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Forget all the lies and propaganda.

Editorial: The Reagan administration has been waging a war against Nicaragua since the moment it took office in 1981. At first they did it covertly and clandestinely. Then they did it with congressional approval. Then they did it without congressional approval. One way or another, without the approval of most Americans, the U.S. has been waging a war on Nicaragua with a proxy army for almost seven years. This is a publicly known fact, a matter of public record. It should be a matter of public shame and embarrassment.

The debate over aid to the contras has come a long way over the years. Currently there is serious debate over whether the Sandinistas have "lived up to the promises of the revolution." As if this is our business! What nerve it takes to debate how another country will conduct its internal affairs! Yet the issue is debated in extraordinary terms—in Reagan's terms—without stopping to see how far away from the basics the debate has strayed.

Picture this: a nation of 260 million using funds from the national treasury to procure and arm and support a mercenary force to wage a war against a nation of almost 3 million. Never mind that the proxy force is the "contras." Never mind that the contras are based in Honduras and have never been able to claim one inch of Nicaraguan territory as their own. Never mind that the contra's military strategy is to terrorize the population by killing civilians in hit-and-run attacks because they are not strong enough to confront the army. What's wrong with this picture?

Nicaragua has been bullied long enough. The people who cared about democracy and freedom in Nicaragua before the revolution in 1979 are the people who should determine what democracy and freedom will mean to them today. And these people are the people of Nicaragua. If Reagan could climb down off his high horse of "democracy" for a moment he would learn that true democracy begins with self-determination.

The people of Nicaragua deserve the right to self-determination. They deserve to be free from attacks on their sovereignty. Many people have fought and died in Nicaragua for that right. For the U.S. to continue the war against Nicaragua is to deny those who have died the honor they deserve for such a noble cause. For the U.S. to continue this war is to deny the very premises that our own country was founded on. For the U.S. to continue this bloodshed is to deny and possibly destroy what sense of a national conscience we have left.

Forget all the lies and propaganda. A vote for aid to the contras means more business as usual, it means more senseless death and destruction. It means that as a nation we live a lie, a blatant hypocrisy which will someday catch up with us.

September, 1987

Representative Carl Pursell
c/o AGENDA
P.O. Box 3624
Ann Arbor, MI 48106

Dear Representative Pursell,

As a constituent of the 2nd Congressional District, I am writing to urge you to vote "No" on any future bills in the U.S. House of Representatives that authorize aid or support to the contras. The time has come for the U.S. to let Nicaragua live in peace. The time has come for the U.S. to let the countries of Central America determine their own future.

The first step is for the U.S. to embrace and encourage the implementation of the Arias peace plan recently signed by the five Central American countries in Guatemala. The plan calls for an end to all foreign influence in the region, both Soviet and American. The plan also calls for a cease-fire and an end to U.S. aid to the contras.

Regardless of your mixed voting record on this issue, you are now faced with perhaps your most crucial vote to date. It is a clear choice and may determine U.S. policy in the region for years to come. Your vote against aid to the contras earlier this year did not go unnoticed. I urge you strongly to continue to deny aid to the contras. I urge you to vote for an end to this shameful war the U.S. is waging against against such a small and impoverished country. It is now up to the U.S. Congress to take the first step in changing the U.S. role in Central America from war-maker to peace-maker: Vote "No" to contra aid.

Sincerely,

Constituent, 2nd District

If nothing else...

Take a minute to clip out the above letter, sign it and mail it to AGENDA by Sept. 24, 1987. Since Congress could vote on contra aid as early as Sept. 30, AGENDA will deliver all letters received (pro-contra letters included) on Sept. 25 to the Ann Arbor offices of 2nd Congressional District Representative Carl Pursell. AGENDA is taking this unusual step at the request of the Latin American Solidarity Committee (LASC). Because of their past experiences with letter writing campaigns to Pursell on this issue, LASC members felt that a more accurate count of anti-contra letters to the congressman would be achieved by sending them through an intermediary. The Ann Arbor News was asked to fill this role first and declined.

AGENDA urges you to take this step. We feel that Pursell may be vulnerable to constituent pressure on this issue. Despite many votes in favor of contra aid, the congressman voted this spring to withhold already appropriated funds from the contras. The vote failed and the contras got the money. Nonetheless, we see this letter as a way of encouraging Pursell to continue to vote anti-contra. We cannot stress enough how important this vote is. If we can get Pursell to vote no to contra aid this time, we may never have to lobby him on this issue again. So, if nothing else, take a minute to clip out the letter and send it to: Rep. Carl Pursell, c/o AGENDA, P.O. Box 3624, Ann Arbor, MI 48106.

LETTERS

Saboteur Speaks

During the early morning hours of 5 August 1987, a group of local people dumped a mixture of sand and sugar into the gas tanks of delivery trucks operated by Domino's Pizza. A total of 30 vehicles at eight Ann Arbor franchises were sabotaged.

This act was not a wanton gesture, but rather a calculated statement. It was our intention to let Mr. Monaghan, owner of Domino's Pizza, and his corporate imperium know that Ann Arborites are aware of his insidious expansion program, both on a local and international level, and to spread this information throughout the local community. The August 7 and 8 Ann Arbor News coverage of our actions and the brief review of ideological opinions held by Domino's corporation helped to further this goal.

The Domino's Pizza empire currently consists of over 3,000 stores in the U.S. and approximately 100 stores in six other "first-world" countries. It is the largest pizza distribution company in the world.

In June of this year a Domino's Pizza franchise was established in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. Our local U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell, a regular supporter of contra aid, traveled with Mr. Monaghan and attended the opening of the Honduran store. Mr. Monaghan's program in Central America comes at a time when it is paramount that the countries of the region have economic independence from U.S. capitalism. Such programs allow countries like Honduras to export more products to the U.S., but such trade arrangements benefit U.S. corporations far more than the exporting countries.

Monaghan's idea that strengthened ties between the U.S. and Honduras will enable the latter country to better defend itself against Nicaragua is pure propaganda. The purpose of this misinformation is based on the need for big business to control the import-export of natural resources at the expense of the world's population. In recent decades, as progressive political changes have taken place in Latin America, the very foundation of these exploitive programs has been threatened. For example, the Nicaraguan government has refused to allow the vast portion of export profits to fall into foreign hands, thus they have been eliminated from an important international market. U.S. government and corporate

machinery support oppressive regimes throughout Latin America in order to maintain their economic stronghold in the area. Most U.S. sponsored Latin American programs under the guise of "free enterprise" or "humanitarian aid" are cosmetic gestures of placation.

The ability of a private U.S. citizen to assume and attempt to command political power, simply through the accumulation of wealth, is perverse. The meddling of Mr. Monaghan in the economy of Honduras is a case in point. The momentum of multinational corporations is perpetuated by politicians hobnobbing with mega-capitalists and providing an outlet for their pontifical views. Carl Pursell and Tom Monaghan are prime examples of this.

Revenues gained through the sales of Domino's Pizzas support these expansionistic programs. A boycott of the corporation would send the message that we do not want to support his political and economic programs in Central America to Monaghan and his associates. Ann Arbor is a prime place for such a boycott since it is the founding city and present international headquarters of the corporation. It is hoped that our act of sabotage, and subsequent publicity and information provided by the local media, will allow Ann Arbor residents to reassess what it means to patronize Domino's Pizza.

Anonymous
WASHTENAW COUNTY

Pizza Truck Vandalism Symbol of Bad Times

The recent sabotage directed against Domino's pizza trucks is a rare example of politically motivated vandalism in Ann Arbor. While the Latin American Solidarity Committee (LASC), of which I am a member, has always held strictly to a policy of non-violence against both persons and property as a matter of principle, I can perhaps hope that this event will have the positive effect of causing backers of the contras to think about what it is like to live in Nicaragua, where their friends have made sabotage a daily occurrence. Of course the contras don't restrict their activity to sabotaging pizza trucks or even attacking property. They also systematically terrorize the Nicaraguan people through acts of rape,

torture, and murder directed against the civilian population. I find myself in complete agreement with Domino's franchise owner Becky Belknap that, "It's unfortunate that somebody has to go to those type of measures to make a statement."

The fact that Domino's was chosen as a target was interesting. In recent months Domino's owner, Tom Monaghan, has used his vast personal wealth to publicize his opposition to the Nicaraguan government. He has even bought a radio station, WPAG, which he now has available for this purpose. Given the billions of dollars already at the state department's disposal to spread their disinformation about the situation in Central America, it is not altogether surprising that those whose views deny them access to the media might be sufficiently frustrated to resort to such extraordinary tactics. It's unfortunate that we live in a country where money so completely controls the flow of information, that some individuals may come to view sabotage as a reasonable tactic.

Liz Gottlieb
ANN ARBOR, MI

Wald Defended

We wish to dissociate ourselves from the letter appearing in the August '87 AGENDA attacking Alan Wald, which was submitted by David Gurk on behalf of NJA. By accusing Alan of "Israel bashing and Jew-baiting," and by linking him to racists and anti-Semites, the letter does injustice both to Alan and to NJA. These charges are scurrilous and demand a reply, even though a response will unfortunately serve to publicize them.

Two preliminary observations are necessary before addressing the substance of the issue. First, Alan was not contacted before the attack upon him was launched. Common courtesy and common sense required that Alan be given an opportunity to clarify his position and correct any misunderstanding privately, before being subjected to public vilification. Second, vigilance against anti-Semitism and racism is eternally necessary. This is precisely why it is a doubly dangerous abuse to accuse a person falsely of these evils. The stain to the reputation of the individual may prove indelible. The damage to the credibility of the accuser may prove fatal.

Alan's essay is in memory of Ben Linder, the NJA member murdered by Contra terrorists in Nicaragua. Alan's theme is to contrast two diametrically opposed patterns of Jewish response to the history of Jewish oppression. One, exem-

plified by Ben Linder, is to express. Another, exemplified by Elliot Abrams, is to join the oppressors and to seek security and prosperity in the denial of freedom and human dignity to others. It is in the context of this overall theme that appear the paragraphs to which the August letter objects so strenuously, which contain criticisms of Israeli government policy and of right-wing elements in the Jewish community.

Alan's criticisms of Israeli policy are that Israel has aligned itself with repressive regimes in Central America and South Africa, and that Israel has oppressed the Palestinians. Alan's criticisms of right-wing elements in the Jewish community is that they have exploited the memory of the Holocaust to justify and excuse these policies. Alan specifically cites the emotions aroused by the current war crimes trial of Klaus Barbie as being potentially subject to this type of manipulation.

Clearly, these very criticisms are shared and regularly voiced by NJA members. Taken individually and in isolation, they are in no way objectionable. We presume, therefore, that the "Israel bashing and Jew-baiting" mentioned in the August letter reflects not the criticisms themselves, but rather their inclusion in a memorial to Ben Linder. However, given that the theme of the essay is an examination of alternative Jewish responses, we find the inclusion entirely legitimate and appropriate.

We have two criticisms of Alan's essay. First, the transition from Ben's funeral to Israeli policy is too abrupt and blurs the crucial distinction between Jews and Israel. Second, his theme, which is of great inherent interest to NJA members, is not presented with sufficient clarity and explicitness. However, the August letter is a totally disproportionate reaction. It verges on a smear of a leading activist in the progressive community in Ann Arbor and beyond. Dialogue, not confrontation, would have been a far preferable course in this situation.

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Pursell Suit Continues

by Hunter VanValkenburgh

ANN ARBOR—Dean Baker, the 1986 Democratic nominee for U.S. Congress, refiled his defamation suit against Congressman Carl Pursell in district court in Ann Arbor last month in hopes that the case will come to trial within the next six months. The suit stems from their televised de-

bate in the last weeks of the election campaign, in which Pursell claimed that Baker, along with others, had "decimated" his congressional office in the process of protesting his support of Reagan's Central American policies. The suit, which was originally filed in Wayne County last year, was refiled in Ann Arbor because of the long backlog of cases in Wayne County Courts.

The case will primarily determine whether candidates enjoy immunity from the libel law in the course of political campaigns. Cynthia Hudgins, the director of Pursell's Ann Arbor office, has

conceded that the protests were peaceful and orderly, and Pursell's remarks were recorded on tape. However since Baker was a candidate for public office, it is necessary to meet a higher standard for libel. The charge must not only be false and damaging, but also made with malice or reckless disregard for the truth. Baker believes it should be possible to meet this higher standard, "since Cynthia Hudgins claims to have told Pursell on several occasions that the protest was peaceful, yet he persisted in making statements that he knew to be false."

Rent Strike Successful

by Jeff Zeth

After many years of poor maintenance and insensitivity from management, residents of Pittsfield Village, a housing development off Washnetaw Avenue across from Arborland, successfully organized a rent strike to get action on needed repairs. The tenants victory has resulted in an acceleration of the repair schedule and refunds of back rent to compensate tenants for their hardships.

According to residents, the units had needed repairs and had lacked a Certificate of Occupancy (C.O.) from 1985 to 1987. A C.O. is a city document that grants occupancy status to a building, and which, ideally, is only granted if a building meets the standards of the city housing code, a set of special health and safety requirements. Prior to 1985 the C.O.'s had been alternately extended and expired. At the same time some of the residents rent had gone up over \$100 per month.

When McKinley Properties took over the management of the property in January, 1986, the complex was already in disrepair. The development, which was built right after World War II to meet the demand for housing created by returning GIs, is one of the oldest housing complexes in Ann Arbor. McKinley bought the property last year knowing they needed to make some serious and expensive repairs. Many of the roofs leaked, windows needed to be replaced, walls were crack-

ed, and window sills were rotting. Windows were painted shut in many units.

Building conditions continued to deteriorate until March when tenants met to discuss the problems. The tenants petitioned McKinley directly, and McKinley agreed to some of the repairs. At the second meeting sixteen people decided to withhold rent. Each participant sent a form letter to the City Housing Bureau and the McKinley Properties notifying them of their plans. An escrow account was then opened for deposit of rent payments.

Individual cases have since ended up in court. Five individuals have settled already and have received substantial amounts of back rent for their hardships. Many tenants have linked McKinley's recent attentiveness to maintenance problems to the success of the rent strike.

Still, it is not clear whether or not the units currently have a C.O. Many residents trace the problem back to the City Housing Bureau which is well known for their lenience when it comes to granting C.O.'s. In the Pittsfield Village case the Bureau took a full year to complete the inspections, and, when they did, missed a number of important, complex-wide violations, including cracked walls and leaking roofs. "When tenants brought these to the attention of the inspectors, they agreed, but still did not cite them, saying 'Your rent will go up,'" charges tenant-activist Leslie Riestler who has been living in the complex since 1982. Riestler was offered four months rent reduction by McKinley under the condition that she would not talk about the strike publicly, and later, that she would move. She refused both offers.

Honoring the Picket Line

Workers at Hermans sporting goods stores have been on strike for over a month. The workers are demanding an increase in pay, (which currently averages four dollars per hour) and that management provide them with the same healthcare and educational benefits offered at their other stores. Because of the small number of employees involved, the store at Briarwood Mall has used the threat of hiring replacements to get most of their employees to go back to work after having initially voted to strike. However in Herman's other Michigan outlets, most of the workers are still striking.

This strike is particularly important because jobs in retail stores such as Hermans are increasingly becoming the only form of employ-

ment available to people, regardless of their age. Approximately 90% of the new jobs that have been created in the 1980's have been in either retail trade or in services. The average yearly income for fulltime workers in retail trade is approximately \$9,000, about 20% below the poverty line for a family of four. For service sector employees it is approximately \$13,000, or slightly above the poverty line. Generally these jobs offer little or no healthcare or pension benefits. Also, the low pay of these jobs is a major factor in sustaining racial and sexual income inequalities. Women are forced into these low wage sectors in grossly disproportionate numbers, in spite of the limited gains resulting from affirmative action measures in recent years.

Currently very few workers in retail trades or services are unionized. Until and unless this situation is changed, these jobs will continue to pay poverty level wages to an ever larger segment of

Earth Festival '87

by Jeff Farrah

ANN ARBOR—On Saturday Sept. 26, an all day free earth celebration will be held at the U-M campus. Earth Festival '87 will combine a six hour music festival at Palmer Field with over 30 workshops, national speakers, local dance troupes and free unique foods at the diag. The festival will provide a wide range of viewpoints regarding earth related issues.

"Earth Festival is a day in which individuals and organizations can celebrate the natural beauty of our planet, and inform others about those environmental issues which need to be solved if our society is to continue," says Mike Phillips, one of the festival organizers. The basic philosophy behind the festival is that by combining art, education and celebration, an all-encompassing ecological awareness will be brought to the community. Organizers also hope to begin a serious ecological dialogue at the university, in the community, and in the Great Lakes Bioregion.

The day promises live Jazz, Rock, Folk, Reggae and Avante Garde music at Palmer Field, as well as exciting workshops, national speakers, dance performances, and free food at the diag.

The Earth Festival Planning Committee, will hold planning meetings throughout the month of Sept. (see CALENDAR.) There will be thousands of people at the Earth Festival, so the planning committee needs your help! For information, call Jeff at 663-3913 or Mike at 763-3241.

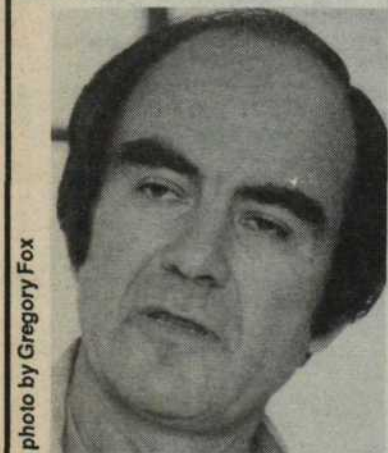


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Gideon Spiro Indicted in Israel

Gideon Spiro, the head of the Committee Against The Iron Fist, an Israeli group that protests Israel's military occupation of the West Bank, has been indicted in Israel on charges of "libelling the court." (Spiro spoke in Ann Arbor last fall and his speech was published in AGENDA, September and October 1986.) Spiro's crime was the writing of a letter of protest to the judges of a military tribunal. His letter was a two paragraph criticism of the military tribunal's treatment of a fourteen year old Palestinian boy who was sentenced to five years in jail in an adult prison. Although Israel has a civilian

court system and government, Palestinian residents of the occupied territories of the West Bank and Gaza Strip are under military rule.

In his letter Spiro says, "What you did was unjust, not just. It was another stain on the Israeli occupation . . . you ran a trial which turned into a caricature of all accepted norms of justice . . . To send a boy fourteen years old to jail for five years, for the circumstances of the action attributed to him, is a crime . . . he did not cause harm to a single human being, and for this you send him to rot in Damun jail for five years. Are you not ashamed?"

