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**MARCH FOR AMNESTY
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 10 AM
FEDERAL BUILDING (O STREET)
ROUTE WILL CONTINUE DOWN TULARE**

**GENERAL AMNESTY - YES
GUEST WORKER - NO**

Amnesty for undocumented workers, an end to employer sanctions, and the right for all workers to organize a union are the demands of a march planned for October 14. This march is planned to coincide with the traditional Dia de la Raza, and to bring attention to this issue in the election.

These demands also stand in stark contrast to the proposals by the growers and high tech industry who want to bring in foreign workers under conditions that are essentially indentured servitude. Industry profiteers propose tying residence in the U.S. to a promise to work in a certain industry.

Over twenty unions, churches, and community groups in the valley have come out in support of a general amnesty for undocumented workers. This is seen as a necessary first step in enabling this large group to achieve social and economic justice. "We can't deal seriously with the widespread poverty of the valley if we do not fight for undocumented workers rights," said Leonel Flores, one of the march organizers.

Groups and individuals are encouraged to bring their banners and signs to participate in the march. A festival with music, food and speakers will take place at the end of the march at Centro Bellas Artes, 1048 E Street. For more information call Leonel Flores at 490-1087.

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CANDIDATE DEBATE CHALLENGES "BUSINESS AS USUAL"

By: Mike Rhodes

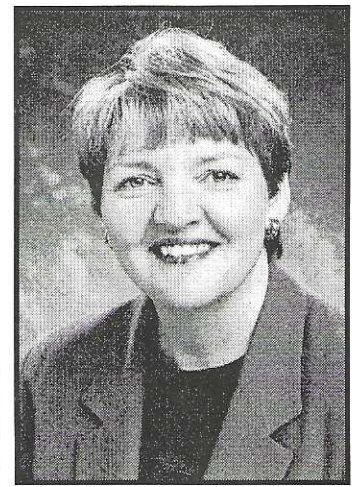
The Responsible Choices candidate forum will challenge the political establishment and "business as usual" in Fresno. What is "business as usual" in Fresno? That is when the left/progressive organizations and activists have little or no influence in the electoral process. We have been ignored and marginalized so long it has become "business as usual". That is how developers have been able to buy and sell votes at City Council meetings. It is why urban sprawl, air pollution, double digit unemployment, and corporate welfare are a way of life in the valley. The Labor/Community Alliance has had enough of "business as usual" and joined a coalition of groups that have invited candidates to debate questions about a wide range of issues of concern to the progressive movement. Candidates will have to defend their positions on such topics as:

- Human Rights and Civil Rights
- Family Stability (e.g., employment, education, violence prevention, crime prevention)
- Labor / Wages
- Immigration Issues
- Health Care
- Separation of Church and State
- Environment

Two races are going to be highlighted. They are the Fresno City Council and Board of Supervisors.

In addition to the Labor/Community Alliance, this forum is being sponsored by the Americans United for Separation of Church

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Why do progressives in Fresno support Susan Anderson for Supervisor?

EDITORIAL

The final vote in the KFCF board of directors recall election was:

Yes - 282

No - 306

Now that the election is over it is time for us to join together and work for continued improvement of the station. The Labor/Community Alliance calls on the board of directors to continue the progressive changes that are taking place and for those who voted for the recall to continue their support of the station. The pro-recall forces need to stay involved to keep pressure on so the progress of building a community radio station will continue. There has been significant and measurable progress. The current board of directors are:

- increasing local programming and giving support and assistance to new show hosts.
- working to resolve the conflict of ownership issues with board members
- moving the studio into a publicly accessible building

The issues of setting up a community advisory board and determining the date of a new election that will stagger the terms of board members are outstanding questions that need to be resolved. But, we need to work together on these issues. A cooperative and supportive attitude by both sides in this conflict will be a welcome change from the hostility and paralysis we have seen in recent months.

The large number of KFCF members (almost 600) participating in this election was really impressive! The message that came through loud and clear is that voters want to continue receiving KPFA & they support local programming. Both sides have stated their support for these fundamental principles and this is the glue that will hold the station together as trust is rebuilt in the aftermath of this election.

The recall did not succeed and the pro-recall supporters need to change their strategy and figure out how to continue moving KFCF forward towards becoming a community radio station. The board majority must build bridges with the HUGE minority that voted to recall the board. The Labor/Community Alliance wholeheartedly supports the current changes taking place at KFCF, that are the first steps in transforming it into the community radio station that we so desperately need for the valley.

HELP WANTED

The Labor/Community Alliance has the following "volunteer opportunities" available:

Newsletter Distribution - We need someone to coordinate newsletter distribution. This job takes a couple of hours each month. Many thanks to Phil Erro who has done a great job coordinating newsletter distribution for the last year or so. We are also looking for people to help deliver the newsletter. We have a list of distribution locations, or you can find your own.

