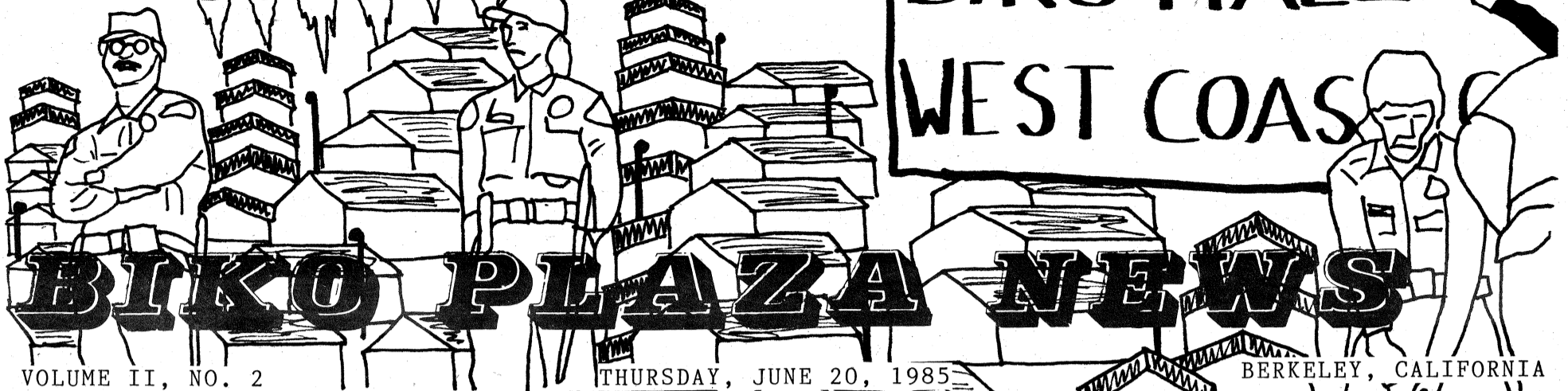


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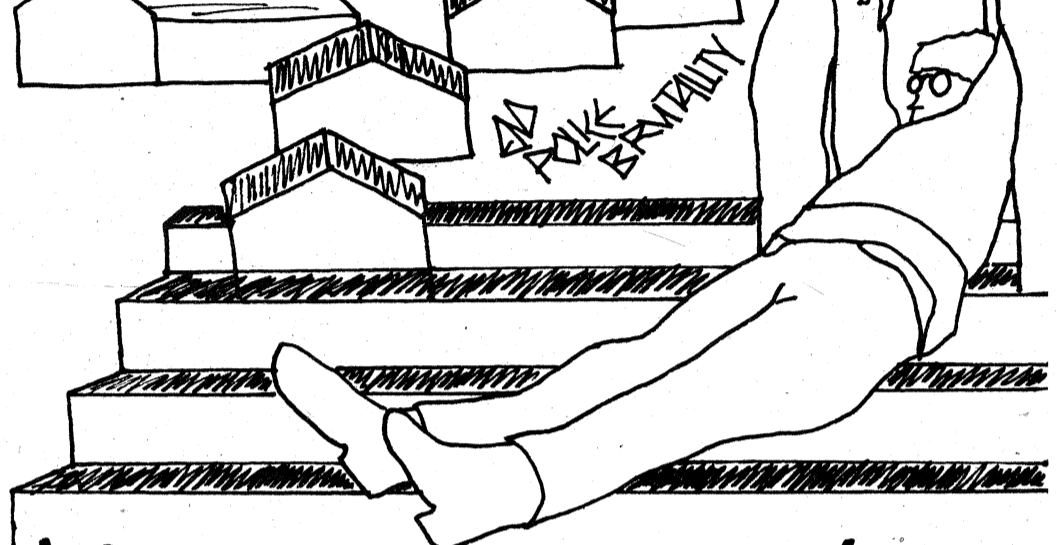
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**NINE ARRESTED IN ACTS OF
CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE
STEVEN BIKO HELD
HOSTAGE BY U.C.P.D.**