Comments Steve Hayworth of New Jewish Agenda's Middle East Interest Group, "This demonstrates the deterioration of basic freedoms for Israeli Jews that are the unfortunate but predictable outcome of the continued repression of Palestinians." NJA's Middle East Interest Group is asking that protest letters be sent to the Israeli Embassy or to Prime Minister Shamir, at the Knesset (Parliament) in Jerusalem. Copies of letters, as well as donations for Spiro's legal defense, can be sent to Gideon Spiro, P.O. Box 7323, Jerusalem, Israel 91072.

Fair Elections Bill Re-Introduced

The League of Women Voters has blasted an announcement that the 1988 general election Presidential debates will be under the absolute control of the Republican and Democratic parties. The League, sponsors of the debates since 1976, charged that Democratic National Chair Paul Kirk and his Republican counterpart Frank Karenkopf were only interested in controlling the debates for the benefit of their respective candidates at the expense of discussion of substantive political issues.

Dr. Lenora Fulani, a Black Independent Presidential candidate of the multi-racial New Alliance Party charges that "Kirk's and Frarenkopf's announcement is a measure of how far the major parties are willing to go to suppress the democratic rights of viable third party candidates to be heard by the American public."

More recently, Representative John Conyers has re-introduced the Fair Elections Bill (H.R.1582) into Congress. The Fair Elections Bill would establish fair and uniform ballot access requirements for independent candidates in federal elections. Currently, an independent candidate for President is forced to collect 30 times the number of petition signatures that a Republican or Democratic has to gather to win a place on the ballot in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

The Fair Elections Bill is co-sponsored by fourteen other Congressmen and endorsed by Rev. Jesse Jackson, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), the National Rainbow Coalition and consumer rights activist Ralph Nader.

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Deportation Proceedings Continue Against the L.A.-8

by Steve Ghannam

On January 26, 1987, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) commenced deportation proceedings against seven Palestinians and a Kenyan national in Los Angeles. The FBI, INS and local police had rounded the eight up in a dramatic early morning raid. They were shackled hand and foot, and portrayed by the government as a threat to the national security. They were charged under the McCarran Act, which makes it a deportable offense to be a member of or affiliated with an organization that distributes literature that advocates "worldwide communism." Should the government succeed in deporting any of the eight under the McCarran Act, it would for the first time establish a legal precedent that immigrants do not have the same political rights guaranteed to American citizens. This case is already being termed as the civil rights case of the 1980's.

Since the initial arrests, charges against the eight have been dropped, added, dismissed, and reinstated, but the government remains constant in pursuit of its goal: deportation by any means available. (See chronology) Currently, two of the eight are charged with being members of or affiliated with an organization that advocates the destruction of property. The other six respondents are charged only with technical visa allegations. However, the government still considers all the respondents "national security risks" and will seek to introduce evidence to that effect against all eight.

The true scope of the government's intentions were revealed in a previously secret INS memorandum entitled, "Alien Terrorists and Undesirables: A Contingency Plan." The plan, developed by the FBI, INS, CIA and other agencies, is a blueprint for rounding up thousands of Arab immigrants, detaining them in a massive campsite in Louisiana, and deporting them. The 100 acre campsite is already prepared and can be activated within two to four weeks. Also included in the plan are guidelines for prosecuting Arab immigrants, which have been followed closely in the Los Angeles case. In order to implement this mass round up of immigrants "based solely on their nationality," the plan notes the need for a test case such as that of the L.A.-8.

Since July 23rd the deportation hearings for the L.A.-8 have been suspended by INS Judge Hyrcenko until the issue of government misconduct has been appealed to the Board of Immigration Appeals in Falls Church, Va. The

appeal is based on evidence that INS prosecutors deliberately withheld a witness, INS official Gilbert Reeves. The defense (Committee for Justice) charged that Reeves defied Hrycenko's order to appear so as to avoid answering questions about why the eight were selected for prosecution under the McCarran Act, and whether there is a link between this case and the leaked "INS Contingency Plan." Defense attorneys also argued that the INS withheld Reeves so that they could be refiled the following day in hopes of obtaining a different judge for the second round of deportation proceedings. This provided further protection for Reeves, as a different person than Reeves, Ernest Gustafson, signed the second arrest documents. The INS subsequently re-assigned Hrycenko to continue with the new set of charges, which are exactly the same as those which were dropped.

Judge Hrycenko concurred with defense attorneys that the government attorneys had "intentionally" refused to obey her court order. Her statements regarding the government's conduct were so strong that they will form an important part of the court's record for appeal.

Nevertheless, Hrycenko ruled that the misconduct was not sufficient to prevent the INS from proceeding on the second set of deportation charges. However, she and the prosecutors agreed to allow the defense to appeal to the Board of Immigration Appeals before proceeding with the deportation hearings.

By September 17th, the government must also confirm or deny the existence of electronic surveillance on the Committee for Justice (the defense committee) or any members of the defense's legal team. All involved federal agencies must be checked regarding wiretapping, as a result of a brief submitted by the defense providing evidence that protected conversations between attorneys and their clients are being intercepted.

News clips and letters of support are available from the Committee for Justice, P.O. Box 4631, Los Angeles, CA 90051 (818) 791-1978. The Committee is also in urgent need of donation to support its successful defense against the deportation proceedings. Readers are urged to send letters of protest to Attorney General Meese, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. Petition forms addressed to Meese can be ordered from the Committee.

Chronology of Proceedings

December, 1986: Arrest Orders: Orders to Show Cause, which serve as arrest warrants, are filed against seven Palestinians and a Kenyan by acting Director of the L.A. INS office, Gilbert Reeves.

January 26, 1987: Arrests: Despite INS allegations that the re-pondents are "national security risks," the arrests do not occur until January 26, a delay which the INS claims was necessary to accommodate agents' holiday vacation schedules. Once arrested, the re-pondents are held without bail as "national security risks."

February 10, 1987: Charges Added: The Kenyan, Julie Mungai, is charged under the McCarran Act, with affiliation with an organization that distributes literature that advocates "worldwide communism." (The other respondents are charged with membership in the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a member faction of the PLO.) Until this time Mungai had been held in solitary high security confinement solely on a technical visa violation charge. INS attorneys state that their failure to charge Mungai earlier—as the others were on Jan. 26—was due to an oversight.

February 15, 1987: Additional Arrests: Another Palestinian student is arrested on campus while taking a chemistry exam at Chaffey College in Orange County.

February 17, 1987: Bond Hearing: The eight win release from custody: five on their own recognizance, three on minimal bail. INS attorney Fitzsimons states she is under direct orders from Attorney General Meese to present the government's evidence without the presence of the respondents or their attorneys. Immigration Judge Daniel insists that any such evidence be presented in open court. The INS refuses to comply, basing their refusal on "national security."

April 23, 1987: Charges Dropped: The McCarran Act charges against six of the eight respondents are dropped. However, the same six still have technical visa violations allegations pending against them. The INS announces that it will still try to present in closed session "national security related" evidence against the six at a later stage in their deportation hearings.

April 28, 1987: Charges Changed: The charges concerning literature advocating "worldwide communism" against the remaining two re-pondents—both lawful permanent residents—are changed to an-other provision under the McCarran Act: membership or affiliation with an organization that advocates the destruction of property.

May 8, 1987: Due Process Hearing: Immigration Judge Hyrcenko hears argument on a defense motion to dismiss the case for lack of due process and fundamental fairness. At issue are defense allegations that the respondents are being selectively prosecuted pursuant to the "Contingency Plan," solely on the basis of the respondents' alleged political beliefs and associations. The hearing is recessed until May 11; Judge Hyrcenko orders INS official Reeves, who signed the arrest orders for the eight, to appear on the 11th to explain the INS' position.

May 11, 1987: Charges Dismissed: Gilbert Reeves fails to appear. Thus, the government can present no evidence of why the arrests were made, the role of the "Contingency Plan," and whether the eight are being unfairly singled out on the basis of their nationality and their alleged political views and associations. Judge Hyrcenko dismisses all charges against all eight respondents.

May 12, 1987: Charges Reinstated: The INS reinstates the same charges: the two permanent residents under the McCarran Act "advocacy of property destruction" charges; and the six visa holders under various technical visa charges.

WANTED



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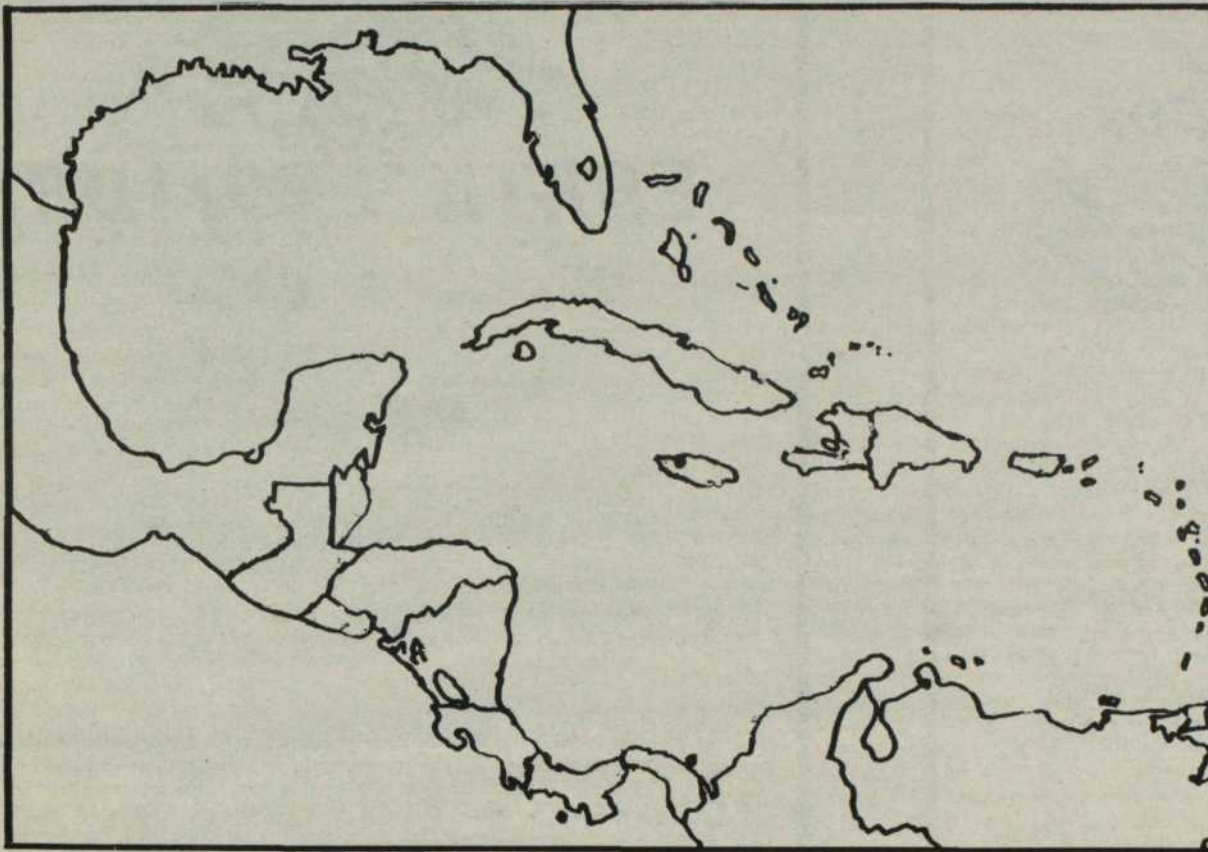
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1. c. North Carolina; Nicaragua has an area of 52,586 sq. miles. North Carolina is slightly larger with an area of 50,193 sq. miles.
 2. d. Pittsburgh; according to the 1980 census, Nicaragua has a population of 2,730,000, while Pittsburgh, including its surrounding metro area, has a population of 2,687,832.
 3. b. El Salvador; Nicaragua is bordered on the north by Honduras, on the south by Costa Rica, on the east by the Caribbean Sea and on the west by the Pacific Ocean.
 4. d. \$804; According to the 1980 figures, which are the latest we could find, Nicaragua's per capita income has gone up slightly from the 1979 figure of \$732; but still remains very low compared to the United States.
 5. c. 87%; Since the revolution in 1979 there has been a nationwide literacy crusade involving 90,000 teachers of literacy.
 6. c. 67%; The FSLN received the majority of the vote and 61 seats in the Assembly. The Democratic Conservative Party (PCD) received 14% of the vote and 14 seats, the Independent Liberal Party (PLI) received 9.6% and 9 seats, the Popular Social Christian Party (PSPC) got 5.6% and 5 seats, the Nicaraguan Communist Party (PCdRN) got 1.5% and 2 seats, the Nicaraguan Socialist Party (PSN) received 1.3% and 2 seats, while the Marxist-Leninist Popular Action Movement (MAP-ML) got 1% and 2 seats.
 7. c. 20; In 1912 the U.S. Marines landed in Nicaragua and occupied the country for the next 20 years. Before leaving in 1933, the U.S. established the National Guard and appointed Anastasio Somoza García as Commander in Chief. With U.S. support, 46 years of Somoza family dictatorship followed.
 8. a. FMLN, Frente Farabundo Martí de Liberación Nacional; (Farabundo Martí Front for National Liberation). Formed in 1980 in El Salvador to fight for reform and human rights, five guerrilla organizations make up the FMLN. This military coalition is named after Agustín Farabundo Martí, the leader of a 1932 nationwide peasant insurrection in which the government killed 30,000 people in a few weeks.
 8. b. FSLN, Frente Sandinista de Liberación Nacional; (Sandinista Front for National Liberation). Founded in Nicaragua in 1961, the FSLN is named after guerrilla leader Augusto Sando. The FSLN successfully overthrew U.S.-supported dictator Anastasio Somoza in 1979 and formed a provisional government. With elections in 1984, the Sandinistas became the majority party receiving 67% of the vote.
 8. c. FDN, Fuerzas Democráticas Nicaragüenses; (Nicaraguan Democratic Forces). Created in 1981, the FDN is by far the largest contra organization, variously estimated as having between 3,000 and 15,000 troops, mostly based in Honduras. The FDN has been the major recipient of U.S. funding and was forced by the CIA to accept a "civilian" directorate, composed of various right-wing intellectuals and businessmen not directly linked to Somoza, its military command, however, is almost exclusively former Somoza National Guard.
 8. d. FDR, Frente Democrático (Revolutionary Democratic Front). Established in El Salvador in 1980, the FDR is a coalition of more than 50 popular organizations, political parties and labor federations, both moderate and revolutionary, as well as the main guerrilla groups.
 9. a. 46; The Caucus, chaired by Rep. Jim Leach (R-IOWA), determined that 46 of the 48 positions in the FDN military leadership were held by ex-national guardsmen in 1985. These included the strategic commander, the regional command coordinator, all five members of the general staff, four out of five central commanders, five out of six regional commanders, and all 30 task force commanders.
 10. c. Robert Owen; The quote is from a March 17, 1986 memo to his superior Lt. Col. Oliver North.

Choose one answer, (a, b, c, or d) for each question.

- Nicaragua is roughly the same size as
a. Australia b. Iran c. North Carolina d. California
- The population of Nicaragua is roughly the same as
a. Mexico b. South Africa c. Massachusetts d. Pittsburgh
- Which does NOT border Nicaragua?
a. Honduras b. El Salvador c. Costa Rica d. Caribbean Sea
- In 1980 the per capita income in the U.S. was \$9,521. In the same year Nicaragua's per capita income was
a. \$7,513 b. \$3,241 c. \$1,347 d. \$804
- In 1979, before the revolution, Nicaragua had a 48% adult literacy level. What is that level today?
a. 33% b. 48% c. 87% d. 95%
- Nicaragua held general elections Nov. 4, 1984. Seven political parties were on the ballot and 80% of the population voted. The Sandinistas received what percentage of the vote?
a. 29% b. 59% c. 67% d. 100%
- How many years out of the past 75 have U.S. Marines invaded and occupied Nicaragua?
a. 0 b. 10 c. 20 d. 30
- Connect the acronym with the organization.

a. FMLN	1. the largest contra organization
b. FSLN	2. the coalition of political opposition organizations in El Salvador
c. FDN	3. the Sandinistas
d. FDR	4. the coalition of military/guerrilla organizations in El Salvador
- In 1985, there were 48 leadership positions in the FDN contra military structure. According to the Arms Control and Foreign Policy Caucus, a bipartisan joint House and Senate body, how many of these positions were held by former Somoza National Guardsmen?
a. 46 b. 29 c. 15 d. 3
- "Unfortunately they (the contra leaders) are not first rate people; in fact they are liars and greed and power motivated. They are not the people to rebuild a new Nicaragua. In fact, the FDN has done a good job of keeping competent people out of the organization." This was said by
a. Arturo Cruz, ex-contra leader b. Senator Edward Kennedy c. Robert Owen, aid to Lt. Col. North d. Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega

Answers

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The Hard Questions

Q. How can the Sandinistas refuse to hold democratic elections yet still claim to have the support of the people?

Nicaragua held democratic elections Nov. 4, 1984, two days before the elections in the United States. Seven parties including the Sandinistas participated in the election, three to the political right of the Sandinistas, and three to their left. Several hundred journalists and academics observed the election including many from the U.S. and Western Europe. Nearly all observers agreed that the elections were generally fair. All parties were allowed to campaign freely and each party had guaranteed access to the popular media (the government reserved portions of radio and television time for each party.)

Election results indicated overwhelming support for the Sandinistas, who received approximately 67% of the vote. The opposition parties occupy seats in parliament in proportion to the number of votes they received. It is interesting to contrast the Nicaraguan election where parties could campaign freely and voters had secret ballots with those in El Salvador, where death squads continue to operate, and voters are forced to cast public ballots in full view of the military.

A secret 1984 National Security Council memo revealed that the U.S. government did everything possible to undermine and discredit the election. The White House claimed that the elections could not be legitimate because a small coalition of groups led by Arturo Cruz refused to take part. But records show that at that time Cruz was already on the CIA's payroll and his actions may very well have been part of the plan to discredit the elections.

Q. How can Nicaragua claim it is not a puppet of the Soviet Union when it receives hundreds of millions of dollars in arms from them?

There is a direct correlation between U.S. aggression against Nicaragua and Nicaragua's dependence upon the Soviet Union for aid; the more U.S. aggression against Nicaragua, the more aid Nicaragua needs from the Soviet Union in order to survive. Nicaragua does receive a great deal of aid from the Soviet Union. This has been well publicized in the U.S. and has not been denied by the Nicaraguan government.

