fund will be administered by an Advisory Committee of seven, appointed by the Mayor and Council and staffed by the Community Development Department. The Community Development Department has a

fiscal manager who currently administers their 2.5 million dollar budget including an investment fund that is with a local lender. They are qualified to administer this fund.

The millage represents a public-private partnership between the city and developers and will increase our stock of affordable housing. I urge you to actively support it. Join the Friends of the Housing Millage!

C. Many families in Ann Arbor are able to find adequate housing within their means at market prices because Ann Arbor is a fairly wealthy community. While Council has approved housing developments at a greater rate this past year than any time in the last decade, most of this housing will not be affordable to those with low or moderate rents in the future. It is important to remember that 57% of Ann Arbor's population rents and that only one-third of these renters are students. All renters are not students or transients.

Maintaining existing housing and increasing the supply of affordable housing are two steps we can take to preserve and expand the economic and social diversity of Ann Arbor that is so important to us.

The federal government has traditionally supported the importance of housing to people by subsidizing housing for homeowners through the income tax system. This subsidy to anyone who is buying a home is one of the largest federal tax subsidies. VA, FHA loans, the GI bill and Homestead Act are further examples of government interest in subsidizing housing.

To maintain our housing stock in Ann Arbor we need a good housing code that is uniformly enforced. For two years I have served on the Housing Code Revision Committee (which I created) to make this happen. We are progressing. When housing is allowed to deteriorate it becomes expensive to fix up and is sometimes lost as housing.

The federal government has been retreating from financial responsibility for public housing in recent years. Public housing is



an important capital asset of our city and houses some of our neediest families (primarily women and children as well as seniors and handicappers). Democratic leadership on Council has made improving conditions in public housing a priority. We have infused General Fund and Community development money into rehabilitating housing and tenant services. The city as a landlord has a moral responsibility to comply with our own codes. A plan to bring all public housing up to code has been developed and will be funded by council in the near future.

To expand our housing stock we are working on the S.R.O., we are also establishing a bi-partisan dialogue with the U-M to encourage them to build more student housing. Council has also supported the Non-Profit Housing Development Corporation (\$188,000 worth) to create more housing. Some of us are also working hard to support the Housing Millage which will create a minimum of 300 units of housing affordable to people at 60% or less of the median income in Ann Arbor.

In sum, we are moving on many fronts in this area. Space limitations prevent me from describing even more initiatives.

Phil Spear

"I regret that I cannot meet the publishing deadline of AGENDA. As you might know, campaign demands often outstrip the time it takes to do them. I applaud AGENDA's coverage of the election."

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Proposal B: The Housing Millage

Yes on B

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There is an affordable housing crisis in Ann Arbor. Fully a third of our renter households pay more than 30% of their income in rent which, according to the federal government, means their housing is not affordable. It is not uncommon for people at the lower end of the income scale to pay 50% or more of their income in rent, leaving very little of their already meager incomes to meet other basic needs.

What can be done to alleviate this housing crisis? The only way to make housing affordable to lower income people is to provide some financial subsidy. Ronald Reagan has all but eliminated the federal government as a source of housing assistance for lower-income people (though the most gigantic housing assistance program in history mortgage interest deductibility - still subsidizes middle class homeowners). Local communities must pick up the slack, or the crisis will deepen.

Proposal B on the April ballot is the housing millage. It would levy one-half mil for five years (one mil is equal to one dollar of tax for every \$1,000 of State Equalized Value on a piece of real property). If approved, it would generate about \$4 million over the next five years for affordable housing. This money would be placed in a Housing Trust Fund. Private parties, non-profit agencies, developers, cooperatives, and owners of rental housing would make proposals for the development or rehabilitation of housing to the Fund. The private parties would build, own, and operate the housing. A committee of housing experts and low-income people appointed by the Mayor and City Council would evaluate these proposals and make funding recommendations to City Council. Only units which are affordable to and occupied by households earning 60% of the Ann Arbor median income (\$20,640 for a family of four) or less would be eligible for assistance from the Fund. Proposals which leveraged other sources of funding and which included the lower-income units among market-rate units would be favored. Units assisted by the Fund would remain affordable for the indefinite future.

"Shall the charter be amended to authorize a one-half mill tax for five years to provide funds to assist in the development or redevelopment of housing which households earning less than 60% of the Ann Arbor median income will be able to afford?"



(Photo by Gregory Fox)

It is estimated that this millage would generate several hundred units affordable to low-income households. It could also leverage the development of upwards of a thousand market-rate units. Therefore, it would help low-income Ann Arborites directly by subsidizing housing and it would help the Ann Arbor housing market generally by increasing the supply of units of all kinds. The cost of all this to the average homeowner would be less than \$20 a year for five years. We think that small cost would be well worth the tremendous impact the millage would have on Ann Arbor's affordable housing crisis.

No on B

Ann Arbor Area Chamber of
Commerce

While favoring housing construction and rehabilitation through the Ann Arbor Non-Profit Housing Corporation, the Ann Arbor Area Chamber of Commerce does not support the 1/2 mill millage request for lower income housing on the April 6 city ballot.

In a policy statement, the Chamber called for five provisions to be included specifically in the ballot question. Those five provisions were: 1) at least 90% of the funds will be used in loan equity and other repayment plans which result in these funds revolving (so that money could be reused at a future date); 2) at least 25% of these revolving funds will be used for individual ownership of housing; 3) the use of all the millage funds will be generally reserved for supporting the housing needs of non-student, Ann Arbor area residents and employees; 4) the Housing Advisory Committee will have seven members, at least five of whom have related professional expertise; 5) no publicly owned housing will be built with these funds.

The City Council, on March 5, 1987, amended the ballot question but included only one Chamber recommendation; that of assuring that tax dollars raised will not be used for publicly-owned housing.

Because of the unprecedented nature of the proposed Housing Millage and a general wariness about public housing, the Chamber feels that the city elected officials should let the citizens vote on what methodology will be used to create the affordable housing. It is not realistic to ask the taxpayers for a \$4 million "blank check" to cover costs of public sector housing development.

We encourage City Council and the Ann Arbor Non-Profit Housing Development Corporation to aggressively pursue Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) housing loans to begin making more affordable housing available. There are alternatives to a city fund for housing.

Students Organize to Combat Racism at U-M

by Barbara Ransby

ANN ARBOR—Two recent incidents of blatant racism at the University of Michigan's Ann Arbor campus have sparked an upsurge in student activism, won several concessions from the University administration, and inspired the formation of a militant campus wide coalition to combat racism.

The first incident occurred on January 27, when a group of Black women held a meeting in one of the University dormitories. After repeated interruptions by white students wanting to use the room, a KKK-type flyer was slipped under the door declaring "Open Hunting Season" on Blacks, referred to in the leaflet as "Spooks," "Saucerlips," and "Porch monkeys." The leaflet went on to outline "hunting regulations" and concluded by informing "hunters" of "how to spot a porch monkey... look for bright colors, watermelon seeds, Cadillacs, the smell of pork chops, and hookers." Understandably, Black students on campus were outraged by the incident. Some white students, however, suggested that campus activists were "taking the flyer too seriously," arguing "that it was probably only a joke." The Black student community, nevertheless, saw the issue quite differently. Black and anti-racist white students viewed this event in the context of the December murder of young Michael Griffith in Howard Beach, New York in which a racist mob actually carried out the hunt which this leaflet advocated.

In response to the incident, leaders from the Free South Africa Coordinating Committee, the Black Student Union and a group of concerned students came together to organize a mass rally against racism on February 6. The militant and spirited rally involved more than 300 students, with a contingent of 50 students marching from the dorm where the incident occurred to the center of campus where the rally was held. The following Thursday, February 12, students in another dormitory organized a teach-in on racism attended by 400 students. However, the teach-in was marred by yet another racist assault. As a group of about 25 students, carry-

ing anti-racist banners, marched from the north section of campus to the teach-in, a group of racists in one of the dorms boldly displayed a Klan uniform in their dorm window as the marchers passed by.

In addition to protest actions, a group of about 30 campus activists scheduled an emergency meeting with the Acting University President James Duderstadt to discuss the issue of racism on campus. At the February 16 meeting, the University made clear its insensitivity to students of color on campus. A full two weeks after the threatening racist flyer was distributed, there was no serious investigation underway to even identify the perpetrators. Furthermore, the highest ranking, and one of the highest paid administrators on campus did not know what the University's legal responsibilities were in terms of reporting possible civil rights violations on campus. When asked by community activist, Paquetta Palmer, "Doesn't the University have an obligation to protect students from violations of their civil rights?" he responded, "It's a question of degree."

The second major instance of racism on campus was the airing of a viciously anti-Black radio program on February 4, by a student disc jockey on the University funded radio station, WJXX. The disc jockey, Ted Sevransky, aired a series of racist jokes including: "Who are the two greatest Black women in history? Aunt Jemima and Motherfucker," "Why do Black people smell? So blind people can hate them too," and "Why do Blacks always have sex on their minds? Because all their pubic hairs are on their heads." On February 17, this broadcast was brought to the attention of a newly formed anti-racist coalition by a Black student who was able to obtain a tape of the program. The following day 20 Black students marched to the radio station to confront the DJ during his regularly scheduled broadcast. When they arrived the entire station was closed. Students then called top level administrators and demanded that a University spokesperson come to the station to respond to student anger. University administrator Frank Cianciola met with

the students and promised to "look into the issue." The students warned Cianciola that this type of racism was simply not going to be tolerated any longer. The disc jockey was subsequently fired and the entire radio station was closed by the University.

On March 4th there was yet another mass demonstration of 250 students who marched to the Fleming Building and demanded to see top administrators. When Acting President Duderstadt arrived, students read off 12 anti-racist demands and promised to be back and to escalate if the demands were not met by the March 19th Regents meeting. This confrontation received nationwide coverage. In addition, on March 5th State Representative Morris Hood held a formal legislative hearing on U-M racism on campus, which was attended by 650 members of the campus community.

On March 19, the leaders of the United Coalition Against Racism (UCAR), a progressive anti-racist group led by Black students, organized more than 300 students to forcefully confront the university. UCAR leaders argued that the University administration should take principal responsibility for the racist climate on campus because of U-M's refusal to take a strong anti-racist stand. After a meeting on March 18 with President Shapiro, students felt the administration was not responding seriously to the increasingly tense racial situation on campus or to the student's demands. Therefore, instead of attending the monthly one hour public comment section of the Regent's meeting, as had been done dozens of times to no avail, students decided it was time to take peaceful direct action. After a brief rally outside the Fleming Administration building at 3 pm about 300 students poured inside the building for an 18 hour sit-in. The slogan of this action was "No more business as usual. U-m's business is racist business."

Early Friday March 20, the protesters moved outside and formed a human blockade in front of the entrances to the building. The morning protest was spirited and most people

Proposed U-M Research Guidelines Draw Fire

by Jane Schisgall and Tamara Wagner

ANN ARBOR—In the spring of 1985, Professor Raymond Tanter's project entitled "Alternative Approaches to Arms Control" was rejected under the current guidelines for classified research at the University of Michigan. The project was rejected because it did not meet specific conditions regarding publication. This rejection prompted the University Board of Regents to request that President Shapiro appoint an ad hoc committee to review the present guidelines.

These guidelines have existed for nearly 15 years and are the product of community concern over the University's involvement in weapons research during the war in Vietnam. A significant provision in the current guidelines is the "end use" (kill-maim) clause, which states that the University will not enter into any contract for research where the clearly foreseeable result or purpose of that research is destructive to human life.

The Committee Reports

President Shapiro appointed the ad hoc committee as requested by the Regents. This committee produced two separate reports, a majority and a minority report. The minority report proposes the virtual elimination of guidelines for research. Proponents of this report argue that to place any guidelines on research done at the University is to limit academic freedom.

The majority report focuses on openness: it specifies that the University should not enter into any research contract the results of which cannot be published within a time period of up to five years. Writers of the report argue that with this provision, classified research would be virtually eliminated. Under this assumption, the report calls for changes

which radically differ from current policy.

The kill-maim clause

One of the most disturbing aspects of both the committee reports is their recommendation that the kill-maim clause be eliminated. This clause is an essential part of the current guidelines, a provision that has made the University of Michigan accountable to community concerns rather than to the Department of Defense. To assume that extending openness provisions will eliminate weapons research is risky; not all weapons research is classified, and projects can be divided in order to avoid publication restrictions. In addition, loopholes exist in the wording of the proposed guidelines, for example, publication restrictions may be extended under extreme circumstances. Thus the kill-maim clause is a crucial regulating element that must be maintained. Furthermore, to eliminate such a clause would constitute a significant reactionary statement that could have severe implications for the future of the University and its involvement in the Arms Race.

Research Forums

From the beginning of the review, many community members have felt that the University has tried to avoid confrontation on the issue of military research. For example, at three recent forums for open debate on the proposed guidelines, sponsored by the Vice President for Research Linda Wilson, Wilson refused to allow the words "military research" or "weapons research" to be used in the publicity for the event, opting instead for the words "classified and proprietary." Each night, opponents of the reports were under-represented.

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were prepared to be arrested if necessary, to keep the building closed. However, to avoid either confrontation or dialogue, the University administration had police escort employees through underground tunnels into the building. Nevertheless, the action was a step forward for the student movement. Students came together in large numbers demonstrating a very high level of unity and commitment.

At about 10 am the protest organizers decided to end this particular action and to move to the Regents meeting in progress to demand that the University place the issue of racism on its agenda immediately. The president was forced to call a meeting at which 300 students conveyed the urgency of the situation on campus, calling it a "state of emergency." Unconvinced that the University administration was prepared to open a genuine dialogue on student concerns, UCAR members invited national civil rights leader, Rev. Jesse Jackson to Ann Arbor to draw greater attention to the campus trouble. Monday, March 23, after a day of meetings with students, faculty and administrators Jackson spoke to a crowd of 5,000 at Hill Auditorium. At the rally, President Shapiro announced six conces-

sions to student demands.

On Tues, March 24 UCAR held its weekly mass meeting with over 200 students in attendance. UCAR leaders stressed the fact that only two of the original twelve demands were met fully: a degree for Nelson Mandela and an orientation workshop on racism. The rest were either partly addressed, postponed, or rejected outright. Students emphasized that the University's recent concessions represented a beginning, not a culmination of the struggle and that it would be dangerously naive to think that a problem as complex and pervasive as racism could be negotiated away in a day. For example, the night of Jackson's speech a Black student in Mosher-Jordan dormitory received a note under his door which suggested that he "go back to Africa" before he is lynched.

At this point UCAR leaders intend to press forward with swift and decisive implementation of the current concessions and to continue to mobilize increasing numbers of students and faculty into the campus anti-racist movement. All supporters are urged to join the second annual Ann Arbor Freedom March Against Racism and Apartheid (see Saturday 4 in CALENDAR).