UNIVERSITY
HALL
10:30 A.M.
JUNE 19, 1985

9 ARRESTED AT GARDNER PARTY

by Eric Auchard and Andrew Izsak

Just before 10:00 A.M. yesterday, June 19, ten U.C.B. students occupied President Gardner's office, taking the movement's demands directly to the Regents' errand boy in the U.C. administration. One and a half hours later, they were under arrest and whisked off to the University of California, Santa Rita for preventative detention. They were held and released Wednesday evening. One woman in a wheelchair had been cited and let go earlier in the day on the scene at University Hall, because of the inaccessibility of police vans to the disabled. The group of students represented a variety of organizations including Campaign Against Apartheid, Women Against Oppression, United People of Color, the Disabled Caucus and the Divestment Coalition; a token A.S.U.C. Senator was added for balance.

The students were motivated by the coming vote on divestment, in which a majority of Regents are expected to choose the narrowest alternative offered in the Treasurer's report—a case-by-case approach to divestment which ensures that next to nothing will be done by the university to disturb American corporate priorities: business as usual in South Africa. At other universities, this 'option' has effectively killed the apartheid issue. The protest was aimed at President Gardner's cor-

porate-style executive suite because that day, he was to make public his peevish views on divestment as a last pitch effort in his campaign to influence wavering moderates and validate the votes of reactionary Regents.

Throughout the movement this spring, the Regents and Gardner have refused to speak directly with protesters, let alone student leaders. The tactics of President Gardner and his henchmen, the Treasurer and Legal Counsel, have amounted to a systematic exclusion of the anti-apartheid movement's arguments and demands—of faculty, worker and especially student opinions. The official Treasurer's Report, which ignored arguments for full and immediate divestment, and the sham "public" forum at U.C.L.A. are only two of the most recent attacks on meaningful discussion of divestment.

The first students to rush into his office got their foot in the door of Gardner's office just as the President slipped out a side door added for just such attempted coup d'etats. The specific demand of the students was for an audience with Gardner to discuss his view of the political situation in South Africa and request that he use his influential position to demand full divestment at the Regents meeting. The students then sat-in and waited for Gardner to return and meet with them. Flustered secretaries called police, protested "how very rude" the students were behaving, and

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Shanty Town - San Francisco

The Stephen Biko Sit-in (SBS) is carrying out civil disobedience actions to encourage the U.C. Regents to vote for full divestment of \$2.6 billion from banks and corporations doing business with South Africa. SBS is a groups of Berkeley students and community activists who have been protesting the university's ties to South Africa for two months from the steps of Biko Hall (formerly Sproul Hall).

On Thursday, June 20, the SBS will deploy several shacks, much like the shanty town shacks of South Africa, at public locations in San Francisco. The shacks will serve as information booths to educate the public about South Africa, apartheid, and divestment.

The SBS will place shacks outside the U.C. Extension Center (Market and Laguna) on Friday morning, June 21. If the regents fail to vote for full divestment, more shacks will appear in protest. We expect the San Francisco Police Department will attempt to interfere with our political protests, just as do the police in South Africa. Nonetheless, we intend to continue our protests against apartheid and encourage all people to join us.

Meet for civil disobedience at 9:00 A.M. Friday morning at Koshland Community Park, on the corner of Page and Buchannon, half a block from the U.C. Extension Center. For more information, contact Steve Biko at 528-7102.

CONNECTIONS

by Hannah Ziegellaub

It's odd that on the eve of the "encounter" with the Regents and their vote—which they should not even be allowed to have—what comes to mind is a poster I saw recently:

Notice

In 1878 proletarians were needed because there was work. In 1978 work is needed because there are proletarians. Workers have always criticized wage labor—the time has come to get rid of it.

What is the connection between that and the terrible exploitation in South Africa that we are trying to do our share to bring to an end?

What is the connection between wage labor and U.S. imperialism? In attacking South Africa, are we not attacking the keystone in the arch which is the world economic system?

What is the connection between Nicaragua and South Africa?

Come and be counted Thursday (June 20) and Friday (June 21) at U.C. Extension, Market and Laguna, San Francisco.