What has been much less publicized is that Nicaragua also receives substantial amounts of aid from Spain, Italy, and Sweden as well as from Third World nations such as Venezuela, China, and Mexico. Like most Third World nations, the Nicaraguan government has openly sought aid from whomever would give it.

In addition to cutting off all U.S. aid and instituting a trade embargo, the Reagan administration has worked hard to discourage its allies and international banking agencies from aiding Nicaragua. This has forced Nicaragua to become more dependent on the Soviet bloc. Yet it has only been in the last two years that the amount of aid from the Soviet bloc has exceeded that given the Nicaraguan government from the West and the Third World.

Despite their dependant relationship, the Sandinistas have always made clear their intention to remain non-aligned. This appears not only in their public statements but even in some of the "secret" Sandinista documents that the U.S. State Dept. has circulated.

Q. If Nicaragua really wants peace why is it engaging in a massive military build-up with Soviet arms and thousands of Cuban advisors?

According to Lt. Col. Lawrence Tracy, a military political officer with the U.S. State Department, virtually all of the military equipment Nicaragua obtains is defensive in nature. Tracy says that in spite of recent claims made by Reagan and Secretary of State Schultz, it would be virtually inconceivable for Nicaragua to stage a successful invasion of Honduras, even assuming that the U.S. would not intervene. Moreover, Nicaragua's other border with Costa Rica has been demilitarized.

Nicaragua is at war with a well funded proxy army of a superpower. At the same time, Nicaragua must prepare for the possibility of a direct

military invasion by that superpower. The invasion of Grenada showed that the Reagan administration is willing to directly invade sovereign nations, no matter how small or powerless. Nicaragua has no choice but to prepare for this possibility, which obviously requires a huge amount of weaponry to provide even a suggestion of deterrence.

Nicaragua has not allowed the Soviet Union to establish any military bases within its borders and has repeatedly offered to reduce its level of armaments if the U.S. government will do the same in the region. It's also worth pointing out that U.S. estimates of the Cuban military involvement are grossly inflated. A high level defector from Cuba recently revealed that Cuba has 300 to 400 military advisors in Nicaragua, the same figure as the one given by the Nicaraguan government.



Q. If the Nicaraguan government supports freedom and democracy, why has it suspended civil liberties and why did it shut down La Prensa, the opposition newspaper?

The Nicaraguan government has stated that media censorship and suspension of civil liberties are a wartime necessity. It may be a questionable practice, but most nations, including the U.S., adopt repressive measures during wartime. Also, La Prensa's function is different than that of its U.S. counterparts. La Prensa has openly advocated the overthrow of the current government and is generally viewed as a mouthpiece for the contras. Thus the Nicaraguan government perceives La Prensa as a greater threat than the effects public censorship will have on the country. In the first five years of the revolution, La Prensa was shut down on seven different occasions but in each instance was allowed to reopen. For La Prensa's part, it may serve its position better by remaining censored—a clear illustration of the Sandinistas shortcomings—than by reopening an eighth time.

La Prensa was one of two independent daily newspapers; the other, El Nuevo Diario, continues to publish daily although it is subject to wartime censorship. Independent political parties distribute their own newspapers on a more irregular basis. In addition opposition leaders are frequently given time on radio shows where they often criticize the government quite harshly. The restrictions on civil liberties in Nicaragua today are far less severe than they were before the revolution under the dictatorship of Somoza and his vicious National Guard. Restrictions on civil liberties in Nicaragua are also less severe than in U.S. client states El Salvador and Guatemala, where publishers of opposition newspapers, as well as thousands of other opposition leaders have been killed by government sponsored death squads.

Q. Why does the Nicaraguan government persecute the Catholic Church?

The Nicaraguan government does not persecute the Catholic Church, although it is at odds with some members of the Church hierarchy. There are two factions within the Nicaraguan Catholic Church, just as there are throughout much of Latin America. One side's philosophy is based on liberation theology and is committed to serving the poor. The other faction is more traditional theologically and more closely tied to the ruling elites. The Nicaraguan revolution received considerable stimulus from liberation theology. Several high level government officials are



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priests; many Sandinistas are also practicing Catholics.

For the most part, the Church carries out its work without interference. But the government has come into conflict with some members of the Church hierarchy. In one case it deported a bishop after he lobbied in support of the contras in Washington. A few other (mostly foreign) members of the clergy have also been deported for similar reasons.

While this may be unjustified, it's worth pointing out that the governments of El Salvador and Guatemala, which are allies of the U.S., have killed numerous members of the clergy, including Archbishop Oscar Romero who was shot in the middle of a mass in San Salvador. No such actions by the Sandinistas have ever been reported.

Q. How can the Sandinistas claim not to be Marxist-Leninist when they want to establish a centrally planned economy?

The Sandinistas are not creating a planned economy. In fact, there is a conscious decision on their part to maintain a mixed economy. Sixty percent of the economy is still in private hands.

The Sandinistas have attempted to institute state control over certain key sectors of the economy such as foreign trade, but are attempting to leave as much room as possible for the private sector to develop. Nearly all of the land that has been seized by the government has been redistributed to family farmers or to cooperatives, rather than held by the state.

Q. Why has the Nicaraguan government attempted to wipe out the Miskito Indians and the other indigenous peoples along the Atlantic Coast?

Soon after the revolution, the Nicaraguan gov-

ernment came into conflict with some of the indigenous populations (primarily the Miskitos), partially out of arrogance and partially out of ignorance. The Atlantic coast had always been largely cut off from the Spanish speaking part of the country. After the revolution, the Sandinistas, largely ignorant of the Atlantic coast, went there to introduce land reform and other goals of the revolution. They quickly antagonized the indigenous population and before long provoked armed opposition among the people. In trying to put down the rebellion, the government committed a number of human rights abuses and resorted to harsh tactics such as forced relocation of civilians. More recently however, it has begun to grant these regions a large degree of autonomy and allowed families that were relocated to return.

While this history cannot be forgotten, it is certainly not extraordinary in comparison to the United States treatment of its own indigenous population, or the current situation in Guatemala where hundreds of thousands of Indians have been forcibly relocated into "model villages" where they can be closely supervised by the army. Furthermore in contrast to Guatemala, where tens of thousands of Indians have been killed without anyone being held accountable, Nicaraguan government officials have been tried and punished for committing abuses against the Indians on the east coast.

It's also worth pointing out the U.S. has repeatedly tried to block efforts to arrive at a peace settlement, and has always been anxious to provide money and arms to any Indians that were willing to fight. Despite U.S. antagonism, the Nicaraguan government is coming to peaceful terms with the native inhabitants of the eastern part of the country.



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ighting a war is always costly, but for a tiny, underdeveloped country like Nicaragua, fighting a prolonged war can be economically devastating. According to recent estimates, the economic loss to Nicaragua from 1980 to 1985 totals a staggering \$1.23 billion. Eight years after the overthrow of Somoza, and six years into the U.S.-directed contra war, the country is facing desperate and difficult choices over how to allocate its limited resources.

The contra war imposes a constant drain on the Nicaraguan economy. Apart from the direct costs of the war, such as the replacement of destroyed crops, roads, buildings and other parts of the infrastructure, there are numerous indirect losses. The war pulls scarce skilled workers into the army, taking them away from productive work such as farming or construction. The war also reduces the country's future productivity by indefinitely delaying many young people from completing their education.

The contras have made many remote rural agricultural areas unlivable and thus unfarmable by terrorizing the population there. For example, some portions of the Atlantic Coast that used to be subsistence farms, now lie fallow because of the war. Those communities are now dependent on food flown in from other parts of the country.

On the Pacific Coast, the war has dislocated hundreds of thousands of rural citizens, many of whom come to Managua seeking employment. One million of the country's three million inhabitants now live in Managua. This is far more than the city's infrastructure can support. Housing, transportation, and water are all inadequate to serve the swelling population. Many of those who move to Managua drift into the growing informal sector, "watching" cars in parking lots, shining shoes, and selling food or drink on the street.

Inflation is now more than 800% per year. As the war-produced inflation worsens, more people leave productive employment for the informal sector. This flight from productive labor creates

The War and the Nicaraguan Economy

The contrast between the effect of the war on the Nicaraguan economy and the effect it has on the U.S. economy is striking, even apart from the vast differences in the level of economic development of the two countries. In Nicaragua—where there are labor shortages in key sectors and drastic shortages of critical manufacturing and agricultural inputs—every person-hour, every dollar of foreign exchange, every bushel of grain and acre of land used for the war effort represents a loss in some other area.

by Thea Lee and Mark Weisbrot

further supply shortages, causing more inflation and thus, a vicious cycle. Perhaps one of the most disturbing effects of the contra war is that it has distorted the country's long term perspective. The government labels its present economic strategy a "survival economy," and has indefinitely suspended work on most major long-term investment projects. This is caused in part by the uncertainties of war. For example, when the CIA mined Nicaragua's harbors in early 1984 there were serious disruptions in the flow of exports. The risk of business loss due to the war has led the private sector to steadily reduce its share of

investment to the point where more than 80% of new investment is now undertaken by the state. Also, some private capitalists have deliberately refrained from investing in Nicaragua, in order to support Reagan's efforts to destabilize the economy.

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In the U.S., on the other hand, money spent on war rarely leaves the country. Most of the dollars given in aid to the contras are spent purchasing weapons or supplies made in the United States. In general, military expenditures are a stimulus to an economy which suffers from a chronic lack of aggregate demand (i.e. high unemployment and excess productive capacity). The U.S. economy is buoyed by the war, while the Nicaraguan economy is drained by it.

The bleeding of the Nicaraguan economy is central to the Reagan administration's strategy of "low-intensity warfare." They know that a military victory by the contras is impossible, and further U.S. military involvement carries tremendous political costs, both internationally and domestically. The White House hopes that the economic effects of the war will continually erode popular support for the FSLN, perhaps to the point where direct U.S. military intervention is more feasible. If not, they can at least prevent Nicaragua from providing a positive example for other Latin American nations aspiring to achieve economic sovereignty.

The most important thing that the U.S. solidarity movement can do to sustain the Nicaraguan revolution is to cut the flow of funding to the contras. As the Contragate scandal has amply demonstrated, no vote of Congress can be expected to accomplish this entirely. Nonetheless, a defeat of Reagan's upcoming request for aid to the contras would be an important, perhaps decisive step towards ending the war.

As this article goes to press, the unexpected agreement by the five Central American nations on the "Arias plan" has weakened Reagan's position, at least temporarily. Progressive forces are gearing up for the biggest counter-offensive to date. There will be intensive phone-calling, lobbying, protest and civil disobedience, as well as a million dollars of television ads. Our local actions could contribute significantly to this national effort.

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Life in Nicaragua Local Reflections

Over the past several years many Ann Arborites have travelled and worked in Nicaragua. In recognition of a wealth of first-hand knowledge right here at home, AGENDA invited a number of these sojourners to write a few paragraphs or clip a part from their journals on their own experiences while there. Here are some of the journal entries, stories and reflections we received.

compiled by Arlin Wasserman—photos by Gregory Fox



Walt Karas

My first impression of Nicaragua was simply one of shock at the poverty. Obtaining food and water is a major daily concern. The typical Nicaraguan home would not be an acceptable tool shed to an American suburbanite. Public transportation is a nightmare of overcrowding. This feeling of shock softened as I began to see this poverty in a Nicaraguan context. The lives of the poor in America are filled with violent crime, drug abuse, and despair. They live in a society which often treats them as being less than human. In Nicaragua, there is little violent crime or drug usage, and alcoholism is declining rapidly. Although uneasy about what the U.S. will do next, the people of Nicaragua are hopeful about the future. The Nicaraguan poor are seen as the backbone of the society.

The strongest evidence that change is occurring came from the everyday people we met. Many had an air about them that I rarely encountered before. It was like the feeling you get from a woman who's just gotten a divorce from a domineering husband. They were proud of the Revolution and excited about the future. They were becoming aware of their own possibilities. The members of the family I stayed with in Juigalpa all had very definite opinions on everything. In spite of my broken Spanish, they never tired of discussing anything and everything with me. Often, they would start arguing among themselves about the issue at hand, forgetting to speak slowly so I could understand.

Steve DeBroux 3/29/87

After being close to the contra attack at La Colonia, I told myself that this was as close to any war I wanted to be. The last two days I've been in 'Las Montañas de la Guerra'. There's a strange sensation from inside—wondering if the contras are watching, hoping they can read "prensa" on the side of our jeep and that they will respect that. I had some very violent dreams last night. I saw Carter and Rick and I don't know who else; they were killed in a horrible truck accident off the side of a mountain. They were in a military truck. It was very clear and very graphic. I awoke soon after and felt unsure as to why I saw that, unsure of where I was. The dogs would bark wildly in the night and wake me up and I had to wonder why they were so stirred. I'd hear footsteps around the jeep where I was sleeping and I had to wonder who it was, suddenly wishing I had slept in the school house with the others. At that time my fears may have been unfounded, but there was fear nonetheless. I've not been in a war zone before. It's overwhelming at times, tranquilo at times, uncertain all the time. I've only been here overnight. My god, what is it to live all your nights here?

Phillis Engelbert 6/20/87

Several members of the Los Colinas came to greet us. They were anxious to tell their stories. I spoke with one woman who described episodes of the attack she most remembered. She spoke of the execution of her son, which was performed in front of her and others. The contra had bayoneted him in the throat. "The blood flowed like a river."

I remember staring down an entire row of patches of charred wood and metal where buildings had stood. I stooped down amid the rubble and picked up a handful of exploded grenades and bullets—one of which I kept as a souvenir. It struck me how little these people had to begin with and how now they were left with nothing. Their meager homes had been destroyed. Their spirit had been broken. They lost several community members.

I spent time with another woman who lost a son during the attack—her second thus far in the war. We spoke standing in the rubble that was once her home. She showed me the remains of the table where she and her family had eaten dinner. When the contra came she fled to the hills with her younger children. One of her sons stayed behind to defend the cooperative and was killed. She said the contra promised to return and that she and the other cooperative members feared another attack. "I don't sleep at night. My eyes are always on the hills."

Emily Milner 8/5/87

Nicaragua, after one becomes accustomed to the scarcity and poverty of living conditions, feels like being in the U.S. as far as people go: people get up and go to work in one form or another, they get the bus and get tired; drivers drive fast and honk pedestrians and other vehicles out of their way; some are greedy, trying to get as much money for taxis or food from North Americans or internationals as they can (but they reason that we are all rich anyway, which from their standard of living is true). People seem little concerned about the police or military, showing no respect, let alone fear, for soldiers trying to get on buses, etc.



And I for one would expect them to show some respect for the soldiers who may go to the borders and fight and die (but such is the way of people).

Roberta Bernhard 8/18/87

I met with three former contras, Jose and Orlando, brothers, and their friend, Julio. They returned to Nicaragua through the amnesty program the Sandinistas began. The program encourages contras to return to Nicaragua. The government does not harass them. These men were questioned by the Ministry of Interior, and said it was as "tranquil" as meeting with my delegation. They were not detained if they did not supply the officials with vital information. Instead, Carlos, Orlando and Julio were told to return to their homes and live in peace. This has been difficult for them, however. Their family farms are outside of the city of Wiwili. They cannot go there and work because they fear the contras will kill them. This has led two of them to join the Sandinista army, an option offered by the amnesty program.

We asked them what life with the contras was like. They told us the contras lie. For example, the Nicaraguan government will kill anyone who returns to the country or Nicaraguans do not believe in God—falsehoods that kept the men with the contras for so long. The greatest lie the contras told was that campesinos join their force by their own free will. Carlos, Orlando and Julio were kidnapped. Carlos and Orlando were teachers. Being state employees, these two brothers were threatened with death. Julio was carried in a bag for five days. Once he reached Honduras, his captors told him if he admitted to the chief that he was brought by force and not voluntarily, they would kill him.

We asked them about the morale of the contras. They told us it was very low. The soldiers were never paid. Instead, the leaders used the money to buy expensive clothes and to entertain themselves in Honduras. The leaders bragged about victories that never happened. As a result, drug use became prevalent. It was not unusual for high ranking officials to use cocaine and for the actual militia to take speed and smoke marijuana.

After being with the contras for more than two years, Carlos, Orlando and Julio finally escaped. They were driven by the death of Carlos' and Orlando's sister, who had been riding in a truck that a band of contras had ambushed.

Brian DeBroux 3/18/87

Luz is the daughter of the family I live with in Managua. I have been in Nicaragua for nine weeks, but only met her three weeks ago. She has been in the mountains of Jinotega picking coffee. When she was in the mountains she carried an AK-47 automatic rifle with her at all times. Everyone who picks coffee is armed because they are prime targets of contra attacks. So why would a 16 year old risk her life to pick coffee? The answer to this question is also the reason why Nicaragua is going to survive and win the not-so-secret war being waged by the White House.

Luz understands the importance of revenues generated by coffee exports to her country's economy. She understands that many potential workers are needed to defend their country and are not available to work. This understanding results in thousands of volunteers going to the mountains to pick. But this understanding is a manifestation of a deeper quality among Nicaraguans, a sense of collective mentality and a feeling that sacrifices must be made for the good of the whole. This feeling is prominent throughout the country.

Donald Oswell

The mayor arranged for us to visit a rural clinic ten kilometers from Juigalpa to see the initiation of a nationwide vaccination program. We were accompanied by the Director of Region Five of the Ministry of Health.

The clinic was a small stucco structure, with five small rooms. It had just been completed and was the first ever in the area. A line of brown-eyed, honey-skinned children waited with their parents. They came from nearby ranches and villages, some on horseback, some in trucks, and some on foot. For many, it was the first medical attention they ever had.

Despite this progress, the leading causes of death among children are still malnutrition and dehydration from chronic diarrhea. But a still greater tragedy was that the contras had destroyed two new clinics exactly like this one, depriving thousands of rural Nicaraguans the only medical care they had ever had.





