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BUILDING A PEACE MACHINE

The military-industrial community just gave itself the Stealth Bomber for a holiday present. The \$500 million plane has never flown. There are plans to build 132 of them.

Our government plans to spend \$60 billion on the Stealth, while refusing to spend adequate money to provide housing, education, and medical services to our citizens. We continue to build a military economy when we could choose to begin the conversion to a peace economy.

The U.S. currently has a military economy. More than 33% of the federal budget, goes to developing and procuring weapons, maintaining the people in the armed forces, and paying interest on past loans.

We could have a peace economy. Peaceful conversion is the process of deciding to build peace instead of weapons, then re-directing the economy to support that decision.

Below are excerpts from Sheila Tobias' Oct. 9 speech in Ann Arbor about nuclear weapons and the economic system that supports them. In the speech, Tobias said it will be difficult for the U.S. to convert from a military to a non-military economy. In particular, she mentioned the six million people who are dependent on the military budget for their livelihood, and the economic dependence of communities on military spending.

AGENDA asked local peace and disarmament groups to address the issue of economic conversion. Their responses follow the Tobias excerpts.

Sheila Tobias on Weapons and the Budget

transcribed by Sandra Vallie

There are two million men and women in uniform whose paycheck comes directly from the Pentagon. There are one million civilians working for the military, either at bases or in the Pentagon. Then there are three more million who are getting paid indirectly by working for contractors who are producing weapons or producing some services for the military. That means six million Americans have a deep, abiding interest in this budget. And six million people, we calculate, influence 24 million (when you include family members in the equation) who are really indebted to the budget.

And then there is what the economists call the multiplier effect. In California, people live in houses that their parents spent \$60,000 for fifteen years ago. Some of those houses are worth \$240,000 today. You take away the defense budget surplus to Southern California, and that house is worth \$60,000 again. That is a loss, not just to the person who is working for Rockwell, but to every person who's trying to sell a house.

We have a militarized economy in certain sections of this country which is so dependent on the defense budget that any rapid conversion would be very deleterious unless we immediately moved into those areas of the country and rewarded them for having had this budget.

The reason we have so many cost overruns has a great deal to do with how contractors calculate costs. Many of these weapons have never been developed before. The manufacturers want the business, but they don't want to take any unnecessary risks. So they make the following deal, legally, with the Department of Defense and that is that the Defense Department will pay all their costs, as listed, or against receipts, plus a percentage of overhead and a percentage of profit.

If you've got \$100 in costs, at a 10% overhead profit, you're going to make \$10 profit. If you can bring that airplane in for half the price, you're going to get a \$5 profit. Basically, the cost-plus

ANN ARBOR'S 1988 MILITARY TAX BURDEN

Total U.S. (Non-Nuclear) Military Spending	\$291 billion
Total U.S. Nuclear Weapons Spending	\$65 billion
Ann Arbor's portion of U.S. Military Budget	.005%
Ann Arbor's (Non-Nuclear) Military Tax Bill	\$149 million
Ann Arbor's Nuclear Weapons Tax Bill	\$33 million
Ann Arbor's City Budget	\$98 million
Ann Arbor's School System Budget	\$80 million
Ann Arbor's Police Department Budget	\$10 million

Figures compiled from Military Spending Research Service, the Center for Defense Information, the U.S. Bureau of Census (provided by SANE/FREEZE).

system creates a disincentive to save.

It's a game. The game is, in a southern state like Georgia that has a stable congressional delegation, (for many years it was a one-party state) the delegation is friendly to the military where it matters to the military. The delegation dutifully votes their budget every year. The reward is that more bases are assigned to Georgia, and more contracts are given to businesses in Georgia.

[According to Tobias, in 1983, Georgia received \$1.6 billion in defense contracts. The state ranks sixth in the country for military funds received. However, among all states they rank 40th in income,

45th in education, 48th in health and 49th in infant mortality.]

Little old Georgia, which doesn't even have much of a coastline, has eleven military installations, with three Navy, five Army, and three Air Force. If you are Rockwell, in Southern California, or Martin Marietta, in Denver, Colorado, or Goodrich, in Phoenix, Arizona, and you know that Georgia will be favored in defense contracts, it is in your business' interest to open a plant in Georgia.

So the Congressman from Georgia gets points because when he runs again he says he brought in all these new jobs to Georgia. Rockwell gets more money, because it's where the action is, to put a plant in Georgia, to collect that contract. And the game goes on.

The B-1 bomber, which is a very expensive airplane, was so subcontracted out that there were 246 congressional districts that stood to benefit from it. The avionics [the electronics] on the plane, which Rockwell was perfectly capable of doing, were subcontracted to somebody in Texas, and to Boeing, to distribute the bread so that several congressional delegations would be interested in the plane.

There are several ways of making money on a contract if you're a state. One is to get a weapon built in your state, the other is to get it deployed in your state, because it brings more people in. So the politics, the economics, the regional dependency, all make it very, very difficult to alter.

The ground-launched cruise missile is the weapon that will be destroyed under the INF treaty. As we celebrate the INF, ask your congressperson why we decided to remove weapons that were already built and paid for. That's \$4 billion for the cruises and the Pershings that we'll never see again.

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Winterize and be Warm

by Claudia Green

Ann Arbor's winterization ordinance is a little-known secret, made law in 1985 by energy-conscious and tenant activists. If you're a tenant, you have a right to be warm all through the winter, no matter who pays the heat bill in your home. The City Housing Code along with the Ecology Center weatherization program and Ann Arbor Tenants Union guidelines can ensure that you have a warm winter, without paying exorbitant heating bills.

A properly weatherized home has an insulated attic and all doors, windows and cracks or gaps to the outside caulked, weatherstripped or otherwise insulated so that cold air cannot enter. Attic insulation must be not less than R-30 value (this figure pertains to the type and thickness of the insulation), unless it was installed prior to 1985, in which case it need only be R-19. All rental housing in which the tenant pays the heat bill, pays the landlord for heat in addition to rent, or is subject to rent increases when utility bills go up, is covered under the winterization ordinance. (Exceptions include an owner-occupant landlord and a home which would require significant structural changes in order for proper winterization to take place.)

The City Housing Code also says that no matter who pays the heat bill in rental housing, the heating system must be capable of heating every room to at least 68 degrees, three feet off the floor. On heating and/or winterization problems, you may call the Housing Inspection Bureau for an inspection.

If your home is not winterized, notify your landlord. The landlord may agree to do the job, or you can notify him/her that you

will weatherize and send the bill for materials and labor along with your next rent check.

If your landlord is unreasonably slow to respond, one surefire way to get his/her attention is to deduct your heat bill from your rent. Send your reduced rent check, a copy of your heat bill, and a letter explaining that you will give your landlord the withheld funds once weatherization is installed.

The Ecology Center of Ann Arbor has a Home Energy Works Program to help Ann Arbor homeowners and renters conserve energy through weatherization. For all income-eligible persons, a representative of the Ecology Center will visit your home, talk with you about weatherization, go through the house and show you where to use caulking, weatherstripping and plastic, leave you the appropriate materials, and wrap your hot water heater with fiberglass insulation material. The Ecology Center will install the weatherization for seniors citizens and disabled persons. Households are income eligible as follows: \$21,550/1 person, \$24,600/2 people to \$34,650/6 people. The Ecology Center receives funds under a Community Development Block Grant (federal money administered by the City) to do 110 home visitations per year. Non-eligible persons may call the Ecology Center and request information through the mail or use the Ecology Center library.

For further information, call the Ann Arbor Tenants Union, 4001 Michigan Union, at 763-6876 or the Ecology Center, 417 Detroit St., at 761-3186. Theresa Schneider is the Ecology Center Home Energy Visit Program Coordinator.

First of a Series

ENVIRONMENTAL LETTER TO THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN

by Solomon Eagle

In the November 8 election, the voters of Michigan in their peculiar wisdom and generosity approved \$660 million in environmental bonds, with some \$440 million for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to play with when implementing Act 307, the Michigan Environmental Response Act (MERA), concerned with identifying and cleaning up environmental contamination sites around the state.

