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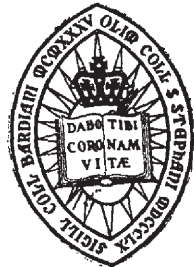
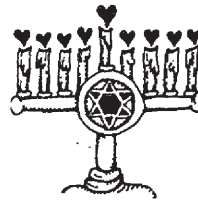
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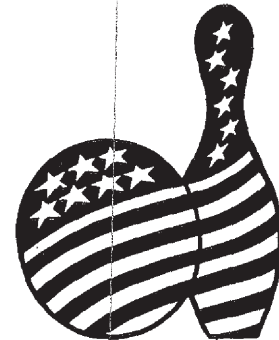
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BARD OBSERVER



Bard College

SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER 1957

BARD WILLED H-BOMB ENDOWMENT

DELICATE NEGOTIATIONS
WITH EDWARD TELLER ESTATE
YIELD RICH LEGACY

It has been learned by the Observer that Leon Botstein will announce at the next Trustees' meeting that one 600 megaton hydrogen bomb will be delivered to the campus next December 1st. The college has also received a strip of land in Barrytown, where construction will begin on an airstrip "hopefully by next spring" according to the director of Bard's Physical Plant, Dick Griffiths.

Reactions on campus ranged from shock to smug satisfaction. One student leader who requested anonymity described the development as "a terrifying new step in the arms race." Expressing fear that future events would spin out of control, he explained that "history has shown that rivals always seek to counter each others' threats, and despite Leon's proven fund-raising ability, I

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AMSCAM

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
SCHEDULES DEVALUATION

For the past few months several economic newsletters have been warning the American public that the Federal Government is preparing for a call-in of all U.S. paper currency, to be exchanged for new devalued currency!

In 1982, DR. Peter Beter (former counsel

to the U.S. Export-Import Bank for Pres. John F. Kennedy) warned the public that the Reagan Administration was planning the complete removal of Federal Reserve Notes from circulation and that the legislation for this goal has been pending in Congress. Although the official excuse given for the legislation was a "crack down on drug

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KEEN IDEA!

Recently it was proposed, in hopes of bringing about a positive change in the long-standing record of this publication (the Observer) for appearing seldom or not at all, that the Bard Community begin discussion about the possibility of designing a class where, for credit, students could write, organize and produce Bard's newspaper. Though it has been suggested that blame for the sporadic at best publication of the Observer should not fall on individuals, we all are aware of those persons, whose procrastination and general lackluster attitudes, we have to

thank for this single jumbo issue of the Observer. The proposal is designed to harness that ever-present enthusiasm one knows exists at Bard. Offering credit for the course/newspaper would inspire would-be journalists to put as much effort into the project as they do the rest of their classes. My hat goes off to the innovator who came to this simple but far reaching solution for what has been a continual problem. What better way to clean up the mess of an independent organization than to co-opt it into the punctual, well oiled machinery of Bard College?

-ed.

Draft resisters tormented

U.S. Government Puts the Screws on Students, and Workers: Economic Coercion Against Draft Registration Resisters

This year the departments of Education and Labor required young male college students and workers to provide proof of having registered for the draft to receive student aid and job training. The registration requirements for federal financial aid and work assistance, known as the Solomon laws, were sponsored in Congress by the right-wing Rep. Gerald Solomon (R N.Y.),

whose district includes that part of Dutchess County in which Bard College is located.

By imposing a special penalty only on male students and workers of the age group required to register for conscription the Solomon laws discriminate on the basis of age, sex, and income. Failure to register for the draft constitutes a crime, and is punishable by a legislative act without court trial. The Solomon laws require students and workers to disclose their draft registration status applying the the status of self-incrimination to young males.

the sensibilities of the editors are not necessarily reflected in the ideas and images contained within-

Though draft registration information

H-Bomb Endowment cont.

just don't know if Bard has the resources to compete over the long haul." Senior Political Science professor Robert Koblitz remarked that "Leon, besides being a capitalist tool, is also a little boy who likes his special toys. I just hope he doesn't blow us all up."

Meanwhile, the installation of a Secret Service detachment on the ground floor of Ludlow has made access to administration offices difficult, but a radiant Stuart Levine, at a briefing session for reporters, envisioned a glowing future for the college. "Definitely an important first. This changes everything," he said, "at last the elite of American colleges will consider us a serious threat." Questioned as to specific plans for deployment of the new weapon, Levine replied that the matter had been referred to Director of Security Dick Spreen. Mr. Spreen was unavailable for comment, but a spokesman in his office revealed that "several options are being considered." The spokesman would neither confirm nor deny a report that a plan to build seventeen underground bunkers connected by rail was among the solutions under consideration.

It was learned, however, that members of the board of trustees have undertaken preparations for a series of negotiations with "about six or seven" heads of state who have expressed an interest in discussions on a

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Draft woes - - cont.

is irrelevant to the proper distribution of federal assistance to students and workers, the Solomon laws provide for the sharing of confidential information with the Selective Service System (SSS). The Solomon laws also transfer the burden of enforcement of the Military Selective Service Act from the SSS and the Department of Justice to colleges and job training programs.

In order to simplify the enforcement process, though, the SSS is issuing registration compliance cards. These new draft cards will include name, Social Security and SSS numbers, current and permanent address, date of birth, date of registration record, phone number, sex and signature.

Why has draft registration been linked to federal financial aid and work assistance? The immediate reason is the fact that the majority of non-registrants, according to a 1982 SSS commissioned study by the Yankelovich political consulting firm,

are Black, or working-class, or both. The economic coercion of the Solomon laws black-mail the most oppressed, exploited, and alienated sectors of U.S. society, those who most need student aid and job training, into compliance with draft registration.