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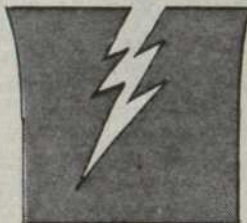
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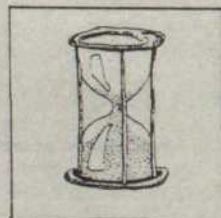
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Local Efforts to Stop the War

Ann Arbor is a hotbed of activity when it comes to opposing the Contra War. If you're interested in lending a hand, there's bound to be an organization out there—maybe on campus, maybe not—that is doing something you can help with. Here's a sampler to get you started. In the future we suggest you keep tuned-in by reading the "Latin America" section of AGENDA's Community Resource Directory.



photo: Gregory Fox



AMISTAD Brigadistas at work in Nicaragua



As a result of work by Ann Arbor's Central America Sister City Task Force, the 1st Ann Arbor-Juigalpa Delegation unpacks medical supplies in Juigalpa

A2MISTAD Construction Brigade

The A2MISTAD (Ann Arbor-Managua Initiative for Soils Testing and Development in English, and the word for friendship in Spanish) Construction Brigade was started in Fall, 1985 as a sub-project of HAP-NICA (Humanitarian Assistance Project for Independent Agricultural Development in Nicaragua.) It was initiated in response to a request from the Higher Institute of Agricultural Sciences of Nicaragua for assistance with the construction of a soils testing facility. The soils lab, which is located near Managua, will make it possible to determine appropriate land use and to help farmers irrigate and fertilize their crops more efficiently. In addition to over \$20,000 raised from the Ann Arbor community and voluntary labor provided by A2MISTAD, a Dutch university has donated \$20,000 and offered to train laboratory technicians to use soils testing equipment which has been provided by the Italian government.

Over forty volunteers, most of them from the Ann Arbor area, have spent from one to four months in Nicaragua working with the brigade since January, 1987. The laboratory is now beginning to take

(SEE "AMAISTAD," PAGE 22)

Latin American Solidarity Committee

Ann Arbor's Latin American Solidarity Committee (LASC) was founded in 1978. Its goal is to help defend the rights of Latin American nations to self-determination. To that end LASC works to educate people about the repressive and counter-revolutionary role of the United States in the region, as well as organizes protests, and lobbies to bring about a reversal in U.S. foreign policy.

LASC's major focus has always been on changing U.S. foreign policy, rather than on providing direct aid to Nicaragua. This focus reflects a general consensus in LASC that change in U.S. foreign policy is possible, and that political efforts are the most effective efforts. In addition, we have always done a certain amount of direct aid fundraising around El Salvador and Guatemala as well as Nicaragua.

LASC has used a variety of tactics to build the movement. When the CIA tried to recruit openly on campus in fall 1984, we organized a mock trial in which the recruiters declined to participate, cancelling their interviews and leaving town in a hurry. After two more years of recruiting attempts which resulted in

(SEE "LASC," PAGE 22)

Ann Arbor Central America Sister City Task Force

In April of 1986, Ann Arbor voters passed a ballot initiative calling for an end to U. S. military intervention in Central America, and for the establishment of a sister city in that region. Upon recommendation of the Central America Sister City Task Force, the Ann Arbor City Council unanimously approved Juigalpa, Nicaragua, as our newest sister city. In response to the pressing public health needs of the region, and a specific request from Juigalpa, the Task Force committed itself to provide a modern garbage truck for our sister community. The truck was purchased with private donations, and driven to Juigalpa in July, 1987.

The ordinance which established the Sister City Task Force as a city commission expired this past April, one year after its inception. Difficulties with the new mayor have prompted the Task Force to separate from city hall. We are currently seeking tax exempt status (501-C3).

Our primary project remains in the realm of public

(SEE "SISTER CITY TASK FORCE," PAGE 22)

Neighbor to Neighbor

The conviction that the fall vote on Contra Aid may shape U.S. foreign policy through the rest of the century is San Francisco-based Neighbor to Neighbor Action Fund's reason for being. Neighbor to Neighbor, in coordination with other Central America, religious, and peace organizations, is initiating a national media and grassroots lobbying campaign targeting thirty key policy makers. Drawing upon successful educational, media and organizing campaigns in 27 communities across the country, Neighbor to Neighbor intends to mobilize thousands of people in key communities to stop the war in Central America.

Carl Pursell, of the 2nd Congressional district, is one of the legislators Neighbor to Neighbor has targeted as a "swing" vote. After having been an unwavering supporter of Reagan's contra war against the Nicaraguan people for the last two years, Pursell, voted in favor of the moratorium that would have stopped the release of the last \$40 million going to the contras last February. The goal of our local effort will be to hold Pursell to this vote.

Neighbor to Neighbor will have three full time organizers in the 2nd district to spear-head this

(SEE "NEIGHBOR," PAGE 22)

Reagan's so-called "peace plan" is more properly called a "save contra aid plan." Faced with the prospect of a Congressional refusal to renew contra aid when it expires, Reagan has been

forced to respond to Congressional unrest over his exclusive reliance on military pressure to pursue goals in Central America. Reagan's policy of violence and terror is no longer viable without creating an accompanying illusion of receptivity to diplomatic approaches. Reagan's objective remains the elimination of the Sandinistas and the termination of the Nicaraguan Revolution. Thus, the Administration's dilemma is to appear sincere in its endorsement of negotiations without actually engaging in any.

The solution adopted by Reagan has been to proclaim a peace plan based on conditions which are known to be unacceptable to the Sandinistas. The anticipated rejection by Managua may enable Reagan to sway the votes necessary to continue contra terror. This interpretation of Reagan's motives is supported by the timing and content of the plan, as well as by the historical record of the Administration in sabotaging previous attempts to attain a peaceful resolution of the region's conflicts.

However, there is a plausible alternative interpretation. According to this view, Reagan has decided to reach an accommodation with the Sandinistas. Why? Reagan has been weakened by scandal, by the waning of his presidency, by diminution of his mental capacity, and by repeated failures to suppress nasal evidence of our Pinocchio President's mendacity. Haunted by a nightmare vision of being succeeded by a Democrat who betrays the contras, Reagan bitterly concluded it is preferable to deal now, when pressure on the Sandinistas is at a maximum.

The Guatemala accord offers support for this hypothesis. It is unlikely that the Reagan "peace plan" was unveiled only days before the accord by coincidence. It is equally unlikely that our puppet presidents would sign a document not approved in advance by Washington. Yet the accord contains provisions which are distinctly unpalatable to the ultra-right. Presumably the regional framework was selected to deflect criticism in the U. S. Only in this way could Reagan offer concessions to Nicaragua.

Of course, the Guatemala accord also is consistent with the first interpretation. In this view, the objectionable aspects were included to enhance the credibility of the accord by demonstrating a measure of independence from Washington. A future collapse of the agreement, easily engineered, would then provide additional arguments for contra aid.

In either event, there is good news here. First, these maneuvers confirm that the Administration's assessment is that contra aid will be ended under present circumstances. Second, the initial reaction from many Congressional Democrats was laced with a

healthy dose of skepticism concerning Reagan's intentions. For example, Senator Harkin wondered if the plan is a ploy, while Senator Kennedy called it a sham. Third, this is a risky proposition for Reagan. Pandora's diplomatic pouch has been opened, and Reagan may be unable to control what escapes. Clever counter proposals from the Sandinistas will put Reagan on the defensive. Fourth, any plan that Jack Kemp vigorously condemns must contain redeeming features. Finally, recent polls

indicate that public opinion is recovering from Ollie folly, (the temporary surge in pro-contra sentiment following television coverage of the Marine liar/shredder.)

How might progressive activists respond to these developments? We should seek a transformation of Reagan's counterfeit "peace plan" into a legitimate proposal which would provide the basis for a serious dialogue with the Sandinistas. We also must prepare to exert ourselves to defeat contra aid in what is likely to

be a decisive vote in the fall. We also must prepare for the Rabid Ron scenario. Here Reagan chooses to leave the stage in a burst of glory, reliving the days of yesteryear, by ordering massive, direct military intervention. This is what the Sandinistas fear.

The current situation is fluid and presents both opportunity and peril. Cautious optimism seems justified, but not at the expense of continued hard work to stop the war.

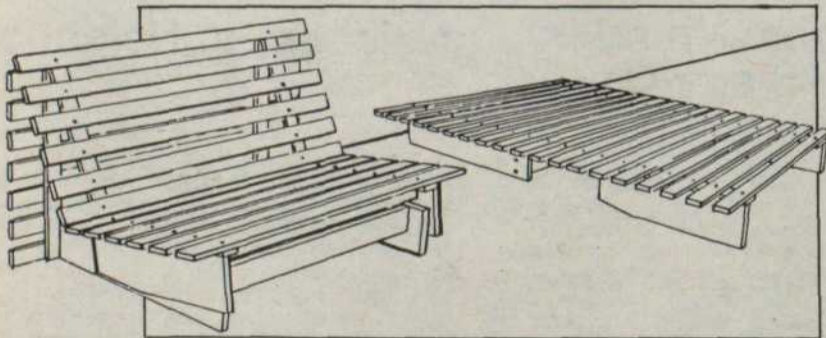


Reagan's "Peace Plan" Ploy, or Sham?

by Steve Hayworth



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Life in Nicaragua A Mother's Testimony

Transcribed by Emily Milner

While in Nicaragua this May, Ann Arborite Emily Milner attended a meeting with Los Madres de Heroes y Martyrs, a group of mothers who have lost children under Somoza or during the Contra war. Los Madres was organized after the revolution for women to give support to each other and has 400 members in Matagalpa with smaller groups in other cities and villages. They organize neighborhoods, giving personal testimony. They also work on various public campaigns such as child immunization.

"My son was one of the organizers at school at a time when it was difficult for young people to walk in the streets—but the conditions made the youth more rebellious. In 1976 there were hunger strikes and street demonstrations despite persecution by the National Guard. My son and others confronted the National guard. There was a battle in which the National Guard attacked the young people with contact bombs and rifles; they killed many young people but



photo: Gregory Fox

they never surrendered. My son, Ernesto, and others covered the retreat. He came back in 1979 from a farm in Esteli. Two months after the triumph Ernesto came back home—such happiness! The young people came back from the mountains; they began to understand the necessity for peasants to read and have their own land. After the triumph, our young people put down their rifles and took up paper and

(SEE "TESTIMONY," PAGE 23)

Defend Our Constitution: Stop the Secret Team



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"People Dancing" and Other Assorted Exercises in Mad Humor

by Diane Rosenblatt

People Dancing performances are filled with vigorous, athletic dancing, wry humor, and flamboyant theatrics. Under the direction of choreographer Whitley Setrakian, this six-member troupe, based in Ann Arbor, performs works in the latest currents of contemporary dance. Setrakian's dancers are sensitive skilled professionals who have trained extensively with such modern dance notables as Viola Farber and May O' Donnell; and the new members of the Next Wave vanguard, Bill T. Jones and Margaret Jenkins.

Setrakian's choreography reveals her penchant for angular, staccato phrases and quick directional shifts contrasted with strong, forceful movement that hurtles and plows its way through space. She takes delight in the setting of pedestrian or ordinary movement against a more formal dance vocabulary—adding push-ups and chest-scratching, for instance, to the elegant formal lines and small jumps contained in a solo work about male preening. Moments of stark beauty,

of spare, minimal motion appear in her work.

In Setrakian's theatrical idiom the storyline does not proceed linearly, instead, as in the popular, comic dance-drama "Aerobic Barbie," it skids out in fragments which come together in uncanny ways to make a whimsical dance with an unexpected cogency. Throughout the work Setrakian derides notions of expected behavior and exposes them with irony and subverts them with wit. She compiles both verbal and visual images of femininity—Jane Fonda, aerobic-chic, Barbie doll vapidly and female careerism a la Cherry Ames, only to rag them and reveal their vacuous and even grim underside.

Black humor replaces whimsy in "Fond du Lac," a bleak study of Victorian repression and the hysteria it fostered. Here too, a multiplicity of visual and a handful of verbal fragments come together to make a compelling and coherent whole.

Both "Aerobic Barbie" and "Fond du Lac" will be performed in Ann Arbor for the first time in



several years when People Dancing, join by the Ann Arbor Chamber Orchestra, will be in concert at the Lydia Mendelssohn Theater, 911 N. University, Sept. 25 to 26. The program, a concert of innovative and adventurous modern

dance set to Baroque music, will feature two new works by Setrakina, one to a score by C. P. E. Bach and the other to music by Handel. For more information about the company or the concert call the People Dancing Office at 996-5968.

"Rosa Luxemburg" Immortalized in tour de force of politics and betrayal

by John Carlos Cantú

It there is a single saving grace to Margarethe von Trotta's "Rosa Luxemburg" it may well be that the director has striven to portray her heroine as both a private person and historical personage. While the juxtaposition between the private and public Luxemburg might seem an unwieldy mixture at some points in the film, it is ultimately through this tension that this film gains its unrelenting power. For the truth seems to lie somewhere between—showing the woman she was and the events which capitulated her into the limelight of her all too brief political career.

"Red Rosa," as both her friends and enemies called her, has indeed been a difficult political figure for both the left and the right to grapple with because of her unwillingness to accept simple ideological formulas as given truths. As a result of this inability to follow a strict party line, and because of her willingness to sound more radical than her writings and actions might otherwise bely, Luxemburg has become one of

the martyred saints of 20th-century Marxism and Feminism. Ultimately, she is too complicated to fit neatly in such convenient categories.

The evolution von Trotta traces, carries the budding revolutionary from her initial position as a social democrat to the hardening line that found her embracing a more radical and equally democratic form of Marxism. If the film has a central flaw it lies in the unclear resolution of Luxemburg's polemic struggle with Leninism. Her life's battle was a struggle that sought to define the left's inability after the turn of the century to come to terms with a broad base of democratic socialist party participation in contradistinction to the narrower ideological elitist position favored by some German and Eastern European theorists who believed in party centralization.

It is upon this fulcrum that Barbara Sukowa bases her performance. Sukowa, who garnered 1986's best actress award at the Cannes Film Festival for her role in this film, shades Luxemburg with nuances that underscore the emotional tensions of the woman Luxemburg, in direct contrast to the unflappable confidence the

political Luxemburg exhibits in public speeches and demonstrations. Sukowa's turn is a stunning tour de force that occupies virtually every moment of this two hour film.

There is a tremendous amount of controversy as to who actually sealed Luxemburg's death sentence in 1919 at the hand of the "Freikorps," a volunteer militia comprised of officers of the defeated Imperial German army. The film deliberately steers away from the controversy surrounding the actions of the Social Democrats, the German Communist Party and the German government in power at the time.

What the film does not understate, however, is the personal dilemma of a public figure betrayed in love, betrayed in politics and ultimately betrayed by her colleagues. Through all this disappointment Margarethe von Trotta's "Rosa Luxemburg" remains an idealistic political theorist and party leader whose example and courage is immortalized through a gripping and intellectually visceral film.

"Rosa Luxemburg" will show at the Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty, at 7 pm, Sept. 13-19.

Past and present blur in an otherwise great script

by Len Bradley

Come Back to the Five and Dime Jimmy Dean Jimmy Dean presented and performed at Performance Network is a kind of fun exercise in "come see come saw" nostalgia.

The play opens in a quaint 5 & 10 store in a delightful, expansive old-time hick town in Texas in 1955. But here is where some of the serious trouble begins. As the bizarre abstraction unfolds, the action moves back and forth, spanning twenty years in the lives of seven characters gathered together, and oddly so, to celebrate the memory of the "rebellious rebel without"—star and cult maker, movie idol, Jimmy Dean.

The acting throughout, was no less than brilliant, moving, touching and sensitive, carrying the audience, a full house incidentally, to great, absorbing but confused heights.

In these rambling, disjointed, unclear, poorly executed past and present time slots, I had to do

my damndest to sort out the spectacular talents in this performance. It is assumed that the director David Hunsberger is responsible for the weak limpid lighting cues, intended to suggest the plot we were witnessing was a scene re-enacted. Some of us, writer included, lost the thread of the plot which brings to light; a male transformed to a stiff, but gracious woman; three lead actresses who swear she had Jimmy Dean's child out of wedlock; and a young man placed inaccurately in the plot, sexually assaulted in a local graveyard. Oh yes, and for thrills, a mini-skirted 44" bustline which it seems, turns out to be a complete fake—mastectomy. In any case, above the neck, the actress was worth twice the price of admission.

If only Performance Network had used total blackouts and rearranged the cast in three seconds flat, the same tragedy of the truth coming out by degrees could have remedied the nebulous quality of an otherwise great script.

By the by, unlike "Fine Harvest," the Texas accent was right on, accurately flawless.

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Unless otherwise noted, all events listed in the CALENDAR are free and open to the public (including all committee meetings). Also, all addresses are in Ann Arbor unless otherwise noted.

1 Tuesday

Planning Meeting: Oct. 11 Lesbian/Gay March on Washington Committee. 7:30 pm in Rm. 1209, Michigan Union. Help plan for the upcoming march on Washington DC to demand Lesbian/Gay rights.

"Beer on the Penguin" at the Blind Pig. 208 S. First, call for time and price. 996-8555

2 Wednesday

Meeting: A2MISTAD. 6 pm in Dominicks. 761-7181

Volunteer Orientation Meeting: Women's Crisis Center. 7 to 8:30 pm at WCC, 306 N. Division (Lawrence St. entrance of St. Andrew's Church). Learn about volunteer opportunities and our peer counselor trainings (in mid Sept. and mid Oct.) All women welcome! 761-9475 or 994-9100

Weekly Study Session: Revolutionary Workers League. 7 pm in the Michigan Rm., Michigan Union. Reading and discussion of Trotsky's "Transitional Program for Socialist Revolution." Also discussion of current events from a Marxist perspective.

Holiday Committee Meeting: New Jewish Agenda. 7:30 pm at 1745 Broadview Lane #511. Come plan NJA's celebrations of the Jewish holidays. 994-1428

Meeting: Unitarian Universalist Church Sanctuary Committee. 7:30 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 1917 Washtenaw Ave. 665-6158

Gen. Meeting: Latin American Solidarity Committee (LASC). 8 pm for location check the front desk of the Michigan Union. 665-8438

"Crossed Wire" at the Blind Pig. 208 S. First, call for time and price. 996-8555

3 Thursday

Volunteer Orientation Meeting: Women's Crisis Center. 7 to 8:30 pm (see 2 Wednesday)

CALENDAR

General Meeting: Sister City Task Force. 7:30 to 8:30 pm at First Baptist Church, E. Washington.

Organizing Against Contra Aid: Sister City Task Force. 8:30 to 9:30 pm at First Baptist Church, E. Washington.