Considering DNR's spotty, reckless, haphazard, and zany record to date with Act 307, throwing all this money at DNR without strict controls and eagle-eyed monitoring is like giving too much candy to a big fat baby. Forgive me for saying so, but dribbling all that dough on DNR is the same as handing your last ten bucks to an amiable, thirsty, impecunious drunk for safekeeping. When DNR sets forth in pursuit of messy Michigan businesses, like Carry Nation with her little hatchet, what we might expect is a cleaner state, but what we often get is a bigger mess. And we also get more businesses—and jobs—despairing at the overflow of bureaucratic "bullsh" (an Aussie contraction linguists should have no difficulty translating) and setting sails for the sunset.

One somehow thinks of Will Rogers worried comment about federal legislators and makes an automatic extrapolation to DNR: "This country has come to feel the same when Congress is in session as we do when the baby gets hold of a hammer." Act 307 wasn't intended as a hammer on the head of Michigan business, yet that's often the case in the fickle and harebrained approach taken by some of the good folks at DNR.

Before going further, let me introduce myself. You probably don't know me unless your recent bedside, poolside, fireside, or far side reading included William Harrison Ainsworth's 1841 historical novel, *Old St. Paul's*. I appear memorably in that estimable work as a voice of reason, though some called me a wild fanatic, urging the plague-stricken people of 17th century London to repent, repent. Early in the 20th century, Sir John Squire borrowed my identity for an outspoken literary column in the *New Statesman*. Sir John wrote, "The pseudonym, 'Solomon Eagle,' I may explain, is not intended to posit any claim to unusual wisdom or abnormally keen sight. The original bearer of the name was a poor maniac who, during the Great Plague of London, used to run naked through the street, with a pan of coals of fire on his head, crying 'Repent, Repent.'"

"Maniac," I of course resent. As for the coals, London, the same as Michigan in December, is often chilly. The Southeastern Michigan Environmental Resource Association (SMERA), a group of citizens concerned about responsible maintenance and management of the Michigan environment, has asked me to alert you to urgent problems facing us in this state just as I did in London during the 17th century. They called me a fanatic then. So call Solomon Eagle what you will as I again take to the streets, running through Michigan to warn the people. Today DNR—and others—visit modern plagues of fear, ignorance, contempt, and villainy upon the people, towns, and businesses of this state. Their perfidies must be reported and will be in this monthly series. Watch here for Solomon Eagle's next letter. Meanwhile, "Dissent, Dissent" when self-proclaimed "defenders of the environment" use government clout with the pretense of cleaning you up when what they really want to do is to clean you out.

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Homeless Need Federal Funds

Four weeks ago I journeyed to Washington D.C. to be part of the Community for Creative Non-Violence's (CCNV) "Affordable Housing Now" campaign. This campaign started Sept. 22 and lasted until the middle of Election Day, Nov. 8.

Through fasting, demonstrating, getting arrested and marching, the CCNV, a semi-religious, anarchistic group of people, tried to bring moral pressure on Congress regarding the urgent need to earmark a minimum of \$25 billion into the housing budget. This campaign was done to bring pressure to stop the problem of mass homelessness which is taking place at an alarming rate in this country.

During the four weeks, that I was there, more than 400 housing activists and homeless people journeyed to the capitol, from as far away as Seattle, Washington to demonstrate and get arrested in civil disobedience actions in and around the Capitol Building (the place that Congress meets in session) to bring this message across.

This campaign culminated in a mass march of about 2000 people and a mass arrest of 380 people.

It ended the following day with the breaking of the fast by the eleven fasters, most of whom had been fasting since Sept. 22nd.

Many of the groups of protesters targeted their civil disobedience actions towards their congress people. For instance, the group from South Carolina "evicted" Senator Jesse Helms' office by physically removing Helms' office furniture into the hallway. Other groups had a "sit-in" in their congress person's office; Senators Benton and Quayle's offices were "sat in" on.

The media coverage was generally sparse and intermittent with pre-election coverage on national news being limited to 30-second coverage of activist-leader Mitch Snyder's arrest.

Altogether though, through tremendous networking on behalf of CCNV staff, I feel that the campaign managed to meet most of its goals, i.e. of bringing the message to Congress of the urgency of the homelessness problem and the need for significantly more funds allocated towards affordable housing.

Dr. Benjamin Spock (well-known author and peace activist) was a joy to get to talk with in the Capitol police holding chambers and I hope his handcuffed wrists have a speedy recovery.

Earl Uomoto
ANN ARBOR, MI

Recycling: Answer for Landfill Crisis

by Andrea Walsh

With the city's landfill near full capacity Ann Arbor joins cities around the country that are confronting a crisis in waste disposal. Groundwater contamination and siting problems in the Ann Arbor landfill and overall landfill scarcity in southeastern Michigan indicate a pressing need to change disposal habits.

Two alternatives exist for handling city landfill problems. One alternative, waste incineration, faces public opposition because of its environmental impact. The alternative of choice is increased recycling.

Ann Arbor's Ecology Center has recently proposed a Waste Reduction and Recycling Ordinance for the city. The program would ban recyclable and compostable materials from the city landfill, require separation of recyclable waste by households, and create a variable fee structure for trash collection based on the volume of garbage generated by households instead of the current flat millage. The director of the Solid Waste Department would determine the manner and times of collections.

Materials banned from the landfill would include recyclables like: newspaper, corrugated cardboard, office paper, glass containers, plastics, tin cans, ferrous metal, and aluminum. Compostables—organic matter that decays—like leaves, grass clippings, brush, wood debris, and garden waste are also banned under the ordinance.

The ordinance takes a positive, educational step that is beneficial both environmentally and eco-



Linda Wiitala processes newspapers at the Ecology Center's Recycling Station

nomically. The city would become a strong leader in the state in the recycling trend and qualify for state funds created by the passage of Proposal C in November. The collecting, processing, and shipping of materials would create jobs and boost markets for recycled paper and plastic products. Ann Arbor as a community will save natural resources and energy by recycling materials rather than continuing to have landfill troubles pile up at an alarming rate.

The proposal is being examined by City Council at this time. Community members and groups interested in supporting the Ordinance or learning more about it are encouraged to contact the Ecology Center at 761-3186 and your city councilperson.

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Family Protection Act Assault on Poor Women of Color

by Barbara Ransby

Two bodies, the U.S. House and Senate, composed primarily of rich white men, many of them millionaires who have had servants their entire lives, have designed a policy which purports to teach poor Black women—some of the hardest working people in this country—how to work.

As welfare rights leader Johnnie Tillson proclaimed some 20 years ago, "welfare is a woman's issue." The recent debate surrounding the pending Family Protection Act (FPA) represents a convergence of racist, sexist and anti-working class ideas and stereotypes, as well as a concrete economic and political attack upon one of the most oppressed sectors of American society, poor women of color.

This new bill represents a landmark in social welfare legislation and an unprecedented redefinition of the basic social contract between the state and the people. It challenges the fundamental assumption that this nation, one of the wealthiest in the world, has a responsibility to help meet the basic human needs of its poorest citizens. AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children), formerly ADC, was set up in 1935 as a part of the New Deal legislation during the Depression. Created under the Social Security Act it provided relief to mothers without husbands, largely widows at that time.

Today, as a result of changing sexual and cultural norms in the society at large and the deepening impoverishment of the Black working class, the principle recipients of AFDC are single Black women and their children. With this shift has come increasingly degrading stereotypes of welfare recipients as lazy, immoral cheats undeserving of the generous income they receive from the government (an average \$7,000 annually for an entire family).

One of the underlying assumptions of the bill is that poor people who receive welfare benefits lack the right values and motivation to go out and get jobs. Interestingly, every time the availability of decent paying jobs is announced in cities like Detroit literally thousands line up for a chance to apply for a handful of positions. Nevertheless, the myth remains: "people on welfare are lazy" and have to be taught or forced to work. This belies the reality that most welfare recipients want desperately to escape the poverty and humiliation of AFDC, and like most other Americans, want meaningful, decent paying jobs instead—something unfortunately in very short supply.

In addition to blaming AFDC families for their own suffering, the new welfare legislation also wrongly assumes that the main problem of poor Black women is the lack of "marriageable" Black men, as William J. Wilson has argued. A parallel and related myth promoted by racist policy makers and sociologists is the notion that the Black community is "pathologically matriarchal," to quote FPA architect Daniel Moynihan. In actuality the real problem is the lack of economic resources and social choices because of the material realities of our oppressive society and its dominant anti-Black, anti-woman culture.