On a more historical level, draft cards, Solomon laws, and registration for conscription can be seen as manifestations of the U.S. war drive.

In the struggle against poverty and enslavement, the peoples of Africa, Asia, and Latin America are resorting to socialist actions to achieve national liberation. U.S. imperialism, fighting for the wealth of North American capitalists and against the freedom of the peoples of the world, will try to do everything to preserve the system of neo-colonial relations.

How can we fight the Solomon laws and the system which produces such draconian legislation? On an immediate level, we can mobilize on campus, signing a petition to government officials and encouraging

the administration to take a strong position on the issue. We should register to vote and work to defeat Congressman Solomon in the 1984 elections. We should also participate in actions designed to slow or hamper the U.S. war drive.

Ultimately, however, a fundamental restructuring is in the offing for a society capable of having Solomon laws and intervention against freedom struggles in other countries. Only a workers and farmers government such as exists in Cuba, Grenada, and Nicaragua, the kind of government the peoples of El Salvador and Guatemala are fighting for the right to create, a government which represents the interests of the majority, is capable of the kind of restructuring U.S. society needs to become truly free.

by Bill Preston

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peddlers" who use \$100 bills in their operations, the real reason was to bring America one step closer to a total paper currency exchange!

In the August 21, 1982 edition of the Los Angeles Times it was reported that I.R.S. documents showed that Commissioner Roger Egger proposed a laundry list of steps to crack down on tax cheats, including re-calling all \$100 bills. The article reported that the \$100 bill call in could be extended to \$50 bills, and was designed to expose tax evaders and drug traffickers who use the bills to hoard cash. The article reported, "under the new proposal, the Federal Reserve System would announce that the bills would no longer be accepted

H-BOMB cont.

broad range of issues, from technology exchanges to mutual defense pacts. Muammar Qaddafi, noting Bard's reputation as the "little red whorehouse on the Hudson," announced in Tripoli that he plans a personal visit to the campus "to deliver a lecture or two, and talk about a guerilla training base. I understand the Barracks have already been built." Other information sources, however, have denied this.

by Ivan Katz, Abe Levy & Paul Coppe

as league tender and would be exchanged for bills of a different color." If the I.R.S. and Federal Reserve can decide to call in all \$100 and \$50 bills, legislation can easily be extended to requiring the recall of all printed currency.

Steve Lyke's special report, "New Dollar Coming?" revealed that "the currency call-in will not need the approval of Congress. The President will use his powers and declare a National Emergency. If our economic condition doesn't justify a national emergency nothing does. For it to succeed it must be swift, we might expect a currency exchange soon after the November elections."

A European currency specialist, Dr. Franz Pick, claims "a new U.S. currency was printed 10 years ago and may soon go into circulation. Dr. Pick says that he has actually seen the new different colored currency and he believes Federal Reserve Note holders (you and me) could have only one week to exchange their old money for this new devalued currency. What the devaluation would mean is that the banks would give you less of the new currency in dollars than the old currency you turn in. Some sources believe the exchange will be a 10-to-1 ratio (ten Federal Reserve Notes for one

"new dollar!") When the exchange occurs the excuse will be given that the new currency is a panacea for our economic depression and corrupt money system. However, though prices may lower slightly after the call-in to compensate, it is predicted that they will not change very greatly--all agree it will be a gigantic ripoff for millions.

Once the call-in takes effect, the next step would be to implement the Electronic Funds Transfer system of computerized banking buying and selling -- U.S. citizens would be reduced to a number on a bank's computer files which records all transactions. This system of electronic banking has been the planning stages since the current rise in technology began. The tap of a keyboard button will transform \$10,000 in Federal Reserve Notes into 100 "new dollars."

Most people don't realize that, as it now stands, any bill larger than a \$500 bill must be registered at the bank to exchange it for smaller bills. Another hint of a mass currency exchange is the Treasury Department's recent purchase of 101 new money counter/shredders which are now in use. The official excuse is to "clean currency!" But, the Treasury reportedly needs only a dozen or so of these high speed counters to deal with the normal amount of bills which get re-

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CRISIS IN CENTRAL AMERICA

The situation in Central America presents itself as one of the most crucial issues today in America. U.S. foreign policy follows one disaster after another, never vindicating its past atrocities and striving forward with "dollar" and "gunboat" diplomacy supporting massively repressive, unrepresentative regimes in such places as South Africa, Lebanon, Chile, the Phillipines and Turkey, to name a few. Central America and the Caribbean,

Dollar Devaluation cont.

placed each year.

The Spiral News Feedback newsletter suggests that to preapare for this massive devaluation citizens should buy gold and silver now because the price of these precious metels will soar after the exchange. The orginization also points out that, unlike a conversion of paper currency, a conversion of clad coins into someother type of coin would be far too expensive and has not yet been planned for. Because \$10 worth of coins might still be worth \$10 in new currency during the transformation period, the letter suggests that we should convert our bank accounts into coins like quarters and dimes. It is also suggested that we invest in other non-paper assets such as food and real estate.

however, need immediate attention to avert an American foreign policy aimed at destroying any peoples movement. When native people orginize to break the chains that have held them down for centuries, we find the U.S. military apparatus springing into action to dampen the fires that rage south of the border.

Revolution storms in El Salvador, where dozens of popular and political organizations representing workers peasents, churchpeople, students and the progressive intelligensia have banned together, after the disillusions of rigged election, kidnappings and death squads, to form a cohesive fighting group. They struggle against the repressive

policies of the government and the death squads that squash the slightest appearance of even liberal changes or attempted agrarian reform. The government in El Salvador only stays in power with American money and military support without wich that government would have crumbled months ago under the popular revolt of the Salvadorean people.