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The Secret Team

By Janette Rainwater

There is a Secret Team that has been operating in this country for 25 years. Their objective: to fight their definition of communism. Their method: trafficking in drugs, assassinating people, stealing from the government, and subverting the will of Congress and the American public. With billions of dollars of drug money, they are making foreign policy and acting as a shadow government, according to a 95-page affidavit released by the Christic Institute, December 12, 1986.

Daniel Sheehan, chief counsel for the Christic Institute, alleges that this group got its beginnings when Vice President Nixon was made chairperson of Operation Forty, a secret group within the National Security Council charged with prosecuting a covert war against Castro's Cuba.

Within Operation Forty there was a secret "shooter team" trained in special assassination techniques. Some of its members are now defendants in a \$22 million damage suit that the Christic Institute (the successful prosecutor of the Karen Silkwood case) filed in federal district court in Miami in May 1986 on behalf of Martha Honey and Tony Avirgan. Plaintiff Avirgan was seriously wounded in the 1984 attempted assassination of Eden Pastora (the contra leader who would not accept CIA control) in a press conference at La Penca, Nicaragua on the Costa Rican border. Eight people were killed and two dozen were severely injured.

In their investigation to establish the identity of the terrorist(s), Honey and Avirgan first found a huge disinformation web spread by United States and Costa Rican authorities. They allege that the bombing was carried out by Amac Galil, an anti-Khadaffi Libyan who had been brought in by the Secret Team via the Costa Rican ranch of American citizen, John Hull. Honey and Avirgan further allege that this ranch was used to land plane loads of arms for the contras and Colombian cocaine destined for transshipment to the United States.

The La Penca Bombing is merely one incident in the pattern of criminal enterprise by these defendants going back many years. The suit has been filed under the RICO (Racketeer-Influenced and Corrupt Organizations) statute. Judge Lawrence King found that the allegations made by the Christic Institute established racketeering activity, a pattern of racketeering activity and a criminal enterprise operating through racketeering activities. Judge King denied the defendants' motions to, dismiss and agreed the court had jurisdiction over the case under RICO. The 29 defendants include: John K. Singlaub, Richard Secord, Albert Hakim, John Hull, Adolfo Calero, Ronald Joseph Martin Sr., Robert W. Owen, Thomas Posey, Pablo Escobar, and Jorge Ochoa. Escobar and Ochoa are responsible for 85% of the cocaine imported into the United States, according to Sheehan.

Two very important defendants whose names have not yet made headlines are Theodore Shackley and Thomas Clines. From 1961 to 1965, according to Sheehan's history of the Secret Team, Shackley and his deputy Clines were CIA operatives who supervised the training of men for Kennedy's Operation Mongoose in the covert war against Cuba. In 1965 Shackley and Clines were transferred to Laos, where Sheehan alleges, they cooperated with a drug-lord named Van Pao to get control of the opium trade. Some of the profits went to a secret fund to train Meo tribesmen to assassinate suspected communists in Southeast Asia.

These Defendants, some of whom have been tagged by the press as "contra-preneurs," represent the very epitome of organized crime, but on an international stage. They deal wholesale in narcotic drugs, illegal weapons and violence. Rather than take over local businesses or undermine local government, they seek to take over whole nations. They do not hesitate to murder and destroy anyone or anything that gets in their way. By any definition, these Defendants, alleged merchants of heroin and terrorism, are organized criminals on a scale larger-than-life"

—Daniel P. Sheehan
Chief Counsel for the Christic Institute

Their official duty at that time was to oversee the "joint task force on unconventional warfare" headed by Gen. John K. Singlaub and Maj. Richard Secord.

In 1973 Shackley and Clines were sent to South Vietnam where they actively participated in the Phoenix Project where it is estimated that 60,000 civilians suspected of being Viet Cong sympathizers were executed. According to Sheehan, Shackley and Clines made the decision before the U.S. withdrawal from Vietnam that they would no longer accept the supervision of the president, the CIA directors, the U.S. Congress, or the American people. They felt the best way to fight communism was to hunt communists down and assassinate them, using drug funds to finance the operation. Accordingly, they transferred large quantities of Van Pao drug money to a secret account in Australia and pilfered hundreds of tons of military equipment from U.S. arsenals, moving them to a secret cache in Thailand.

In 1976 Shackley was put in charge of all covert operations for the CIA. He set up a team to help the Shah of Iran's SAVAK hunt down and assassinate possible "terrorists." According to Sheehan, this was also the period in which Secret Team members Richard Secord, as assistant undersecretary for defense for foreign military sales, and his assistant Albert Hakim, developed the technique of buying U.S. aircraft and weapons from the government at the low manufacturer's cost and selling them to the Middle Eastern markets at their much higher replacement cost, then depositing the profit generated into the secret Australian account.

Edwin Wilson, a CIA operative was prosecuted for selling explosives to Libya. At that time, according to Sheehan, the identities of Shackley and Clines were shuffled into a sealed portion of the indictment. They were never prosecuted, but were forced to resign from the CIA by Director Stansfield Turner. Although Turner and President Carter were unaware of the activities of the Secret Team, they feared revelations of the CIA-authorized dealings in southeast Asia. After leaving the C.I.A. Shackley and Clines became business partners with Secord and Hakim in the Egyptian-American Transport and Service Company, according to Sheehan.

In March 1979, the Harkin Amendment forced the U.S. to stop military aid to Nicaraguan dictator Anastasio Somoza. (The Harkin Amendment prohibits aid to a regime which systematically violates human rights.) The Secret Team immediately offered to supply Somoza with arms and did so from March to July, 1979, according to Sheehan. After Somoza's defeat, the Secret Team supplied and subsidized Somoza's national guard who were regrouping in Honduras.

This continued until Ronald Reagan took office in January, 1981. Then, according to Sheehan, it was decided at a series of meetings chaired by Edwin Meese that the CIA would take over the operation of the covert war against the Sandinista government of Nicaragua. These meetings were attended by George Bush, Ronald Reagan, William Casey and National Security Advisor Richard Allen.

In 1984 the passage of the Boland Amendment prohibited the use of U. S. funds to overthrow the Nicaraguan government. The Secret Team was called back into action. Sheehan alleges that this decision was made in meetings attended by Meese, Bush, Reagan, Casey and Robert McFarlane, and that McFarlane's deputy, Lt. Col. Oliver North was delegated to contact the Secret Team and have them reactivate their contra-supply operations.

The operations of the Secret Team have been carried out by some of their many companies: CSF Investments, Ltd.; Companie de Services Fiduciare; Consultants International; Maule, Inc.; Orca Supply Company; Stanford Technology Trading Group, Inc.; and Udall Research Corporation among others.

Daniel Sheehan alleges that the Senate and House select committees exist for damage control—to do enough damage to the Republicans to insure that the Democrats get to elect the next president. Because both Democratic and Republican administrations have had dealings with the Secret Team there is reason to believe that the full story will not be exposed by Congress.

The Christic Institute is cooperating with the special prosecutor, Lawrence Walsh. The Institute has been asked to prepare proffers from witnesses who need immunity to set forth what they would say if that immunity should be granted. Right now the Christic Institute is trying to raise money to pay special investigators to get certain pieces of documentary evidence to back up the incriminating testimony that their witnesses can provide. They have been conducting all the work on this case since 1984 with \$100,000. The Christic Institute has distributed copies of their affidavit to members of all the various investigating committees and to all the major media. (The court tried to have the affidavit sealed.)

To get your copy, write to: The Christic Institute, 1324 Capitol Street, Washington, DC 20002, (202)797-8106.

[ed.] The Christic Institute is an Interfaith Public Interest Law Firm and Public Policy Center. Janet Yancey, an outreach worker for the Institute in D.C., told AGENDA that the case on behalf of Martha Honey and Tony Avirgan will probably not reach the courts until this time next year. Meanwhile, the Institute is building its case by collecting 200 to 250 legal depositions. Yancey confirmed that the non-profit Institute is operating under budgetary constraints and all donations are welcome.

Dr. Janet Rainwater is a member of the Nicaragua Task-force, P.O. Box 1138, Venice CA 90291 (213) 396-1134.

CENTRAL AMERICA

Protest Proves Effective by Phillis Engelbert

ANN ARBOR—On March 11, 2nd Congressional District Representative Carl Pursell reversed his position and voted against continued aid to the contras. For the activist community of Ann Arbor, this represents a significant victory. Several protests over Congressman Pursell's voting patterns regarding Central American issues have taken place over the past few years.

Perhaps the most memorable of these events was the four day protest in March of 1986, during which 118 people were arrested when they refused to leave Pursell's office. This protest occurred just prior to the vote in Congress for \$100 million in military aid to the contras.

The recent trial of the Pursell 118 took place on February 12 and 13, at the end of which the jury delivered a verdict of "guilty." Defendants were disappointed in the verdict but there was general agreement that the trial, as well as the arrests, had been successful in focusing public attention

on the issue of U.S. intervention in Central America.

Most of the 118 entered a plea of "not guilty," claiming that it was not only their right, but their responsibility to remain at Pursell's door. The council for the defense sought to use the "necessity defense" in court, which states that a minor infraction was committed in order to prevent a greater harm from occurring, and was thus justified. However, at a January, 1987 pre-trial hearing, Judge Alexander ruled that the necessity defense would not be admissible in court. The defendants attempted to appeal this ruling, but the Circuit Court refused to accept this appeal before trial.

The defense therefore built its case on the theory that the protesters had lawful authority to remain in the building, had no criminal intent, and thus had not broken the law. Judge Alexander carefully and repeatedly instructed the jury that the context of the case (meaning the upcoming contra aid vote and Pursell's broken promise of a public meeting) was irrelevant. Several times, however, these matters were brought up in court and escaped the judge's censoring. For approximately 90 minutes, as part of the prosecution's case, the videotape that was made during the arrests, was shown.

During this time, the jurors heard the protestors express the reasons why they had come to speak with Pursell and why they were intent on remaining.

Despite the best efforts of the defendants and attorneys Molly Reno, Nancy Francis, and Eric Lipson, the jury delivered the verdict: guilty as charged. The sentence is identical to that of people who accepted the prosecutor's offer of dismissal before the trial: a choice of paying \$40, doing 20 hours of community service, or doing one 8-hour shift at the Shelter for the Homeless. There will be no criminal record for the defendants.

Several of the demonstrators are appealing the judge's ruling. If such an appeal is successful, the guilty verdicts will be overturned and the defendants will be able to present a necessity defense in a new trial. A successful appeal would establish an important precedent in Michigan for political trials. In other states, where necessity defenses have been allowed, protesters have been acquitted in cases very similar to this one.

On-going protests have been occurring weekly since the beginning of this year. They take place on Thursdays at 4:30 pm at the Federal Building. These weekly protests have served both to maintain a high level of awareness of the war and to strengthen the coalition of groups working for peace and justice in Central America.

A Day in the Life of a Brigadista

by Scott Chaplin

The A2MISTAD Construction Brigade began as a project of HAP-NICA (see CRD) in the fall of 1985. A year of intensive fundraising, organizing and recruiting resulted in the formation of a dedicated and enthusiastic group of volunteers and \$30,000 in the bank. In January, 1987 members of the Brigade arrived in Managua to begin construction. After two months of hard work digging and bending metal rods, a Nicaraguan architect's dream is now becoming a reality. A skeletal frame of hundreds of steel rods now stands where there once was a field of scrub grass and rubble.

Morning comes early for everyone in Nicaragua. An employee's bus picks up members at 6 am for a 20 minute ride to the construction site at I.S.C.A., Nicaragua's university for agricultural sciences. The day begins with breakfast in the university cafeteria. The food is plain but sufficient, except when they serve fish, for which they have an excellent recipe. After breakfast, A2MISTAD engineer Laura Orlando and Oscar, a Nicaraguan master builder calculate the type of materials and labor needed for the days activities. Victor is usually the first one out digging in the hot sun, but others soon join him. In the shade, other Nicaraguans work with North Americans bending, cutting and shaping metal rods. Ever jovial Oscar makes jokes about Hasenfus.

Lunch is just like breakfast except it's at noon. No one hurries back to work after lunch because of the heat. Most people sit in the shade talking or eating ice cream bars. Once a week in the afternoon there is a group field trip. In the past they have gone to visit factories, unions and healthcare centers. Some afternoons, students and professors volunteer their spare time to help with the construction. Work is usually over at 4 pm except when a delivery truck needs to be unloaded. After work there might be a softball game or a swim in a nearby river. At night there is usually a wide variety of cultural activities to attend. On their days off, members of the group have been traveling all over the county, sometimes to help deliver material aid and sometimes just to visit.

The five weeks I spent in Nicaragua with A2MISTAD

were extremely rewarding. I found most Nicaraguans to be very friendly and open. They love to discuss politics and are well informed. The people we were working with were appreciative. Life in general seems to be more intense in Nicaragua than in the U.S.. The effects of the war are wide spread. Everyone I met had lost at least one relative during the war. One of the volunteer Nicaraguans working with A2MISTAD had recently been wounded in the leg while fighting in the north.

What impressed me the most about Nicaragua was the attitudes of the people. There is great hope in their minds and great potential in their country. Benefits of the revolution have affected people nationwide. A literacy campaign has been very successful and health care is now free and available to everyone.

The people are resourceful and ingenious. When the contra war is over Nicaragua will surely become one of Central America's most prosperous countries.

The soil testing lab that A2MISTAD is building will help Nicaragua to become self sufficient in food production despite the contra attacks. The arrival of a truckload of cement two weeks ago has been keeping the workers very busy. We are now looking for more volunteers who would like to spend at least one month in Nicaragua from May until August. Skilled and unskilled, Spanish and non-Spanish speaking women and men are encouraged to join us. If you are interested please come to our Sunday night meetings (see CALENDAR)

Medical Aid Caravan Bound for Nicaragua

Medical aid groups throughout the midwest are gearing up to ship equipment and supplies to the people of Nicaragua through the Ministry of Health (MINSA). A similar effort last spring was extremely successful: over \$200,000 worth of supplies were sent to Managua and distributed to hospitals, clinics and health outposts in various locations around the country. A caravan of vehicles containing medical material collected by concerned citizens in Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Minnesota will converge in Milwaukee, Wisconsin May 15. The material will be loaded into an 8' x 8' x 40' container and shipped by rail

from New Holstein, Wisconsin to a U.S. seaport. The container will arrive in Nicaragua approximately six weeks later.

The CARAVAN is a project of the Midwest Region of the National Central America Health Rights Network (NCAHRN) a coalition of Central America medical aid groups. Local arrangements in Milwaukee are handled by the Ecumenical Refugee Council. The CARAVAN's purpose is to supply essential material aid to Nicaragua and to provide a focus for protest of U.S. administration policy in Central America.