The pending cuts in welfare will have several effects on the lives of poor families in this country, again disproportionately women of color. First of all, the new workfare policy of the FPA will force recipients to accept whatever job the government assigns them in exchange for their checks, or risk losing their benefits altogether. In other words, what's being offered is slave labor, not secure decent paying jobs. This will cheapen overall the value of women's labor in the paid job market and increase the pool of minimum wage women workers. This fits neatly into the growing economic pattern in the service, fast food, and clerical job sectors—all grossly underpaid and largely non-union. In fact, most former welfare recipients are able to obtain jobs earning only \$4.15 an hour or less, well below the poverty level for a family income.

Secondly, the new bill will force the poor to subsidize the poor by focusing upon equally impoverished fathers as a source of revenue for impoverished mothers and children. Of course, no one disagrees that fathers should share equally in the economic and other responsibilities of childrearing. The key problem, however, is not irresponsible fathers as much as fathers and mothers who are

unemployed, underemployed or so-called "unemployable." The new bill will spend millions of dollars on blood tests to establish paternity, to track down, take to court and jail fathers who fail to pay child support payments. It will do little to improve the income generating capacity of these fathers. Rather, it assumes that absent fathers of AFDC children, disproportionately Black and Latino, are basically irresponsible and simply don't want to support their children, ignoring the reality that frequently their unemployment or underemployment make them unable to do so adequately.

Thirdly, the "reform" bill will eliminate the choice for mothers with young children to stay home, at least for a certain period of time, and parent. Similarly, the recent elimination of Medicaid paid abortions has denied poor women the choice of when and under what conditions they will have children. The various versions of the bill specify that women on welfare must take jobs when their children are anywhere from one to three years old, six-months old in Reagan's ideal version.

Many of the liberal proponents of this reform try to disguise the regressive nature of the bill by shrouding it in pseudo-feminist jargon about the importance of women working outside of the home. Yet the real point of the progressive feminist movement, of course, was creating choices for women, not coercive policies created by male policymakers. And Burger King, for most, simply does not constitute a meaningful and rewarding career.

Another byproduct of the current wave of welfare cuts is that they will enhance the leverage of employers to more fully exploit their workforce. With welfare as a thin cushion, workers can afford to resist wage cuts and deteriorating work conditions. Without this cushion, the choice is work or starve and employers can easily force workers to accept whatever is offered. This reality has already hit unionized workers hard since welfare benefits for strikers' families were eliminated several years ago.

In essence, the bill promises to free welfare recipients from the "trap and cycle of dependency" by cutting benefits, and forcing recipients to work some of the most menial and degrading jobs for slave wages. I am sure the thousands of Black and other families who will be affected by these cutbacks are grateful for such benevolent liberators. This new turn, however, is more of an extension of—rather than a contrast to—previous welfare policies which at various times have condoned some of the most intrusive, inhumane and humiliating practices one might imagine, including midnight raids and house searches to make sure welfare families did not have surrogate fathers living with them or luxury appliances such as electric coffee pots and toaster ovens.

Finally, looking at precisely who has constructed this innovative piece of legislation points to the racist and sexist assumptions that underlie it. Two bodies, the U.S. House and Senate, composed primarily of rich white men, many of them millionaires who have had servants their entire lives, have designed a policy which purports to teach poor Black women—some of the hardest working people in this country—how to work.

The principal architect of the Senate version, the more conservative one, is New York Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, author of the now infamous Moynihan report on the Black family issued in 1965. The report proclaimed that the so-called matriarchal structure of the Black family was pathological and the root cause of such wide ranging social problems as crime, unemployment and drugs. Moynihan's description of the "tangle of negro pathology" met with harsh criticism and outrage by many Black and feminist leaders at the time, but few seem to remember the unmasked racism, sexism and paternalism embodied in his controversial and landmark study. It is these very same misogynist and anti-Black views that characterize the new legislation, although in

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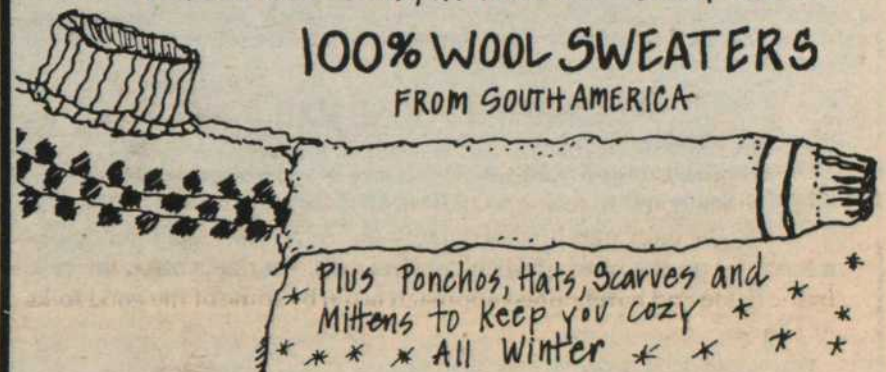


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ENGINEERING GONE MAD

These ecological catastrophes are the product of technocratic thinking gone haywire and engineering gone mad.

One example: Balbina Dam in the Amazon. It's destroying 1,000 square miles of virgin rainforest, for a yield of electricity so pitiful even the World Bank admits the dam should never have been started. The project was so badly thought out that nobody planned to harvest trees being inundated—until a contract was let to a Brazilian company with close military ties. Their answer? Bombard the watershed with defoliants similar to Agent Orange. Brazil eventually plans to

flood 25,000 square miles of rainforest.

Halfway around the world, in Thailand, the Nam Choan Dam would block the River Kwai smack in the middle of the last intact rainforest in Southeast Asia. Sited in an active earthquake zone, the dam endangered the tiger, clouded leopard, Indian elephant, Javan rhino, and every human being who lived downstream until Thai ecology groups won a last-minute halt.

The bad news: dozens of other colossal mistakes are still being made from China to Honduras.

DISEASE, DEBT, AND ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTER

Bakun Dam, referred to in our headline, will be Southeast Asia's largest dam (its face will equal the total area of Singapore Island). It will drown almost 400 square miles of Borneo rainforest and open up thousands more to rapacious timber-cutting.

It will destroy 52 tribal villages. Thousands of families, self-sufficient for countless generations, will end up impoverished slum-dwellers, joining literally millions of other dispos-

sessed, miserable rainforest refugees crowding the cities of the equator.

And if past experience on other giant dam projects is any guide, those unfortunates who remain on the margins will be wracked with disease. Malaria is epidemic in reservoir areas; crippling, fatal parasitic maladies also skyrocket. Elephantiasis and venereal diseases decimate the rest.

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Dear Readers: Before you drive out to Briarwood in a last minute X-mas shopping frenzy, take a minute now to peruse the following list of alternative gifts, many of them a phone call or short drive away. You will find items for sale that can't be bought in shopping malls and all of them can be given in good conscience as your money also helps groups in the community whose work deserves our support.

For those of you who insist on one-stop shopping, many of the groups listed below will be showing their items Dec. 4 at the Alternative Holiday Fair, sponsored by First Baptist Church and Interfaith Council for Peace, from 3 pm to 7 pm, at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 512 E. Huron 663-9376 (see 4 Sunday in CALENDAR)

ZEN BUDDHIST TEMPLE, 1214 Packard, 48104, 761-6520 The Zen Temple is selling the books: *The Dhammapadam*, Thomas Byrom, ed., the sayings of Buddha in a beautiful format, \$9.95; *Paintings of Unlimited Action*, modern Zen

calligraphy in colors and black & white, by the Mad Monk, Jung Kwang, for \$25; *Being Peace* by Thich Nhat Hanh for \$8.50. "Every day we do things, we are things, that have to do with peace. If we are aware of our lifestyle, our way of consuming, our way of looking at things, we will know how to make peace right in the moment we are alive." We are also selling *meditation beads*, a string of 108, wood or seeds, for \$15, *meditation cushions* (zafus) and *mats* (zabutons) in black, navy and grey for \$40. These items are made at the temple. Please pre-order before Dec. 15.