In Nicaragua, a socialist revolution overturned the despotic Somoza regime of over 50 years in 1979. Since then the people of Nicaragua have been struggeling to develop a just and free society next to the biggest imperialist power in the world. This power, the U.S., is trying to erase this historically inevtiable and corageous revolution. Indeed, this administration vainly to turn back the clock and restore another

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CENTRAL AMERICA cont

Somosa-like government with a bloodthirsty National Guard.

Views on the goals and principals of these two countries vary. Due to the successful Cold War hegemony, we learn to despise the freedom fighting guerillas in El Salvador merely because they are labeled "the left" or "marxist insurgents". Continuing on this line, we are coerced to believe that the socialists in Nicaragua are despotic and totalitarian. Intelligent critiques of these types of views acknowledge that the Sandinistas in Nicaragua have vigorously implemented social and economic programs to benefit its people and that the leftist

guerillas in El Salvador are fighting for the establishment of a system where it is open to grow and develop with social institutions responsive to the people.

More directly important, however, is the role of the U.S. in these two countries and the rest of Central America and the Caribbean. Right now, counter-revolutionaries attack Nicaragua in the U.S.'s attempt to overthrow that government. These counter-revolutionaries, known as Contras invade from neighboring Honduras and Costa Rico and kidnap young men, Torture and mutilate civilians and burn villages. In El Salvador the U.S. build up of arms and

advisers comes frighteningly close to the U.S. build-up of arms in Vietnam in the early 60's.

To begin a more defined analysis of U.S. plans for Central America lets look at the statement of Fred Ikle, undersecretary for defence for policy who bluntly articulated the administrations stance by acknowledging that "the U.S. aim is This statement packs a whole lot of meaning for college men since the Salvadorean Government has proven incapable of defeating the rebels and the U.S. must deploy American to achieve a military solution in El Salvador!" ground troops in order to attain a military victory. Though CIA

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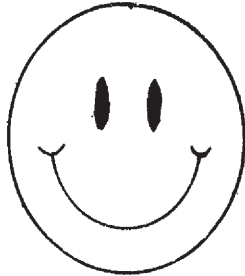
My wife was against it from the beginning. She said it was just too dangerous. But of course I decided it was worth the risk, like my usual pig-headed self, in terms of the safety lesson it would be for our two young sons. And to this day I say it would have been. It wasn't like I was planning to blow the place up, that was just bad luck. I admit that ever since I was a young boy myself I've had an affection for fire. Which is wrong. I know that now. Maybe if somebody had shown me that fire isn't always fun I would have learned long ago, but I never did. That's why I felt it imperative to show my sons the destructive capabilities of flame, and try to belittle the excitement and beauty of it.

Like I say, my wife was against it. Let that be for the record. She was a good woman. It started when I said, "C'mon boys, I'm going to show you how dangerous it can be to light your Christmas tree on fire. You see, boy's, it's against the law in this state to burn your tree, but every year people do it, and every year somebody gets hurt!" I remember saying that last part with special emphasis. I really wanted them to grow up and be better than I am. I wanted them to be strong in the face of temptation, like I never was. "Now I'm going to light our tree on fire, to show you why you never should. I don't want to do this, because it's every bit as dangerous as your mother says, but it's to teach you an important lesson. Okay?" I didn't like the eager look on their faces. I knew it was the same look I'd had when I saw my first Christmas tree burn. I wanted to scare them a little, for their own good, so I told them that they should look very closely as I lit it. "That's it, get your faces

right over the top of it." Then I lit it. Now, I don't know if you've ever seen a Christmas tree burn, but if you haven't you're missing something. It was a sight to behold. I'd been planning this lesson for the boys a long time, so we bought our tree especially early to give it a long time to completely dry out, and it helped. It went up faster than gasoline. Literally, it exploded. I think it was my best ever. That thing was dryer than dry, and it burst into flames, and everything was going well until one of the boys ran into the house before I had a chance to hose him down. I still say that if he'd been smart enough to roll

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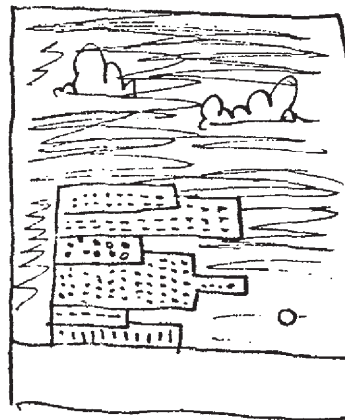
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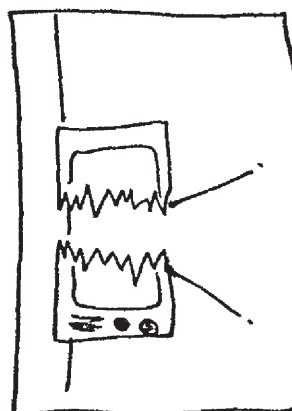
SAAB STORY *meat*



THE CITY SLEPT
(on its right
side. I believe)...



LITTLE JOEY WAS
SICK TO DEATH
OF EATING LUCKY
CHARMS EVERY
MORNING...



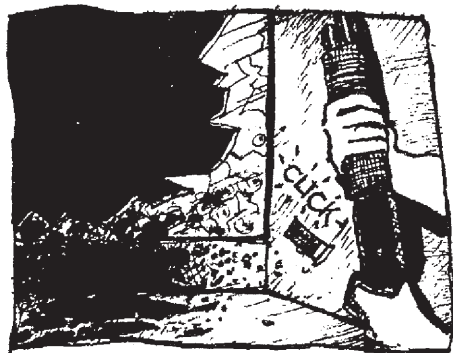
THEN, THE
SONY BROKE...