"The Layabouts" at the Blind Pig. 208 S. First, call for time and price. 996-8555

4 Friday

Meeting: Earth Festival Planning Committee. 12 noon in the MSA office, 3rd floor of the Michigan Union. 763-3241

Women's Tea: Women's Crisis Center and the U-M Lesbian Programs Office. 5:30 to 7 pm at WCC, 306 N. Division (Lawrence St. entrance of St. Andrew's Church). All women invited. 763-4186 or 994-9100

Opening Reception: 16 Hands. 7 to 10 pm at 119 W. Washington, the show runs through 7 October. "New Mexico Series: Woven/Mixed Media Assemblages" by fiber artist Jill Damon. 761-1110

"Iodine Raincoats" at the Blind Pig. 208 S. First, call for time and price. 996-8555

5 Saturday

George Bedard and "The King Pins" at the Blind Pig. 208 S. First, call for time and price. 996-8555

6 Sunday

Meditation Service: Zen Lotus Society. 5 to 7 pm at the Zen Buddhist Temple, 1214 Packard. Meditation, chanting, a reading and a talk. 761-6520

"Womyn's Nite" at the Blind Pig. 8 pm at 208 S. First. 996-8555

7 Monday

LABOR DAY!

Meeting: Lesbian/Gay Coalition Against Racism. 7 pm in Rm. 2203 of the Michigan Union. To build an anti-racist contingent for the Oct. 11th march. Everyone who agrees with the overall presentation of the demands is welcome. Even if you cannot make the march, your participation is important.

8 Tuesday

Planning Meeting: Women's Crisis Center 5:30 to 7 pm at 306 N. Division (Lawrence St. entrance of St. Andrew's Church). WCC needs help getting volunteers out for our bucket drive and to circulate abortion rights petitions this month. Help plan

making announcements and poster in the community. WCC Coordination meeting follows. 761-9475

Staff Meeting: AGENDA. 7:30 pm at Dominick's, 812 Monroe. Open meeting to evaluate the previous month's paper and plan future editions. 996-8018

Planning Meeting: October 11 Lesbian/Gay March on Washington Committee. 7:30 pm (see 1 Tuesday)

"Meet Your Fellow Grad Students Bash": Graduate Employees Organization (GEO). Call for time and place. All grad students are welcome to this 2nd annual event. Music: "Tracey Lee and the Leonards." Free refreshments 995-0221

"Broken YoYo" at the Blind Pig. 208 S. First, call for time and price. 996-8555

9 Wednesday

Meeting: A2MISTAD. 6 pm (see 2 Wednesday)

Weekly Study Session: Revolutionary Workers League. 7 pm (see 2 Wed.)

AIDS and Public Policy Forum: Gay Liberation. 7 pm at 660 Livernois in Ferndale. IAll people concerned about the erosion of our rights are urged to attend. 763-4186

Meeting: Unitarian Universalist Church Sanctuary Committee. 7:30 pm (see 2 Weds)

Lecture: New Dimensions Study Group. 7:30 pm at Geddes Lake Townhouses Club House, 3000 Lakehaven (off Huron Pkwy, 1/4 mile north of Geddes Rd.). "The New Age Movement Reconsidered in Light of the Harmonic Convergence." 761-7749

"Lyres from Boston" at the Blind Pig. 208 S. First, call for time and price. 996-8555

10 Thursday

Planning Meeting: Anti-Racist Contingent for Oct. 11 Lesbian/Gay March on Washington. 7 pm in Rm. 2203, Michigan Union.

Peer Counselor Training: Women's Crisis Center. 7 to 10 pm at 306 N. Division (Lawrence St. entrance of St. Andrew's Church). The first night of Sept's two weekend training sessions. Learn listening and empathy skills this weekend, crisis intervention and procedures next weekend. Next training begins Oct 15. 761-9475 or 994-9100

"The Difference" at the Blind Pig. 208 S. First, call for time and price. 996-8555

11 Friday

Meeting: Earth Festival Planning Committee. 12 noon (see 4 Friday)

Women's Tea: Women's Crisis Center and the U-M Lesbian Programs Office. 5:30 to 7 pm (see 4 Friday)

Video Viewing: Daniel Sheehan from the Christic Institute talks about the "Secret Team": American Friends Service Committee and MI SANE. 7:30 pm at Friends Meeting House, back entrance, 1420 Hill St. Excellent video on the Christic Institute's investigations of the Iran/Contra scandal and the "Secret Team's" 25 year history of assassination, terrorism and foreign intervention. Approx. 2 hrs. 663-3913

"Tracy Lee and the Leonards" at the Blind Pig. 208 S. First, call for time and price. 996-8555

12 Saturday

"Zen Buddhism in North America": Zen Lotus Society. 7 pm at the Zen Buddhist Temple, 1214 Packard. Introductory talk on Zen Buddhism in North America. 761-6520

"Tracy Lee and the Leonards" at the Blind Pig. 208 S. First, call for time and price. 996-8555

13 Sunday

News and Feature 1st Draft Deadline: AGENDA. Send items to AGENDA, P.O. BOX 3624, Ann Arbor, MI 48106. Call 996-8018 for details about format.

Sunday School Registration: Ann Arbor Jewish Cultural Society. 10 am at the Jewish Community Center, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School). Come meet the teachers and other parents. 665-2825

General Meeting: Wellness Network. 3:30 to 5:30 pm at St. Joe's. Call for directions or other information. 662-6134

Meditation Service: Zen Lotus Society. 5 to 7 pm (see 6 Sunday)

Monthly Meeting: Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament (WAND). Doors open at 7 pm, meeting begins at 7:30 pm at the First Baptist Church, 512 E. Huron. Phyllis LaFarge, author of the book "The Strangelove Legacy" in which she interviews American

children about nuclear issues, will speak on parenting in the nuclear age and how to raise a hopeful child at a time when many children believe they will die in a nuclear war. 761-1718

"Womyn's Nite" at the Blind Pig. 9:30 pm at 208 S. First. Lynn Lavner from N.Y. 996-8555

14 Monday

Jewish Learning Center Registration: Hillel. 9 am to 5 pm today through 18 Friday at the Hillel, 339 E. Liberty. An opportunity to encounter the language, vocabulary and concepts of the Jewish people through mini courses beginning 21 Sept. 663-3336

Business Meeting: AGENDA. 7:30 pm, call for location. 995-2537

Mass Meeting: Hill Street Players. 7:30 pm at the Michigan Union. For those interested in Hillel's student run theatre company. 663-3336

Visiting Professor Lecture Series: U-M Program on Studies in Religion. 8 to 10 pm in Modern Languages Building (MLB) Aud. 3. Wendy Doniger O'Flaherty, Prof. at the Univ. of Chicago, will speak on "Confrontations, Conversions and Conversations: The Challenge of Other People's Myths and Rituals." The entire Lecture Series is titled "Our Roots and The Future: Current Theological Topics." 764-4475

Alex Chilton at the Blind Pig. 208 S. First, call for time and price. 996-8555

15 Tuesday

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Tuesday Receptions: Shaman Drum Bookshop. 4 to 6 pm at Shaman Drum Bookshop, 331 S. State. Book signing and reception for lecturer Wendy Doniger O'Flaherty, author of "The Erotic Ascent," "Karma and Rebirth in Classical Indian Traditions," and "The Origins of Evil in Hindu Mythology." 662-7407

Revolutionary History Series: SPARK. 7 to 8 pm in Rm. 2407 Mason Hall. Tonight's topic is "Socialism: How do we get there?"

Planning Meeting: October 11 Lesbian/Gay March on Washington Committee. 7:30 pm (see 1 Tuesday)

"Keeper of the Forest": People's Food Cooperative Education Committee. 7:30 pm in Rm. 137 Modern Languages Bldg.

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"Dinosaur" at the Blind Pig. 208 S. First, call for time and price. 996-8555

16 Wednesday

Meeting: A2MISTAD. 6 pm (see 2 Wednesday)

Volunteer Crisis Counselor Interviews: SOS Community Crisis Center. 6:30 to 10:30 pm. Screening interviews for prospective volunteer crisis counselors and client advocates for the Oct. training session. Other interview nights will be Sept. 17, 22-24, 28 and 29. 485-8730

Weekly Study Session: Revolutionary Workers League. 7 pm (see 2 Wed.)

Jewish Feminist Group: Hillel. 7:30 pm at the Hillel, 339 E. Liberty. 663-3336

"Images of Change": Vintage to Vogue and Dillon's. 7:30 pm at Savory's Terrace, Holiday Inn, Jackson Rd. A Fall Fashion and Hair Show. Tickets \$10 available at Vintage to Vogue and Dillon's. 665-9110, 996-4144 or 761-4444

Meeting: Unitarian Universalist Church Sanctuary Committee. 7:30 pm (see 2 Wed)

Mental Law Course: School of Metaphysics. 7:30 pm at the School of Metaphysics, 719 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti. Classes teach meditation, dream interpretation, healing, etc. \$8 donation. 482-9600

Meeting: Graduate Employees Organization (GEO). 7:30 pm in the Pond Rm. of the Michigan Union. Election of 5 steering committee members. 995-0221

Panel Discussion: U-M School of Music. 7:30 pm in McIntosh Theatre, School of Music, North Campus. Metropolis/Utopia, an award winning Mexican Dance Theater Company, will participate in an interdisciplinary forum on Latin American grass roots initiatives and performance of "champions." 763-5460

General Meeting: LASC. 8 pm (see 2 Wednesday)

"Second Self" at the Blind Pig. 208 S. First, call for time and price. 996-8555

17 Thursday

Annual Bucket Drive: Women's Crisis Center. 9 am to 6 pm, pick up your bucket at the Michigan Union. Volunteers swing buckets for an hour or two collecting funds to help WCC continue helping women help themselves. Please pitch in and help! 761-9475 or 994-9100

Israel Information: Hillel. 10 am to 5 pm at the Hillel, 339 E. Liberty.

Yafet Ozery, the representative of the Jewish Agency's kibbutz-aliya desk, will answer questions and provide information about a wide variety of programs in Israel. Call for an appointment. 663-3336

Special Meeting: Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament (WAND). 7:30 pm at St. Aidan's/Northside Church, 1679 Broadway. Kate Warner, WAND Co-chair, will speak about her experiences as part of the 2nd Sister City Delegation to Juigalpa. 761-1718

Meeting: Sister City Task Force. 7:30 to 8:30 pm (see 3 Thurs.)

Meeting: Democratic Socialists of America (DSA). 8 pm at Guild House (802 Monroe). 665-5652

Organizing Against Contra Aid: Sister City Task Force. 8:30 to 9:30 pm (see 3 Thursday)

Forum on Press Coverage of Central America: Latin American Solidarity Committee. Call for time and place. Featuring the video "Making the News Fit," a documentary on U.S. press coverage of El Salvador. 665-8438

"Flaming Lips" at the Blind Pig. 208 S. First, call for time and price. 996-8555

18 Friday

Bucket Drive: Women's Crisis Center. 9 am to 6 pm (see 17 Thur.)

Meeting: Earth Festival Planning Comm. 12 noon (see 4 Fri.)

Women's Tea: WCC and the UM Lesbian Programs Office. 5:30 to 7 pm (see 4 Friday)

Monthly Shabbat Potluck: New Jewish Agenda. 7 pm at 115 Spring St. A veggie potluck with entertainment RSVP by 9/16. 761-5324

"Made in Michigan" Film Series: Performance Network and A2 Film Festival. 8 pm at Performance Network, 408 W. Washington. Linda Chapman, Freddi Stevens Jacobi and Pam Leblanc otherwise known as Meridian Films are being introduced with a 20 minute video "Waiting Tables." \$3. 663-0681

"The War at Home": Alternative Action. Call for time and place and cost. A film about the opposition in the U.S. to the Vietnam war. 665-8438

19 Saturday

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Metropolis/Utopia: U of M School of Music. 8 pm at the Power Center. The award winning Mexican Dance Theatre Company, performs "Paraiso" (Paradise). Tickets \$4, \$8, advance purchase at the Michigan League. 763-5460

"Made in Michigan" Film Series: Performance Network



The award winning Mexican Dance Theatre Company, Metropolis/Utopia, performs "Paraiso" (Paradise) 8 pm at the Power Center. See 19 Saturday

and A2 Film Festival. 8 pm at Performance Network, 408 W. Washington. 6 short animation films by accomplished Detroit animator Andrea Gomez. \$3. 663-0681

"Map of the World" at the Blind Pig. 208 S. First, call for time and price. 996-8555

20 Sunday

"Sight-Un-Seen": Oxfam America and WHE-AC. 10 am to 10 pm daily in the Study Lounge of the Michigan Union, runs through 2 October. A photography exhibit of work by 5 photographers giving pictorial testimony to the present day struggle of the Guatemalan people.

Meeting: New Jewish Agenda Central America Interest Group. 11 am, call for place. Judith Elkin will lead a discussion/talk on Jews and anti-Semitism in Central America. 995-5210 or 769-5680

"Made in Michigan" Film Series 1 to 5 pm at Performance Network, 408 W. Washington. Documentary Film Seminar with Linda Chapman, Pam Leblanc, Richard Wieske and Michael Moore. \$12 includes admission to the evening film. 663-0861

Meeting: Progressive Zionist Caucus. 5 pm at the Michigan Union. 663-3336

Meditation Service: Zen Lotus Society. 5 to 7 pm (see 6 Sunday)

"Made in Michigan" Film Series 7 pm at Performance Network, 408 W. Washington. Documentaries: "Waiting Tables," "Courage to Care," "The Making of 'The Sky Is Burning,'" and "Roger and Me: A Humorous Look at How General Motors Destroyed Flint, Michigan," a work in progress by Michael Moore founder of "The Michigan Voice." \$3. 663-0861

Israeli Folk Dancing: Hillel. 7:30 to 10 pm at Hillel, 339 E. Liberty. 1 hour of instruction followed by open dancing. For beginning and advanced students. 663-3336

Mass Meeting: Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry. 8 pm at the Michigan Union. 663-3336

Ernesto Cardenal Poems Set to Music: LASC. Call for info. Poems by the Nicaraguan Minister of Culture, set to music by David Vayo, a local musician. 665-8438

21 Monday

Debate on U.S. Policy in Latin America: LASC and Committee for Democracy in Latin America (CDLA). 7:30 pm in Rackham Aud. Panel members are Rev. Bill Davis and Sarah Nelson from the Christic Institute, representing LASC; representing CDLA are Penn Kemble, president of PRODEMCA and Ronald Radosh, historian. 665-8438

Visiting Professor Lecture Series: U-M Program on Studies in Religion. 8 to 10 pm in Modern Languages Building (MLB) Aud. 3. Lecturer: Ram Dass. 764-4475

"Screaming Trees" at the Blind Pig. 208 S. First, call for time and price. 996-8555

22 Tuesday

Tuesday Receptions: Shaman Drum Bookshop. 4 to 6 pm at Shaman Drum Bookshop, 331 S. State. Book signing and reception for lecturer and author Ram Dass. 662-7407

Revolutionary History Series: SPARK. 7 to 8 pm in Rm. 2407 Mason Hall. Tonight's topic is "Primitive societies and the question of human nature."

Planning Meeting: Oct. 11 Lesbian/Gay March on Washington Committee. 7:30 pm (see 1 Tuesday)

Latest Findings in the Iran-Contra Scandal: LASC and Rackham Student Govt. 8 pm in Rackham Amphitheater. Sarah Nelson, executive director of the Christic Institute and Rev. Bill Davis, a Christic Institute affiliated researcher will discuss the progress of lawsuit filed on behalf of 2 journalists injured in the La Penca bombing. 665-8438

"The Ben Vaughn Combo" at the Blind Pig. 208 S. First, call for time and price. 996-8555

23 Wednesday

Abortion Rights Petition Drive: Women's Crisis Center. 11:30 am to 2 pm at the Michigan Union. Support women's right to safe abortions. Signatures needed for Nov. '88 election referendum to reject 1987 Public Act 59 which prohibits certain tax-funded welfare abortions. 761-9475 or 994-9100

Salvadoran Dinner: LASC. 6 pm at the First Congregational Church, William and State. A delicious dinner cooked by the Celayas, followed by a discussion of their experiences in El Salvador. \$2. 665-8438

Meeting: A2MISTAD. 6 pm (see 2 Wednesday)

Community Workshop on Women and Domestic Violence: Women's Crisis Center. 7 to 9 pm at WCC, 306 N. Division (Lawrence St. entrance of St. Andrew's Church). Discussion of issues abused women face. Crisis intervention workers and community women welcome. 994-9100 or 761-9475

Weekly Study Session: Revolutionary Workers League. 7 pm (see 2 Wed.)

Lecture: New Dimensions Study Group. 7:30 pm at Geddes Lake Townhouses Club House, 3000 Lakehaven. "Zen and the Art of Teaching," featuring Dr. Robert Kraft, Professor of English and Director of the EMU Faculty Center for Instructional Effectiveness. 761-7749

Meeting: Unitarian Universalist Church Sanctuary Committee. 7:30 pm (see 2 Wed)

Rosh Hashanah: Ann Arbor Jewish Cultural Society. 7:30 pm at the Regency Room of the Campus Inn. Poetry, music, readings and meditations, concluding with wine and honey cakes. Cost for non-members is \$8 for individuals or \$20 for a household. 665-2825

General Meeting: LASC. 8 pm (see 2 Wednesday)

Rosh Hashanah: New Jewish Agenda. At press time our celebrations were being planned. Have a good and sweet year. For details call 994-1428 or 662-9217

"Frank Allison and the Odd Sox" at the Blind Pig. 208 S. First, call for time and price. 996-8555

24 Thursday

"Geographic Information Systems" to Natural Resources Management": U-M School of Natural Resources. 2 pm call for location. A lecture by Prof. Gary Smith of the University of Vermont. 763-1577

"Film Screening on The New Alchemy Institute, Massachusetts": U-M School of Natural Resources. 4 pm, call for location. A demonstration community farm and laboratory that uses integrated resource management methods of solar energy, wind power, rotating crops, self-contained water-

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Meeting: Sister City Task Force. 7:30 to 8:30 pm (see 3 Thur.)

Organizing Against Contra Aid: Sister City Task Force. 8:30 to 9:30 pm (see 3 Thursday)

"Before or After" at the Blind Pig. 208 S. First, call for time and price. 996-8555

25 Friday

Earth Festival Planning Comm. 12 noon (see 4 Fri.)