YPSILANTI FOOD CO-OP (YFC), 312 N. River, Ypsilanti 48198, 483-1520 At the Co-op in Depot Town, you can find *T-shirts* (\$7.50), *sweatshirts* (\$14.50) and *shopping bags* (\$4.50/\$7.25) adorned with YFC's beautifully illustrated logo. We also offer cookbooks, beeswax candles (2/\$3), and cards from local artisans and the Ann Arbor Ecology Center. The co-op will also have handspun yarns, washable baby dolls, finger puppets and angels, the Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation's *Calendar* (\$4), and traditional Amish piecemeal (pin-cushions, needle cases).

WORLD HUNGER EDUCATION ACTION COMMITTEE (WHE/AC), 4202 Michigan Union, 48109 Our turquoise and gray T-shirts have a beautiful design of women carrying food and the words, "Working for Peace and Development." Shirts are 100% cotton, s-m-l, and cost \$10. *Oxfam calendars*, with 12 full-color pictures, are \$8. "Children of the earth" greeting cards are \$7.50/6, and *Oxfam America holiday cards* are \$2.95/6. New *Internationalist cards*, with reproductions of the best photos from the calendar, are \$7 and \$10. Items are available at the Alternative Holiday Fair, at WHE/AC meetings at 6 p.m. on Mondays, or from Siri at 663-4301.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM "It will be a great day when the schools have all the money they need and the Pentagon has to hold a bake sale to build a bomber" is the logo on WILPF's blue T-shirts for \$7.50, notecards for \$3.50, and posters at \$3 and \$5. Items are available from Bev Fish, 1406 W. Cross, Ypsilanti 48197, 484-1897.

WOMEN'S ACTION FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT (WAND), 1412 Russell, 48103 This year WAND has holiday cards with a tree and "Peace" in English and Russian, 10/ \$5; WAND cards which say, "Children ask the world of us," 10/\$5; the Mother's Day white doves T-shirt in aqua, royal blue, and raspberry, children's sizes \$5, adults \$6; and WAND T-shirts with mother and child in lavender or white, children's \$7, adults \$8. Both children's T-shirts come in sizes 2-4, 6-8, 10-12, and 14-16. Adult's come in sizes s, m, l, and xl. To order, write WAND at the above address. Add 10% for postage.

UNITED COALITION AGAINST RACISM (UCAR) & FREE SOUTH AFRICA COORDINATING COMMITTEE (FSACC), rm. 3, E. Engineering, U-M, 48109 996-1809 Our T-shirt is white with red and black. The design is



fist on a square and says, "UCAR and the people united will never be defeated." T-shirts can be purchased on a sliding scale from \$7.50 to \$10, in sizes s, m, l, & xl. We sell a poster with the same design for \$1. We also sell sub-

scriptions to

Race and Class, a London-based magazine published by the Institute of Race Relations, \$16/year. FSACC's T-shirts & tank tops are \$10 in sizes s, m, l, & xl. The tank top is white with black and has an illustration of Africa with a chain, and says "Power to the ANC and SWAPO." The other shirt comes in various colors with two fists, and says "Abolish Apartheid." FSACC also sells Nelson Mandela posters, \$16 mounted, \$7 unmounted, and South Africa political prisoner bracelets for \$7.50

PERFORMANCE NETWORK OF ANN ARBOR, 408 W. Washington, 48103, 663-0681 Buy someone you adore a Performance Network Passport. Each passport includes six admissions to any show at Performance Network for only \$30. Passports are available at the above address, 12 noon to 6 pm, Tuesday through Saturday.

PALESTINE SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE is selling Bir Zeit University T-shirts with a cedar tree design on the back for \$12. We also have hatta scarves, in black and white for \$10 to \$15. Order through Hilary at 663-0045.

INTERFAITH COUNCIL FOR PEACE & JUSTICE (ICP), 730 Tappan, 48104, 663-1870 ICP is selling books: *Ammunition for Peacemakers* which refutes the "peace through strength" argument and discusses non-violent civilian-based defense, by Phillips Moulton for \$7.95; *There is a Season*, ICP cookbook highlighting seasonal dishes using the produce of Michigan farmers, \$6; *Covenant for a World Free of Nuclear Weapons Kit*, which includes the Socially Responsible Buyer's Guide, shows how consumers can support non-defense related producers, \$5 for Kit, \$3 for Buyers Guide only; and the *Star Wars Coloring Book* shows the negative aspects of Star Wars through a coloring book for elementary age kids, \$1 each.

We have lots of T-shirts: "Interfaith Council for Peace—Sowing Seeds of Justice," all sizes in navy and fuchsia; "Peace Now," kids m & l, adults m, l, & xl in fuchsia, hot blue and lime green; "Raise Less Corn and More Hell—Save our Family Farms," adult s & m in yellow & beige; "Wage Peace" in adult s, m, l, & xl in hot blue & fuchsia. Adult shirts are \$7, kid's are \$6.50.

We will sing the holiday song of your choice to a friend or loved one for \$3 over the phone or \$5 in person. For \$1, you can buy embargoed coffee beans from Nicaragua, break the embargo, and write President Reagan and Congress to tell them why you did it. Other items include holiday cards with the Interfaith design, \$4 for 12 cards and envelopes, assorted bumper stickers for \$1 and buttons for 50 cents. Items are available at the Alternative Holiday Fair or at the Interfaith Council.

HUMANE SOCIETY OF HURON VALLEY, 662-5545. Accompany your pet to a special photo session with Santa Paws to benefit the Humane Society. A 3.5"x 4.25" photo is \$7, two wallets are \$6 or \$12 for all three. December 3 and 10, from 11 am to 4 pm, at the Ann Arbor Dog training Club, 1575 E. North Territorial Rd. Don't forget to bring a dog leash or cat cage.

HILLEL FOUNDATION, 1429 Hill Street, 48104, 769-0500 Only at Hillel! "Meesheegan" T-Shirts in maize and blue! Oversized Hillel tees \$5.

GRAY PANTHERS OF HURON VALLEY, 2406 Geddes, 48104, 662-2111 We sell the Socially Responsible Buyer's Guide, a 28-page pamphlet listing consumer products from companies with the largest contracts for nuclear weapons systems or other military equipment, and equivalent products from companies not involved in nuclear or other weapons, \$3. The Guide is available at SANE/FREEZE, 1416 Hill St. (Friends Center), Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice, 730 Tappan (Memorial Christian Church), WAND (Rena Soifer, 663-6318), Gray Panthers (Don Pelz, 662-2111).

ECOLOGY CENTER OF ANN ARBOR, 417 Detroit St., 48104, 761-3186 Be the first one on your block to not only give 100% recycled paper greeting cards, but 100% recycled paper gift wrap as well! Cards by local artists, with or without messages, are \$6 per dozen. Gift wrap is \$3.80 per package.



PHOTO: CASEY CAVANAUGH

CAMPAIGN AGAINST VIOLENT TOYS, 1826 Hanover, 48104 We have the poster "Looking for good values in children's toys this season? Choose non-violent toys," with a picture of a toy box in green and red for \$2. We're also selling buttons in rainbow colors that say "Boycott War Toys," for \$1. These items are available at Interfaith Council for Peace & Justice (663-1870) or Pound House Children's Center, Joan Horton, 764-2547.

ANN ARBOR TENANTS UNION, 4001 Michigan Union, 48109, 936-3076 This year the Tenants Union offers white, gray or cream "No Landsharks" T-Shirts in 100% cotton in sizes s, m, l & xl. The design, printed in black, gray and red, is the international "no" symbol over a landshark with the "Ann Arbor Tenants Union" logo.



ANN ARBOR-JUIGALPA SISTER CITY TASK FORCE will be selling the 1989 "Let Nicaragua Live" Calendar for \$7.50. The calendar has two photos each by Ann Arbor photographers Mike Massey and Gregory Fox. It can be purchased at the Dec. 4 Alternative Holiday Fair, Borders Book Shops and the People's Food Co-ops.

AMISTAD, 802 Monroe, 48104, 761-7960 Our t-shirts have a picture of the AMISTAD soil testing lab and say, "Peace with Nicaragua." Sizes s, m, l and xl are available on white, green, yellow, or gray shirts, \$8-10, sliding scale.

AGENDA, 202 E. Washington #512, 48104, 996-8018 AGENDA offers reduced rates on multiple subscriptions to AGENDA. First one-year subscription \$15 U.S./\$30 International. Each additional one-year subscription only \$7.50 U.S./\$15 International. Give the gift that gives all year long! AGENDA 100% cotton T-shirts are available in black on red or black on blue, s, m, l & xl for \$12, or free with a \$50 donation (also includes subscription).