Since 1983, NCAHRN has sent delegations of health workers to Nicaragua to document the health effects of the

(see Medical Aid, page 23)



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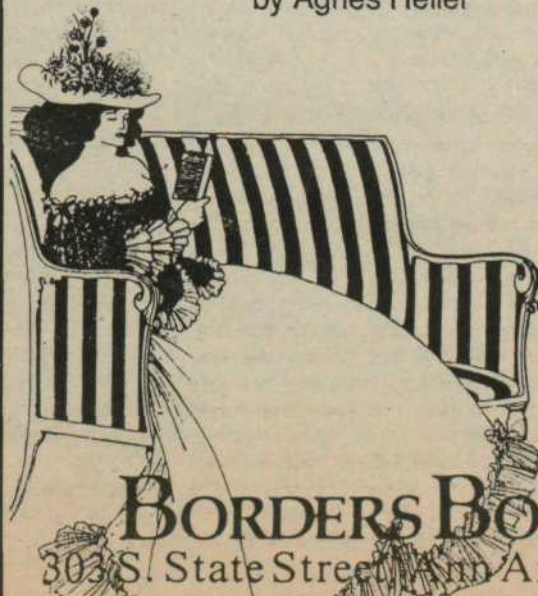
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Conscientious Objection for Taxpayers

by Fran Eliot

"Render unto Caesar what is Caesar's, and unto God what is God's"—a clever response to a question intended to entrap. This facile interpretation of Jesus' response is that we should all pay up and shut up, free of guilt. Not so! The real issue, and our ongoing responsibility, is to question what is rightfully Caesar's and what is God's, who decides, and who enforces.

Whatever one's belief system, it is clear that neither Caesar, the Pentagon, the Kremlin, nor the White House created this earth and the life on it. By the same token, the earth, our lives, and all future lives do not legitimately belong to the present-day Caesars of any nation, and they are not Caesar's to destroy. Yet our tax system requires us all to contribute to nuclear arsenals, which can and may destroy the earth. Most of us, as we pay our taxes, are rendering unto Caesar what is God's.

Federal funds outlays for Fiscal Year 1986 included 42% for Current Military Costs, and 22% for Past Military Costs (veterans' benefits and interest on the military portion of the national debt.) By contrast, 1986 Federal Funds outlays for Human Resources (education, social services, health, and welfare) totalled 20%. These base percentages do not include Social Security or other Trust Funds as Congress does not have discretionary authority over such Trust Funds. The practice of combining "Trust Funds" and "Federal Funds," creating the so-called "Unified Budget" makes the human needs part of the budget seem larger and the military portion smaller.

Years ago, pacifist and war-tax refuser Ammon Hennacy, of the Catholic Worker movement, speaking to a group at Ann Arbor's Guild House, said, "At least, if those missiles ever go up, I won't have helped pay for them." Increasing numbers of people are resisting, delaying, and refusing as best they can, payment of

taxes to the Pentagon. Some even manage to live under the taxable income level, or have developed non-monetary, barter-based communities.

One young couple, while not objecting in principle to taxation for the normal activities of a responsible government, are conscientiously resisting payment of all Federal taxes—not just the military portion. "Suppose there were a group of people going around collecting money for day-care centers and soup kitchens. Fine," they said, "most people would gladly contribute to this good and necessary work. But then you learn that the major part of this same group's activity occurs at night, when they're running Murder Incorporated. End of contributions! That's why we're not paying any Federal taxes."

Ideally, resistance to military taxes should not get in the way of family and professional responsibilities, or other peace and social justice activities. However, the IRS usually gets most of what it goes after—plus interest and penalties, and the new tax code may make it more difficult for employed persons to refuse even a token amount of military taxes according to the National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee.

Since 1971, the Ann Arbor War Tax Dissidents/Peace Tax Fund group has worked to establish, under law, conscientious objector status for taxpayers who morally or religiously oppose all wars. The Peace Tax Fund Bill was first introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives in 1972, and in the Senate in 1977. In the 99th Congress it had 55 Congressional co-sponsors and 4 co-sponsors in the Senate; it will be re-introduced in the 100th Congress. Under this bill, conscientious objectors would pay their full share of taxes, but could direct the military portion into a Peace

Tax Fund which would support peace-enhancing projects such as: disarmament efforts, peace research, international exchanges, projects of the U.S. Peace Institute, and retraining workers displaced by conversion from war industries. Michigan Congressmen co-sponsoring this bill are: John Conyers, Bob Carr, and George Crockett; neither Michigan Senator is a co-sponsor as yet.

In September 1986 an international conference on Military Tax Concerns was held in Tubingen, Germany (Sister City to Ann Arbor). Dr. David Bassett, Ann Arbor Quaker physician and initiator of the Peace Tax Fund Bill, attended, along with 80 persons from 13 countries. Marian Franz, Executive Director of the National Campaign for a Peace Tax Fund, reported, "Those of us gathered came from a variety of circumstances in our home countries, but with one thing in common. We find it a clear violation of conscience to pay the military portion of our taxes and we seek statutory recognition of conscience against paying for arms, as an extension of the right to refuse to bear arms."

This year, as in previous years, the Ann Arbor War Tax Dissidents will hold a "Taxes for Peace" Witness on Tax Day (see 15 Wednesday in the CALENDAR.)

For more information:

Guide to War Tax Resistance, Third Edition, Feb. 1986, edited by Ed Hedemann. \$9.00 from the War Resisters League, 339 LaFayette St., New York, NY 10012.

War Tax Manual for Counselors and Lawyers, 1985 with updates, edited by Kathy Levine and Vicki Metcalf. About \$28.00 from the National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee, P.O. Box 2236 East Patchogue, NY 11772. This manual will also soon be available at the Ann Arbor Public Library.

A Manual for Peace Tax Fund Action (\$4.00) and some free information on the U.S. Peace Tax Fund Bill, are available from the National Campaign for a Peace Tax Fund, 2121 Decatur Place, N.W., Washington, DC 20008.

RESEARCH

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For example, at the third forum, no faculty who were against both the majority and minority report proposals were originally scheduled to speak. A student gave up her spot at the forum, so that there would be at least one faculty member speaking from this perspective.

However, despite the Wilson whitewash, the third forum was a victory for opponents of the reports. Almost everyone who participated in the public debate supported retention of the kill-maim clause. The sizeable turnout of opponents of the report was due to a successful advertising campaign put together by a coalition of MSA Peace and Justice Committee Researchers and Womens Action for Nuclear Disarmament (WAND). Before the third forum, this coalition organized a vigil on the steps of Rackham, where approximately one hundred concerned students, faculty, and community residents joined to protest the possible elimination of the kill-maim clause.

The Research Policies Committee

The Research Policies Committee (RPC) and the Classified Review Panel are the two committees which review research contracts under the present guidelines. Participation in the committees is the only opportunity for faculty and students to have input in judging the appropriateness of research projects. The majority report recommends that the Classified Review Panel be disbanded and the Research Policy Committee cease to be responsible for reviewing weapons research contracts.

The four student members of the Research Policy Committee resigned on November 17, 1986 because they felt that the guideline review process was fundamentally flawed. According to their statement of resignation, "While we believe it is of paramount importance to retain and extend the kill-maim clause to all research, we can make this statement only by resigning. Relevant issues have not been adequately discussed; voting has been unnecessarily rushed . . . Given the importance of the weapons research issue, we refuse to be pawns in the University's charade."

Freedom of Information Act

Essentially, the proposed guidelines call for administrative review only, under the office of the Vice President for Research. Concerned individuals outside of the research administration will be forced to utilize the Freedom of Information Acts to find out about specific weapons research contracts. In an attempt to do so, the Michigan Student Assembly was informed by the Division of Research and Development Administration (DRDA) that it will cost over \$600 to simply view past classified research contracts, without obtaining copies.

MSA has also been informed that it has a debt to pay for copies of unclassified projects obtained by student researchers in the past six years. Clearly, the DRDA is using arbitrary fees to prevent students and community members from obtaining information on specific weapons projects. The DRDA's present policy contradicts the majority report's claim that the Freedom of Information Act will be sufficient for concerned individuals to have access to information on University research projects.

Community Response

Response to the majority report has been mixed. The Michigan Student Assembly has condemned the proposed guidelines change and stated its support for retention of the kill-maim clause and its

extension to all research. The Faculty Senate Assembly has passed an in-house statement of principle that no research destructive to human life should be performed at the University. Contrary to this principle, however, the Senate Assembly voted in favor of the majority report. In a more powerful, positive, and consistent statement, 66 local religious leaders from a wide variety of congregations have signed a letter to Vice President Linda Wilson which states their conviction that to eliminate the kill-maim clause would be, in the words of the Rev. Harvey H. Guthrie Jr., "not consonant with the humane positions the University has taken on matters such as investments in South Africa and sexual harassment, both of which involve equally complicated issues . . . and that dropping the present provision . . . would make a statement that is shocking indeed."

The Regents will be making a final decision on University research policy at their April 16-17 meeting. Campus and community peace organizations need help in working to retain, and ultimately extend the present guidelines in order to eliminate all weapons research on campus. Call Tamara at MSA at 763-3241 if you are concerned and would like to help.

Action Alert

by Tobi Hanna-Davies

There is deep concern in our community about the growing involvement of U-M with the Pentagon. The Pentagon is currently establishing three new "Centers of Excellence" on North Campus, where increased Star Wars and other weapons research will be conducted. Most disturbing of all, the Regents are considering proposals to drop the "end use" clause which, since the Vietnam War, has prohibited classified research that is destructive to human life.

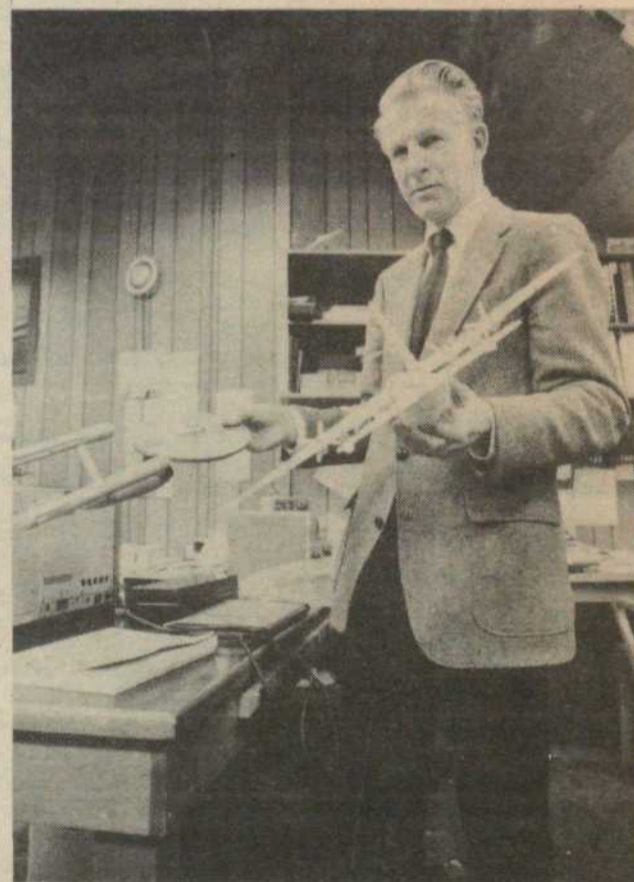
If you share this concern, and believe that no weapons research should be done at the University, classified or not, please let the Regents know before they vote at their April 16-17 meeting:

- 1) Collect signatures on the WAND petition, signed by over 200 faculty members, which states that the "end-use" clause should be maintained and extended to all research;
- 2) Give or mail the WAND alumni letter to all alumni you know, to sign and send to the Regents;
- 3) Write a letter to the editor of the U-M, Ann Arbor, or Detroit papers, with copies to other papers, so more Michigan citizens become aware of the issues;
- 4) Come to the Vigil for a

Understanding the French Student Movement

by Clay Ramsay

If the American media had not been filled with news of the Iran arms/contras funds affair in November and December, we would have heard much more than we did about the French student movement. The movement mobilized over a million students, achieved all its objectives, and traumatized the new right-wing cabinet under prime minister Jacques Chirac. Our press did report the size of the biggest demonstrations and put the emphasis on incidents of violence. In doing so, American correspondents were only reading and copying the French right-wing press, especially "Le Figaro." From reading



(PHOTO by Gregory Fox)

Weapons Research-free University (see 16 Thursday in the CALENDAR) to show your support for U-M taking a leadership position among U.S. universities and refusing complicity in the arms race.

Call Tobi Hanna-Davies at 662-7869, day or evening, or Jackie Victor at MSA at 763-3241, for copies of the petition and alumni letter.

the American papers it was impossible to learn the motivations of the participants (a New York Times' correspondent actually wrote that the movement was a "puzzle").

To understand what happened, we have to remember that Reaganism is not just a U.S. phenomenon. It is also an international doctrine of right-wing renewal. Thatcher in England, Kohl in Germany, and Nakasone in Japan all work to give national faces to right-wing renewal in their own countries. In different ways, they all point to the U.S. as a "model" for the future of their own countries; although Thatcher is the most reckless and Nakasone is the most careful. After the French elections of March, 1986 gave a majority to right-wing parties in the National Assembly, Jacques Chirac's new government became the latest national placement of this doctrine. But the sudden mushrooming of a French student movement struck a

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ALL MONTH

"The Artist and the Book": Dawn Treader Book Shop. April 2 through May 2 at the Eustace Clarence Scrubb Gallery inside Dawn Treader Books, 1202 S. University. A collection of prints and drawings from Audubon to Rowlandson, through Henry Miller and Leonard Baskin. 665-2270

Gallery Exhibit by Elaine Noyes: Eyemediae. April 5 to May 2 at 214 N. Fourth Ave. Works by Noyes (mixed media installations) and Mark Blottner (moveable animation). Reception for the artists April 6th, 6 to 8 pm.

1 Wednesday

Planning Meeting: April 25th March on Washington D.C. Coalition. 7 to 8 pm at 1407 Mason Hall. Help organize local contingent to national march for "Justice & Peace in Central America and Southern Africa." 662-0585

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

Benefit Bash: NORML. 9 pm in the Michigan Union Pendelton Rm. Featuring the bands "Wild Moose Party" and "Accidental Suitcase" and a cash bar. \$5 donation.

Annual Talent Show: Michigan Gay Union. 9 pm at the Law Club Lounge, 551 S. State. 763-4186

2 Thursday

Volunteer Information Meeting: Court Accompaniment Program (CAP). 3 to 4 pm at the U-M SAPAC office, 3100 U-M Union. General orientation for women interested in CAP. CAP is a volunteer program being developed by the Women's Crisis Center, Assault Crisis Center and U-M Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center to provide support to survivors of sexual assault during court proceedings. 763-5865

Meeting: International Appropriate Technology Association. 5:30 pm in the Michigan Union. (Call 665-5244 to verify).