BIKO PLAZA NEWS
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SCHEDULE OF COMING EVENTS

June 20: Regents meeting!
7:00 A.M. Women's action street theater; bring a shanty! Laguna and Market.
4:00 P.M. March to Union Square.
5:30 P.M. Rally at Union Square

June 21: Regents vote!
9:00 A.M. Respond to the vote!
7:30 P.M. "Road to Freedom" film on life in the liberated zones of El Salvador. Benefit for Casa El Salvador. Telegraph Repertory Theater, 2519 Telegraph, Berkeley.

June 30: Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day March. For information, call 652-4401, ex. 656.

July 7: Women to Women run in Golden Gate Park to Benefit A.M.E.S.—Association of El Salvadorian Women, and A.M.N.L.A.E.—Luisa Amanda Espinoza Women's Association. Call 652-4400, ex. 419.

NEWS AROUND THE WORLD**From Our President:**

"You just can't start shooting without having someone in your sunsights."

—Ronald Reagan, 6/18/85

"Star Wars" Begins

The space shuttle Discovery began the first "Star Wars" experiment by being tracked by a laser fired from Hawaii.

Criminal Banks get off easy

Chase Manhattan, Manufacturers Hanover Trust, Irving Trust, and Chemical Bank were fined \$1.2 million for laundering well over a billion dollars worth of cash. In New York, a spokesman for Chemical Bank said, "We have conducted a thorough review of our currency reporting procedures and there is no evidence that any of our ethical standards have been violated."

On Golden Pond aka Lake Geneva

The U.S. is shipping 440 pounds of plutonium to Switzerland.

G.E. doing alright

General Electric received a \$61 million contract to build jet engines.

New trial for sanctuary worker

The original conviction of Stacey Lynn Merkt was overturned and a new trial ordered on charges of conspiracy and transporting refugees in Texas.

Also....

Los Angeles: A judge in L.A. has refused to stop police use of the battering ram tank being used in police raids in that city.

Phoenix: The Department of Corrections will change the names of each of the state prisons to better depict their functions.

Boston: The son of Boston Police Commissioner pleaded innocent to charges of grand theft auto.

Oh Great...

Dugway Proving Grounds, Utah: The army is trying to set up an \$8.4 million research lab for biological war.

Cat Fanciers Please Take Note:

Those thinking of buying the 1986 Purina Cat Calendar—beware. Arthur, Mr. November, is the tabby of Jeanne Kirkpatrick. His modeling fee of \$2,500 has been donated to the contras in Nicaragua.

Passbook, cont...

Palm Beach, Florida: By law, all service and domestic workers in this city are required to purchase a special I.D. from the local police department. The \$4.00 fee includes photographing, fingerprinting and a background check.

But He's so nice... Ronald Reagan

"That is the goal, the safe return. And yet as I say, in a manner that does not reward the hostages for the crimes they have committed, because that gang would be out next week for another try."

Letter to the Editor:

Certainly you have heard of the recent assaults on women involved in the Divestment Movement. It is sad but true that numerous reports have been verified, and women have now come forth to expose an assailant. X, who has actively participated on the steps, has been identified by many women who have been assaulted.

We at UCB are in possession of statements verifying two violent rape attempts, as well as other serious incidents of sexual harassment. Hundreds of people witnessed X aggressively threatening to violate a woman's safe sleeping space on the steps.

At U.C. Santa Cruz, X was evicted from the sit-in after harassing more than ten women in a three-day period. He was confronted by these women and many others at a meeting, and spent several hours talking with men from Men Against Rape. He admitted no responsibility for his behavior nor willingness to change.

The investigative committee set up by our organizations is fully aware of the danger of false accusations, and we have taken great care to make a thorough investigation of the facts. Numerous verifications have convinced us that this situation is dangerous for women, and must be confronted.

On 5/22/85, a large meeting of the campus-wide anti-apartheid movement issued this Alert:

"Abusive behavior will not be tolerated, especially in a movement dedicated to fighting oppression. The environment must be conducive for all to fully participate.