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Building a Peace Machine

TOBIAS (from page one)

The ground-launched cruise missile generated a fair amount of protest in Germany. In 1981, there were big marches against deploying missiles there. It was very hard for the Chancellor to go ahead with the deployment. Well, who do you think got the contract for the trucks that hold the housings for the missiles? One truck only holds four missile housings, so when you're talking about 400 ground-launched

cruise missiles, you're talking about 100 trucks at a cost of \$380,000 each. A German firm got the contract for the trucks.

The game is being played internationally. We're taking SDI contracts, or promises of contracts, to Italy, to Japan, to France, to England.

There is so much money at stake here that everybody can be bought. And we are naive to pretend it is otherwise.

U.S. Economic Priorities Changing

by Arthur Parris of Gray Panthers

"They shall beat their swords into plowshares/And their spears into pruning hooks/Nation shall not take up/Sword against nation/They shall never again know war."

Beating swords into plowshares has been rare in human history. Yet too much is at stake for thinking people to avoid the issue.

In 1987, the Defense Economic Adjustment Act (HR813), was reintroduced in Congress by Ted Weiss (D-NY) and co-sponsored by 60 Representatives. The bill was designed to "create a national plan for the economic conversion of our defense plants and military bases to civilian production." The bill, which is sitting in the House Subcommittee on Trade, proposes extensive machinery to enable the economy to adjust more easily to a time when plants or bases must close and individuals and communities must be aided in the change to peaceful enterprise.

It appears that pressures are now building to force some change in our economic priorities. Economists, governors, mayors and other concerned people have pointed out the close relationship between the tax dollars that have been allocated for the unprecedented military build-up of the Reagan years, and the tax dollars that have been withdrawn from social services, infrastructure maintenance and investment in various industries. As a result of the relationship, critical problems have developed in such areas as housing, public education, and competitive ability in industrial enterprise. Furthermore, unemployment remains high.

Evidence shows that contrary to conventional wisdom, spending tax dollars on military production creates fewer jobs than comparable spending on civilian production. A study by Employment Research Associates (ERA), a Lansing-based inde-

pendent nonprofit economic consulting firm, indicates that if the money spent on the U.S. military build-up of 1981-85 would have been used on "normal, civilian, economic activity," the nation would have had 1.1 million more jobs. As for Michigan, the study indicates the job loss was 166,420.

In a more recent study, "Report for U.S. Conference of Mayors 1988," ERA analyzed the "economic impact of transferring \$30 billion of outlays per year over the 1986-90 period from the Department of Defense budget to key urban programs." Such a transference of outlays, according to the study, would create an annual average rise in the GNP of \$3.5 billion, a rise in personal disposable income of \$2.2 billion, and 197,000 new jobs.

For the 75% of the population who live in urban areas, this five-year projection of a \$150 billion surplus could mean:

- 195,000 new teachers.
- \$606 million in school books, computers, and equipment purchased annually.
- 490,000 additional children in Head Start.
- 900,000 public housing units brought up to federal standards.
- \$2.2 billion for new buses, rail cars, and mass transit facilities.
- 6.5 million additional people treated at health clinics.
- Increased AIDS treatment and education.
- Full immunization against childhood diseases available for all.
- 1.3 million more people enrolled in job training programs annually.
- 2.3 million more senior citizens served meals at home annually.
- 3 million more visits to the elderly by volunteers.

U-M "Eyes of the Pentagon" Again

by Arlin Wasserman of Michigan Student Assembly Peace and Justice Committee

Increasingly, the Pentagon and private military contractors are having a say in what types of research are conducted at the University of Michigan. During the 60s, U-M was known as "the eyes of the Pentagon" because of the great advancements in night vision and radar developed on campus. U-M's research contributions have included studies leading to the development of Stealth aircraft. Currently, star wars systems and chemical weapons are being developed here. And the primary reason for this research is money.

U-M relies on the federal government for much of its funding. During the Reagan years, more and more of our tax dollars moved from domestic services and humanitarian aid into the Pentagon's coffers. In order to continue functioning, in 1983 the university followed suit, doing away with research guidelines prohibiting weapons research.

Most research dollars (up to 2/3 of federal research monies) are controlled by the Pentagon.

Budgeting research money for human services programs, such as education and nursing, would solve many of the critical labor shortages from which our country now suffers. Additional funds for domestic programs such as schools, health care and environmental clean-up would create a job market which provides needed goods and services for our country's own people. Adam Smith, a founder of our capitalist system, theorized that military spending drains a country because it produces a product no one dares consume.

We must act soon, because our universities are being co-opted. If research monies are not redirected, our country's future brain trust will no longer be able to learn about peaceful applications for new technologies.

Military Spending Drains State Coffers

by Jim Ringold of SANE/FREEZE

Many people believe that our economic security lies in military spending. This belief is based on the notion that the huge military spending of WWII "got us out" of the Great Depression. Thus, the devastating effects of military spending, on the economy, are overlooked.

Military spending is harmful to Michigan's economy because it's a tax drain. According to a

report by Employment Research Associates (ERA), if just half of that military tax drain was returned to Michigan, we could recirculate \$3.3 billion in our economy. We could reduce state and local property taxes 40% (\$1.9 billion), \$440 million could go to Michigan colleges and universities, 25,000 new jobs

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FORMAT—Date, event, sponsor, time and place. One or two sentence description, (fee), phone number.

Unless otherwise noted, all events listed in the CALENDAR are free and open to the public. Also, all locations are in Ann Arbor unless otherwise noted.

DECEMBER

Winter Volunteer Training Series: Assault Crisis Center The center needs volunteers for a variety of programs designed to meet the needs of survivors of sexual assault, their family and friends. Winter training series to begin Jan. 27, call by Jan. 20. 971-5904

12th Annual Holiday Pet Food Round-Up: Humane Society of Huron Valley Dec 1 to 22. Donate pet food to supplement the shelter's food supply. Look for donation "corners" in front of participating grocery and pet food stores throughout Washtenaw County. 662-5545

1 Thursday

"Wedding in Galilee": Hill St. Cinema 7 and 9 pm, Green Aud., 1429 Hill. Kheifi's film is one of the most important and heartfelt explorations of the Israeli-Arab question. This moving study of two cultures in conflict revolves around the story of an Arab village elder who invites the military to his son's traditional wedding to circumvent government opposition. 769-0500

"The Real Inspector Hound": Performance Network 8 pm, 408 W. Washington. Comic mystery by Tom Stoppard, \$8/\$6 students & seniors. 663-0681

"A Midsummer Night's Dream": Huron Players 8 pm, Huron High, 2727 Fuller Rd. Shakespeare's play directed by Jim Moran and produced by Desmond Ryan. \$5 adults/\$3 students. 994-2097

"Heartland": J. Parker Copley Dance Co. 8 pm, Trueblood Theatre, Frieze Bldg, 105 S. State St. This dance/theatre work examines the juxtaposition of our nation's urban commercialism, pop culture and traditional heritage over the past 30 years. \$10/\$8 seniors. 761-2728

2 Friday

Women's Tea: Women's Crisis Center (WCC) and U-M Lesbian Programs Office 5:30 to 7 pm, St. Andrews Church, 306 N. Division (Lawrence St. entrance). All women are welcome to this alternative happy hour. Enjoy pleasant company every Friday in an alcohol-free atmosphere. 761-9475

Cabaret Tingeltangel: Pioneer High and U-M 7:30 pm, East Quad, Residential College. A collection of



Gregory Fox is one of two Ann Arbor photographers (Mike Massey is the other) whose work can be found in the 1989 "Let Nicaragua Live" Calendar available for \$7.50 from the Ann Arbor-Juigalpa Sister City Task Force. Fox's photo of Ann Arborite Allison Downing teaching violin was taken in Managua in March, 1988. The Calendar can be found at Borders, the Food Co-ops, and the Alternative Holiday Fair (see 4 Sun).

cabaret sketches and songs performed in German by students from Pioneer High and U-M. Directed by Janet Shier, U-M RC German Program. 763-0176 or 761-9648

"The Real Inspector Hound": Performance Network 8 pm (see 1 Thur)

"A Midsummer Night's Dream": Huron Players 8 pm (see 1 Thur)

"Heartland": J. Parker Copley Dance Co. 8 pm (see 1 Thur)

Gay Men's Coffee House: "Brothers" 8 pm, Guild House, 802 Monroe. 763-4186

Koko Taylor: Prism Productions 9 and 11:30 pm, Alvin's, 5756 Cass, Detroit. Chicago's legendary queen of the blues, \$12.50. 665-4755

Friday Music Nights: Canterbury House 9:30 pm to 1 am, Canterbury House, 218 N. Division. Live music starts at 10 pm, with breaks for socializing and announcements of political events. Musicians: call in advance to get on program. 665-0606

"Vampire Lesbians of Sodom" and "Coma, or Sleeping Beauty": Performance Network 11 pm, 408 W. Washington. "Vampire Lesbians," in the Rocky Horror tradition, is full of bad puns, harmless depravity and sinister innocence.