Staff Meeting: AGENDA. 7:30 pm at Dominick's, 812 Monroe. Full staff meeting to evaluate the April issue and to plan the May issue. 996-8018

"JB": Hill Street Players. 8 pm at Hill Auditorium. A contemporary retelling of the story of Job. \$4. 663-3336

3 Friday

Meeting: Nov. 29th Committee for Palestine. 5 pm in the MUG of the Michigan Union. 764-695

Womyn's Tea: Women's Crisis Center (WCC) and Lesbian

CALENDAR



ATLANTA: First Martin Luther King Day—Young, Leah Tutu, C.S. King, & Bishop Tutu (see 4 Saturday)

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"Zen Buddhism in North America": Zen Buddhist Temple. 7 to 8 pm at 1214 Packard. Introductory monthly talk. 761-6520
"JB": Hill Street Players. 8 pm at Hill Aud. (see 2 Thursday)

5 Sunday

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. New people welcome!! 668-6280 or 761-8426

"JB": Hill Street Players. 4 pm at Hill Aud. (see 2 Thursday)

Meditation Service: Zen Buddhist Temple. 5 to 7 pm at 1214 Packard. Open to all. 761-6520

Israeli Dancing: Hillel. 7:30 pm at 1429 Hill St. 663-3336

"Popular Reality, The Video Show": Popular Reality. 9:35 pm on A2 Cable Channel 9. Local tabloid hits the tube. 769-7422

6 Monday

City Elections: City of Ann Arbor. 8 am to 7 pm. Vote for Mayor, City Council and Proposals A and B.

Potluck: Free University Network (FUN). 6:30 pm at 1402 Hill St. Please come along to share ideas of what the Free U should be and what classes we will offer in the days of warmth.

"Popular Reality, The Video Show": Popular Reality. 7:05 pm on TV (see 5 Sunday)

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

4 Saturday

Martin Luther King Memorial and Rededication Service: Bethel AME Church. 12 noon at Bethel AME Church, 900 Plum Street. To remember Dr. Martin Luther King on the day of his assassination, and to rededicate ourselves to the fight for justice and equality. 663-3800

Second Annual Ann Arbor Freedom March Against Racism & Apartheid. 12:30 pm at the U-M Diag. People will march to Wheeler Park for a rally at 1:30 pm with

speakers and poetry by Elise Bryant, at 2 pm the march will go back to the U-M Diag for a rally at 3 pm against racism and apartheid, featuring an activist from South Africa. "We are marching for justice and equal opportunity for all people. Now is the time that justice needs to be practiced. We've waited too late as it is."—Rev John Woods of Bethel AME. 662-5189

Fundraiser for the Legal Defense of the "Pursell 118": (LASC). 4 to 7 pm in the Kuenzel room of the Michigan Union. Speakers will include Jonathan Fried, renowned expert on international law, and Julie Beutel, captured by the Contras while participating in a Witness for Peace visit to the Rio San Juan in 1985.

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Women in Judaism Series:

Hillel. 7:30 pm at 1429 Hill. Prof. Tikva Frymer Kensky will discuss what Jewish thought has taught about Jewish women and what women are adding to Jewish thought. 663-3336

Monthly Meeting: Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. 7:30 pm at Pittsfield School, 2543 Pittsfield Blvd. 971-4702

"Virtual Play": Eyemediae. 8 pm at 214 N. Fourth Ave. A 1984 film by Steve Fagin (80 min.), \$3. 662-2470

Writers Series: Guild House. 8 pm at the Guild House, 802 Monroe. Reading from their work will be Howard Schott and Catherine Wright. 662-5189

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

7 Tuesday

Neve Shalom/Wahat Al-Salam: New Jewish Agenda. 12 noon in room 4-5 Michigan Union. Israeli Palestinian, Toni Strouji, and Israeli Jew, Jacob Sonnenschein, discuss their community which includes both Palestinians and Jews, and a school for peace in Israel. 769-2063

General meeting: Ann Arbor FLOC. 5:30 pm at room 2209 AB in the Michigan Union. Come with ideas, suggestions, etc. We're working on the events described below and starting to gear up for the annual FLOC Food Booth at the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair. We'll need lots of help. It's not too early! 764-1446

Support Group for Women with Eating Disorders: Women's Crisis Center (WCC). 7:30 to 9:30 pm. This is the last meeting for new women to join. Sliding scale fee. 994-9100.

Membership Meeting: GEO. 8 pm in the Rackham Amphitheater.

Oedipus, Mom, and Freud

Movies: Eyemediae. 8 pm at 214 N. Fourth Ave. Featuring "The Lead Shoes" (Sidney Peterson 1949), "Mother's Day" (James Broughton, 1948), and "On the Marriage Broker Joke as Cited by Sigmund Freud in Wit and its Relation to the Unconscious or Can the Avant-Garde Artist be Wholed?" (Owen Land, 1978), \$3. 662-2470

Adventure Travel Series: Bivouac Adventure Travel. 8 pm at Bivouac, 336 S. State. "On Safari in Africa." Slide show, lecture and discussion on adventure travel in East Africa, going beyond the conventional vehicle-bound game safari. Guest speaker: Jon Mintz, a U-M student who went on safari in Kenya during the fall of 1986. 761-8777

8 Wednesday

Planning Meeting: April 25th march on Washington DC Coalition. 7 pm (see 1 Wednesday)

Volunteer Orientation Meeting: Women's Crisis Center (WCC). 7 pm. Learn about WCC volunteer opportunities and our peer counselor training (first two weekends in May). 994-9100 for location and to register. All women welcome!

General Meeting: Ann Arbor Coalition Against Rape. 7:30 pm (see 1 Wednesday)

Feminist Interest Group: New Jewish Agenda. 7:30 pm. Planning for the NJA Midwest Feminist Retreat April 24-26. 769-5680

"Rebel Without a Cause": Hill Street Cinema. 8 pm at 1429 Hill St. 1954 classic starring you-know-who, \$2.50. 663-3336

"An Exploration of Feminine Spirituality": New Dimensions Study Group. 8:05 pm at the Yoga Center. Aura Glazer is owner of Ann Arbor's Crazy Wisdom Bookstore and a leader in the Southeast Michigan New Age community. Cheryl Sterefs is an Ann Arbor-area holistic health

practitioner. Both have been active with women's spirituality for the last ten years. 971-0881

9 Thursday

Meeting: International Appropriate Tech. Association. 5:30 pm (see 2 Thursday)

Speaker: HAP-NICA. 7:30 pm in the Anderson Room of the Michigan Union. Dr. Jeffrey Paige, Prof. of Sociology, will speak about "Myths and Realities in Nicaragua."

Central America Interest Group: New Jewish Agenda. 7:30 pm at 711 Wesley. Planning for Rene Epelbaum visit the week of April 12 and talk on April 15. 995-5210

General Meeting: Bread for the World. 7:30 pm at the First Presbyterian Church, 1432 Washtenaw. The meeting will discuss the WIC program and other hunger related legislation. 487-9058

10 Friday

Beginners Weekend Retreat: Zen Buddhist Temple. 10th to 12th. Registration required. 761-6520

Meeting: Nov. 29th Committee for Palestine. 5 pm (see 3 Friday)

Womyn's Tea: (WCC) and Lesbian Programs Office. 5:30 pm (see 3 Friday)

"Free Dream Rap and Lecture": School of Metaphysics. 7:30 pm at 719 W. Michigan Ave, Ypsilanti. 482-9600

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

11 Saturday

Chanting Service: Zen Buddhist Temple. 761-6520

Birthday Party: Ypsilanti Food Co-op. 9 am to 7 pm. The Ypsilanti Food Co-op will celebrate its 12th year of providing healthy eating alternatives to the community. We

invite you to our birthday party, to sample our birthday baking alternatives. The winners and finalists entries of the March baking contest will be available, along with their recipes. A clown and musicians will join in the celebration. Come see how delicious a nutritious birthday can be.

Volunteer Orientation Meeting: Women's Crisis Center (WCC). 3 pm (see 8 April)

Program on Central America: Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. 7:30 pm at Will and Bea Otis', 302 Elm, Ypsilanti. John Rohde and Barbara Kritt will discuss their experiences and impressions during recent stays and travel in Nicaragua and other parts of Central America. 483-0058

"Chariots of Fire": Hill Street Cinema. 9 pm at 1429 Hill St. \$2.50. 663-3336

"Popular Reality, The Video Show": Popular Reality. 10:05 pm on TV (see 5 Sunday)

12 Sunday

Middle East Interest Group: New Jewish Agenda. 11:30 am. Brunch and planning for upcoming events. 662-9217

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

"Thirty Years of Progress": Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. 4 pm at the First Methodist Church, State at Huron. 763-4186

Meditation Service: Zen Buddhist Temple. 5 to 7 pm at 1214 Packard. Open to all. 761-6520

Lecture: School of Metaphysics. 6:30 pm at 719 W. Michigan Ave, Ypsilanti. Book of Revelation interpreted. 482-9600

General Meeting: Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament (WAND). Doors open 7 pm, meeting at 7:30. NEW LOCATION: First Baptist Church, 512 E. Huron. Prof. Gerald Linderman of the U-M Department of History will examine the social and psychological reasons why Americans have gone to war during the 20th century. 761-1718

Israeli Dancing: Hillel 7:30 pm at 1429 Hill St. 663-3336

13 Monday

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

Lesbian-Gay Male Community Forum: Gay Liberation. 7:30 pm at Canterbury House, 218 N. Division. Homophobia, Violence, Discrimination, Civil Rights: A Call to Community Action will be the subject of the Forum. 665-0606 or 763-4186

"The Prints and the Paper: Our Airlines": Eyemediae. 8 pm at 214 N. Fourth Ave. Filmmakers Jeff Plankster (Detroit), Tom Ludwig (Detroit) and Owen O'Toole (Boston) will be present to screen some of their award winning 8mm films, involving one and two projectors, \$3. 662-2470

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

14 Tuesday

General meeting: Ann Arbor FLOC. 5:30 pm (see 7 Tuesday)

Baldemar Velasquez: Ann Arbor FLOC. 7 pm, Kunzel Room, Union. Velasquez, president of FLOC, will discuss the history and current struggles in this important labor movement, a movement that demands local, state, and national debate. He will also address the growing recognition of the significance of domestic farm labor organizing to international labor movements. 764-1446

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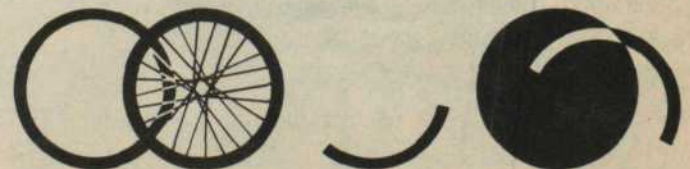
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Membership Meeting: IWW. 7 pm at Dominick's.

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Meeting: Amnesty International: Group 61. 7:30 pm at the University of Michigan Student Union. 761-1628 or 761-3639.

"Rome 78": Eyemediae. 8 pm at 214 N. Fourth Ave. A 1978 James Nares film: Lydia Lunch and Eric Mitchell don togas for this burlesque of "I, Claudius" complete with Roman costumes and New York locations, \$3. 662-2470

Adventure Travel Series: Bivouac Adventure Travel. 8 pm at Bivouac, 336 S. State. "Rafting the Grand Canyon Colorado and Other Wild and Scenic Western Rivers." Slide show, lecture and discussion on rafting the rivers of the American West. Guest speakers: experienced Colorado River guides. 761-8777

15 Wednesday

Meditation Retreat: Zen Buddhist Temple. 15th to 20th. Registration required. 761-6520

Planning Meeting: April 25th march on Washington DC Coalition. 7 pm (see 1 Wednesday)

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

Argentina's Disappeared: A Jewish Mother's Struggle for Justice: New Jewish Agenda. 7:30 pm. Rene Epelbaum talks about her experiences struggling to find her "disappeared" son and obtain justice in Argentina. 995-5210

General Meeting: Ann Arbor Coalition Against Rape. 7:30 pm (see 1 Wednesday)

Witness—Taxes for Peace: Ann Arbor War Tax Dissidents.

8 pm 'til midnight at the Main Post Office on Stadium Blvd. Join us for our yearly witness of alternatives for the use of our tax dollars with leaflets, placards, and posters for the last-minute taxpayers.

16 Thursday

Vigil for a Weapons Research-Free University: MSA Researchers and WAND. 3 pm to 4 pm at the cube near Michigan Union and 4 to 5 pm at Regent's public comment time. Vigil to oppose the proposed change in U-M research guidelines, which would drop the end-use clause. 761-1718

Meeting: Int. Appropriate Technology Association. 5:30 pm (see 2 Thursday)

Speaker: HAP-NICA. 7:30 pm in the Anderson Room of the Michigan Union. Abdollah Dashti, graduate student in anthropology, will be speaking about "Participative Democracy and Political Consciousness in Rural Nicaragua."

17 Friday

Meeting: Nov. 29th Committee for Palestine. 5 pm (see 3 Friday)

Womyn's Tea: (WCC) and Lesbian Programs Office. 5:30 to 7 pm (see 3 Friday)

Benefit Concert: Ann Arbor FLOC. 9 pm in the Michigan Union Ballroom. Featuring Tracy Lee and the Leonards! Contribution \$6. 764-1446

19 Sunday

Coordinating Council: New Jewish Agenda. 11 am at 2208 Packard. 662-9217.

Meditation Service: Zen Buddhist Temple. 5 to 7 pm at 1214 Packard. Open to all. 761-6520

20 Monday

Raffle Drawing Party: IATA and CSPP. 7 to 8 pm at Les Voyagers by Argo Canoe Livery.

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Fundraiser for 3 elementary school additions in Rio San Juan, Nicaragua. 764-0175

Music Videos: Eyemediae. 8 pm at 214 N. Fourth Ave. Recent works by Cabaret Voltaire, The The and Robyn Hitchcock and the Egyptians, \$3. 662-2470

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

21 Tuesday

General meeting: Ann Arbor FLOC. 5:30 pm (see 7 Tuesday)

Michigan Film/Video: Eyemediae. 8 pm at 214 N. Fourth

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Adventure Travel Series: Bivouac Adventure Travel. 8 pm at Bivouac, 336 S. State. "Natural History Excursions in Australia." Slide show, lecture and discussion. Guest speakers: Dan Pickard, owner of Bivouac Adventure Travel, and Tim Joslyn, director of the Living Science Foundation. Guest live animals will include a wallaby, cockatoo and other indigenous Australian animals. 761-8777

22 Wednesday

Planning Meeting: April 25th

march on Washington DC Coalition. 7 pm (see 1 Wednesday)

General Meeting: Ann Arbor Coalition Against Rape. 7:30 pm (see 1 Wednesday)

"The Cosmic Whisper": New Dimensions Study Group. 8:05 pm at the Yoga Center. An exploration of the themes of karma, psychic channeling, and prophecy with Pat Huff, founder and co-director of the M.E.S.A. Parapsychology Center in Toledo and author of the book "The Cosmic Whisper." 971-0881.