"With combined efforts of the community, we can censure this individual and prevent him from participating in any social or political activities. We are prepared to obtain a restraining order against X if he persists in coming to the U.C. Berkeley campus and attending activities. We are also prepared to file charges of

harassment, assault, and attempted rape if X refuses to adhere to the demands of the Divestment Movement. Donations of legal services have been received for this purpose.

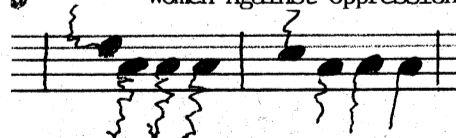
"We strongly urge that the community demand that X leave any public gathering and remove himself from the campus and its immediate vicinity. We expect full participation in this effort from all politically and socially conscious individuals in the community."

This statement was issued as a leaflet signed by Women Against Oppression, United People of Color, Campaign Against Apartheid, and the campus-wide Coalition.

We wish to address the response from men since the ostracism was issued. Some men responded with immediate respect for the leadership being provided by well-known women activists and the women who had been attacked. Other men raised sincere questions to the women, which we have tried to address. However, numerous men vacillated and actually prolonged the movement's paralysis—a dangerous state of affairs that had already dragged on for several weeks. Still other men issued a leaflet arrogantly rescinding the ostracism. Rather than raising their questions with the women, they decided they knew what was best and posted a counter-ostracism all over town. It is interesting to note that men who had been apathetic during the weeks when one woman after another was being attacked, some of whom had hooted down women in general meetings when we raised the issue, suddenly had a surge of energy. Their action continued the lack of respect for women, and created a cloud of confusion for the attacker to hide in.

No doubt some men are threatened by the fact that women will neither be passive victims nor ask for protection. Women from various organizations carried out an investigation, issued a call for action, and mobilized the campus community. We are affirming that respect for women is one of the principles of our movement, and that there are standards for participation. Under the banner of "open process," a "do-your-own-thing" attitude means tolerating sexism and racism. We know that our movement will only be able to grow in size and strength as strong principles take hold and are defended. Taking a position against attempted rape should not be an isolated action, but only the beginning of deepening our movement's commitment to women's liberation and to the liberation of all people.

—United People of Color
—Women Against Oppression

**The Politics of Punk Rock**

Hey shitheads, music should be an integral part of the struggle scenario. Unfortunately, there is too much struggle and not enough music. Perhaps this is because nobody cares except for isolated pockets of willing or perhaps stupid individuals banging their thick heads against the immense walls of lethargy. One thing I

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IN STRUGGLE COMES TRUTH

Too often we have allowed others to define us and to explain us to ourselves and to the world. The media fill up with their predictable, superficial descriptions and opinions of our demonstrations, and the know-it-all progressive-academics scurry about with their brilliantly self-serving theses on who we are and what we are doing. But we in the movement, until now, have not had a very good place to discuss and understand ourselves. This column will hopefully provide a location for just that discussion and make self-understanding (and successful action) easier. While a couple of us are going to be responsible for regularly filling this space, we hope that many people with a wide range of perspectives will contribute.

We hope to focus on several areas. We will explore the currents, tendencies, and organizations on campus and in the area (and, of course, smash those we find unpleasant), with interviews, historical reflection, political analysis, and ideological rectification. Also on our agenda is an attempt to develop a picture of our opposition, the university. Part of this will be to examine the role of schooling, particularly in so-called higher education at universities and colleges, in training people for participation in a system of competition, hierarchy, and domination. In particular, we will examine how U.C. prepares and provides managers, information and resources for the corporations and for the state.

It is perhaps one of the central lessons of the past year, particularly of the Biko occupation, that direct action and open conflict can lead to a concrete and clear understanding of who and what we are fighting. When by our actions we did engage, actually grabbed hold of, the university, its facade of reasonable impartiality and intellectual openness began to break down. While it is true that there has been more police violence and intimidation and administrative threats this year than in a long time, we know that the university does not easily turn to discipline and violence. For it knows that once it does, the whole fabric of its legitimacy quickly unravels and its hard foundation in a system of coercion, exploitation and murder is revealed. And of course this is one of its two greatest fears.