"Coma" is a treatment of the 60s fashion world with a LSD-induced segue into 80s health consciousness, \$8/\$6 students & seniors. 663-0681

3 Saturday

Ann Arbor Record Show: Oran-gapoid Productions 9:30 am to 5 pm, Elks Lodge, 325 W. Eisenhower Pkwy. Music lovers of all generations and tastes will find reasonably priced records as well as rare collector items. Patrons allowed to carry in a small number of records to trade or sell, \$2. 665-2926 or 434-2968

"Santa Paws": Humane Society of Huron Valley 11 am to 4 pm, Ann Arbor Dog Training Club, 1575 E. North Territorial Rd. Accompany your pet to a special photo session with Santa Claus to benefit the Humane Society. Don't forget your dog leash or cat cage. 3.5"x 4.25" photo \$7, two wallets for \$6 or \$12 for all three. 662-5545

Cabaret Tingeltangel: Pioneer High and U-M 7:30 pm (see 2 Fri)

"The Real Inspector Hound": Perf. Network 8 pm (see 1 Thur)

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Koko Taylor: Prism Productions 9 and 11:30 pm (see 2 Fri)

"Vampire Lesbians": Performance Network 11 pm (see 2 Fri)

4 Sunday

Happy Hanukkah!

Meeting: The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation 10:30 am at the David Byrd Chapel, 3261 Lohr Rd., or at the Pittsfield Union Grange Hall, 3337 Ann Arbor Saline Rd. For a ride or further information call the Rev. Joe Summers at 665-4734.

Nonviolence and Civil Disobedience Training: Latin American Solidarity Committee 2 to 6 pm, Guild House, 802 Monroe. Richard Cleaver of the American Friends Service Committee will conduct the workshop. 994-6387

"A Midsummer Night's Dream": Huron Players 2 pm (see 1 Thur)

Alternative Holiday Fair: First Baptist Church and Interfaith Council for Peace 3 to 7 pm, First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 512 E. Huron. An opportunity for people to buy alternative gifts such as craft and art items from developing countries as well as various products which support hunger projects in Ann Arbor and around the world. 663-9376

"Heartland": Copley Dance Co. 4 pm matinee (see 1 Thur)

Potluck and Discussion: Progressive Zionist Caucus 5:30 pm, Minnie's Co-op, 307 N. State. Join us for an evening of food and thought on religious pluralism in Israel. 996-5950

"The Real Inspector Hound": Performance Network 6:30 pm (see 1 Thur)

Fields of the Nephilim: Prism Productions 7:30 pm, Nectarine Ballroom, 510 E. Liberty, \$9.50. 665-4755

"Heartland": J. Parker Copley Dance Co. 8 pm (see 1 Thur)

Lesbian-Gay Men's Music: Gay Liberation 8 pm, Blind Pig, 208 S. First. 996-8555

Fundraising Dance: Domestic Violence Project, Inc./SAFE House 9 pm, Blind Pig, 208 S. First. Proceeds will go to the Michigan Coalition Against Domestic Violence as well as SAFE House, \$4. 484-0678

"Vampire Lesbians": Performance Network 9 pm (see 2 Fri)

5 Monday

Human Rights Week: Amnesty International EMU A week of activities begins with the building of a mock jail cell near the Pray-Harold building (EMU campus) which will be occupied 24 hours a day until Dec. 10. 483-9655 or 482-0904

Open House for Lesbians & Gay Men: Integrity 8:45 pm, Canterbury House, 218 N. Division. 665-0606

New Class in Applied Metaphysics: School of Metaphysics 7:30 pm, 719 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti, \$8 min. weekly donation. 482-9600

Was (Not Was): Prism Productions 10 pm, Nectarine Ballroom, 510 E. Liberty, \$12.50. 665-4755

6 Tuesday

Lesbian-Gay Radio Show 6 pm, 88.3 FM, WCBN. 763-3501 or 763-4186

Emerina Mendoza: MSA Peace & Justice Committee 7 pm, Women's Studies Lounge, West Engineering. Emerina Mendoza will speak on "Women in Guatemala." 761-7049

Homophobia, Violence and Militarism Workshop: American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) & Guild House 7:30 pm, Guild House, 802 Monroe. Workshop by Richard Cleaver, director of AFSC's Program on Militarism and Nonviolence using discussion, music, role-reversals, etc. First in a series of events leading up to the 20th anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion (next June). To reserve a spot, contact R. Cleaver by Dec. 5. 761-8283

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Ann Arbor Poetry Slam #5 8 to 11 pm, Old Heidelberg, 215 N. Main. First hour open mike, second hour performance by Michigan poet John Sinclair, and the last hour is the "poetry slam," where poets compete for a cash prize, \$2. 667-1910 or 764-0410

Meeting: Lesbian & Gay Rights Organizing Committee (La-GROC) 8 pm, 3100 Michigan Union. 763-4186

7 Wednesday

Volunteer Information Session: Women's Crisis Center (WCC) 5:30 pm, 306 N. Division (Lawrence St. entrance). Learn about WCC and how you can join our work helping women help themselves. 761-9475 or 994-9100

Luc Delliens: Ypsilanti Peace Fellowship, SANE/FREEZE and others 7:30 pm, First Congregational Church, 218 N. Adams, Ypsilanti. Delliens is a steering committee member of the Flemish Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons (VAKA) and professor of sociology at the Free University in Brussels. His writing, part of "Euro-tour 88," a group of 20 activists from Europe visiting American peace groups to discuss the European peace movement's new focuses and strategies for the situation now facing NATO countries. 482-6980

Meeting: Latin American Solidarity Committee (LASC) 8 pm, 2435 Mason Hall. 665-8438

Lesbian-Gay Men's Music: Gay Liberation 8 pm (see 4 Sun)

9 Friday

Women's Tea: Women's Crisis Center (WCC) 5:30 to 7 pm (see 2 Fri)

"Raise the Roof: An Opus in 5 Acts": Performance Network 7 pm, 408 W. Washington. The Network's 3rd Annual variety show fundraiser kicks off with a 7 pm Buffet Reception, followed by an 8 pm Variety

Showcase, featuring some of the area's finest performers along with the tonight-only appearance of Theatre Grottesco. \$15 ticket includes Saturday's Open House and Dance Party. All under one roof! 663-0681

Metaphysical "Rap" Session: School of Metaphysics 7:30 pm, 719 W. Mich. Ave., Ypsilanti. 482-9600

Human Rights Week: Amnesty International EMU 8 pm, McKenny Union (EMU). Two former prisoners of conscience, one from Iran and the other from Korea, will speak about their experiences. 483-9655 or 482-0904

10 Saturday

"Santa Paws": Humane Society of Huron Valley 11 am to 4 pm (see 3 Sat)

"Raise the Roof: An Opus in 5 Acts": Performance Network 7 pm Buffet Reception, 8 pm Variety Showcase (see 9 Fri). Later there's a dance party with Frank Allison and the Odd Sox. \$15 full evening, \$5 Dance Party only. 663-0681

Dream Hotline-Interstate Participation: School of Metaphysics 12 pm to 12 am, 719 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti. An interstate dream hotline will provide answers and insight to dreams and their meanings. 482-9600

News/feature DEADLINE: AGENDA January issue news & feature articles due before 5 pm, 202 E. Washington, #512, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. 996-8018

11 Sunday

Dream Hotline-Interstate Participation: School of Metaphysics 12 am to 12 pm (see 10 Sat)

Meeting: The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation 10:30 am (see 4 Sun)

Community Open House: B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation 2 to 5 pm, Mandell L. Berman Center. 769-0500

Monthly Meeting: Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament (WAND) 6 pm, St. Aidan's-Northside Church, 1679 Broadway, near North Campus. Family Potluck dinner and talk by Stan Harbison, "The Soviet Union, the USA and Peacemaking, 1988." Potluck at 6 pm, speaker and children's activities at 7 pm. For more about meeting, rides, or WAND call 761-1718.