23 Thursday

Meeting: International Appropriate Technology Association. 5:30 pm (see 2 Thursday)

Meeting: HAP-NICA. 7:30 pm (see 9 Thursday)

24 Friday

Meeting: Nov. 29th Committee for Palestine. 5 pm (see 3 Friday)

Womyn's Tea: Women's Crisis Center (WCC) and Lesbian Programs Office. 5:30 to 7 pm (see 3 Friday)

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

Midwest Feminist Retreat: New Jewish Agenda. A wide variety of discussions, workshops, sing-alongs, meals, rituals and fun. Call 994-5717 early in the month to register.

15th Anniversary Fundraiser: Women's Crisis Center with Border's Bookshop. Present a certificate upon purchase and Borders will donate a percentage to the Women's Crisis Center. WCC provides crisis intervention and free peer counseling to women in the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti area. Certificates available at WCC and Border's. 994-9100

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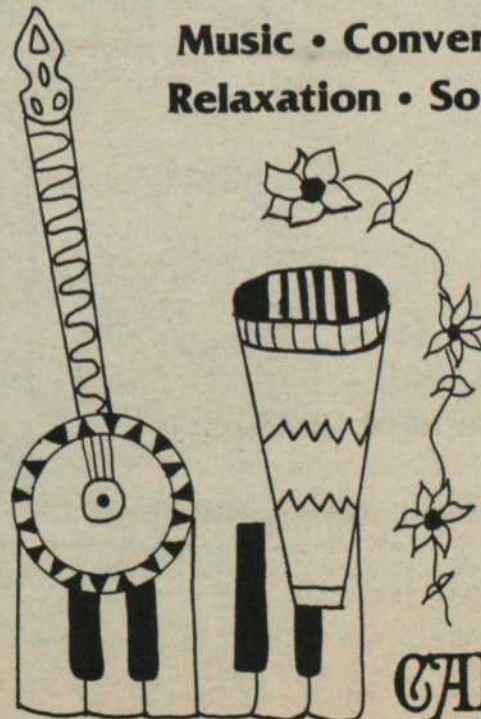
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Fundraiser: SANE. Baroque music performer Sarah Summer will be the highlight of a fundraiser at the Kerrytown Concert House benefitting the Second District Arms Control Coalition. 663-3913.

March on Washington DC: LASC. Being organized nationally by prominent religious and labor leaders to protest U.S. intervention in Central America and to oppose U.S. government and corporate support for the South African apartheid system. Buses will leave Ann Arbor Friday return Sunday morning. For reservations call Vicky at 662-0585 or the LASC office.

"Numerology: Do Numbers Really Influence Your Life?": School of Metaphysics. Free lecture at 7:30 pm, Washtenaw Community College. Call 482-9600 for details.

25 Saturday

Training Session: Wellness Network—Huron Valley
Today's training will present an overview of the health crisis, the diseases, and the difficulties in managing and helping people affected by AIDS. There is a nominal charge for the training, which is required of all Wellness volunteers. Please call in advance to register.

Psychic Fair: School of Metaphysics. 1 pm to 6 pm at Crazy Wisdom Book Store, 206 N. Fourth Ave. Donations requested. 665-2757

Midwest Feminist Retreat: New Jewish Agenda. (see 24 Friday)

15th Anniversary Fundraiser: WCC with Border's Bookshop. (see 24 Friday)

26 Sunday

Open House: Women's Crisis Center. 12 noon to 3 pm at 306 N. Division in St. Andrew's Church. Come see the Center and celebrate our Fifteenth Birthday! 994-9100

15th Anniversary Fundraiser: WCC with Border's Bookshop. (see 24 Friday)

Meditation Service: Zen Buddhist Temple. 5 to 7 pm at 1214 Packard. Open to all. 761-6520

Lecture: School of Metaphysics. 6:30 pm at 719 W. Michigan Ave, Ypsilanti. 482-9600

Training Session: Wellness Network. (see 25 Saturday)

Midwest Feminist Retreat: New Jewish Agenda. (see 24 Friday)

27 Monday

Video Noir I: Eyemediae. 8 pm at 214 N. Fourth Ave. A night of "noir" genre films: "Lines of Force" (Bob

Snyder, 1979), "Beneath the Skin" (Cecelia Condit, 1981), "Double Lunar Dogs" (Joan Jonas, 1984), and "Human Skeleton" (Wayne Fielding, 1983). Total program time: 70 minutes, \$3. 662-2470

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

28 Tuesday

Open House: Ecology Center. At the Ecology Center's Environmental Classroom. Hands-on activities in recycling, acid rain and crafts will be offered, and, weather permitting, outdoor tours will be conducted. Free. 761-3186

General meeting: Ann Arbor FLOC. 5:30 pm (see 7 Tuesday)

Meeting: Bread for the World. 7:30 pm at the First United Methodist Church (Interfaith Council office), 120 S. State. Topic: May Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) action. 487-9058

"The Asphalt Jungle": Eyemediae. 8 pm at 214 N. Fourth Ave. Seldom seen 1950 masterpiece by John Huston, \$3. 662-2470

30 Thursday

Meeting: IATA. 5:30 pm (see 2 Thursday)

FRENCH

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completely unexpected blow to right-wing renewal in France, changing the political atmosphere and helping to embolden the French labor movement. The students rejected a government plan to introduce a few "Americanizing" features into French higher education.

Access to a university in France is traditionally an "earned right." Students who have continued to the end of lycée (corresponding to our high school years) take an examination for a degree called the baccalaureat. The exam is nationally administered by the education ministry on one day of the year. It is difficult, but passing it means far more than graduating from an American high

school. Those who pass and gain the "bac" have the right to attend any French university. All the universities are within one subsidized system. Students are not charged tuition. Upon graduation the student receives a national diploma from the ministry of education. The diploma does not say "Paris" or "Lille" or "Dijon"; the diploma makes no distinction between more or less prestigious universities.

The roots of this system stem from the 19th century, and no one would argue that it is perfect. It tends to "stream" students at about age 16, either away from the bac and into the working class, or toward the bac, the university, and the

(see FRENCH, page 23)

Local Resident to Aid Human Rights Group in Guatemala

Ann Arbor resident, Mark Weinstein, left for Guatemala March 17 where he is spending three weeks escorting leaders of a human rights group in that country, the Mutual Support Group GAM (Grupo de Apoyo Mutuo). The group, formed in June of 1984, has been calling for release of and accounting for the estimated 40,000 "disappeared" persons in Guatemala over the past thirty years of mostly military rule.

When two of the leaders of GAM were abducted, tortured, and killed by para-military death squads during Easter Week of 1985, Peace Brigades International (PBI) stepped into the picture. As part of its work on behalf of human rights, and of nonviolent conflict resolution

around the world, PBI responded to GAM's request for round-the-clock escorting of their most threatened leaders and their families. Twenty-four hours a day the volunteers, cameras around their necks, accompany GAM leaders at work, in meetings, in interviews, and at home.

"A foreigner accompanies me at all times as a means of protection," says Nineth de Garcia, president of GAM, grade school teacher, and mother of a four year old daughter. Her husband, a union organizer, was "disappeared" in 1984. "The mentality of those who oppress us is that a gringo is worth a lot. According to them, as a Guatemalan, I'm worth less than nothing."

Dozens of volunteers from many countries, mostly in North America and Europe, have served as PBI escorts in Guatemala since March 1985.

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AGENDA

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DEAR READERS: AGENDA celebrates its first year of existence this month. Since we started the machinery of publishing in February, 1986 we have put out twelve monthly editions of AGENDA. Great pains are taken to make this Directory a contemporary and lively forum. We are now committed to publishing 75% fresh copy each month, so if you are one of those who doesn't bother reading the listings because "you've read the same stuff last month," you're missing out on a lot of interesting and important current news.

CURRENT NEWS: Lisa Dennis and Sarah Carney are students of the U-M's School of Natural Resources receiving academic credit for an internship with AGENDA. During this winter semester, they are working on AGENDA's outreach project by meeting with Resource Directory organizations. The purpose of the outreach project is to make the publication more responsive to the needs of the community organizations and more interesting to the readers.

MEETINGS: In an effort to involve more people in the production of AGENDA, two monthly meetings will be held on a continuing basis. The first Thursday of each month will be a full staff meeting to evaluate the previous month's paper and plan future editions (see 2 Thursday, CALENDAR). This month, there will also be an open meeting. All are welcome to participate! (See 14 Tuesday, CALENDAR)

DIRECTORY PARTICIPANTS: Please note that the inclusion of some logos and not others in this issue is due strictly to the

availability of the art. Please send us your logo, as well as photographs and artwork with your next listing (or sooner). We also want to mention the great progress that has been made by organizations to turn their copy in on disc. This has helped us process the paper much more easily and has reduced the amount of resources utilized between us.

COMPUTER HINTS: When setting up a new file do not set up a left indent or a first line indent—just set one tab at .25. Also please use only one space after the end of a sentence. Our new format specs are: 12 point bold letterheads, 4 point leading between topics, 8 point bold type CAPS for headings and 8 point plain type for copy. Calendar items are to fall at the bottom of the listing in the following order: Event: sponsor (in bold type), time and place, one to two sentence description, fee, phone number (in plain type). If this is not clear, look at any AGENDA Calendar and follow the order you see for each event.

We believe that this process can get even better if we all understand the guidelines set by the staff and discuss those guidelines if they do not meet the contact's needs. Our outreach workers will be meeting with as many organizations as they can before the end of the semester. Please talk with them about your concerns and let them know your opinions on the efficacy of the paper as an organizing tool. Lisa and Sarah's last day will be April 17, so be thinking about fitting them in before then. Also feel free to attend one of our meetings.

And those of you who can afford it, please help us out by sending in the \$.05 per character that we have asked for. Some student organizations have money in their budgets through MSA for publicity. Others must go before the MSA Budget Priorities Committee. We suggest that you figure out your average character count for a semester and put in a request for that amount. Please take the time to look into it. We are hanging by the skin of our teeth every month and could be greatly aided by the \$5 to \$20 per issue you send. You can also help by sending in group and personal subscriptions. We've heard through our outreach that WHEAC is subsidizing subscriptions sent in by their members 50/50. What a great idea! We are also offering a special for those of you who are leaving town for the summer: \$5 for 5 issues. If you like the paper and see a need for it, support it!

COOPERATIVES

People's Food Coop
740 Packard and 212 N. Fourth Ave
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
769-0095

PURPOSE: People's Food Coop is a member-owned business that has been providing whole foods and other products to the Ann Arbor community since 1971. We currently operate two storefronts: 212 N. Fourth Ave. and 740 Packard. The Co-op's origins lie in the ethics of service to the community. They are based on the cooperative principles of self-help through shared profits and labor. Whenever the Co-op makes a "profit," the money

is invested into purchasing more food, lowering food prices, adding more services or improving our facilities.

The Co-op sells a wide variety of food and non-food items. The range of goods carried includes the following: fresh produce, organic and purchased locally, when possible; dairy and non-dairy products; bulk foods, such as grains, beans and nuts; unusual herbs, spices, teas and coffees, such as Nicaraguan-grown coffee, and personal care items.

MEMBERSHIP: Why become a member of People's Food Co-op? Receive a discount every time you shop; vote in annual elections and advise the Co-op on policies and decisions; receive free product information through the monthly newsletter and in the stores. For membership information, contact the Packard store at

Ypsilanti Food Co-op
312 N. River St.
Ypsilanti, MI 48198
483-1520

CURRENT NEWS: On April 11, the Ypsilanti Food Co-op will celebrate its 12th year of providing healthy eating alternatives to the community. We invite you to our birthday party, from 9 am to 7

pm, to sample our birthday baking alternatives. The winners and finalists entries of the March baking contest will be available, along with their recipes. A clown and musicians will join in the celebration. Come see how delicious a nutritious birthday can be.

SERVICES: One Saturday a month the co-op sponsors "Cooking Encounters," a display of naturally prepared foods for your tasting. Recipes are also available. A newsletter is published monthly to keep the community informed of the happenings of the Co-op. New members are always welcome.

ENVIRONMENT

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THE BIKE-A-THON IS COMING! Soon it will be spring and time for the Ecology Center's 16th annual Bike-A-Thon, providing concerned Ann Arborites a great opportunity to actively support the Center's non-profit environmental programs. For all those interested in our local environment and eager to contribute to the local community, here is a fun and easy way to get involved!

The Bike-A-Thon is a 14, 28, 58, or 100 mile bicycle ride in the beautiful Ann Arbor area. Participants can pick up sponsor sheets at the Ecology Center at 417 Detroit St. (across from Zingerman's Deli), or at one of many participating merchants. Riders get



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sponsors on a per-mile basis, collect pledges, and return them to the Ecology Center. These funds are put to work for The Ecology Center, Recycle Ann Arbor, Home Energy Conservation, environmental education, and environmental policy programs.

Besides the enjoyment from contributing to the Center and the Community, riders are treated to free food and entertainment by the Trees, OJ Anderson, and the Andy Adamson Jazz Trio on May

3, the day of the ride. Great prizes are also available—a Raleigh Technium 420 12-speed bicycle, a Bianchi Alank Mountain bicycle, a white-water raft trip for two, and more! Team prizes are also offered.

Ride alone or ride with a team, but get ready to gear up for the 1987 Bike-A-Thon and show support for you local environment! Call Tara at the Ecology Center for more information.

BACKGROUND: The Ecology Center is a non-profit environmental organization committed to channeling community resources into meaningful action. The center pursues its aims through programs such as Recycle Ann Arbor, Home Energy Works, the Recycling Drop-off Station, and environmental issues promotion. (1844)

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CURRENT NEWS: "The Democrats are leading, not just responding, in the struggle for lesbian-gay male liberation." This sentiment, voiced by a gay man at the recent "Candidates Night" sponsored by the Washtenaw County Lesbian-Gay Political Caucus prior to the Ann Arbor April 6th General Election, may summarize the thoughts of many of the people who attended this community discussion of such issues as civil and human rights, violence, harassment, and discrimination against lesbians and gay men.

Candidates in attendance were 1st Ward Democrat Ann Marie Coleman, 2nd Ward Democrat Mary Reilly, 3rd Ward Republican Isaac Campbell; also present was a spokesperson for 4th Ward Democrat Richard Layman. A statement of support for lesbian and gay male concerns from 5th Ward Democrat candidate Kathy Edgren was read, as was a thoughtful and detailed analysis of homophobia written by 3rd Ward Democrat candidate Jeff Epton. Subsequent to the meeting the Caucus received from Democratic Mayoral candidate Ed Pierce a written response to the Caucus's questionnaire, 2nd Ward Republican candidate Terry Martin submitted a brief letter to the Caucus.