For a few moments this year, we directly knew the university for what it is. We saw through its lies, to its sleaziness, and we got a hint of its ruthlessness. But this kind of knowledge only came with uncompromising action, with the willingness to confront, and only in so doing did we put the university into the bind it truly hates: either back down or repress, either dual power or delegitimation. Finally our intention is to follow and illuminate what our actions reveal. And as the struggle continues, to watch and expose the university's slippery dance. Be clear! As long as we allow this university to slide out of the grasp of our practical activity and put its well-tailored arms around us in a friendly embrace, we will have no knowledge of its criminal soul and no hope of overcoming it.

We must know to act and act to know.

In struggle, EN & VS

ARRESTS (cont. from front page) fussed over "protesters disturbing the paperwork." One secretary claimed assault in the door-opening attempt, leading to two of the arrestees having charges of battery added. Stephen Biko lived again, as the famous banner painted for the sit-in hung from Gardner's top-floor windows.

The message of the sit-in was that the university administration has no interest, in fact no basis, for a discussion of full divestment. The protesters hope that more students will be stirred to participation in protests and actions scheduled for the Regents' two-day meeting in San Francisco.

Three of the students refused to go willingly with the police and were encountered by the usual U.C.P.D. rough handling and verbal threats. As the political trial of the April 16 resistors continues this week in Berkeley court, the police continued their established pattern of harassment of non-violent protestors. As two U.C. police escorted the A.S.U.C. Senator down the hallway, one said to the other, "I wonder how much pressure it would take to break his wrist?"

We'll see you-- President Gardner-- at the meeting.

KANGAROO COURT

On April 30, 1985, in expression of their outrage at continued United States support of the brutal and murderous activities of the Nicaraguan contras, Terry Messman-Rucker, Ken Butigan and Marie Pastrick splashed blood onto the wall of the U.S. Federal Building in downtown San Francisco.

On June 10, these three individuals were arraigned before Federal Magistrate F.S. Langford, who sentenced each of them to 45 days in jail, plus a year's probation. The prosecuting attorney had recommended a sentence of only 25 days.

Marie Pastrick, Ken Butigan and Terry Messman-Rucker acted on behalf of many, many more of us who are horrified and dismayed that our tax dollars are being spent to facilitate rape, torture and murder of innocent Nicaraguan civilians-- men, women and children-- and that these atrocities are being carried out in our name. As American citizens they had a right to demonstrate their mortification and indignation, as we all do, and perhaps should. The "defacing" of a wall constitutes a very light sort of "damage" compared to the terror perpetrated by the so-called "freedom-fighters" on the borders of Nicaragua.

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INTERVIEW

PEDRO



ASUC president

Cont. from yesterday

BPN: U.P.C. has been organized around the issue of Affirmative Action. How has the university been responding to your work?

PEDRO: When we talk about the "university," I'd like to really make the distinction between the administration and the faculty. For the most part, Heyman has been relatively sympathetic to the issue of Affirmative Action, and you can see that by the increase in undergraduate enrollment that has taken place over the last few years. But at the faculty and graduate level, those decisions to admit or to hire Third World people are made by the faculty in the departments, and it is there that we find the most racism and the most institutionalized discrimination. That's where, I think, the challenge we face is to confront these departments who, under the guise of protecting standards, keep out Third World scholars and prevent fellow students from entering the graduate program.

BPN: What problems has U.P.C. had this year?

THORN • B. Bird

PEDRO: The main problems have been trying to reach out to our constituencies so that we don't get too far out ahead of our fellow students on campus. Our main purpose is not just to organize Black, Latino and Asian students; at the same time, we want to participate in movements such as divestment or the struggle against intervention in Central America. But we want to make sure that in our participation, we're drawing our own people in, and that we're not the only people causing a row.

BPN: What do you see as the U.P.C.'s future goals and strategy?

PEDRO: The main goal will be to organize fellow students on campus-- to get fellow students more actively involved in addressing issues such as Affirmative Action at the faculty level, graduate level, undergraduate level; getting fellow students more involved in having input into the Ethnic Studies programs; and making the connections and developing programs that bring fellow students off the campus and into their own communities. Many fellow students on campus are getting skills and being educated, and many will be looking for jobs when they graduate. We don't want to lose them to the corporate structure; we want them to come back to the communities with those skills. So we hope that U.P.C. can facilitate the process of making the connection between the campus and the community for Third World people.