SO, JOEY
SWORE.



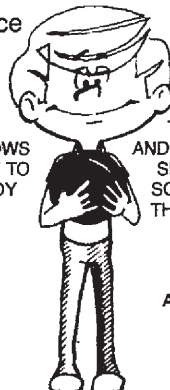
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Before you start be sure you have the
correct stance.

Stance

ELBOWS
NEXT TO
BODY



THE HIPS
AND SHOULDERS
SHOULD BE
SQUARED AT
THE TARGET.

NOT AT
AN ANGLE



KNEES
SLIGHTLY
BENT

PUSHAWAY

PUSH THE BALL
OUT AND DOWN



STEP OUT WITH YOUR
RIGHT FOOT WITH
THE SAME MOTION

PENDULUM SWING

AS YOU TAKE
YOUR SECOND
STEP, THE BALL
SWINGS DOWN
AND BACK



LEFT HAND
EXTENDS OUT
TO THE SIDE
FOR BALANCE

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HEY FRANKY
Let's Bowl!

Wky
TED?

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I will buy you, and
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I will call you
Pearl!

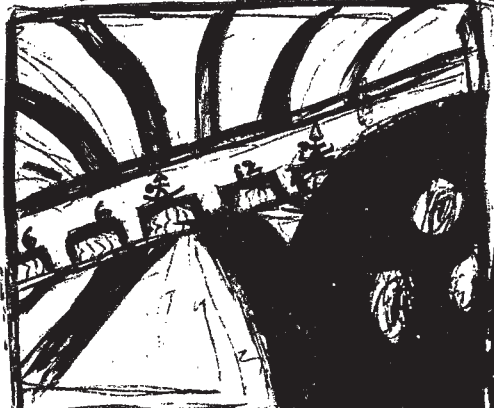
Two weeks
Later:

ZZZZZZ

I hope
I role
well for
Cleo at
The big
Tournament
Tomorrow



THE NEXT DAY:
PEARL IS READY!



But Cleo isn't...
only a 102....



10 years Later:

Forgotten, dusty,
unwanted, Pearl
sets out on her own,
away from Cleo, and
her prison in his
closet... Look in
next issue for Pt. II
PEARL THE Runaway
Bowling Ball!

BACKSWING

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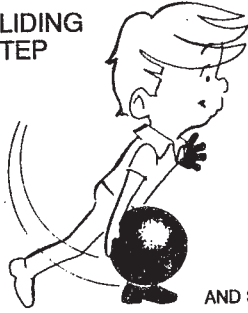


BALL IS
NOW AT
THE TOP OF
YOUR
BACKSWING

BALL IS NO
HIGHER THAN
SHOULDER
HIGH

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ALLOW YOUR ARM TO FOLLOW THROUGH

SLIDING STEP



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STEVEN'S GREATEST #1 MOMENTS

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THIS IS HOW I GO WHEN I GO LIKE THIS

STEVEN GOES TO SCHOOL

HI, MY NAME'S BILLY

I HATE YOU



STEVEN MEETS NANCY

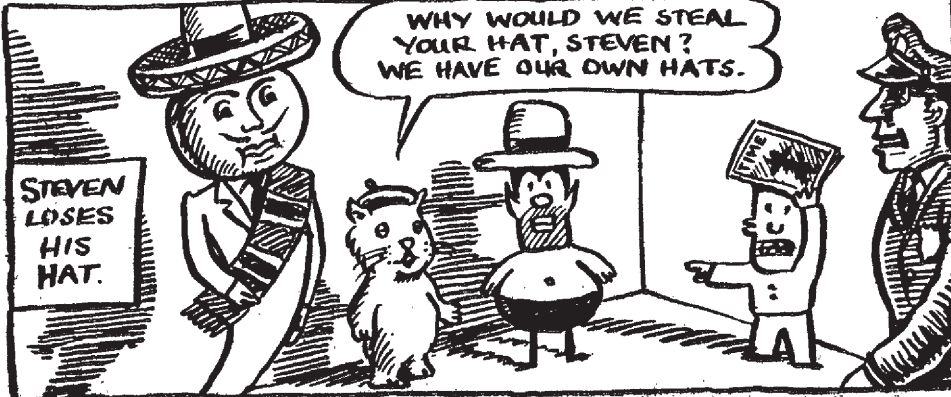
HELLO STEVEN

HELLO NANCY



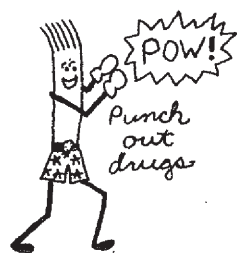
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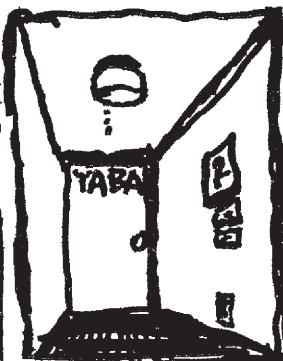
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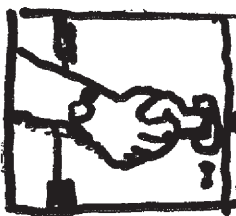
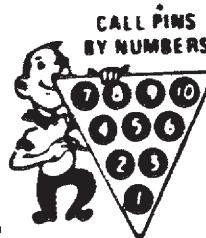
"I am Hal Doe. I want the world!"