Ann Marie Coleman noted her support of lesbians and gay men since her arrival in Ann Arbor more than ten years ago as Co-Director of Guild House, a Campus Ministry supportive of peace and justice concerns. Ms. Coleman pointed out the need for networking among groups striving for human liberation to counter

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the "mean-spirited atmosphere" of racism, sexism, and homophobia that many of us are experiencing in Ann Arbor today.

Mary Reilly underscored the "double dose" of oppression laid on non-White gay people and stated that she would support consciousness-raising workshops for the City Police Department; such workshops would address the violence and verbal harassment suffered by lesbians and gay men.

Isaac Campbell stated that he would make sure that the Police Department enforced the rights of all citizens, but he sees no need for a separate Human Rights Department in City Hall—a concern raised by Human Rights Commission Chairperson Helen Gallagher. Mr. Campbell believes that the city should educate the community-at-large about the medical facts of AIDS and should avoid the "media hysterics" surrounding this issue.

Jeff Epton supports an action-oriented alliance between nongay politicians and the lesbian-gay male community. He would work with community activists to help develop a city employment policy concerning AIDS. Kathy Edgren informed us that since she has been in the Democratic majority on city council she has approved the appointment of lesbians and gay men to city boards and commissions. Mayor Pierce has issued Lesbian-Gay Pride Week Proclamations and has appointed gay people to city boards and commissions. He would, if re-elected, try to bring lesbians and gay men into the "mainstream" of Ann Arbor governmental and political life. The spokesperson for Richard Layman mentioned Mr. Layman's support of a "sensitization program" for the Police Department and his awareness of the need for a Task Force to respond to lesbian and gay male concerns.

In consequence of the awareness and support offered to lesbians and gay men by the Democratic candidates whose statements are

referred to above, the Caucus is pleased to endorse these candidates for Mayor and for city council.

Republican candidate Isaac Campbell indeed shared his concern for the rights of all citizens but he apparently does not view lesbians and gay men as a minority whose needs are clearly differentiated from those other groups.

Republican candidate Terry Martin wrote to the Caucus as follows: "I cannot accept assumptions of universal discrimination as I personally find the gays of my acquaintance sensitive and responsible citizens." The Caucus does not understand Ms. Martin's statement (could it mean that "the rain falls only on the unjust"?) and wonder whether this type of logic may be an example of the reasoning Ms. Martin would bring to bear on the complex issues that confront city council.

We urge all lesbians and gay men and their supporters to vote a "straight" (please forgive us) Democratic ticket on April 6.

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. ((5034))

HEALTH ISSUES

the term "HIV," Human Immune-Deficiency Disease, is proposed to replace AIDS and ARC.

A "PWA" is a person with AIDS; a "PWARC" is a person with ARC. Two of the most common diseases associated with ARC are "PCP," pneumocystic carinii pneumonia, an ordinarily rare lung infection, and "KS," Kaposi's Sarcoma, an ordinarily rare skin cancer.

The causative agent is now called "HIV," the Human Immune-Deficiency Virus; it was renamed as a result of the dispute between various teams of investigators who claimed to have isolated it first. Earlier names include HTLV-III, Human T Lymphotropic Virus III, and LAV, Lymphadenopathy Associated Virus. Many aspects of the workings of HIV are well understood, though the trigger that causes it to create immune deficiency in some patients and not in others is not known. HIV infection prompts the creation of antibodies to the virus, and the presence of these antibodies can be tested for. There are two kinds of HIV antibody tests: the "ELISA," Enzyme-Linked Immune-Sorbent Assay, and the Western Blot Assay. The ELISA is a relatively inexpensive test; it is hypersensitive, that is, it detects not only HIV antibodies but antibodies to similar viruses. The Western Blot Assay, which is expensive, is much more specific (it will detect only HIV antibodies) but less sensitive. Used together, the two assays provide reliable guides to checking whether persons at risk for the disease may have been infected; the ELISA assay is used alone in checking the blood supply. There are no readily available tests for the presence of the virus itself; virological assays are expensive and

difficult to perform.

The last acronym to be brought up here is "AZT," azidothymidine, previously known as Compound S. This drug was developed in 1964 for treatment of cancer; it has been tested and found to have limited effectiveness in AIDS patients; late in 1986 it was released for broader clinical tests.

TRAINING: Wellness-Huron Valley will hold a training session on April 25-26. The first day of training will present an overview of the health crisis, the diseases, and the difficulties in managing and helping people affected; the second day will focus on specific skills needed in actually working with PWAs and PWARCs. There is a nominal charge for the training, which is required of all Wellness volunteers. Please call in advance to register.

People who want anonymous, confidential testing for the HIV virus now must travel to one of a number of Michigan counties where such testing is available. The Washtenaw County Public Health Department will make confidential testing available here in the next few months, perhaps as early as 1 May.

Romanovsky and Philips, unabashedly old-fashioned songwriters, will be doing a benefit for Wellness at the Ark on 5 May. Watch for details.

MEETINGS: General meetings are held the second Sunday of every month and are open to all. The next meeting is April 12, 3:30 to 5:30 pm at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Ann Arbor (enter through outpatient entrance). (4340)

HUMAN RIGHTS

since the issue of the death penalty is so politically volatile in America, the question arises as to why AI, which is widely known for its work on behalf of prisoners of conscience, is involved in the death penalty issue. The answer is found in Article 1 of AI's Statute, which specifies work for the release of prisoners of conscience, fair trials for political prisoners and an end to torture and the death penalty in all cases. AI opposes the death penalty in all cases as a violation of the right to life and the right not to be subjected to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment as proclaimed in the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Here, the comments of Larry Cox, deputy director of AI's U.S. organization (AIUSA) are relevant: "AI asserts that an execution—that is, the total extinction of a human personality—is the ultimate cruel, inhuman, and degrading punishment. The cruelty of the death penalty is rarely denied. But capital punishment is often justified by those who carry it out in the same way that every human rights violation is justified: It is better for one person to be killed than for a whole society to be troubled; it is better for a few people to be tortured than for a whole society to be troubled.

"The underlying basis for all our work is the

Wellness Networks, Inc.—Huron Valley (WNI-HV)

P. O. Box 3242
Ann Arbor, MI 48106
662-6134

CURRENT NEWS: Acronyms are the stuff of AIDSpeak, and it might be useful to review some of the most common of the terms associated with the current crisis. "AIDS" is the Acquired Immune-Deficiency Syndrome, a severe form of infection with the HIV; "ARC," AIDS-Related Complex, is a blanket term for less severe forms of the infection. People who have been infected but show no disease involvement are called "seropositives" or "positive-testers."

The criteria by which the CDC (the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta) define AIDS were established before the causative agent was discovered, and they refer to symptoms and disease involvement rather than to the virus itself. When ARC was first described, it was called Pre-AIDS, on the theory that people who have been infected with the virus would eventually develop AIDS. This is now believed not to be true. It is possible, that is, that a person could be infected with the virus and show no symptoms (remain seropositive) or show only reduced symptoms (remain an ARC patient). Since it appears that infection with the virus can assume a variety of forms, some scientists feel it is misleading to tie all the terminology to AIDS;

Amnesty International (AI) U.S.A. Group 61

Ann Arbor, MI
761-1628 or 761-3639

CURRENT NEWS: Beginning on February 18, 1987, Amnesty International's (AI) United States organization began a six month campaign to promote public awareness of the death penalty in the U.S. and its implications. Since AI's work rests on a foundation of political neutrality, and

principle that no government may use certain means to protect society, because when a government uses these means, it destroys the values that make the society worth protecting. . .

"It is difficult to kill or torture people if you regard them as human, if you see some shared humanity in them. In the United States we are told that those who are about to be killed by the state are not really people; they are monsters. . .

"We care about these prisoners not because we have romantic notions about who they are, and certainly not because we don't care about the issue of crime in this society. We care about these people because we understand that Amnesty International was established primarily to protect

the human rights of forgotten prisoners."

Among the many implications of the death penalty in the U.S. that AI raises are the following: Death sentences tend to be racially biased and unfair; juvenile offenders and the mentally ill are executed; those people executed suffer cruel deaths by electrocution, gassing and poison; there are a record number of prisoners on death row.

MEETINGS & MEMBERSHIP: One of several ways in which individuals become involved in AI's activities is to join an adoption group. Among its other activities, an adoption group writes letters and does other work on behalf of individual prisoners whose cases have been researched by

AI's International Secretariat. Ann Arbor's adoption group, AIUSA Group 61, is presently working the case of a Soviet woman, Tatyana Velikanova and provisionally on the case of a Sri Lankan man, A. Vettithasan. The highlight of the past year for Group 61 was the acquittal of the Turkish man, Ahmet Isvan, on whose case it had worked for several years.

Group 61 holds its meetings at the U-M Student Union on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm. For further information on Group 61 call 761-1628 or 761-3639.

To learn more about AIUSA programs, contact the national headquarters at AIUSA,

322 8th Ave., New York, NY 10001, (212) 807-8400. For information about, or to join the AIUSA Urgent Action Network, contact The Urgent Action Network, AIUSA, P.O. Box 1270, Nederland, CO 80466, (303) 440-0913. There is an urgent action group in Ann Arbor which works on Latin American cases; for more information contact Bob Hanert, Ethics and Religion, Michigan Union, Ann Arbor, MI 48109. (4168)

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

PURPOSE: As a Palestinian human rights organization working in the United States, N29 recognizes one of its fundamental purposes as being a vehicle for understanding between the American and Palestinian people. We believe such a relationship necessarily involves a political, social, historical, and humanistic understanding. Thus, in facilitating such an understanding, N29 sponsors events that help illuminate and clarify the legitimate aspirations of the Palestinian people. We believe their struggle for national self-determination is both realistic and necessary. We also recognize the right of the Palestinian people to determine their own leadership with which to speak to the world. The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) became that vehicle. Consequently, N29 works to inform the American people on the importance of that choice and what it means for any talk of peace that may find its way in the mouths of politicians.

MEMBERSHIP & MEETINGS: N29 does not discriminate in any way when people of conscience desire to work with N29 for the rights of the Palestinian people. We necessarily ask that you agree with our bylaws and commitments. N29 usually meets in the MUG of the Michigan Union every Friday at 5 pm. Look for those wearing the black and white Palestinian kaffiyehs.

Our office hours are Tues., Thurs., and Fri. from 2 to 4 pm and we welcome anyone wanting information and/or desiring N29 membership to visit or call us. We also distribute our national newsletter, Palestine Focus, which offers timely and relevant articles for those wishing to broaden their knowledge of the Palestinian people and their solidarity movements in the U.S.

NEWS FROM WITHIN: In a blatant attempt to silence the Palestinian solidarity movement in this country and to chill the legitimate political activities of all Americans active on Middle East issues, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) and the FBI, on Jan. 26, arrested with shackles and chains 8 Palestinians and a Kenyan national and charged them, at first, with being "terrorists" and immediately began deportation proceedings. Since no evidence was found to back up this charge, the INS and FBI then suggested that the nine belonged

to the PLO and were thus national security risks. Again since they lacked evidence of criminal activity, the INS and FBI then charged the nine with violating a provision of the McCarran-Walter Act, a leftover from the McCarthy Era, which forbids non-citizens to distribute any literature that the U.S. government labels as subversive, even though such literature may be purchased in many U.S. bookstores.

According to The Washington Post, "Sources said the (Justice) Department is seeking to deport them for immigration offenses . . . because it lacks sufficient evidence of criminal activity."

During the bond hearing on Feb. 3, a Los Angeles judge released all of the defendants upon their recognizance, except for two who were charged \$500 and \$3000 for no apparent reason. During the deportation hearings on Feb. 17, the Los Angeles judge threw out the joint INS/FBI request that the hearings be held in secret. On April 28, regular deportation hearings will begin.

A "Committee for Justice" has been formed to defend these people and to gather and disseminate information related to the case. N29 as well as other civil, political and human rights organizations are part of this committee, because we recognize the precedent that will result for all minority groups that seek change in U.S. foreign policy if the deportations are carried through. We urge people to donate money and offer support for legal costs. The Committee can be reached at 2440 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90027, (213) 413-6318.

It was also discovered that the U.S. Government through its Alien Border Control now has plans to investigate, arrest and/or deport any non-citizen that it deems undesirable, and has issued orders for contingency plans for the operation of detention camps similar to the ones used against Japanese-Americans during WWII. The contingency plans identify people who trace their roots to one of 8 Middle Eastern countries as targets. The arrests in L.A. are considered a test case. The plans include holding those charged without bond, with deportation proceedings to be held in secret, and calls for the general registration of all non-immigrant aliens, using computerized compilation of inter-agency intelligence information to immediately locate, apprehend, detain and remove them. Any offense including minor visa violations are to be used as means for prosecution. The INS suggested that the newly opened Oakdale, Louisiana prison facility be used to "house and isolate" them stating that "up to 5000 aliens could be held in temporary (tent) quarters."

N29 is outraged at such politically motivated moves by the INS/FBI, and has initiated

successful letter-writing campaigns and other forms of protest in defiance of these moves. We will not stand by to watch our political rights blatantly being trampled over. The voice of the Palestinian solidarity movement in the U.S. will not be silenced by those who desire the political death of our movement here and abroad. Letters of protest can be directed to

Mr. Alan Nelson, Commissioner of the INS, 425 I St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20536, (202)633-4330; and to William Webster, Director of the FBI, 9th & Penn. Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20535, (202)324-3444. Protest these human rights violations now because you or your minority group could be next! (5720)

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FLOC
Farm Labor Organizing Committee
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PURPOSE: The Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC) is devoted to securing collective bargaining agreements between area pickle and tomato processing companies and farmworkers of the Midwest. In February of last year FLOC signed precedent-setting contracts with the Campbell's Soup Company, ending a strike begun in 1978, and ending a nationwide boycott begun in 1979. Although a good beginning, the contracts covered only 559 workers in Michigan and Ohio, a small percentage of the 60,000 farmworkers in the Midwest. Further negotiations are now being carried out with Heinz.

MEETINGS & MEMBERSHIP: Ann Arbor FLOC meets every Tuesday at 5:30 pm in the Michigan Union. We're working on the events described below and starting to gear up for the annual FLOC Food Booth at the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair—we'll need lots of help, it's not too early! If interested please call about meeting place. All are welcome

UPCOMING EVENTS:

(1) Baldemar Velasquez, President of FLOC will come to Ann Arbor on Tuesday, April 14. Velasquez will speak at 7 pm in the Kunzel Room in the Michigan Union. He will discuss the history and current struggles in this important labor movement, a movement that continues to involve local, state, and national debate. He will also address the growing recognition of the significance of domestic farm labor organizing to international labor movements.

As we celebrate the end of the first year of contract agreements, some important questions

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arise. Is celebration premature? What has happened in the first year of contracts? Are agreements being honored? How will the new immigration bill affect farmworkers? Will FLOC now focus attention on issues of pesticide contamination and regulation?