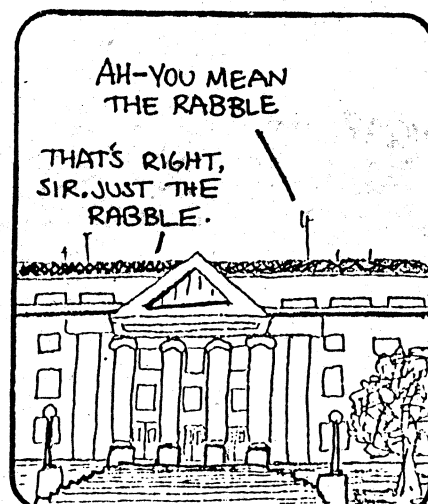
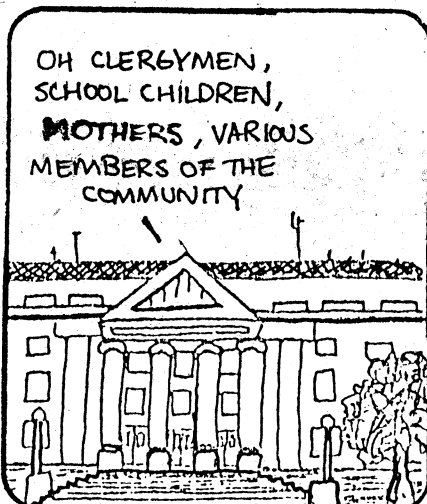
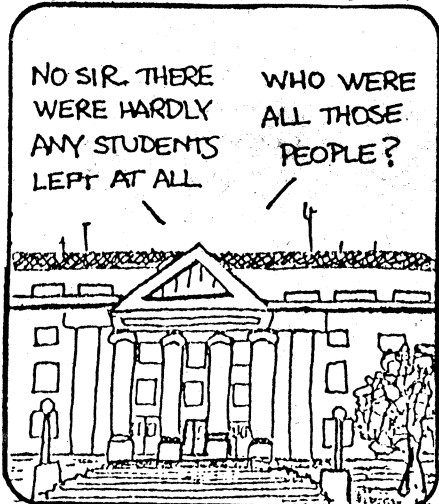
BPN: What are your goals as the new President of the A.S.U.C.?

PEDRO: Well, in a general sense, my goal is to try to use the student government

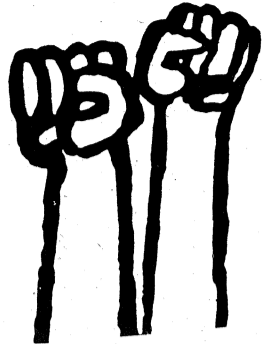
in a way in which it can advance issues that affect students as citizens in this country, and that also affect students' rights on the campus. So I would want to use the A.S.U.C. to get students involved in opposing the war in Central America; I'd also want to use the A.S.U.C. to get people involved in challenging the hierarchy of the university, so that students have more input into the decisions that are made in the university. So those are general sorts of things. I have more specific ideas, but it might get to mundane.

BPN: You can enumerate on them a little bit, if you want.

PEDRO: Well, like right now, there is going to be a major turnover in the faculty at the university. Over 50% of the faculty is expected to retire in the next 15 years. So if we're going to ensure that there will be not only Third World people represented in the faculty, but also good teachers in the faculty, then we want to make sure that students have input into the hiring decisions, and into the recruitment of the faculty. That's one thing, you know, working with the departments and making sure that students have some input into those decisions. One of the things we also want to do is send a brigade of students to Nicaragua this year-- maybe a work brigade or perhaps some type of tour-- where we get students to see the importance of creating peace between the Nicaraguan people and the people of this country. We want to work with the existing student unions on campus-- AGSE, which has been formed, as well as the Student Employee Association-- to ensure employee



rights for students. there are a lot of different things we're working on. cont. next issue



BOOK REVIEW:
by Holly Ober

Daughters of the Earth: The Lives and Legends of American Indian Women, Carolyn Niethammer, MacMillan Publishing Co., N.Y., 1977; 281 pages, bibliography and illustrations; \$7.95 new, but can be purchased used for about \$5.00 at Moes and Shakespeare's & Co.