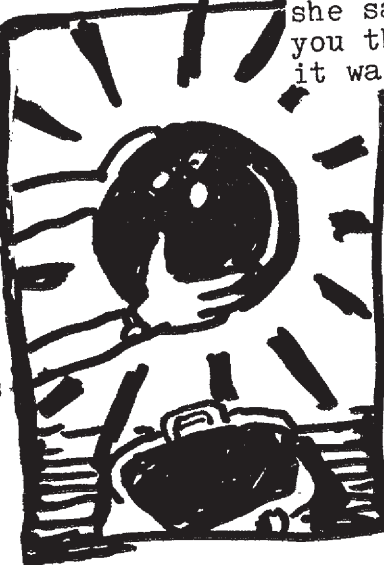
"I will not be refused!"



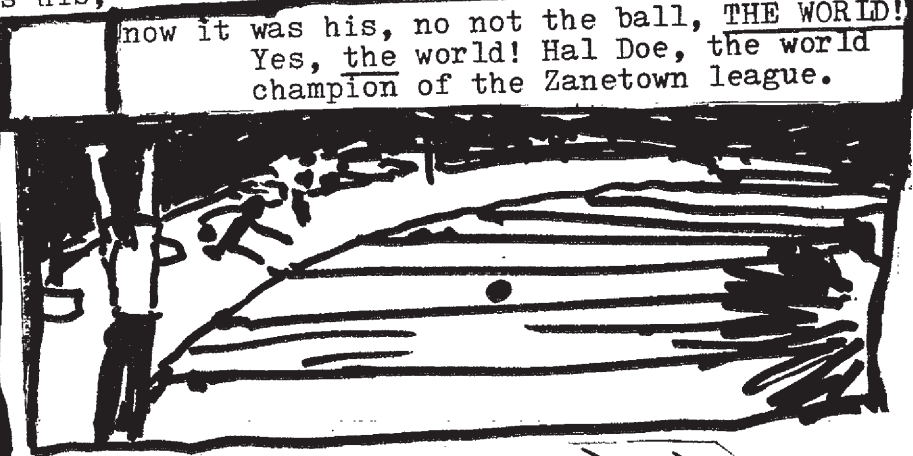
"I will conquer!"



Hal reaches for the one tool that will get him what he wants what he will have!



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A Christmas Tree is not a Toy...

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on the ground like I was telling him to everything would have been fine. I mean, those boys would have stayed away from fire a long, long time. I could see it. they'd learned that fire has its other side, too. Their faces were burned good. I really felt like I'd pulled it off perfectly until my wife called them into the house before I'd even had a chance to put their cloth out. Funny how someone usually so safety conscious could be so foolish. But there she was, calling them right into the house when they're on fire. What did she expect would happen? Even I've trained myself to keep open fire outdoors, where it belongs. She was a good woman, but that one moment of panic wiped out a lot. I'm not blaming her, of course, she'd told me not to do it, and I wouldn't have if I'd known how she was going to react, but I did have it all under control, the hose laying right down the hill. I caught one of them before he could get inside, but the other got by me, and something in the den caught fire and then it was just a matter of time until the whole thing went. The family that lived upstairs got out fine, luckily enough. Fire can be a dangerous thing. They got out fine but didn't bother to tell anyone about the dynamite they had in there, for God knows what reason, and the whole house blew with my wife and one kid still in there. It was her own fault, she should have known enough to get out.

CENTRAL AMERICA cont

financed Contras have caused much damage in that country, the administration is becoming increasingly aware of the fact that a military victory cannot be bought with American dollars and since all efforts at political solutions have been stifled, the only thing left to spend is American blood. Indeed, the escalating U.S. intervention in Central America and the Caribbean threatens to lead to regional and perhaps even world wide conflict. As peoples and governments throughout the world call for peace, the U.S. government is on the brink of another Vietnam.

Military aid to El Salvador has more than tripled, covert war against Nicaragua is being waged, U.S. military bases have been established in Honduras and in are being expanded throughout the Caribbean. U.S. battleships equipped with nuclear weapons are now stationed off both coasts of Central

America. Washington rhetoric presents U.S. policy as to "preserve peace and democracy" in the region. But all its actions contradicts this notion of "peace" and "democracy" and furthermore, jeopardizes America's international diplomacy as well as its domestic stability. Its time for our government to learn from the past. In Nicaragua from 1926-1933, in Guatemala in 1954, in the Dominican Republic in 1965, in Chile in 1972, and numerous other times century direct U.S. military interventions have fostered brutal dictatorships and widespread suffering rather than peace, stability or democratic freedoms. I strongly feel that it is the responsibility of this and all academic communities to understand the role the U.S. plays in Central America and the Caribbean and, moreover, to actively demonstrate their uneasiness over the path to war that this government is choosing.

by Andrew Sliver

You can't play around with a thing like fire. The fireman told me when they found her (a cage was burned into her hand). I can't believe it, but she must have been trying to save the goddamn hamster my kids had. The kid was in her arms too. To this day it's hard for me to understand why she acted the way she did. Even the dog jumped through a window to get out. He died, but at least he had sense enough to get out of a burning house.

Nobody else got hurt except one fireman who went in and said later that he did it even though he knew he was taking a chance because he heard a kid screaming. I don't know, I never heard any kid screaming from where I was standing. I say when you take a chance, you take a chance, and he didn't get hurt so badly anyway. Maybe next time he won't be so eager to run into a burning building. I don't know who called the firemen in the first place. I say when a house is burning, you might as well let it burn. What good's a half burned house?

And my other kid's fine now. A few skin grafts and he's like new, except that now he knows enough to stay away from fire.

U.S. OUT OF GRENADA NOW!