"Creating a Sustainable Society: The New Ecology": U-M School of Natural Resources. 4 pm, call for location. Talk by Dr. John Todd, co-founder of The New Alchemy Institute and president of Ocean Arks International. 763-1577

Women's Tea: Women's Crisis Center and the UM Lesbian Programs Office. 5:30 to 7 pm (see 4 Friday)

"Tapping the Subconscious: How Artists Use the Subconscious Mind": School of Metaphysics. 8 pm at the art gallery called "111 ART," 111 Third St. A rap session will follow the lecture by Mary Griffin, Dir. of the Ypsi branch of the nationwide School of Metaphysics. 482-9600

"Baroque Goes Modern": People Dancing. 8 pm at Lydia Mendelssohn Theater. A concert of

innovative and adventurous modern dance set to Baroque music. Tickets \$8, \$10, \$12, available at First Position Dancewear, SKR Classical and at the door. Student and senior discounts of \$1 available. 996-5968

Reggae Nite at the Blind Pig. 208 S. First, call for time and price. "The King David Band." 996-8555

26 Saturday

Film Animation Workshop: Performance Network and A2 Film Festival. 10 am to 5 pm at Performance Network, 408 W. Washington. Accomplished animator Andrea Gomez will teach traditional film animation for participants with any level of experience in the field. \$45, does not include film and processing. Registration begins 1 Sept. 663-0681

Earth Festival '87: Earth Festival Planning Comm., Mich. Student Assembly and Community Groups. Starts at 12 noon at U-M Diag and Palmer Field, (Hoover and Division). 6 hour music festival at Palmer Field, over 30 workshops, dance troupes, seminars and free food. Local, state and global environmental issues will be covered. 663-3913 or 763-3241

ESP Test Night/3rd Eye Auction: School of Metaphysics. 7 pm at the School of Metaphysics, 719 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti. An evening of ESP testing, psychic videos, mind games, a dream interpretation rap session and other kinds of fun. Donations. 482-9600

"Baroque Goes Modern": People Dancing. 8 pm (see 25 Friday)

"Domino" at the Blind Pig. 208 S. First, call for time and price. 996-8555

27 Sunday

Film Animation Workshop: Performance Network and A2 Film Festival. 10 am to 5 pm (see 26 Saturday)

"Leslie Science Center's Harvest Festival": Project Grow and the A2 Parks Dept. 1 to 4 pm at Leslie Science Center, 1831 Traver Road. Nature walk, hay jump, applehead doll making, demonstration beehives, basketweaving, and workshops in dried flowers, edible wild plants, toxic plants, and household toxic products. Also home gardeners may donate their excess produce to local soup kitchens, so bring your bounty. 996-3169

Meditation Service: Zen Lotus Society. 5 to 7 pm (see 6 Sunday)

Israeli Folk Dancing: Hillel. 7:30 to 10 pm (see 20 Sunday)

"Womyn's Nite" at the Blind Pig. 7:30 pm at 208 S. First. Lynda Sheets Indiana Blues Show. 996-8555

28 Monday

Volunteer Orientation Meeting: Women's Crisis Center. 3 to 4:30 pm (see 2 Wednesday)

American Pictures: Poverty & Racism in America: Hillel. 6 pm in Rackham Auditorium. One man's personal journey through the country most of America prefers not to know. Multi-media show with over 3000 slides, & interviews. 663-3336

Organizational Meeting: Neighbors for Peace in Central America. 8 pm call for place. Planning for future house meetings in Southeastern Michigan. 662-6704 or 662-5562

Visiting Professor Lecture Series: U of M Program on Studies in Religion. 8 to 10 pm in Modern Languages Building (MLB) Aud. 3. David Steindl-Rast, from Immaculate Heart Monastery, will talk on "The Original Message of Jesus and the Great Concerns of Our Time: Exploring the Relationship." 764-4475

"Cult Heroes" at the Blind Pig. 208 S. First, call for time and price. 996-8555

29 Tuesday

Tuesday Receptions: Shaman Drum Bookshop. 4 to 6 pm at Shaman Drum Bookshop, 331 S. State. Book signing and reception for lecturer David Steindl-Rast, author of "A Listening Heart: The Art of Contemplative Living and Gratefulness" and "The Heart of Prayer: An Approach to Life in Fulness." 662-7407

Revolutionary History Series: SPARK. 7 to 8 pm in Room 2407 Mason Hall. Tonight's topic is "The Chartist movement in England: the first organized struggle of the working class."

Rent Stabilization Public Meeting: Ann Arbor Citizens for Fair Rents. 7:30 pm in Community High School Aud., 401 N. Division. Mass public meeting to start our rent stabilization campaign. Get petitions, join committees, learn about the issue. 665-5950

Planning Meeting: October 11 Lesbian/Gay March on Washington Committee. 7:30 pm (see 1 Tuesday)

"Rhetoric" at the Blind Pig. 208 S. First, call for time and price. 996-8555

30 Wednesday

Meeting: A2MISTAD. 6 pm (see 2 Wed.)

Weekly Study Session: Revolutionary Workers League. 7 pm (see 2 Wed.)

Meeting: Unitarian Universalist Church Sanctuary Committee. 7:30 pm (see 2 Wed.)

General Meeting: LASC. 8 pm (see 2 Wed.)

The Bros. Delaney present Jam Nite II at the Blind Pig. 208 S. First, call for time and price. 996-8555

COMMUNITY RESOURCE DIRECTORY

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CURRENT NEWS: During August we assessed our overall financial situation. Under present circumstances, AGENDA will not be able to continue publishing past December unless we start receiving more financial support from the community. Included in this issue are graphs representing our 1987 financial history (see page 23) and projected income figures. We are taking several steps to increase our revenues. If we can turn things around by December we will be able to continue our operations. The following discussion elaborates on certain aspects of the graphs.

Subscriptions and Donations: Thanks to all who have supported AGENDA with subscriptions and donations. We need many more subscribers. If you have been picking up the paper for free please consider that there is a substantial cost behind each issue. If you think the paper supports the community why not

support the paper? The free circulation is to educate and provide information not usually available to a wider audience than the activist community (as well as to satisfy advertisers). If you pick the paper up regularly and want to see the paper continue to provide an alternative forum to The News, please subscribe.

Advertising: We initially expected one-half of our revenues to be generated by the community through subscriptions, especially from Community Resource Directory (CRD) group members. After one and a half years of publication, advertising revenues are the main source of revenue for AGENDA. With this in mind we are working hard to maintain and develop display advertising accounts. Please support the businesses who advertise in AGENDA. And encourage the businesses you support to advertise with us!

Our "declassified" advertising section was established this summer. Use it to buy, sell, barter, or in other ways that seems appropriate. Your support in this area is greatly appreciated.

Community Resource Directory (CRD): Each month a substantial amount of space is reserved for the CRD. One year ago we suggested that groups listed in the CRD contribute 1/2 cent per character to help defray the cost of this space. We are very grateful to all groups who have generously responded to this request. However, because current costs are not being met, we are changing the CRD policy. Participating groups will now be

required to pay \$15 per 2000 characters (check at the end of your current entry for an idea of how long this is) and 1 cent for each additional character.

Other guidelines remain the same: the deadline is the 19th and each month three-quarters of the listing must be new material. Groups will be billed for payment at the beginning of the month of publication. If you feel your budget will restrict your participation in the CRD, please contact us. See this space for any further changes. A letter will be sent to all past participants in the CRD to further explain this change.

BUSINESS MEETINGS: In response to our current financial situation we have established a business department. Business meetings will be held the second Monday of every month; see Calendar for details. Please join us, especially anyone with related experience! In addition, we would like to find a business intern to work with us; school credit can be arranged. Call 996-8018.

INTERNS: AGENDA is seeking student interns to work with all aspects of the paper, especially community relations. School credit can be arranged. Call 996-8018.

GRAFFITI EDITOR'S NOTE: The Graffiti section welcomes news, views and comment pertaining to the arts, entertainment, publications or activities of interest to our readership. To make suggestions or submissions, write AGENDA or phone 996-0835.

ENVIRONMENT

Ecology Center of Ann Arbor
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PURPOSE: The Ecology Center of Ann Arbor is committed to environmental advocacy and education. We provide recycling services (curbside pickup and a recycling station) and free home weatherization visits to residents who qualify under low-income guidelines. We also have a library that is open to the public on weekday afternoons and on Sat. from 9:30 am to 1 pm.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES: Ecology Month is really the month of October. But you'll notice, if you look at the AGENDA calendar toward the end of the month, that Ecology Month has slipped over the boundaries a little. So now we have Ecology Fall. What's next? Ecology Year!

Seriously, at the end of Sept. there are a lot of exciting events, including the Leslie Science Center Harvest Festival (which is great for kids, too) and the speakers and films from the New Alchemy Institute. The New Alchemy Institute is devoted to researching appropriate technology and renewable energy. Their demonstration community/farm uses all kinds of appropriate technology, and is worth learning about.

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CURRENT NEWS: Oral written, and physical attacks on lesbians and gay men continue to be perpetuated in the Ann Arbor area: for example, a gay man was recently assaulted on S. Main Street. Persons who are victims of harassment or assault are urged to report the incident to the U-M Lesbian-Gay Male Programs Office at 763-4186 and to the Ann Arbor Police Department.

These acts of hatred should not surprise us: the linking of AIDS with homosexuality, a simplistic generalization, has resulted in an ever-increasing incidence of violence against persons known or presumed to be lesbians or gay men. And, not surprisingly, these manifestations of homophobia find covert if not direct support in

the anti-homosexual diatribes pronounced by right-wing demagogues and Fundamentalist religious leaders.

In the Michigan political arena, legislators continue to propose bills ostensibly created to contain the spread of AIDS. This legislation often threatens the rights of lesbians and gay men. A forum to discuss AIDS and public policy will be held Wed., Sept. 9 at 7 pm at 660 Livernois in Ferndale. All people concerned about the erosion of our rights are urged to attend.

At the national level, we need to oppose the nomination of Robert Bork to the U.S. Supreme Court. Jeffrey Levi, Director of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force, has stated, "Judge Bork has proven himself to be a biased ideologue. His nomination betrays the American tradition of fundamental fairness and equal protection under the law for diverse minorities."

Bork wrote a decision upholding the discharge of a gay naval officer (Dronenberg v. Zech). He also, in an opinion anticipating the Supreme Court's stand in Bowers v. Hardwick, declared that the right to privacy does not encompass private consensual homosexual behavior.

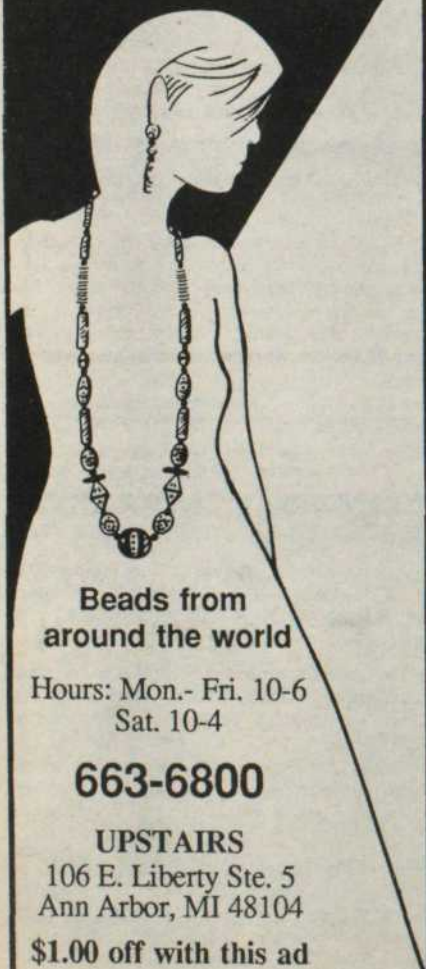
If the chilly Sept. nights are reminding you of winter's high heating bills, go ahead—save 20% on your heating bills. How? The Ecology Center has a Home Energy Works program that does home visits, providing energy education and weatherization materials. Free to those who are income-eligible, available for a charge for those who are not. The average savings after a visit are 20%—permanently. Call 761-3186 for more information: it's one of the best bargains in town.

Are you interested in recycling? Monthly curbside recycling service is available to all single-family residences in Ann Arbor; also, a recycling station is open at 2050 S. Industrial, Fri. and Sat., 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. For more information, call 665-6398. (1958)

Please write to your senators opposing this nomination. Address: U.S. Senate, Washington DC 20510. The NGTLF would welcome copies of your letter: send them to NGLTF, 1517 U St. NW, Washington DC 20009.

PURPOSE: To provide information, counseling and related social services for people concerned about sexual orientation: (1) maintain Hotline for crisis intervention, peer counseling, referral; (2) help provide factual information to offset prejudice and misinformation about lesbians and gay men; (3) work to obtain human and civil rights for all, regardless of sexual orientation; (4) help lesbian and gay men's groups organize; (5) link to other community groups.

MEETINGS vary according to purpose; we do most of our work in subcommittees: Counseling, Groupwork, Education, Civil Rights. Call for time and place. Our group includes U-M students, staff, and faculty, and people from the larger community. We have a

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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 Organizing:** Information and help on organizing groups, setting goals and objectives, addressing conflict, linking to other groups and resources. (3712)

Lesbian/Gay Coalition Against Racism

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BACKGROUND: On Oct. 11 hundreds of thousands of lesbians, gay men, and their supporters will be marching in the streets of Washington, D.C. to demand civil rights and equality. The march promises to be one of the largest national marches ever and comes at a time of great urgency in the struggle for lesbian/gay rights.

Anti-gay violence is on the rise in a reactionary political climate created by homophobic legislation and judicial decisions, and AIDS continues to kill thousands in the U.S., Africa, the Caribbean, Europe and elsewhere. The lesbian/gay movement must reevaluate its demands, strategies, and tactics in the face of these threats.

The lesbian/gay movement needs a fundamental political redirection. The key to this is linking together the struggles of workers and oppressed people in a militant fight against capitalism. Only such a struggle can win lesbian/gay liberation.

To this end, the Lesbian/Gay Coalition against Racism (LGCAR) is working to build an antiracist contingent at the Oct. 11 march, based on the seven demands listed below. The demands were adopted by the International Lesbian/Gay People of Color Conference (ILGPPC) held in Los Angeles, Nov. 21-24 in 1986:

1. Fight racism, sexism, and lesbian/gay oppression. 2. Massive funding for AIDS/ARC research, treatment, and support services under the control of workers, people with AIDS/ARC, and the lesbian/gay, black and people of color

communities! 3. Defend and expand reproductive rights. Free abortion and contraception on demand! 4. Build defense guards linking the lesbian/gay and people of color communities to the unions to fight police brutality and racist and anti-lesbian/gay violence! 5. Government out of the bedroom. No state regulation of sex. 6. Break with the Republicans and Democrats. Build a workers' party based on unions and organizations of the oppressed! 7. Stop U.S. intervention in southern Africa, Central America, and the Middle East!

MEETINGS: We're meeting Mon., Sept. 7, at 7 pm LGCAR in room 2203 of the Michigan Union to build an antiracist contingent based on the ILGPPC slogans at the Oct. 11th march. Everyone who agrees with the overall presentation of the demands is welcome. Even if you cannot make the march, your participation is important. Future meetings will be announced. (2394)

HEALTH ISSUES**Wellness Network, Inc.—Huron Valley**

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

CURRENT NEWS: The Washtenaw County Public Health Department started out 1987 by making AIDS one of its major priorities, and the department has been following through. Of the staff of nearly 100, seven staff members (some part-time) devote nearly all of their time to work on AIDS and AIDS prevention, and another 12 staff members deal regularly with facets of the HIV epidemic. A focus on AIDS prevention is also integral to two of the department's other goals: prevention of infant mortality and improved adolescent health. Dr. John Atwater, the Health Officer for the county, his staff, and the county board of commissioners for whom they work are all to be congratulated. But the effort is necessary: of the 377 Michigan AIDS cases (239 of whom are dead), 17 have been reported in this county, and more are expected.

There are three county programs of interest to

the general public, according to Cynthia Wrentmore, the county infectious disease nurse. First, the anonymous HIV testing program. This program is aimed at people who have engaged in high-risk behaviors. Three groups are important here: men who have sex with other men; people who use intravenous drugs; and people who have had sexual contact with members of the first two groups. The test, which detects antibodies to the virus (not the disease), is also available to those who had transfusions during the period when parts of the blood supply in this country were contaminated; the broadest range for this period would be from 1977 to May 1985. The test is available by appointment only (485-2181).

A second program, Nurseline, is a service which allows people to ask public-health nurses questions about health care (8:30 am to 5:30 pm, weekdays; 971-3993). The third program involves educational programming and is available to any group interested in information about AIDS and related problems (also 971-3993).

County health officials are also working in

some related areas. They are looking for ways to prevent infection in the IV-drug-using population and to provide better medical care (including Methadone) to pregnant women in that group. Information about AIDS is also part of the general education programs for the schools.

The State of Michigan Public Health Department has a Special Office on AIDS Prevention (SOAP). It is that office that funds the county's testing program and arranges training for its staff. SOAP also supports some of the programs of Wellness Networks, Inc., in Detroit and Flint as well as in the Huron Valley.

ACTIVITIES: We will be having a training session in late Sept. or early Oct.; this two-day session is required for those who want to work as buddies or visiting patients in hospitals or in any of the many activities we facilitate. Call for details.

MEETINGS: General meetings are held the second Sunday of every month and are open to all. Next meeting will be held on Sept. 13th, 3:30 to 5:30 pm at St. Joe's. Call for directions or other information. (3060)

HOUSING**Ann Arbor Citizens for Fair Rents**

619 W. Summit #2
Ann Arbor, MI 48103
665-5950

PURPOSE: Ann Arbor Citizens for Fair Rents exists specifically to place a rent stabilization ordinance on the city election ballot for April 1988. The group formed in reaction to the unreasonable rent increases experienced by Ann Arbor tenants.

We will be circulating petitions to place the ordinance on the ballot.

CURRENT NEWS: The final draft of the rent stabilization ordinance should be completed as AGENDA goes to print. Major provisions include: automatic rent increases linked to landlord cost increases, creation of a city-appointed rent stabilization board to determine if further rent increases for capital improvements or landlord

hardship are justified, and requirements that rent increases be contingent on landlord compliance with city building codes.

We will have a mass public meeting on Tues., Sept. 29 at 7:30 pm. We will meet in the auditorium at Community High School, 401 N. Division (wheelchair accessible, parking off of 5th Ave.). We will begin circulating the petitions to gather the 5000 signatures needed. Committees are already working hard in the areas of publicity, fundraising, voter registration, and education. Call us if you have questions or would like to help. (1290)

HUMAN RIGHTS**November 29th Committee for Palestine (N29)**

4203 Michigan Union
Ann Arbor, MI 48109

BACKGROUND: N29 is a national activist organization that organizes both American and Arab people who want to work for the just and unalienable rights of the Palestinian people to an independent state of their own with the right to determine their own leadership. N29 recognizes the fact that the Palestinian people have chosen the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) as their "government in exile," and thus, works to educate Americans about the PLO and the aspirations of the Palestinian people. Our organization has gradually grown to over 30 chapters in most major U.S. cities and campuses, with headquarters located in San Francisco. We are a Non-Governmental Organization in the U.N., which is a direct result of our determination to build an effective solidarity network with other progressive organizations throughout the U.S.