Niethammer covers all the details of life as a woman in various North American tribes that I've never seen in most anthropological and historical monographs, because they are so mundane. She discusses explicitly and matter-of-factly contraceptive methods, practices associated with menstruation, the education of children (girls in particular), and how women fit in the largely male-dominated political, military and religious scheme. Using extensive examples from the oral traditions of the tribes themselves, Niethammer gives a comprehensive account of how Native American women use the natural resources around them, as well as their cultural resources, to provide a secure and fulfilling life for their families and for themselves.

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KANGAROO COURT
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The sentence layed down by Judge Langford was in excess of the one requested by the prosecuting attorney, in excess of the normal penalty for this sort of "crime" under non-political circumstances, and far in excess of justice. Those of us who care about seeing justice done in our courts and/or about the ongoing tragedy in Nicaragua, owe it to ourselves as well as to Ken, Terry and Marie to call Judge Langford's office at 556-7670, to let him know what we think and feel, and to urge him to commute their sentences.

Also, please write to:

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Terry Messman-Rucker
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Ken Butigan
c/o Livermore Action Group
3126 Shattuck Ave.
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PUNK (cont. from p. 2) — know, it is simply not cool to be too political, to put too much attention to one meager "cause"; even an amalgamation of several does not cut the mustard these days. Sure, one would think, thanks to Maximum Rock and Roll, that punk rock is one big happy family—a veritable network of hardworking musicians and critics just waiting for the next big world atrocity to come, so they can editorialize on it. May Tim strike me down, but to my estimation, it is truly and sadly a misnomer. Sure, certain bands carry the torch, and I am not saying that if you are not speaking your mind the "right" way, you are shit. But think of the possibilities. A couple of years ago (christ, here we go with the nostalgia), you were shit if you did not wear your cause like a haircut—if you did not have a circle A tattoo, bag it pal.

Fuck, the biggest controversy of recent months has been the skinhead contingencies erupting across the country as a reaction to wimpy, passive, weak-kneed liberals trying to CHANGE our strategically sound, imperialistic country into communes and relatively inexpensive love. Personally, I think they will probably beat everybody else up, then beat themselves up and die. This opinion does not come lightly; my broken nose tells its own story. I just think there are too many other things to get mad without being painful about it. Hell, I don't care, hit me again, I just prefer that my blood should not be spilt needlessly.

Back to the subject at hand—chastising poor innocent punk rockers just trying to have fun. Why don't you just include one or two political items in your set (or force your friend's band) and make a big issue of it? Announce the song, tell what it means and perhaps, a la Dave MDC or Eddie C2D, recite a few of the more choice lyrics for emphasis. Then you can be cool with M RNR and get fucked up.

You, o gentle reader, may not agree with anything I have said—good.
Love (2¢), Jeep

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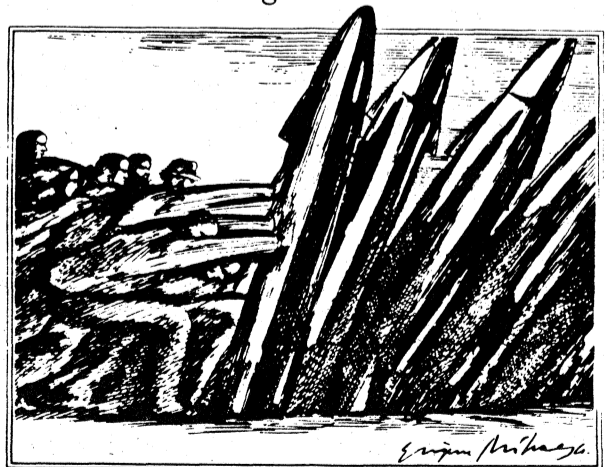
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