The ruthless invasion of Grenada by U.S. Marines has shocked and outraged people throughout the world. For all its talk of defending "democracy", "law and order", and "human rights" around the world, the U.S. government is once again engaged in the act of invading another nation to forcibly impose its will. Once again that country is a part of the third world, where the U.S. has invoked its racist and Chauvinist logic that it has the "right" to bring "democracy and "civilization" at the end of a rifle butt. In particular, this invasion highlights the racist neo-colonial character of U.S. policy toward the Caribbean. Since taking office, the Reagan administration has conducted a successful CIA campaign to force the progressive Manley government of Jamaica from office; has fully backed the brutal Haitian dictatorship against its own people, while imprisoning Haitian refugees in U.S. concentration camps; and has worked from the beginning to destabilize and overthrow the popular government of free Grenada.

The Reagan Administration has defended this act with the justification that Marines were landed to protect U.S. students and tourists

on the island, institute "law and order", and protect the region from a "satellite" of Cuban and Soviet "terrorism". In fact, the CIA admitted that the Americans in Grenada were in no real danger, except the danger they were placed in by the provocation of a full scale, U.S. armed invasion. The U.S. assertion of its plans for "law and order" in Grenada is a glaring hypocrisy, as the U.S. did nothing to establish "law and order", when the previous, pro-U.S. ruler, Gairy, was beating and murdering Grenadian citizens opposed to

his oppressive rule. In defense of "law and order", the U.S. is massively backing the regime in El Salvador known for its death squads, the Marcos government and Marcos' public assassination of its leading oppositionist, Aquino, or the Israeli-backed Phalange massacres of Palestinian civilians at Sabra and Shatila.

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U.S. Arrives In Grenada In The Nick Of Time

The United States intervened in the nick of time in Grenada, according to a new report released by a private foundation. The new study — written before the U.S. intervention in that country — documents the fact that the U.S.S.R. was in the final stages of creating a puppet state on the island of Grenada.

"The Case of Grenada," published shortly before the bloody Marxist coup in that country, thoroughly documents that the Soviets and Cubans had been engaged in a massive military build-up on Grenada since 1979.

Timothy Ashby, who wrote the report for The Conservative Caucus Research, Analysis and Education Foundation on behalf of the Citizens Commission on the Crisis in the Americas, lists in detail, the extensive Soviet and Cuban penetration of Grenada.

Grenadian soldiers, dressed in Cuban-style uniforms and carrying assault rifles, had become a common sight on the island, along with Soviet jeeps, police cars and anti-aircraft artillery.

The Conservative Caucus Foundation's report documents, with specific dates, the extent of Soviet and Cuban deliveries of military cargo to the island, including not only weapons and ammunition, but also six Soviet armored personnel carriers, seven 130 millimeter artillery pieces and three helicopters, in addition to 75 East German trucks valued at 4 million dollars.

Why would the Soviets be interested in a 120-square-mile island in the southern Caribbean which has no natural resources other than beaches and palm trees? The answer lies in location. Situated less than 100 miles off the coast of Venezuela (an important OPEC member), Grenada forms part of a triangular base complex comprised of Cuba and Nicaragua. This triangle of Soviet allies could allow Soviet/Cuban forces to project tactical air power over the entire Caribbean basin.

Within a 500-mile radius of Grenada are oilfields, refineries and tanker lanes which supply approximately 56% of imported U.S. aid. During a 6-month period from January-June, 1980, U.S. imports of crude oil alone from Latin America and the Caribbean averaged more than 6 million barrels per day. Refined oil production within this 500 mile radius was approximately 2.6 million barrels per day.

It is not surprising, given the evidence in this new report, that many Caribbean nations and the U.S. were becoming increasingly alarmed with the Soviet penetration of this strategic country. Neighboring islands worried about the training in terrorism, sabotage and guerrilla warfare by Cubans in Grenada.

After the murder of the Grenadian Prime Minister and at least 5 members of his Cabinet, fears of massive executions and the safety of our citizens led to the 7-nation intervention on this island.

Avoiding "The Day After"

"The Day After", ABC's contribution to the unilateral disarmament campaign, is a graphic description of the horrors of nuclear war. An intensely powerful propaganda piece, the film chronicles the aftermath of this horrible war. The dissolution of society and in most cases the human spirit. The latter part of the movie particularly assaults the senses with powerful images of the tragedy.

No doubt this is an historic film, and technically well executed. The acting performances and special effects are very professional. But that is not the purpose of the film. The ABC docudrama is meant to be a major statement in the nuclear debate.

Given this stated purpose by the producer and ABC, one must carefully examine not only the film but the timing of the statement. Clearly it is no coincidence that this film aired a month before the United States and NATO allies were scheduled to base theatre nuclear weapons in Western Europe to balance the existing Soviet deployment of nuclear weapons in East Europe.

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THE NATIONAL CIVIL DEFENCE PATTERN



fig. 14a-
National Civil
Defence Pattern:

- 1, the individual, calm and well trained; 2, the family, the base of orginized self protcetion; 3, neighborhood; 4, community, puts civil defence into action immediately; 5, nearby cities; 6, state, will furnish aid in the form of mobile support; 7, federal government furnishes supplies as needed.

U.S. Out cont

Ronald Reagan's lawless acts of agression are not done in the defense of the people of the United States, tourists or otherwise. These acts are done at our expense. For the American Marines who die in Grenada and Lebanon are not the sons of the Rockefellers and Duponts. We stand with the people of Grenada, Nicaragua, El Salvador, and with all those around the world who are demanding withdrawal of U.S. Marines from Grenada, an end in aid to the U.S. -backed terrorists attacking the Nicaraguan government, and an end to all aid and support for the unpopular dictatorship which is oppressing the people of El Salvador.