The farmworker struggle is not isolated to the U.S. The economic and social forces that oppress farmworkers here are often the same as those that create and maintain oppression of workers around the world. The agricultural economy of the U.S. is tightly connected to many Latin American agricultural economies. Thus, the struggle of agricultural workers is connected as well. FLOC has recognized this and works not against, their sisters and brothers in Latin America.

(2) Benefit Concert! for FLOC—April 17, 9 pm in the Michigan Union Ballroom. Featuring Tracy Lee and the Leonards! Contribution \$6.00

To community nonprofit groups: Should the Art Fair support you, or private enterprise? Ann Arbor FLOC is one of the many community groups that participate in the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair food sales. For years this event has served as an important fundraiser for numerous nonprofit community groups. However, recent administrative changes seriously threaten continued success with this event. We write this letter as an appeal to other community groups (past, present, and future Art Fair participants) who are also concerned about this recent turn of events.

The summer 1985 saw dramatic changes negatively affecting nonprofit community and student groups selling food at the art fair. That was the first year the Food Services department at the

Michigan Union assumed official control of the food booths stationed on University Dr. and State St. near the Union. Previously such control was in the hands of the Artists and Craftsmen Guild. The result of this change in management was a significant decline in the groups' revenues.

In an effort to increase its profits, Food Services decreased the size of booth spaces thus increasing the competition. This competition is not, however, among a number of equally deserving community groups, but includes various private establishments that use the Art Fair opportunity to increase, come at the expense of many groups for whom the Art Fair offers one of the only opportunities to raise significant funds to support their community based and community directed projects.

We feel that not only should such nonprofit groups be given priority in allotment of food booth space (as Food Services claims they provide), but appropriate policies should be made to support the success of community and student groups.

We would like to meet with any group representatives interested in organizing a coordinated response to the unjust changes adopted by Food Services. This is not the first time the Michigan Union has acted to the detriment of the community/student organizations—recall the "removal" of the University Cellar from its prime location in the Michigan Union to one too distant from the main flow of student purchasing.

Please meet with us Tuesday April 7, at 7:30 pm in room 2209 AB in the Michigan Union. Come with ideas, suggestions, etc. Remember that it is only through solidarity of people and organizations that progress is achieved. Your presence is important. (4890)

Graduate Employees Organization (GEO)

802 Monroe #3
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
(313) 995-0221

CURRENT NEWS: The GEO and the U-M failed to reach a contract settlement at their last negotiation session on March 12. An April 7th date has been set for a mediation session with a state appointed mediator. Economic positions for each side are:

U-M: 3 year contract with a full tuition waiver reached by the third year for those with a .25 FTE (Full-Time Equivalent) and above; no waiver for those below .25 FTE, no salary increase for three years, and no paid TA training.

GEO: 2 year contract with a full tuition waiver for both years for those with a .25 FTE and above; less than .25 FTE tuition waiver would be graduated according to FTE appointment and based on current in-state tuition rate, an 8% salary increase

the first year and 6% the second, \$100.00 compensation for TA training.

Contact the GEO office for negotiation progress updates.

MEETINGS: Regular membership meetings are held monthly. Times and places will be announced 10 days in advance and posted on GEO bulletin boards and published in The University Record. The next membership meeting will be April 7 at 8 pm in the Rackham Amphitheater.

BACKGROUND:

GEO is affiliated with the American Federation of Teachers/Michigan Federation of Teachers Local #3550. Our office hours are: 1 pm to 5 pm, Mon. thru Fri. Our purpose is to represent all Graduate Student Assistants in collective bargaining with the University of Michigan, thus protecting staff and Teaching Assistants against deterioration in economic compensation, real wages, working conditions; and to address graduate 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. (1876)

Industrial Workers of the World (IWW)

42 S. Summit
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
483-3478

CURRENT NEWS: Activities for the last two months have included holding a party for branch members and friends; and conducting a labor history class in the Free University.

Now that some of us have time on our hands due to the demise of the University Cellar, we are producing the Branch newsletter on a more regular basis. If you would like to be on our mailing list, call the number above.

A group of former U. Cellar workers are meeting regularly, attempting to create a new worker cooperative bookstore. If the store comes into existence it may be an IWW shop.

The reasons for unionizing a shop under worker control are several:

The Union assures protection of minority rights within the shop. Being Unionized maintains solidarity with the larger labor movement and provides the perspective of workers from outside the shop. This can help to counter the tendency of co-op workers toward self sacrifice. Also Unionization prepares the workers beforehand for defense of wages, benefits, and working conditions, should sale to a private owner ever prove necessary. Finally, functioning in a

democratic Union can be useful in preparing a worker for his/her next job, teaching how to unionize and fight for rights; and, should the next job be unionized, showing the worker how a Union should function so that he/she can be prepared to challenge any undemocratic behavior by the Union hierarchy.

We have prospects for organizing a new IWW shop. We won't say which one in hopes that all you bosses out there will cringe in your boots and make efforts to improve your employees' working conditions. As usual the workers are considering organizing as the reasonable response to an unreasonable boss. And as usual our best organizers are bad bosses. So, bosses, if you don't want to deal with the Union, clean up your acts.

MEETINGS: Membership meetings have been changed to once a month, on the second Tuesday at Dominick's at 7 pm. Observers are welcome. Working meetings for such purposes as preparing the Branch newsletter, assisting in organizing, etc. are scheduled as needed.

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 education and organizing with an emphasis on direct action as the most effective means for workers to achieve their goals. (2650)

HAP-NICA

802 Monroe St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
769-1442

LECTURE SERIES BEGINS: HAP-NICA, the Humanitarian Assistance Project for Independent Agricultural Development in Nicaragua is sponsoring a three-part lecture series focusing on various aspects of the current situation in Nicaragua. On March 31, Dr. John Vandermeer, Professor of Biology, will deliver a talk entitled, "Problems (many) and Solutions (few) in Nicaragua's Developing Agricultural Economy." On April 9, Dr. Jeffrey Paige, Professor of Sociology, will speak about "Myths and Realities in Nicaragua." On April 16, Abdollah Dashti, graduate student in anthropology, will be speaking about "Participative Democracy and Political Consciousness in Rural Nicaragua." All talks will begin at 7:30 p.m., in the Anderson Room of the Michigan Union.

HAP-NICA PROJECTS: The small farmers association has requested funding to help finance two African Oil Palm plantations on the Atlantic Coast of Nicaragua. Nicaragua currently imports almost all of its cooking oil, and the Atlantic Coast region is badly in need of development projects. The oil palm plantations will be a source of domestic cooking oil, and will employ hundreds of families.

The farmworkers union operates a school in Matagalpa, where 65% of Nicaragua's coffee is grown. Coffee workers can attend this school and learn about the history, law, and politics of labor.

The union has asked HAP-NICA to help raise money to establish a honeybee cooperative for the school so that the school's operating costs can be met through the production and sale of honey and wax.

HAP-NICA will continue to recruit participants and raise money for the A2MISTAD Construction Brigade, which is building a soil testing laboratory in Managua.

MEETINGS: General meetings are April 9th and 23rd, 7:30 p.m., in the Michigan Union. Ask at the Info. Desk on the first floor of the Union for the location of the meeting.

BACKGROUND: The Humanitarian Assistance Project for Independent Agricultural Development in Nicaragua (HAP-NICA) is a nonprofit organization conducting a national campaign of aid for Nicaraguan agriculture. Our goal is to help the Nicaraguan people achieve economic development and self-sufficiency. Toward that goal, we work with the Nicaraguan Union of Small and Mid-sized Farmers and Ranchers, the Farmworkers Union and the Higher Institute of Agricultural Science.

We review project proposals from each of these organizations. Tasks carried out by HAP-NICA members in Ann Arbor are related to establishing and coordinating a network of support groups across the country to raise money for those projects that are accepted. We also arrange for the exchange of information, money, and materials through our full-time coordinator located in Managua.

We are a project of the Guild House Campus Ministry of Ann Arbor (an ecumenical ministry devoted to principles of human justice) and the New World Agriculture Group (NWAG). (2960)

A March on Washington D.C. on April 25th is being organized nationally by prominent religious and labor leaders to protest U.S. intervention in Central America and to oppose U.S. government and corporate support for the South African apartheid system. Buses will leave Ann Arbor Friday April 24 from the U-M Union, and will return Sun. morning. For more information and reservations call Vicky Caraway, 662-0585 or the LASC office.

MEETINGS: Join us in room 1407 Mason Hall every Wed. at 8 pm for the general LASC meetings. Information about weekly activities can be obtained by visiting or calling the LASC office. The office is normally staffed from 12 to 2 pm on weekdays, and messages can be left on the answering machine at all other times. People interested in any of the activities mentioned should call/visit the LASC office or come to a meeting. We welcome all newcomers!

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.

BACKGROUND: 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. (3340)

Latin American Solidarity Committee (LASC)

4120 Michigan Union
Ann Arbor MI 48109
665-8438

APRIL ACTIVITIES: LASC and several other solidarity organizations are staging a spring offensive against U.S. policy in Central America. Join us in protest every Thurs. downtown at 4:30 pm at the Federal Bldg. Some protests have involved civil disobedience, according to the discretion of each individual participant.

An April 4th fundraiser for the legal defense of the "Pursell 118" will take place from 4 to 7 pm in the Kuenzel room of the U-M Union. Lawyers for the group are currently appealing their conviction, which took place in February District Court proceedings, for "trespassing" at Congressman Pursell's Ann Arbor office. Speakers will include Jonathan Fried, renowned expert on international law, and Julie Beutel, captured by the contras while participating in a Witness for Peace visit to the Rio San Juan in 1985. Direct contributions can be mailed to the LASC office, to the attention of the "Legal Defense Fund." All contributions will be greatly appreciated!

Beans and rice dinners are held each Wed. 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 Wed. night of each month is LASC's night to cook and we need some volunteers to help out! Leave a message at the LASC office if you're interested.

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Alternative Career Center
P.O. Box 7682
Ann Arbor, MI 48107
764-0175

CURRENT NEWS: The ACC now is collecting summer internship postings from all across the U.S., which are posted in the Center. We are also seeking new members to join the ACC collective who are interested in helping the ACC to develop and grow next year. This is good experience and puts you in direct contact with potential employers! **BACKGROUND:** The Alternative Career Center (ACC) is a social change collective which aims to assist students and community members who are

seeking socially responsible employment. The ACC offers counseling and informational resources regarding internship and employment opportunities with nonprofit, community-based educational and charitable organizations throughout the United States and abroad.

SERVICES: The ACC is located in Room 130 Tyler, East Quad, in the Residential College Counseling Offices and is open every Tues. and Wed. from 1-4 pm. The Center has on file monthly alternative employment publications, a collection of books describing employment opportunities in non-traditional areas, listings of social change organizations, literature about these organizations, and current job and internship postings. The office is staffed during these hours by individuals with counseling experience.—just walk in! (1364)

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Washtenaw County ACLU

277 E. Liberty
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

CURRENT NEWS: On March 9, 1987 Reverend Donald Coleman, member of the Executive Board of the Washtenaw Branch of the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan, appeared at the regular meeting of the Ypsilanti School Board to support one school board member's position that the baccalaureate service which the school

Free University Network

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

WHAT'S UP?: We just began the first classes of the year in early March. Nearly 20 different courses were put on with varying attendance. We are now looking to the spring and summer. The idea

International Appropriate Technology Association (IATA)

P.O. Box 4125
Ann Arbor, MI 48106
665-5244

PURPOSE: The International Appropriate Technology Association (IATA) is a U-M based group advocating appropriate technology, defined as: Technology that is best suited to local, cultural, economic, environmental, political and social conditions at the site of application. The public is invited to participate in all

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board funds in addition to the regular graduation service each year should be discontinued as in violation of the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment. His remarks were reported in the Ypsilanti Press and The Ann Arbor News and were further expanded in his letter to the editor of The Ann Arbor News on March 18.

The Washtenaw Branch, together with the U-M student branch of the ACLU and of the National Lawyers Guild sponsored a program at the Law School on drug testing in the workplace on Thursday,

seems to be that we will sponsor a series of workshops on alternative living—ways to live freely while making the world more free. Alternative housing, food, play, are all being thought of as well as alternatives to work, money and all the other garbage associated with the world as it is. Anyone interested in facilitating a course is welcome to.

And as usual if there is any class you'd like to sponsor, please do. All you need to do is find a place and time. Feel free to write Free University on your poster or other publicity.

aspects of the organization.

BACKGROUND: At the 1978 meeting of the American Academy for the Advancement of Science, participating professors, graduate students and members of the Office of International Science created the International Association for the Advancement of Appropriate Technology for Developing Countries, renamed the International Appropriate Technology Association (IATA).

ACTIVITIES: Since June 1986 IATA has been sponsoring a project in conjunction with the Committee for Social Progress (CSPR) in Rio San Juan, Nicaragua. One of the members of CSPR is an anthropologist who has lived in Rio San Juan for two years. He spent most of his time in two villages—one, a traditional agricultural village, and the other a government resettlement

March 26. The panel was moderated by Jean Ledwith King, chair of the Washtenaw Branch ACLU, and one of the speakers was Mark Brewer of the firm Sachs, Nunn, and Kates et al. He is a member of the State Board of the ACLU.

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. The meetings of the Executive Committee are open to the public and visitors are welcome. (1448)

NEXT MEETING: It's a potluck! Yeah, I'm excited too. It's on April 6th, 6:30 pm at 1402 Hill St. Yeah, come along to share ideas of what the Free U should be and what classes we will offer in the days of warmth.

BACKGROUND: The purpose of the Free University is to encourage and support liberating education—free education that works to free people. Through program style, content and practice the Free U promotes libertarian social change. (1260)

organized for villagers who were forced to leave their villages due to war.

CSPR is dedicated to helping the villagers in Rio San Juan, who have expressed a strong need for expansion of their primary schools. CSPR's goal is to raise \$10,000 for this cause. IATA has been fundraising for three elementary school additions in Rio San Juan.

IATA is also developing and publicizing its appropriate technology library and producing programs examining appropriate technology.

MEETINGS & FACILITIES: Attend our meetings, usually Thursday at 5:30 pm in the U-M Union (call 665-5244 to verify). Use our library in 4202 Michigan Union Mondays 7 to 9 pm. Do an internship with IATA or CSPR for U-M credit. Participate in our campaigns or programs: call 665-5244. (1944)

PEACE & DISARMAMENT

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

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

WITNESS: TAXES FOR PEACE: Wednesday April 15, 8 pm 'til midnight at the Main Post Office on Stadium Blvd. Join us for our yearly witness of alternatives for the use of our tax dollars with leaflets, placards, and posters for the last-minute taxpayers.