MEMBERSHIP & MEETINGS: Our first mass meeting will take place after the first week of school. Stop by our office or look for ads in local newspapers. Interested people should always leave their name, address, and phone number at our office. We do not discriminate in any way; we only ask that you agree to uphold our bylaws.

Membership fees are \$10 per semester. Our first event will be to work at the Sept. Ethnic Fair in Ann Arbor. We are anticipating a busy year due to recent national and international events.

* **NEWS FROM PALESTINE:** "Children in Israeli Military Prisons" is a report about Israeli violations of Palestinian children's human rights during imprisonment and interrogation. The report includes testimonies from eighteen children in the occupied territories seen as representative of hundreds of young children aged ten to fourteen and tens of thousands of older children and young adults aged fifteen to seventeen. These children, according to the report, have all been subjected to systematic humiliation, beatings and torture during the course of interrogation and imprisonment; all are denied full due process of law. The purpose of the report, researched and written by Reverend Canon Riah Abu al-Assal, pastor of Christ Evangelical Episcopal Church in Nazareth and three American researchers, is to inform and show human rights institutions all over the world how Israeli authorities violate basic human and legal rights for Palestinian minors during their imprisonment.

Israel recently announced that it is easing restrictions on Arab-Americans arriving at its points of entry. The announcement came follow-

ing increased complaints by Arab-Americans of unnecessary Israeli harassment at Tel Aviv Airport and the Allenby Bridge crossing at the Jordan River. Visitors coming across the bridge face more harassment than at the airport. Bridge visitors get body searches and are sometimes required to strip, in addition to waiting several hours while detailed searches through personal belongings are conducted. The U.S. threatened to issue a travel advisory if the Israelis continued their humiliation of Arab-Americans visiting the occupied territories.

Israeli leaders have decided to boycott NBC-TV by not granting interviews to the network. The decision came following NBC's July 1 broadcast of a documentary about the West Bank entitled, "Israel 20 Years After: A Dying Dream." NBC said they were proud of their documentary because it represents a strong look at what life is like on the West Bank. NBC President, Lawrence Grossman, described the Israeli decision as "an attempt to extend Israeli censorship to the U.S. (media)." * compiled from "Al-Fajr Jerusalem Weekly." (3614)

United Coalition Against Racism (UCAR)

3909 Michigan Union
Ann Arbor, MI 48109

UCAR's fall program for combatting racism: In April, after a series of racist incidents and the re-emergence of a militant anti-racist movement focused national media attention upon U-M's campus, the University Administration made a number of promises to combat campus racism. Four months later, after the television cameras and reporters have gone, it is questionable how sincere those promises were. When President Shapiro joined the Rev. Jesse Jackson in speaking to a crowd of over 5,000 at Hill Auditorium in April, it seems the President was more concerned with quieting student protest than actually combatting the problem of racism. Of UCAR's original twelve demands only two were met, and those were not without compromises. In the upcoming year, we plan to reassert our ten remaining demands and launch a year-long campaign to see that they are all seriously addressed.

The 2 demands that were met were: 1) An honorary degree for imprisoned South African Leader Nelson Mandela, who received the degree in absentia after a two-year campaign led by the Free South Africa Coordinating Committee. 2) A vice provost and office of Minority Affairs with a supervisory commission elected by the Minority campus community. The second half of this was entirely too democratic to even be considered. Therefore, the new Provost will be augmented by a hand-picked "advisory" committee with minimal student representation.

The remaining, unmet demands:

3) Substantially increase Black enrollment and retention. **Status:** The University has not met this demand but rather made yet another promise by expressing its "aspiration" to 12% Black enrollment (comparable to the proportion of the Black population). There have been many goals and promises on this issue for the past 17 years and little action. We simply refuse to believe that there are only 1,800 Black students in the entire country "good" enough to attend the University.

4) Creation of a Financial Aid Appeals Board so that no student is excluded from U-M for economic reasons. **Status:** The University initially expressed willingness to consider such a proposal but has not pursued it. Since Blacks have historically and continue to have fewer economic resources as a group than their White counterparts, this problem affects us most sharply. The Board would provide a "safety net" to address the problem of Minority enrollment and retention.

5) Mandatory workshop on racism for all incoming students. **Status:** Initially the University expressed willingness to incorporate such a workshop into orientation. This summer, instead of a workshop,

administrators agreed to 15-minute, heavily censored presentation on "diversity."

6) Orientation workshop for incoming Minority students. **Status:** There was an annual Minority welcome this year but no further talk of an expanded session.

7) Tuition waivers for under-represented and economically disadvantaged Minority students. **Status:** The University has rejected this demand reaffirming that education is not a right but a privilege. Many poor Minority high school students do not even apply to U-M because the high tuition cost is prohibitive, especially for out of state students. A waivers system for low-income Minorities would not only make the campus more diverse racially and culturally, but would open it up to more working class students as well.

8) A Minority lounge and office in the Michigan Union. **Status:** A centrally located office of this sort is desperately needed. Students of color feel like a "minority" in absolutely every place on campus, the libraries, the MUG, the classroom, and the dorms. Even the Black sororities and fraternities do not have houses of their own.

9) A required course on Racism and Diversity for all University Students. **Status:** The University has rejected this demand. UCAR intends to mobilize faculty and TA support over the coming year.

10) Full, public and immediate investigation of all reported incidents of racial harassment and a publicized mechanism for reporting such incidents. **Status:** This demand has been partially but inadequately met. The University conducted investigations of several incidents and phone numbers have been posted regarding where to report racist incidents. However, the University has refused to make the details of its completed investigations public. We all have a right to know exactly what racist incidents are taking place on campus, who is involved in them and what the administration is doing about it.

11) Full observance of the Martin Luther King Holiday including closing the University. **Status:** This demand has been rejected. Although a number of programs in honor of Dr. King were held last year, some of these were poorly attended because classes and work commitments prevented many from attending.

12) The immediate removal of all perpetrators of racist incidents from the dorms. **Status:** Those who make racist threats and otherwise persecute and harass Minority students have demonstrated their inability to live in an integrated setting.

MEETINGS: Our first major meeting of the term will be Tues., Sept. 15, in the Michigan Union. All campus and community supporters are welcome. In addition to our campus demands UCAR hopes to join with members of the Ann Arbor community, especially the Black community, to support anti-racist struggles there as well.

LABOR

Graduate Employees Organization (GEO)

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

PURPOSE: GEO is affiliated with the American Federation of Teachers/Michigan Federation of Teachers Local #3550. GEO's 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. GEO also 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.

MEETINGS: There are three membership meetings held each term. Although the Winter schedule has not been determined yet, the Fall meetings are as following: Wed., Sept. 16, 7:30 pm in the Pond Rm. of the Michigan Union; Wed., Oct. 21, 7:30 pm in the Pond Room; Thur., Dec. 3, time and place to be announced. Announcements for meetings will be posted in GEO bulletins boards and listed in the "University Record" ten days prior to the meetings.

CURRENT NEWS: Office Hours (until Sept. 10) are 1 pm to 4 pm Mon., Wed., and Friday. The main item of business at the Sept. 16 membership meeting will be the election of five steering committee members.

GEO is holding its second "Meet Your Fellow Grad Students Bash" on Sept. 8th. Details about time and place have yet to be worked out. Keep an eye out for flyers and an announcement in the newsletter. All grad students are welcomed. Music will be provided by the incomparable "Tracey Lee and the Leonards." Free refreshments will be provided. Come dance your legs off!

The GEO recently won a grievance from the U-M Econ. Dept. where a TA gained a significant amount of back pay for working more hours than established upon initial employment. Crucial to this victory was the TAs keeping of his hourly logbook, and all TAs are recommend to pick one up at the GEO office and maintain it throughout the term.

The GEO has been awarded \$45,000 from the Duderstadt Initiative to establish and operate a Sensitivity Training workshop. Scant details indicate that volunteers will be paid for their participation. For more details contact Katherine Tate (747-3671), Dan Schafer (761-1021), GEO and keep an eye on the GEO Newsletters. (2402)

LATIN AMERICA

See page 11 for information about the following organizations:

A2MISTAD Construction Brigade, c/o Guild House, 802 Monroe, Ann Arbor MI 48104, 761-7181

Latin American Solidarity Committee, 4120 Michigan Union, Ann Arbor, MI 48109, 665-8438

Neighbor to Neighbor Action Fund, 4120 Michigan Union, Ann Arbor, MI 48109, 994-5680

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Ypsilanti, MI 48198

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HOUSING HELPLINE: 485-0500

CURRENT NEWS: Beginning Sept. 16, SOS Community Crisis Center will be conducting screening interviews for prospective volunteer crisis counselors and client advocates for the October training session. Other interview nights will be Sept. 17, 22-24, 28 and 29 from 6:30 to 10:30 pm. Call Andy Burt at 485-8730 for more information.

In cooperation with the Ann Arbor Apartment Association, SOS conducted a seven-session Renter Education Program for low-income individuals currently looking for affordable housing. Five participants completed the PROJECT 100 program and were awarded certificates. Apartment owners have agreed to make more units available to low-income individuals who complete the renter education program, though no guarantees of housing are made to

the program's participants.

Another pilot PROJECT 100 program will begin Sept. 10 with meetings on Tues. and Thurs. evenings. Transportation and childcare are included in the free program. For more information call Laura Nichols or Kris Hoppe at 485-8730 daytime hours.

SOS, Parish Partnerships, Ann Arbor Area 2000 and other community organizations are sponsoring a legislative forum on affordable housing on Fri., Oct. 23 from 9 am to noon. Federal and state legislators and regents from the U-M and EMU are being invited to come and hear how legislative policies are affecting the development of and access to affordable housing in the community. Developers, realtors, apartment owners, county and city government and agency representatives, human service agency representatives, tenants rights advocates, consumers and concerned citizens will express their viewpoints. The legislators and regents will have time to respond and to highlight future policy plans which may affect the affordable housing crisis locally. The public is invited to attend.

BACKGROUND: The SOS Community Crisis Center provides free direct services and referrals 24-hours a day, 365 days a year, to any Washtenaw County resident. In an informal atmosphere, volunteer crisis counselors listen and empathize with clients, help individuals to problem-solve, and give appropriate referrals and information.

COMMUNITY SERVICES: Telephone and Walk-in Crisis Counseling: Trained volunteer crisis counselors staff

the center 24-hours a day, 365 days a year. **Client Advocacy:** Volunteers provide follow-up referral and advocacy with other agencies for clients who have basic needs, such as food, housing, medical treatment, utilities, etc. **Suicide Prevention:** A group of highly trained volunteers is available 24-hours a day to respond in person to suicide and drug overdose situations. **Short-term Counseling:** Volunteers provide free counseling for 6-8 weeks to clients who have short-term counseling needs or who are on a waiting list for low-cost, longer term counseling with another agency. **Food Pantry:** Through the United Way's Huron Harvest Food Bank, SOS distributes food bags every day until 7 pm. Clients are assessed in person and may receive food from SOS 3 times a year. Government surplus cheese is distributed monthly at SOS. An updated Cheese Hotline informs the community of government commodity distributions in the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti area. **Emergency Shelter:** SOS provides shelter on an emergency basis to individuals and families. **Housing Helpline:** Housing resources information, including an updated listing of low-income housing and community agency money which may be available for move-in expenses, is available through the housing hotline which is staffed Mon., Tues. and Fri. from 9 am to 2 pm. **Speakers Bureau:** Volunteers and staff are available for talks and workshops on affordable housing, teen suicide and crisis intervention. A videotape (VCR) on hunger problems in Washtenaw County is also available. **Volunteer Training:** A 65-hour, free training program for crisis counselors is provided three times a year—Oct., Feb., and June. (4098)

PEACE & DISARMAMENT

Ann Arbor War Tax Dissidents/Peace Tax Fund

Mary Lou Kerwin
1427 Broadway
662-2838

PURPOSE: To provide an alternative for those who in conscience are opposed to their tax money being used for destructive military purposes. To provide information on the Peace

Tax Fund Bill, which is expected to go to committee in Congress in early 1988, and which will give a legal solution to this moral dilemma.

MEETINGS: To be announced. Join us in Sept. for an exploration of how defense dollars could be used as a peaceful alternative in Higher education. Date and speaker to be announced. Please call Mary Lou Kerwin (eve: 662-2838, or days: 973-1155) for further details. (680)

Michigan SANE

1416 Hill
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
663-3913

PURPOSE: SANE is a 30 year old national citizen's lobby, with a membership of over 150,000. SANE's three main goals are 1) reversal of the nuclear weapons race; 2) redirection of the bloated military budget; 3) an end to U.S. military intervention abroad.

CURRENT LEGISLATIVE FOCUS: 1) Comprehensive ban on the testing of nuclear

weapons, currently facing a filibuster in the Senate. 2) An end to the funding of the contras, a vote is expected possibly as early as Sept. 30. 3) Forcing the administration to abide by the Salt I and Salt II treaties. 4) Eliminating Star Wars funding.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES: Michigan SANE canvasses door to door to educate, organize and fundraise. We participate in the 2nd District Coalition on Arms Control, and in Ann Arbor's Sister City Project. We are coordinating a computerized rapid response network to aid several local groups with legislative alerts. We have recently helped organize the Michigan

Peace March festival in Ann Arbor and we would like to recognize and thank Cynthia Wenzel for her tremendous efforts. SANE is cooperating with other local groups in organizing two local events:

1) On Friday, Sept. 11, at 7:30 pm in the Friends Meeting House (1420 Hill) SANE and American Friends Service Committee will show a video prepared by the Christic Institute, which features their Chief Counsel, Daniel Sheehan. This is a good opportunity to hear more about the allegations of government sponsored gun running, drug smuggling and assassination which were summarized recently in AGENDA.

2) All day Sat., Sept. 26 at the diag and

Palmer Field SANE is working with Michigan Student Assembly (MSA) and other community groups on Earth Festival '87, an all day free earth celebration. The event will feature a six-hour free music festival at Palmer Field beginning at noon, and over 30 workshops, speakers, dance troupes and free food at the diag. We hope to see you there!

SUGGESTED ACTIONS: 1. Write Rep. Pursell urging him to vote against any future contra aid. If you feel he does not represent you well on these issues work to replace him. 2. Become more involved politically any way you can. Contact SANE for suggestions. (2232)

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

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

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

MEETINGS & MEMBERSHIP: Meetings are held the 2nd Sunday night of the month at the First Baptist Church, 512 E. Huron. Call our Information Hotline at 761-1718 for a message announcing important lobbying information, meeting times, and up-coming events. Our Speaker's Bureau provides trained speakers who will address groups, classes, and public forums and rallies on a variety of issues. Contact Tobi Hanna-Davies at 662-7869.

CURRENT NEWS: Phyllis LaFarge, New York-based author, will speak to the Sept. general meeting of WAND. She is the author of the book "The Strangelove Legacy" in which she interviews American children about nuclear issues. She is also a contributing editor to "Parent's Magazine." She will speak on parenting in the nuclear age and how to raise a hopeful child at a time when many children believe they

will die in a nuclear war.

The meeting will be held on Sun., Sept. 13 at the First Baptist Church, 512 E. Huron, Ann Arbor. New members are always welcome. Doors open at 7 pm and the meeting begins at 7:30.

Kate Warner, WAND Co-chair, will speak about her experiences as part of the 2nd Sister City Delegation to Juigalpa at a special meeting at 7:30 Sept. 17 at St. Aidan's/Northside Church, 1679 Broadway. For more information about these meetings or WAND call 761-1718. (1890)

POLITICAL PARTIES

Democratic Socialists of America (DSA)

P.O. Box 7251
Ann Arbor, MI 49107
contact: Greg Scott 665-5652

PURPOSE: The Democratic Socialist of America (DSA) brings together a broad range of movements and traditions. We believe that serious social and political change depends on a coalition of the existing progressive forces—labor, feminist, anti-racist, peace activist, and so on. We also believe that the struggle must at least begin in the Democratic Party. We therefore cultivate relationships

with the Rainbow Coalition and the more progressive unions.

CURRENT PROJECTS: This fall DSA is raising public consciousness about poverty in America. We want to counter the conservative assumption that the poor are poor because of their own deficiencies rather than because the capitalist system fails to provide adequate employment and



support to the working class—especially women and members of minorities. Senator Kennedy will conduct hearings on poverty in Sept., and there will be a National Day of Remembrance on Nov. 17.

MEETINGS: The annual Mass Meeting will be Thurs., Sept. 17, at Guild House (802 Monroe), at 8 pm. Sherrie Levine, DSA national staffer, will speak. Later public meetings will be on the second Thurs. of each month at Guild House at 8 pm. There will also be a short business meeting, also open to the public, at 7:30 pm, preceding the public meeting. (1386)

Revolutionary Workers League (RWL)

P.O. Box 1297
Detroit, MI 48231

PURPOSE: The Revolutionary Workers League (RWL) is a revolutionary organization whose ultimate aim is world communism. By this we mean communism as understood by Marx, Engels, Lenin, Luxemburg, and Trotsky, not "communism" as understood by Stalin, Mao, Gorbachev, Deng Xiaoping, or Castro.

The RWL aggressively involves itself in all struggles of workers and the oppressed. At the U-M the RWL is participating in struggles of campus workers defending their jobs and working conditions, black and other minority students fighting racism, women students defending abortion rights, lesbian/gay students fighting AIDS and homophobic attacks, and antiwar students protesting U.S. support for apartheid in South Africa and U.S. intervention in Central America.

The RWL brings to all of these struggles its overall perspective of international workers' revolution and its immediate perspective of militant, mass action by workers and the oppressed.

As a marxist organization, the RWL believes that the road to world communism lies through international workers' revolution; political rule by the working class through democratically elected workers' councils; the establishment of a collectivized, centrally planned, worker controlled economy; and the building of a socialist society.

The struggle for world communism requires a fight against all aspects of capitalistic exploitation and oppression, from the daily ripoff of workers on the job to right-wing attacks on democratic rights to the multifaceted special oppression of blacks, other minorities, women, lesbians, and gay men.