U.S. Anti-Imperialist
league

Letter to the Editor

Survival Kit

DEAR SIR:

I suggest re-consideration of our Survival Kit, with up-dating, discussion, sources, and prices. You might start with this and add your own or reader comment:

1. A basement, or a hole under the house if it has no basement. If in apartment, hole in nearby lot. If no nearby lot—too bad.

2. A shovel, for digging holes in the basement floor, for sanitary facilities and garbage disposal, and for burrowing deeper. Since there won't be much else to do, this will also provide exercise and diversion for the various members of the family. Children can play tag in the tunnels, contact neighbor children, etc.

3. Food. Canned. Consider balance of diet and vitamins. Have enough for 4 to 8 weeks as will have to remain in basement, provided survive initial attack, until substantial rainfall has reduced contamination.

4. Geiger counter. Small, portable models available as low as \$15 (where, and are these any good, if not, how much for counter usable for this kind rough detection job). Necessary for checking for cracks and other openings in basement, if part is above ground, or openings to upper floors. Also necessary for checking upstairs and outdoor contamination to determine when safe to go out again. Also helpful to determine if automobile or buggy is safe to

enter, same stores or other buildings in own or neighboring cities.

5. Portable, battery operated radio, for periodic scanning of possible broadcasts from possible stations which may be left undestroyed and may have batteries or other facilities for power for broadcasting instructions on how to proceed with next phase of war. Also good for hearing and understanding first instructions of enemy in case of occupation thru surrender or attempted invasion, or ultimatums from enemy or Gallup Polls by our surviving government about whether or not we should surrender. Also to keep posted on extent of damage to our country, what cities remain, etc.—two sets spare batteries.

6. Aluminum foil—sufficient to cover windows or cracks to outdoors or upstairs. Suggest six rolls at least and liberally nailing them around windows or cracks in as many layers as there is foil. Also consider lining underwear with foil, several layers, before first venturing outdoors after contamination is believed sufficiently washed away.—Pants only, male children, particularly.

7. Clothing. Wife should keep at least two, preferably three, surprise changes of clothing to buck up morale of husband. Keep few changes for children so can change out of tunnel clothing for meals. Suggest keeping wash water, as water will be scarce and cold soapy water will clean hands and faces for long time. Consider detergent soap so no rinse will be necessary. Experiment now to insure no skin reaction.

8. Games for children. Schoolbooks if available. Try to keep minds stimulated

and active. Don't let atmosphere deteriorate to simply sitting. This leads to mental imbalance. Above all, stay cheerful. Keep chin up. Keep up appearances, things like brushing teeth and hair and shaving.

These are but a few ideas which come to mind. Editors or readers may supply others. But it seems to me essential that we put our heads together now to get this survival kit worked out and laid away in the basement. It is very cheap insurance, considering the rate at which the odds for war are increasing.

Sincerely,

HAROLD S. FOWLER

North Manchester, Indiana

College guarantees jobs to grads

A college is offering its students a money-back guarantee if they have not found a job within six months after their graduation. The Brown Mackie College in Salina, Kans., has made this most unusual offer because its dean feels that a school "ought to be good enough so the graduates can get out and get a job."



REACTING TO "THE DAY AFTER" cont

What's worse it suggests that all of this carnage is somehow the fault of the United States, not of the Soviets who quite inexplicably attack innocuous little Lawrence, Kansas.

ABC-TV ought to be ashamed of itself. This network, which has enjoyed a reputation for relative even-handedness in the past, has somehow allowed itself to be conned into spending huge sums on the horror show, "The Day After."

The message of this terror-mongering is clear, if unstated: Nuclear Freeze Now!

If the message were simply "the destruction from nuclear war would be devastating and we should therefore apply all of our wits and energy to prevent it," the ABC docudrama would have merit. But ABC doesn't seem to want any part of a follow-up to their horror show to tell their audience what to do to prevent such destruction.

The fact of the matter is that there is a way to avoid all that fire and gore: we simply must defend ourselves against nuclear attack.

That's not, of course, what the nuclear freeze advocates are saying. They're using this program to plug their solution, namely that the Soviets will become as terrified of nuclear war as the ABC view-

ers and will agree to dismantle their nuclear weapons.

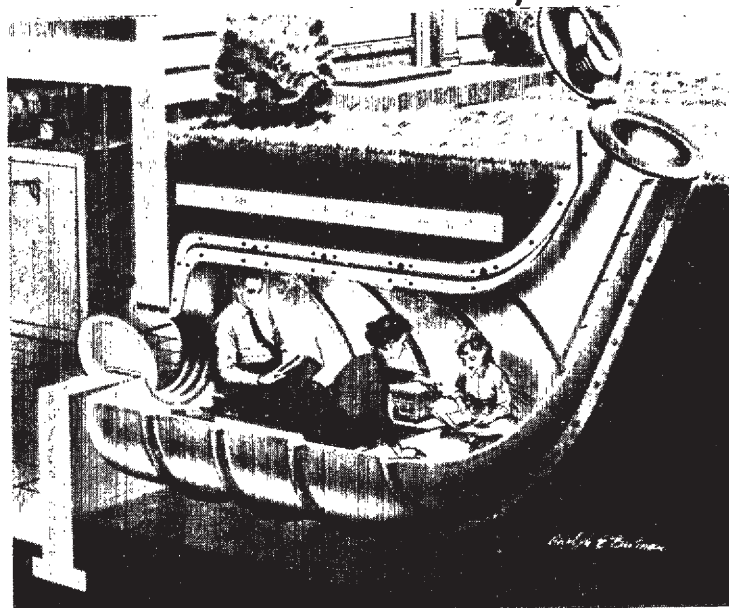
There is a more logical and sensible approach to this madness. What ABC should tell us is that President Reagan was right on the mark when he called on U.S. technology to provide the means to stop Soviet missiles before they ever get near Lawrence, Kansas.