Bible Interpretation-Book of Revelation: School of Metaphysics 6:30 pm, 719 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti. 482-9600

Lesbian-Gay Men's Music: Gay Liberation 8 pm (see 4 Sun)

12 Monday

Volunteer Information Session: Women's Crisis Center (WCC) 12 noon (see 7 Wed)

Meeting: Parents-FLAG/Ann Arbor 7:30 pm, First Methodist Church, State at Huron. 763-4186

Open House for Lesbians & Gay Men: Integrity 8:45 pm (see 5 Mon)

13 Tuesday

Howard Zinn: MSA Peace & Justice Committee, UCAR, Palestine Solidarity Committee, LASC 4 pm, Rackham Aud., U-M. Howard Zinn will speak on student activism, from SNCC to the present. 994-6387

Lesbian-Gay Radio Show 6 pm, 88.3 FM, WCBN. 763-3501

Meeting: Amnesty International Group 6:17:30 pm, Mich. Union (check at desk for room). Letter writing and other activities to protect human rights around the world. 761-3639

Meeting: Lesbian & Gay Rights Organizing Committee (La-GROC) 8 pm (see 6 Tue)

14 Wednesday

Recognition of Wildflower Bakery: Ann Arbor Board of Educa-

tion 7:30 pm, Cable channel 10. Wildflower's "Rolling in Dough" program is featured for its work in the schools over the past 7 years. 994-0601

Lesbian-Gay Men's Music: Gay Liberation 8 pm (see 4 Sun)

Meeting: Latin American Solidarity Committee (LASC) 8 pm (see 7 Wed)

15 Thursday

Prayer Service: The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation Protest the ongoing expansion of the state's prison system at a prayer service in the rotunda of the State Capitol in Lansing. Also, attend a Dept. of Corrections meeting later in the day. Need a ride? 761-8283 or Joe Summers, 665-4734.

Volunteer Information Session: Women's Crisis Center (WCC) 5 pm (see 7 Wed)

CALENDAR & CRD DEADLINE: AGENDA January issue Calendar and Community Resource Directory listings due before 5 pm, 202 E. Washington, #512, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. 996-8018

16 Friday

Women's Tea: Women's Crisis Center (WCC) 5:30 to 7 pm (see 2 Fri)

"The Journey Within": School of Metaphysics 7:30 pm, 719 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti. Learn to interpret your dreams in the language of the mind. 482-9600

Gay Men's Coffee House: "Brothers" 8 pm (see 2 Fri)

"Singing in the Darkness—The Talking Heads and Redemption in the 80s": Canterbury House 9 pm, 218 N. Division. Presentation by the Reverend Joe Summers on some of the most important social critics of the decade, the Talking Heads, whose music expresses both the tragic plight of the detached self, and a vision of how those who live from the head up may be restored to

their full humanity. 665-0606

17 Saturday

Auction & Tree Trimming Party: School of Metaphysics 7:30 pm, 719 W. Michigan, Ypsilanti. Decorate the School's Christmas tree with meta-physical ornaments and bid for hidden treasures wrapped under the tree. 482-9600

18 Sunday

Meeting: The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation 10:30 am (see 4 Sun)

Bible Interpretation-The Birth of Jesus: School of Metaphysics 6:30 pm (see 11 Sun)

Lesbian-Gay Men's Music: Gay Liberation 8 pm (see 4 Sun)

19 Monday

Open House for Lesbians & Gay Men: Integrity 8:45 pm (see 5 Mon)

20 Tuesday

Volunteer Information Session: Women's Crisis Center (WCC) 11 am (see 7 Wed)

Lesbian-Gay Radio Show 6 pm, 88.3 FM, WCBN. 763-3501 or 763-4186

Meeting: Lesbian & Gay Rights Organizing Committee (LaGROC) 8 pm (see 6 Tue)

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25 Sunday

Merry Christmas!

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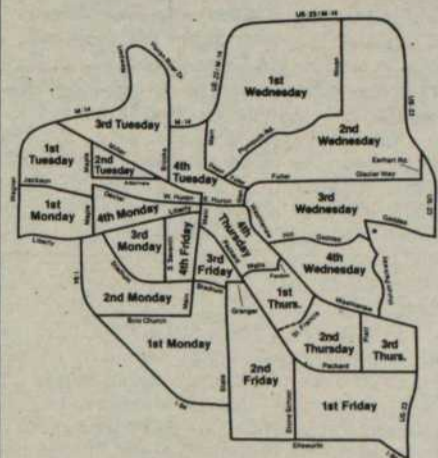
29 Thursday

**Volunteer Information Session: Women's
Crisis Center (WCC)** 4 pm (see 7 Wed)

30 Friday

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31 Saturday

**Annual New Year's Eve Benefit: Common
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COMMUNITY RESOURCE DIRECTORY

Smell the Coffee!

For some time now, we Agendoids have been
wondering why so few activist groups in the area take
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fighting a foreign U.S. foreign policy, working for
peace and disarmament—every organization needs
to communicate to the public their goals and their
needs. We wonder just what is going on out there in
activistland when only a handful of groups are re-
sourceful enough to put together \$20 a month and a
page of information for the Community Resource
Directory, a section of this paper set aside exclu-
sively for such purposes.

AGENDA circulates 20,000 copies each month,
free of charge from over 350 locations in Ann Arbor,
Ypsilanti, Dexter, Chelsea, Manchester, Saline, Mil-
lan, and Whitmore Lake. If you want your organiza-
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CRD listings should contain your group's current
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art deadline.

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incentive, to invest in programs which can be
shown to be far more effective in helping to reduce
crime.

We also plan to attend the Department of Cor-
rections meeting which will be held later in the day.
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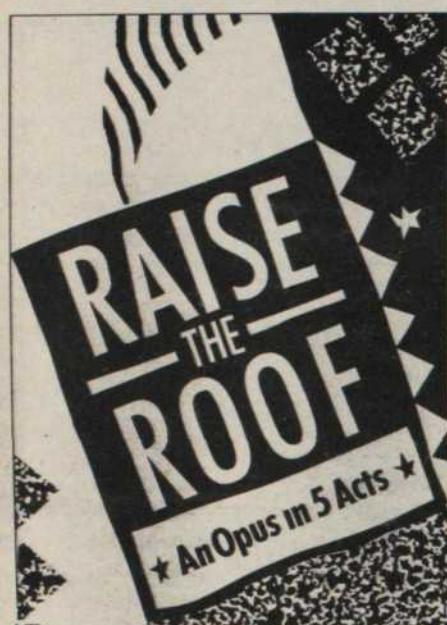
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In the last ten years the number of people incar-
cerated in the state of Michigan has doubled. Now
the state is planning to build 28 more prisons in the
near future. These prisons will not make our com-
munities safer. They will deprive other social ser-
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PRISON (from page 9)

outreach, challenges the structures and powers that deny our common humanity and keep us in bondage.

In the four years of our existence we have been active in a number of areas including challenging our government's policies in Central America, the Middle East, and South Africa. We have sought to challenge our local community in terms of such issues as affordable housing and the plight of the homeless and mentally ill. We have also been very involved in prison outreach and working to reform our criminal justice system.

We meet on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. at the David Byrd Chapel, 3261 Lohr Rd., or at the Pittsfield Union Grange Hall, 3337 Ann Arbor Saline Rd. Transportation to services can be arranged. For further information call the Rev. Joe Summers at 665-4734.

The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, P.O. Box 4111, Ann Arbor, MI 48106, 665-4734

Gay/Lesbian Task Force Issues Congressional Report Cards

What grade did your Congressperson get? "Report Cards" that evaluate the records of all 535 members of the 100th Congress are available from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF). NGLTF followed voting records on lesbian and gay male concerns such as anti-lesbian and anti-gay violence, civil rights legislation, educational materials and federally-funded programs relating to AIDS, and anti-discrimination legislation for persons adjudged handicapped, including people with AIDS, people with ARC, and people who are HIV-positive.