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 Council for a Peace Tax Fund (NCPTF). AAWTD is of an informal nature with a diverse membership and a volunteer coordinator. (1336)

National Committee for a SANE Nuclear Policy (SANE)

1416 Hill Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
663-3913

CURRENT NEWS: As the 100th Congress is beginning to take form, SANE is once again increasing our lobbying and community outreach programs. In the coming weeks and months, SANE will especially concentrate on legislation aimed at cutting Star Wars spending, ending U.S. intervention in Central America, and establishing a moratorium on nuclear weapons testing through the deletion of funds. SANE urges you to write

our congresspersons, especially Carl Pursell, about these and other related issues. 1987 promises to be a successful year in Washington, but victories for peace will rely on an informed and active public.

Following the national merger of SANE and FREEZE, the Ann Arbor SANE office, the Detroit and Lansing chapters of FREEZE, and the Michigan Disarmament Network will soon be meeting weekly to discuss the creation of a statewide disarmament organization. The public is invited to attend. For details, or if you are interested in becoming a board member candidate or know of a potential candidate, please call the SANE office at 663-3913.

Locally, SANE has been supporting the Affordable Housing ballot (Proposal B), as well as working to elect a more progressive City Council. SANE volunteers participated in a bucket drive which raised over \$800 for the housing initiative and will conduct literature drops and a get-out-the-vote effort for the successful passage of

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.

CURRENT NEWS: Prof. Gerald Linderman of the U-M Dept. of History will speak at the April 12 general meeting. An authority on 20th century warfare, Prof. Linderman will examine the social and psychological reasons why Americans have gone to war during the last 80 years and why the military is so influential in our society. The meeting will be held at our NEW LOCATION, the First Baptist Church, 512 E. Huron, Ann Arbor. This new meeting place is near campus, centrally located, and easily accessible to all. We welcome new members. Doors open at 7 and the meeting begins at 7:30.

About 400 people celebrated Valentine's Day with WAND at our fundraising event at the Union Ballroom called "Give Peace a Dance" with the Urbations and Madcat's Pressure Cooker. Be sure to mark your calendars NOW for next year's dance, Saturday, February 13!

Proposal B.

SANE would also like to take this opportunity to warmly thank all those Ann Arbor citizens who made our recently completed winter canvass a huge success.

COMING EVENTS: April 6: Vote YES for Proposal B and a progressive City Council. April 24: Baroque music performer Sarah Summer will be the highlight of a fundraiser at the Kerrytown Concert House benefitting the Second District Arms Control Coalition. Call SANE at 663-3913 for tickets or for further information. April 25: Ann Arbor SANE will also be participating in the national counterpart to the Detroit March and Rally in Washington, D.C. March with us and give your presence to peace in Central America.

GOALS & POLICIES: SANE is a non-partisan, grassroots organization dedicated to the reversal of the nuclear arms race, the promotion of a peacefully oriented U.S. foreign policy, and the conversion from a military to a

Rep. Perry Bullard at the March meeting about the effects which the huge increases in national military spending have had on the domestic economy, especially noting the inverse relationship between military spending and productivity in the US and Japan.

WAND has a new co-chairperson: Kate Warner, U-M Professor of Urban Planning, will be serving with Tobi Hanna-Davies who had been co-chair with Jenni Zimmer.

WAND continues to oppose the proposed change in U-M research guidelines which would drop the end-use clause; WAND members will address the Regents again this month and letters are being sent to U-M alumni urging them to withhold contributions as long as the university accepts military contracts. Join us at 3: on April 16 for the Vigil at the Cube before the Regent's meeting.

The 3rd annual Mother's Day Festival for Peace will be held on May 10th in West Park. The Chenille Sisters, Lunar Glee Club, OJ Anderson and others will perform—food, games for kids, a few speeches, and booths from many local peace groups. See you there! (2796)

POVERTY

Bread for the World (BFW)

706 Dwight Street
Ypsilanti, MI 48198
478-9058

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

CURRENT EVENTS: Each year BFW sets many goals, with one major project targeted for action. This year BFW is working to increase

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

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

MEETINGS & MEMBERSHIP: Meetings are held the 2nd Sunday night of the month at First Baptist Church, 512 E. Huron.

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

Call our Information Hotline at 761-1718 for a message announcing important lobbying information, meeting times, and upcoming events.

government funding for the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). The WIC program supplies nutritious foods to supplement the diet of pregnant and breastfeeding women, infants and children under six who are medically certified to be at nutritional risk.

The benefits of WIC are many, including higher birth weight babies (meaning a healthier child), lower infant mortality, and in general healthier mothers and children through proper diet and nutrition counseling. Benefits are so great that the Harvard School of Public Health estimates that for every \$1 on WIC, \$3 would be saved in hospitalization costs of caring for low birth weight babies.

The problem with WIC is sufficient funding. In Michigan alone only 46% of those eligible are receiving WIC benefits. BFW is working for full WIC funding so not one person is turned away from this program due to lack of funding. A major educational and legislative action drive is planned for WIC in Washtenaw County in May and if you would like to help in this effort contact Robert Krzewinski (487-9058) or Chuck Barbieri (663-1870).

Additionally a meeting is planned for those wishing to help with the May WIC action and will be held April 28, 7:30 pm at the First United Methodist Church (Interfaith Council office), 120 S. State St.

BACKGROUND: Bread for the World (BFW) is a citizens lobbying organization that deals with hunger and health related legislation. It is a national group with chapters in the local area. Although it does not send any direct aid itself, BFW, through its members, has given crucial support to domestic and international hunger programs since being founded in 1971. Members are encouraged to contact their legislators on hunger issues and are kept informed through newsletters, background papers, and informational meetings about pertinent legislation. (2506)

New Jewish Agenda (NJA)
2208 Packard
Ann Arbor, MI 48109
662-9217

EVENTS: 1) We will be hosting in Ann Arbor a "Midwest NJA Feminist Retreat" April 24-26. Events include: inclusive, innovative rituals; discussions of Jewish women and leadership; a men's discussion; singing, fun and participation in Take Back the Night. All are welcome to register early in the month (994-5717). 2) "Argentina's Disappeared: A Jewish Mother's

Struggle for Justice": Rene Epelbaum, one of the Argentine Mothers of Plaza de Mayo, will discuss her experience resisting oppression in Argentina as she and other mothers of "disappeared" persons struggled to find their children. Wed., April 15 at 7:30 pm (995-5210). 3) Video tapes of last month's "Voices from South Africa" tour are available (662-9217).

PURPOSE: 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. (1180)

PROGRESSIVE RELIGION

Women's Crisis Center - WCC
P.O. Box 7413
306 N. Division
Ann Arbor, MI 48107
CRISIS LINE: 994-9100
Business line: 761-9475

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: WCC Orientation meetings are scheduled for April 8 and 11. Learn about our collectively run organization and ways you can become involved. Our next peer counselor training is being held the first two weekends in May.

The Court Accompaniment Program is getting underway. Training will begin in late April or in May. Volunteers will provide support and anticipate court procedures for survivors of sexual assault prosecuting their assailants. Attend the Volunteer Information Session on April 2 (see calendar) if you can. Call U of M Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center at 763-5865, the Assault Crisis Center at 994-2618, or WCC for more information. Help sell raffle tickets all month to raise funds for WCC. Support good work and win lots of fun prizes! Buy raffle tickets if you can't help sell.

CURRENT NEWS: We're carrying on with all of our usual work, some new projects, and we're celebrating! We're 15 years old this month! We'll be celebrating with an Open House/Vegetarian

Potluck on Sunday, April 26 - if you've ever wanted to see WCC, please come by. That's the day after Take Back the Night Rally and March for Women! Those are both on the same weekend as Women's Crisis Center's Annual Fundraiser at Borders's Book Shop. You buy books at Border's and they'll donate a portion of the amount to WCC. Yippee! If you don't need any books yourself, the WCC library is in need of lots more books and resources. Donations are gladly accepted anytime! Check the calendar for groups and other activities sponsored by WCC. And thanks to everyone in Washtenaw County for supporting WCC and our work helping women help themselves.

BACKGROUND: The purpose of WCC is to help women help themselves gain control and dignity in their lives by providing crisis

intervention, peer counseling, non-judgemental support, education, and resources. We work to empower all women and strongly encourage all women who want to change society to have fun and get involved in active, empowering work with other women.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Crisis Hotline: 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 in any situation.

Referrals: WCC provides referrals to over 600 agencies and individuals in the Washtenaw County area. WCC also sells low-cost do-it-yourself divorce kits. Call the hotline for information on local clinics, services, lawyers, therapists, groups, women's events. (2684)

WOMEN'S ISSUES

FRENCH

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middle class. The baccalaureat exam itself is a personal ordeal that has limited value in measuring a person's abilities. And at the university, free tuition without scholarships does not solve the problem faced by poorer students struggling to study and survive. Yet the present system tends to be equal. It has been an avenue of social mobility for determined working class students for over a century.

The Chirac government's plan for "university reform" was an attack, not on the whole system, but only on its tendency toward equality. This attack was justified in the right-wing press by pointing to the "American model." According to the plan, a university administration would be allowed to pick and choose among qualified students who want admission. The national diploma would be replaced by diplomas from each university. Although the text of the proposed law is timid and ambiguous, the direction in which it points is clear to students, and the comments of the supporters of the bill make it even more clear. Students would be gradually converted into an "applications pool," American style. Universities

would begin to define their separate institutional identities, their specialties, their student "types." Over time, universities would come to form a hierarchy based on prestige and "ratings," just as in the U.S.

University students throughout France began to organize against this "reform" in early November. As the movement grew, it was joined (especially in Paris) by large numbers of young lycée students whose future university education was threatened. On Dec. 4 between 250,000 and 500,000 students converged on Paris to demand that the "reform" be dropped unconditionally (demonstrations in France mobilized about 1 million). That evening in Paris the police fired tear gas grenades horizontally at point-blank range (against police regulations) landing near the marshals of the demonstration and enraging some in the crowd. In the ensuing violence three students were injured and one student died. Over 10 police were injured—a higher toll than that of the entire student movement of May, 1968.

The police action, viewed on national television, backfired against the government. Though the police had sought to make the students react violently in order to provoke public disapproval, public opinion instead turned sharply against the government. Three days later Chirac capitulated and withdrew the "reform" proposal.

The students won their own, clearly defined

objective. But without intending to they also accomplished much more. Since the success of the student movement the Chirac government has beaten back the defensive. The students have beaten back one aspect of the right's "American model", a model that also includes the privatization of nationally owned industries at bargain prices, the

weakening of social services, the freezing of wages, the creation of private-enterprise prisons, and so on. Now it is up to the rest of French society to fight off the model as a whole. In this process, everything in the U.S. that accelerates the collapse of Reaganism aids the people of other societies as well, not only in the Third World, but also in the industrial countries.

GUATEMALA

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Weinstein says he "looks forward to supporting Guatemalans in their difficult struggle for human rights. The work may not be easy, but I expect my commitment to be sustained by the inspiration of the Guatemalans I will meet."

Mark participated in a weekend orientation in how to be nonviolent and effective in the struggle to stand up for human rights in the face of political violence. Another experience which has prepared Mark for this work includes a peace march through Central America that he was a part

of last year.

"After decades of military rule, there is finally an elected government in Guatemala, but they seem afraid to expose the army's crimes, because the military has enormous power here," states a PBI staff person in Guatemala. "The people who are courageous enough to speak out for their secretly imprisoned, tortured, murdered loved ones, shouldn't be gunned down in the street. It's as simple as that. We feel we can encourage this tiny ray of hope for the improvement of the human rights situation in Guatemala by providing a non-violent international presence in the lives of the people who have been threatened by secret security forces here."

news-papers. A final report of these findings was published in March and will be distributed to all members of Congress.

To donate medical equipment, medicines, educational materials or material aid such as bedding call Sue Reinhart at 769-0316 or Dr. Andrew Zweifler at 663-6576 by May 7. Money is needed for shipping costs and may also be designated for purchase of medication at 3% of cost (essentially a handling charge). Checks may be made out to NMAP or NMAP/Capp Street Foundation for tax purposes.

MEDICAL AID

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"contra" war. Their findings have exposed the "contras" violence of both human rights and medical neutrality. In the cover articles of its February 13, 1987 issue, The American Medical News (the newspaper of the American Medical Association) has reported these findings and written about the medical solidarity work of U.S. health workers. An abbreviated report of these findings has received coverage major national

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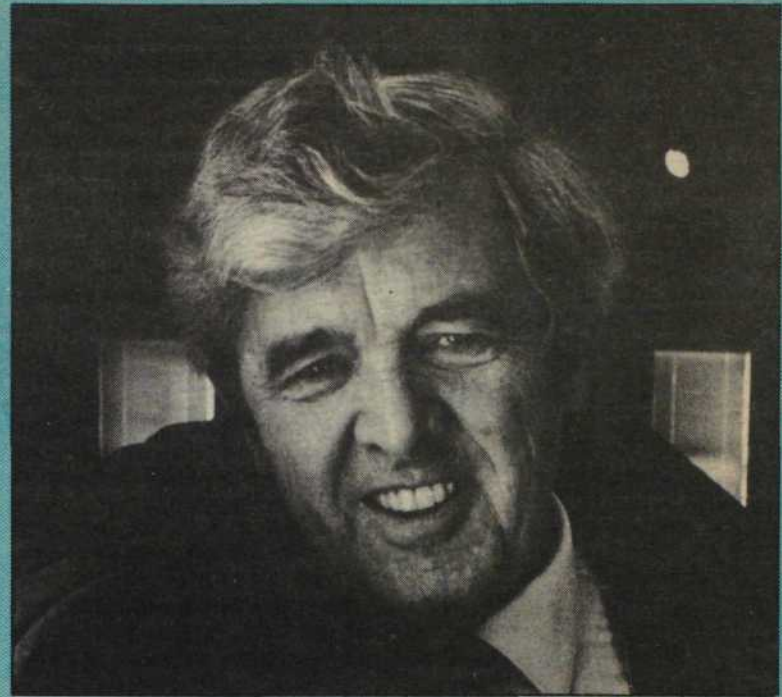
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Ann Marie Coleman First Ward

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Rich Layman Fourth Ward

- Program Developer, works with students at U-M
- Citizen involvement in development and planning: A priority

"I pledge my support for tenants' rights, streets in which we can walk safely, and parking adequate to meet the needs of neighborhood residents. The UM must meet its responsibility to provide housing for the needs it generates."



Mary Reilly Second Ward

- Owner of own business, Marblehead Handprints
- Member of the Downtown Development Authority
- Member of Kerrytown Council

"I will set priorities for city development and tax expenditures through citizen participation. I will also encourage moderate income housing and parking downtown for continued downtown vitality."



Kathy Edgren Fifth Ward

"Always a master at handling constituent concerns, Edgren has recently emerged as an effective legislator as well as playing leading roles in Council initiatives on city childcare, public housing, domestic violence, and pay equity."

-Ann Arbor Observer

"Edgren is a toiler who raises constituent services to an art form and who has shown a laudable attention to detail."-Ann Arbor News



Jeff Epton Third Ward

- Planning and Development: A need for balance and vision
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