The fact of the matter is that we can have such a defense by 1990 if we follow the President's lead, with vigor.

As the former Chief of the Defense Intelligence Agency, I see an urgent need for our nation to protect itself from the threat of a nuclear holocaust. If we were to become invulnerable to attack by building a HIGH FRONTIER-type defensive system in space, the Soviets could never launch a successful nuclear attack.



Lt. General Daniel O. Graham (U.S. Army, Ret.) is the former Chief of the Defense Intelligence Agency.



SHELTER FOR HOME, designed by Author Bascom, is a prefabricated plastic shell buried under three feet of earth. It would provide adequate protection against blast effects, radiation and fires, would be entered either from the basement or the yard and, says Bascom, could be made for about \$400.



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GOALS, PETE IN TWENTY YEARS : IN NEWARK, SLEEPING
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Scene

Woman
Watching her dog
in the cold
Morning air
Trampled grass and
dust

leg goes up

Walls

I seem to be walking into walls alot these days
In my love induced haze
Can you hear me calling from so far away

with you is purgatory
without you is hell
together is heaven, locked in a cell

POETRY CORNER

-Artfull Lovers-
eyes of hollow shadows old
all my glory in a hole
burn out baby-wicked out quick
formy fingers are really spent
torn up rags on my brain calls
shes gone on a longwight
legs wrapped along my thigh
pupils glisten on a winters dawning
she gets it, and gets it right
false smiles arrive in time
trees fall on my daddy's grave
so much is gone nothin is saved
eternall sorrow, heartless mouning
flowers burnt-gone tomorrow.

We end us at least once a day
let's just be friends we always say
denial, betrayal, desperation increased
longing, obsession and need of release

How to run and escape what we are
In the bottom drawer of your bureau
We try to keep hidden what we know
the beer spills and my sorrow again shows
because denial betrayal desperation
increased
is still longing obsession in need of release

I wish I could sleep.

William Kriete

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Diner Song

The woman
Working in the diner
Varicosed

Trying to smile

Taking
a break
smoking a cigarette
in a dark hall

"more coffee, sir?"

Serving large
red-faced men

Keeping track of
the crumbs

Life quickly passes by
as you fill
the sugars

"Cream?"

4 ODE TO ENTROPY

Glass waits to break
Ships wait to sink
Life waits for death
wood waits for fire

make your pile higher
till the wind blows it down
make your car faster
till friction has its way

make your room neater
until you live within
make your army tighter
potential fertilizer

Planets swing inpredictable
patterns
Atoms march in structured
matter
The twig lies in straight
conformance
a child breaks into
many halves

Hey, watch those tacos!

A new medical problem called "taco tears" is working its way up from south of the border.

The bizarre malady is being caused by taco shells and chips cutting the esophagus, or food tube, on their way down.

Recently, two patients were admitted to the University of Arizona Health Sciences Center in Tempe and took three weeks to a month to heal after the crisp Mexican corn chips ripped the inside of their throats, doctors said.

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by Ernie Bushmiller



WAVE OF SENSIBILITY RECOGNIZED

The year 1983 has been seen by some observers as by far and away the most sensible year for Bard in recent history. Although no acts of overt, across the board, sensibility have yet occurred, one can sense a feeling in the students and administration which has been interpreted by some as an indication of the emergence of the predicted "sensible slump" which has long threatened Bard.

Bard's official sensibility rating has climbed from "sensible" to "very sensible+" in 1983 alone. Early in this semester sensible attitudes were taken an average of 3 out

of 7 times in situations of ordinary circumstance. By late November the sensible alternative was chosen by members of the Bard community about 50% of the time.

Although it has been suggested that this particular wave of sensibility is being actively promoted by Bard's administrators, some members of the student body, either independently or covertly supported, have been following the sensible life-style and germinating the seeds of sensibility. Ludlow has denied following any strict scheme of sensibility, but stands to lose nothing if the present "slump" continues.

A Christmas Tree
is not a Toy... cont

His aunt calls me and tells me that sometimes his face bothers him and what does she expect me to say? What did he think was going to happen when he put it in the middle of a fire? I tell him, "That's life. It's not a barrel of roses, and you should be glad you found out early. Your mother never had anybody teach her when she was a kid, and look what happened to her. That's life. It's ugly. What do you expect?"



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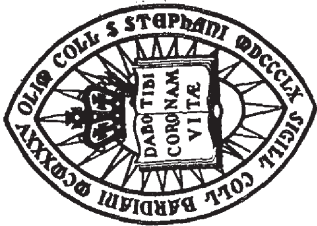
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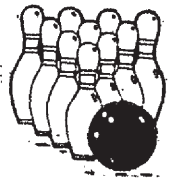
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HIGH ADVENTURE

DOWN THE HIGHWAY!

Y-YOU DON'T
KNOW WHO
THAT GUY
IS, U.S.!

WE'RE AS
GOOD AS DEAD!

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA



"LIKE I SAID, SOME FOLKS THINK
YOU'VE GOT TO WEAR TIGHTS AND
A CAPE TO BE A HERO--

"AND SOME FOLKS THINK
YOU NEED TO WEAR A
MASK AND FLY--

"BUT THE TRUTH OF
THE MATTER IS THAT
SOMETHING TO BE A
HERO; ALL YOU HAVE
TO DO IS--

"--DRIVE A TRUCK!"

THE BREAKING