The fight for world communism requires defense of anti-imperialist struggles worldwide and defense of the Soviet Union, China, and the other deformed workers' states against imperialism. It also requires a fight to overthrow the Stalinist bureaucracies of those countries through workers' political revolution.

The RWL's most important immediate task is building the vanguard leadership of the working class. The RWL engages in this task as the American sympathizing section of the International Trotskyist Committee (ITC). The ITC is dedicated to the political regeneration and organizational reconstruction of the Fourth International, the world party of socialist revolution.

MEETINGS: The RWL is an action organization, not a talk shop.

But we share Lenin's view that without revolutionary theory there can be no revolutionary movement. Workers and students who want to learn more about our perspectives are invited to attend a weekly RWL study on Trotsky's Transitional Program, the 1938 founding document of the Fourth International. The study meets Wed. nights at 7 pm in the Michigan Room of the Michigan Union. (2776)

SPARK

3909 Michigan Union
Ann Arbor, MI 48109

PURPOSE: Humanity today is threatened by wars, nuclear destruction, shortages of raw materials, starvation, pollution and crime. These evils are all caused by the drive of the capitalists to maximize their profits at the expense of the rest of society and the world. People are divided by the violence of racism and the oppression of women. These evils, too, are the results of capitalism. Socialism and communism are the only real solution for humanity.

Spark stands for socialism and communism. These, however,

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have nothing in common with the policies of most of those who call themselves socialists or communists today. There are leaders of many countries who claim to be communists, as in Russia, China, Cuba and Eastern Europe. And there are those who claim to be socialists, as in Sweden and Denmark. We want a new society, very different from these pretenses at socialism.

Spark stands for socialism—the replacement of capitalism with a free, humane and harmonious society. Our struggle is an international struggle, undivided along racial or sexual lines. Our struggle, in the end, will be a struggle against the state apparatus—against the police, the army, the courts, and the legislatures; it is this apparatus which maintains the exploitation and oppression of workers and the poor in the interests of the capitalists. In order to win this struggle, in order to

build a society that meets the needs of all humanity, we must rid ourselves of the capitalist system itself. And to do this we must be organized: we must build a revolutionary organization.

WHERE TO FIND US: If you are looking to change things, we want to talk to you. Look for us, and our literature tables, around campus. Contact us at the address above. Or, come check out our Revolutionary History Series—Tuesdays, 7 to 8 pm, Room 2407 Mason Hall. These classes present a history which has been kept from us, the history of the struggles of oppressed peoples; and they present this history with a view toward change. This month's topics are as follows. Sept. 15—Socialism: How do we get there? Sept. 22—Primitive societies and the question of human nature. Sept. 29—The Chartist movement in England: the first organized struggle of the working class. Anyone who is interested in ideas, in history, in changing things, is welcome. (2370)

PROGRESSIVE RELIGION

Ann Arbor Jewish Cultural Society

2935 Birch Hollow Dr.
Ann Arbor, MI 48108
665-2825

PURPOSE: Our purpose is a secular expression of our Jewish heritage, with particular emphasis on the cultural and ethical aspects. We are committed to the values of peace, justice and community responsibility. Our school and adult programs include folk music, dance, literature and history, and include a "hands-on" learning experience.

We offer creative secular holiday celebrations and life cycle observances including baby-naming, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, weddings and funerals. We welcome families and single adults of any age to our events and membership.

We have a strong commitment to the continuity and survival of our Jewish heritage. We believe that our prophetic traditions of social justice and

humanism provide an ethos by which to live and which must be passed on to future generations. We also have a strong commitment to the creation of a secular, contemporary Jewish tradition and we believe that such a tradition must encompass the diversity of views and beliefs present in the modern Jewish experience.

CURRENT NEWS: Rosh Hashanah will be observed Wed. evening Sept. 23 at 7:30 pm at the Regency Room of the Campus Inn. The observance includes poetry, music, readings and meditations, and will conclude with wine and honey cakes. Cost for non-members is \$8 for individuals or \$20 for a household.

Registration and parent meeting for Sunday school will be held Sunday morning, Sept. 13 at the Jewish Community Center, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School) at 10 am. Come meet the teachers and other parents. (1618)

New Jewish Agenda (NJA)

2208 Packard
Ann Arbor, MI 48109
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.

CURRENT NEWS: NJA works on a variety of issues through our committees and interest groups. The Middle East Committee put on a cultural program this summer observing 20 years of Israeli occupation of Gaza and the West Bank, and follows civil rights issues in Israel and the occupied territories. The Feminist Interest Group is collecting petition signatures to put Medicaid funding of abortions to a vote by the people of Michigan,

talking about this issue to other Jewish groups and distributing our new pamphlet "Coming Out, Coming Home: Lesbian and Gay Jews and the Jewish Community." The Central America Interest Group is planning a series of study/learning sessions on Central America, working with Temple Beth Emeth who is supporting a refugee family as they apply for legal refugee status and working on national NJA's material aid campaign. The Disarmament Interest Group looks at peace and nuclear disarmament issues. We have monthly potluck Shabbat dinners and programs, holiday celebrations and membership meetings. Call one of our Interest Group contacts or contact us at the address listed above to get our newsletter. We hope you'll join us.

See the Calendar for committee meeting details, or contact the following people: Middle-East: Ben Ben-Baruch, 662-9217; Central America: Judy Lipshutz, 995-5210; Feminist: Laurie White, 665-7371; Disarmament: Amy Rosenberg, 662-8760. (1816)

CURRENT NEWS: Presently, we are arranging housing and other necessities for the family that will join us in Ann Arbor. We will soon be publishing a newsletter detailing our work as well as information on the situation in El Salvador and Guatemala. The newsletter will be available to our congregation and any other interested parties.

We are looking for people to aid us in our endeavor, especially those who are fluent in Spanish as well as those who can offer legal assistance or provide health care for the family. We will graciously accept whatever help you can offer. We also need more pledges of financial support to provide for the day to day expenses of the refugee-family.

MEETINGS: Our meetings are held every Wednesday night at 7:30 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church. All are welcome to join us. (1404)

Unitarian Universalist Church Sanctuary Committee

1917 Washtenaw Ave.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
665-6158

PURPOSE: After receiving 90% approval from our congregation, we are preparing to bring a Salvadoran or Guatemalan family to Ann Arbor for at least one year. Through their witness to the atrocities our government supports in Central America, we hope to end U. S. military aid to these countries and insure that the U. S. government apply immigration laws fairly to all people whose lives are in danger regardless of their country's relationship to the United States.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Housing Bureau for Seniors, Inc.

1010 Wall St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48109
763-0970

PURPOSE: The Housing Bureau for Seniors is a housing referral and information agency serving senior citizens and their families who have senior housing-related questions. Primarily staffed by volunteer peer counselors, the Housing Bureau is open weekends from 9 am to 4 pm. You may make an appointment to speak with a housing counselor

by calling the Bureau at 763-0970.

NEWS: The first annual Housing Fair for Seniors was held on Aug. 14., co-sponsored by the Housing Bureau in conjunction with Great Lakes Federal Savings, Ann Arbor Apartment Association, Ann Arbor Area Board of Realtors, and Citizens Trust. More than 45 exhibitors from many areas of interest to seniors represented their agencies and businesses; ranging from home health care to new concepts in housing to financial institutions. For

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HOUSING BUREAU FOR SENIORS

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those of you who attended, we hope that the fair met your expectations. Let us know what you would like to see next year! We were pleased with the turn-out, but we hope to see more next year.

Soon the Bureau will begin fall recruitment for volunteers. We really need peer counselors; those of you who would like to serve as receptionists, clerks, typists, and could assist with our "road show" (taking our slide shows to senior centers to educate seniors and

their families about our programs) will be most welcome. Because we operate almost exclusively with the assistance of volunteer staff, we are hoping that many of you with at least one-half day per week to give to helping others will call us regarding becoming a member of our team.

Our HomeShare program seeks providers (those of you who have a home with space to share with someone) county-wide. We currently have a number of seekers (persons looking for a place to share) but not enough providers. Calls us!

The Bureau is affiliated with the U-M Hospitals and Turner Geriatric Services. We rely on community support to be able to continue supplying our services to seniors, and their families and friends. Please let us hear from you. (2128)

The Domestic Violence Project, Inc., SAFE House

(Shelter Available For Emergency)

P.O. Box 7052
Ann Arbor, MI 48107
Crisis Phone: 995-5444
Business: 973-0242

SERVICES: The Domestic Violence Project-SAFE House offers a variety of services to the community in its shelter program and non-residential community programs. The shelter program provides crisis intervention, advocacy and short term shelter for battered women and their children. Other services available to residents of the shelter are non-residential, court accompaniment, and a follow-up program. The non-residential programs include a 24 hour crisis line, individual counseling and community support groups and workshops. An on-call team works in conjunction with the Ann Arbor police who are mandated to arrest in specified domestic violence incidents according to the new city Mandatory Arrest Ordinance. The on-call team makes a home visit to the survivor after the assailant has been arrested. This team offers: shelter, support, and advocacy immediately after the assault and throughout the prosecution. The Project also offers speakers to address groups on our programs or on specific domestic violence issues.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: If you want to take an active part in stopping domestic violence in our community, and enjoy working with people, and like challenging work, there is a place for you in one of our programs.

The Domestic Violence Project-SAFE House is seeking volunteers to fill the following positions: women's advocate, night advocate,

children's advocate, on-call advocate, and speakers for our public speakers bureau. We are also seeking people for indirect services such as donation pick-ups, furniture moving, etc.

We ask for a six month commitment of four hours per week for most of our volunteer positions. Training is required for all positions and is provided free by the project. The next training will take place this month. Call 995-5444 for an application and to schedule an interview. (1998)

Women's Crisis Center - WCC

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



PURPOSE: The purpose of WCC is to help women help themselves gain control and dignity in their lives by providing crisis intervention, peer counseling and referrals from 10 am to 10 pm daily. We also offer support groups, educational workshops and do community organizing as well as sponsor the paper "free women's words." We encourage women who want to change society to have fun and get involved in active, empowering work with other women.

CURRENT NEWS: We need volunteers!!! WCC volunteer orientation meetings are scheduled during Sept. (see Calendar) and Oct. 6 and 10. We need women to do crisis intervention and peer

counseling, office help, fundraising, poster, phoning, childcare and much more. Two peer counselor trainings are being held this fall: Sept. 10 to 20 and Oct. 15 to 25. Volunteers learn listening skills and an empathy model and crisis intervention procedures. There are monthly on-going training workshops for WCC volunteers and other community women. We request a four hour per week commitment from peer counselors. Our apologies to women who came looking for our Aug. 10 General Training. We are trying to reschedule. Call us. The annual WCC Bucket Drive is being held this month too. Help us by holding a bucket for an hour or two. Sept. 18 is also U-M "Festfall" on the Diag. We need help staffing our information table from 11am to 4 pm.

This is the month to gather signatures to reject 1987 Public Act 59 which prohibits certain tax-funded welfare abortions. This act jeopardizes the future of abortion rights for all women in Michigan. To recall this law, 1988 the people in Michigan can vote if we gather enough signatures of registered voters to get it on the ballot. Abortion rights are rights women cannot afford to lose!

The Sept./Oct. issue of "free women's words" features women's reproductive rights. "Women's Culture" is the theme of the Nov./Dec. issue. Contact WCC to contribute, plan, distribute our free bi-monthly paper. (2192)

funds and overwhelming hostility from the media, Baker shocked most political observers by winning 41% of the vote and making this race the third closest Congressional race out of 18 in Michigan.

Upcoming events include: participation in Festfall; our annual mass meeting; a Teach-in in late September; and of course actions in opposition to contra aid. As of this writing, the timing of specific anti-contra aid action is contingent on the outcome of the current peace initiatives, and on when Reagan gives up on them and proposes a new aid package. LASC meets every Wednesday night at 8 pm. For information, call 665-8438.

CENTRAL AMERICA SISTER CITY TASK FORCE

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health—namely: stopping the U.S./contra aggression against Nicaraguans. As a potential project, we are looking into possibilities of assisting in clean water efforts in Juigalpa.

We invite other interested groups and individuals to work with us in opposing the proposed aid to the contra terrorists. Our weekly Thursday meetings are now divided into two portions: 7:30-8:30 pm at the First Baptist Church on Washington St. (across from Tally Hall).

NEIGHBOR-TO- NEIGHBOR

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project. Their job will be to help with the coordination of all the different "No Contra Aid" efforts in the area. The campaign will take two forms. One is a media campaign, which will feature the acclaimed TV film "Faces of War" and hard-hitting TV ads that urge constituents to "Just Say No to Contra Aid." The other will be the grassroots lobbying effort. This will include urging local religious, business, community, and party leaders to call and write Pursell to generate pressure. Through house meetings and phonebanks, people from the community will be urged to inundate Pursell's local and national Congressional offices with their opinions about the contra war. Says local Neighbor to Neighbor organizer Steve DeBroux, "This is a real chance for the people of a district to get involved in influencing their congressperson in a non-election year. Pursell needs to understand that we who live in this district are going to start holding him accountable for his votes that concern us most, and the war in Central America concerns us deeply."

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AMISTAD

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shape—the walls are almost completed; only the roof and the finishing work remain. The original brigade expected to have the building completed by July, 1987, but as one might imagine, construction work in Nicaragua is fraught with frustration. The war and economic blockade have created scarcities of materials and skilled labor which have slowed progress considerably. At this point, January, 1988 looks like a more realistic completion date.

Working with Nicaraguan workers, students, and professors as well as living with a family is a unique and rewarding way to experience the Nicaraguan Revolution. As a brigadista there are many opportunities to meet with representative groups and individuals, and to develop opinions based upon these interactions.

A2MISTAD is looking for volunteers for now through January. A month or more in Nicaragua with the brigade is a truly profound experience. Most brigadistas find themselves wishing that they didn't have to leave. Anyone who is interested in doing some especially "concrete" solidarity work can be a volunteer. Construction skills and some knowledge of Spanish are valuable assets, but not essential. For more information call 761-7960.

LASC

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arrests, trials, acquittals and dismissals, the CIA decided to discontinue its re-cruiting at U-M.

In Oct., 1985, LASC sponsored the "unwelcoming" of George Bush on the steps of the Michigan Union. The irony of the ex-director of the CIA coming to commemorate the founding of the Peace Corps was overwhelming. Crowd hostility was so pervasive that Bush's speech was unheard.

LASC members also made several attempts to make political protest a part of the Today Show when it came to town, but skillful use of cameras and oppressive use of police power and security guards made U-M seem to be just grass skirts and silliness to TV viewers.

In 1985 and 1986, there were over 200 arrests for non-violent civil disobedience at the office of U.S. Representative Carl Pursell, in protest of his votes in favor of aid to the contras and to the government of El Salvador. These protests and arrests (including a trial of 118 demonstrators that is still on appeal) were so successful in publicizing our message, that in April of 1986, LASC joined together with a coalition of religious and community groups to work for the Central America Peace Initiative. This was a city ballot proposal that established an official Sister City Task Force that involved our local government with solidarity work, such as the establishment of a sister city relationship with Juigalpa, Nicaragua. The proposal, which passed by a wide margin, put Ann Arbor on record as condemning U.S. intervention in all of Central America.

Local opposition to U.S. policy has continued to grow, and in Nov., 1986 LASC activist, Dean Baker, challenged incumbent U.S. Representative Carl Pursell. Pursell's votes for aid to the contras quickly became the major issue of the campaign. Despite a lack of

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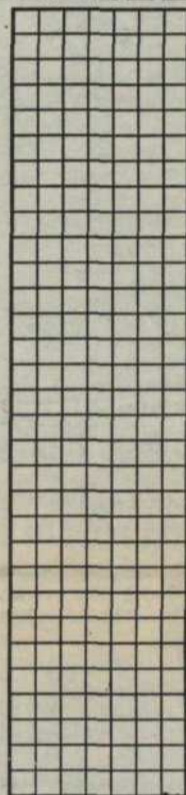
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TESTIMONY

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pens. Ernesto was given [a military role] in the Sandinista Front; he was not a military man but asked to be sent to work with the cooperatives.
In Nov. 1984 he was ambushed and killed; he fell with 5 others.
But those who fell have not ever died; when I see [most of you] who are all so young, I remember those who died. Those who died—we see them in their work.

We are building a gallery in the park—there is where the barracks were where many were beaten, tortured, massacred. One mother who was not able to be here lost her son in Somoza's jail [there]. After the triumph, the jail was burned to the ground and many bodies were found; it was a cemetery of our people. One man had his eyes punched out while alive; a doctor was put in an underground cell and burned. So we want that piece of land as a monument to those who died under Somoza."

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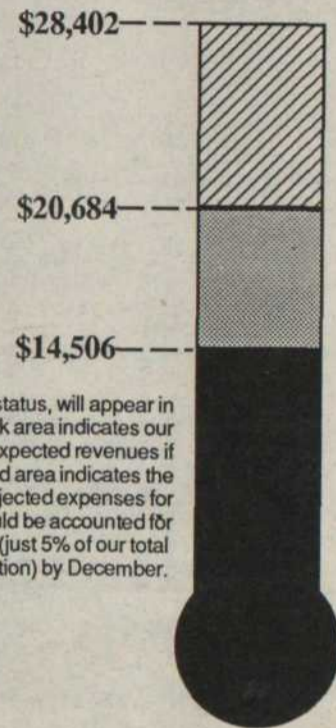
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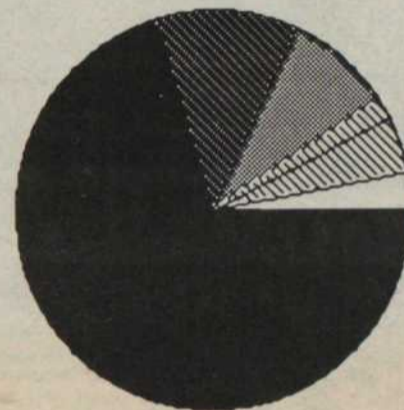
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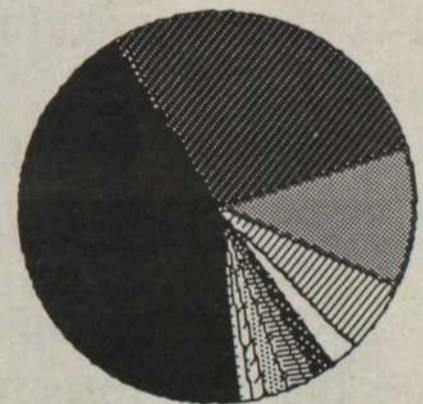
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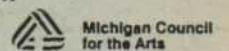
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