Members of the House of Representatives were more supportive of lesbian-gay male issues than were members of the Senate. Legislators from Massachusetts scored the only cumulative "A" with a combined score of 90. Michigan legislators scored 76. Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC) scored 0. The Task Force intends to issue "Report Cards" for each session of Congress, according to Peri Jude Radevic, a NGLTF lobbyist. For information, call (202)332-6483 or write to NGLTF, 1517 U. Street, Washington, DC 20009.

A national conference by, for and about lesbians is tentatively scheduled for late 1989 or early

The Ecology Center/Recycle Ann Arbor Drop Off Station wants to thank the thousands of people who recycled phone books and magazines during the month of November. Together we kept tons of material from going to the landfill.

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sentencing community service at the Station and U-M Work/Study positions are available.

We sell handy recycling crates for \$10 and buckets for a \$3 donation. These help make recycling easier—no breaking bags or weakened cardboard boxes. Holiday greeting cards are available now through January with a discount to Ecology Center members.

The Recycling Drop Off Station is a program of the Ecology Center—a non-profit community environmental organization which provides services in waste recycling, energy conservation, education, and advocacy.

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1990. The conference is intended to set a lesbian agenda for social, economic, and political change; to increase lesbian visibility; and to acknowledge lesbian diversity and commonality. Regional planning meetings will be held in the next few months, with the first national steering-committee meeting to follow in Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina over the weekend of March 4-5, 1989. For information, write National Lesbian Conference, PO Box 3057, Albany, NY 12203.

Gay Liberation's Purpose is to provide information, counseling, and related social services for people concerned about sexual orientation; maintain Hotline for crisis intervention, peer counseling, referral; help provide factual information to offset prejudice and misinformation about lesbians and gay men; work to obtain human and civil rights for all, regardless of sexual orientation; help lesbian and gay men's groups organize; link to other community groups.

Community Services include a 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 profes-

sions" can work positively with lesbian and gay male clients, patients, students. **Speakers Bureau:** phone for information. **Human & Civil Rights:** information and referral to help people under discrimination because of their actual or presumed sexual orientation or because of their presumed "cross-gender" characteristics; lobbying for human and civil rights. **Community Organizing:** information and assistance in organizing groups, setting goals, addressing conflict, linking with other groups and resources.

Gay Liberation Meetings vary according to purpose; we do most of our work in sub-committees (counseling, groupwork, education, civil rights). Call for time and place. Gay Liberation includes U-M students, staff, and faculty, and people from the larger community. We have a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. At present we have approximately fifty members. We're a registered non-profit organization.

Gay Liberation, c/o 4117 Michigan Union, Ann Arbor, MI 48109, info: 763-4186; hotline: 662-1977.

WAND Throws Holiday Potluck

To celebrate the Holiday Season, WAND is holding a family potluck and will present Stan Harbison who will speak on "The Soviet Union, the USA, and Peacemaking 1988." Stan Harbison, current member of the Ypsilanti School Board, will talk about his trip to the Soviet Union this past August. He was a member of the National Council of Churches group that went to the Soviet Union in an attempt to help build peace through international cultural bridges and to help celebrate the 1000th anniversary of the Russian Orthodox Church.

The celebration will be held on Sunday, December 11, at St. Aidan's/Northside Church, 1679 Broadway, Ann Arbor (near Bursley-Baits on U-M's North Campus). The family Potluck will begin at 6 pm. Plates, flatware and beverages will be provided by WAND. Please bring a dish to pass. If your last name begins with: A-I bring a main dish, J-R bring a salad or vegetable, S-Z bring a dessert. The speaker will begin at 7 pm (note time change) and activities for the children will also begin then. All are welcome. For more information

please call 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 St. Aidan's/Northside Church, 1679 Broadway, Ann Arbor. 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. Child care is available.

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

FPA (from page 2)

slightly muted form.

The ultimate question becomes—how do potential victims and the progressive community respond to this new assault? With the shallow promises and reactionary rhetoric of the presidential elections still fresh in our minds, and the electoral defeat of most of the progressive candidates and issues on the ballot locally, we must look beyond the ballot box. The heroic history of the welfare rights movement, offers us hope and direction. Another source of inspiration is the intense welfare rights struggles that took place in Ann Arbor (in which many U-M students participated in solidarity) that climaxed in 1968. As Richard Cloward and Frances Piven point out in their introduction to Guida West's 1981 book on the Welfare Rights Organization: "The political movements that from time to time well up from the bottom of our society are important. They are important because they can transform the lives of the people who join them and because they can transform the society that gives rise to them." We must rely on one another and upon the energy and voice of the oppressed communities which have always been the main catalyst for humanizing transformations and movements.

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STATE (from page 6)

for teachers, police, and firemen could be created (\$700 million) and 8,000 jobs for construction workers could be created for rebuilding the state's infrastructure including roads, bridges, and sewage facilities (\$260 million).

When you look at the huge military budget, approximately \$365 billion a year, you can consider how the money might be better spent. For instance, one A6E intruder (attack plane) at \$23 million would cover the annual cost of a staff of 200 to plan mutual reversal of the arms race, and the conversion of the military economy to a civilian economy.

Now that we live in a world that can be destroyed 67 times by our nuclear weapons we need a plan to provide us with a more socially just economy and world. SANE/FREEZE advocates the following steps: 1. a bilateral nuclear weapons freeze, 2. a non-interventionist foreign policy, and 3. a national commitment to strengthening our civilian industrial base.

Building a Peace Machine

The conversion can be put in place by incremental steps such as the establishment of alternate use planning committees, with labor, management and community representation at every major military contractor, facility or community heavily dependent on the military. These committees would assess plant equipment, skills of the workforce, market conditions, and plan alternate uses for them.

The money saved from a reduction in massive military spending can be used to stimulate industrial growth. This can be done through tax incentives, some direct grants, and the strengthening of our federal civilian research and the development programs to encourage the scientific community to work for the solution of basic problems challenging our society.

This planning model has already been successfully implemented in Britain where the Lucas Aerospace Combine Shop Stewards, representing 12,000 workers in Britain's largest defense firm, developed 150 new products and challenged their management and the British government to begin work on some of them.

In the U.S., the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM) the nation's largest union of defense workers, has come out strongly for conversion and is now developing a shop stewards' training course, modeled after the Lucas workers, to equip themselves to make conversion an issue in the collective bargaining process. At this time of massive militarization of our society, projects such as these are the necessary hope for future change. They are the essence of the conversion process.

Conversion Means Cleanup of Defense Procurement System

by E. Scott Adler and Eddie Pont of Michigan Alliance for Disarmament

The Michigan Alliance for Disarmament believes that one of the first steps in the process of economic conversion is correcting the current system of defense procurement.

There is a symbiotic relationship between the Pentagon, contractors, consultants, and legislators. Corruption and fraud are rampant in the defense procurement system. The list of scandals and fraud runs the gamut from "insider information" contractors receive from consultants to the advocacy of unneeded weapons by legislators.

Military contractors commonly defraud the government by any

number of methods. Usually a favored contractor turns in the lowest bid. They are subsequently awarded the contract. Later, they submit sharply higher, revised estimates that are routinely approved by the Pentagon (Christian Science Monitor, 9/19/87).

To the casual observer, the process looks legitimate. The deceit becomes obvious only to someone familiar with the defense procurement system. The contractors often spend beyond even these revised estimates.

Even when it is publicly disclosed that these companies are cheating the government, military contractors do not face very stiff

penalties. General Dynamics was charged by the General Accounting Office with \$100 million dollars in illegal practices. It was only after Congressional and public exposure that the administration conducted its own "investigation," resulting in the suspension of General Dynamics contracts. A few months later, the contracts were reinstated. No criminal action was taken (Christian Science Monitor, 9/17/87). A Pentagon study revealed that over a four year period the Pentagon was overcharged almost \$800 million in inflated labor costs.

As Rep. Denny Smith (R-Oregon) has said, "The problem is not that there is fraud in defense procurement. The problem is that defense procurement has itself become a fraud."

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