I'll Be There Project Coordinator - Maintain and build data base of supporters who are willing to participate in solidarity actions at least 5 times a year. Activities include speaking to groups about project, mailing and phone calls to members, and computer work. The I'll Be There Project Coordinator could spend 1-100 hours a month on this job.

Call Mike Rhodes at 226-0477 about any of the above "volunteer opportunities"

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LABOR/COMMUNITY

The Labor/Community Alliance newsletter is an independent voice for workers and progressive groups in Fresno and the Central San Joaquin Valley. We support the struggle for social and economic justice and believe that all workers should be paid a living wage. The Labor/Community Alliance is affiliated nationally with Jobs with Justice. Meetings are held on the last Monday of each month at The Fresno Center for Nonviolence, 985 N Van Ness at 6:30 PM. This newsletter is published monthly.

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Stop the Hate, Build the Culture of Peace

by Sudarshan Kapoor Ph.D. Prof. of Social Work, CSU Fresno and Program Coordinator for the Stop the Hate Week of activities

Hate violence is an affliction, which, if allowed unchecked could spread like a cancer in our society. Each time an act of hate violence occurs society as a whole pays a heavy price for it. Acts of hate violence committed against individuals or targeted groups on the basis of race, religion, color, sexual orientation, gender, ethnicity or disability must not be tolerated in a civilized culture. Hatred or phobic behavior toward others because they are different must not be taught or practiced in our homes, schools, churches or workplaces. Hatred is not a family value after all. We need to practice zero tolerance policy not only in our schools but also in all aspects of our community life.

Recent legislation enacted and being considered at the Federal and State level seems to provide protection to the victims of hate violence (hate crimes). Though encouraging, that will not be enough. Hate violence needs a much stronger response from the total community in addition to legislation and effective law enforcement.

As a part of a joint campaign by Fellowship of Reconciliation and the Interfaith Alliance Foundation at the national level, Fresno will observe a week of activities (September 29 to October 5, 2000) around the theme "Stop the Hate. Build a Culture of Peace". The local efforts are being spearheaded by the Interfaith Alliance of Central California in collaboration with numerous community groups, religious and educational institutions. Last year more than 20 groups participated. This year the observance will recognize the year 2000 as the "International Year for the Culture of Peace" proclaimed by the General Assembly of the United Nations during its session on Nov. 10, 1998. The initiative was launched by a group of Nobel Peace Laureates including Mother Teresa, Elie Wiesel, Aung San Suu Kyi, Shimon Peres, Oscar Arias Sanchez, H.H. Dali Lama, Nelson Mandela, Bishop Tutu, Yasser Arafat, and Bishop Belo.

We invite and encourage concerned individuals, community leaders and various segments of our community to get involved. It is a call to:

- Act nonviolently as agents of healing in community
- Stand up to hate violence directed at anyone
- Speak out when people are attacked due to their race, religion, sexual orientation, nationality, gender or disability
- Raise a united voice against hate violence

Hate violence is defined as an attack on persons or property motivated by intense feelings of hostility, intolerance and fear of or bias against a target group. Prejudice plays a major role in this phenomenon.

Help us to prevent extremist hate groups and targeted acts of hate violence from sowing divisions and discord in our society. Now that Fresno is an All American City, let us build a Beloved Community with a Vision of Healing and Voice of Hope. Let us work together to build a culture of peace and nonviolence.

Stop the Hate Week activities will include: Programs at CSUF, Fresno City College, Fresno Pacific University, and the Fresno Center for Nonviolence. Clergy are being invited to preach on the topic over the weekend. Sponsored by the Interfaith Alliance of Central California.

For more information call Regina Hansen 224-3752, w. 432-3600 or Dr. S. Kapoor 278-2013.

Monday, October 2, Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday, Rally and garlanding. Peace Garden, Fresno State at 12:00 noon Please bring flowers and friends. Contact: S. Kapoor 278-2013, Frankie Moore 278-2741 or 278-6040, Gail Abbott 278-3973.

Monday, October 2, Fresno City College, Student Lounge, College Center South end of Cafeteria 12:00 noon to 3 pm. India's Independence from Colonial Rule: Gandhi's Role and Contribution - A panel presentation followed by group discussion

A Photographic Exhibition on the life of Mahatma Gandhi Contact: Prof. Kehindi Solwazi, 442-4600 x8123, Gurdeep Sihota 265-5711

Monday, October 2, "Street Activism and Gandhi" - 7:00 pm. Panel Discussion. Fresno Center for Nonviolence, 985 N. Van Ness, 266-2559.

At Fresno Pacific University. A week of activities is being organized by a committee. Please contact Prof. Katrina Poetker, 453-5503.

Thursday, October 5, Interfaith Candlelight Vigil Against Hate Violence at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. bust. 7:00 pm Fresno County Courthouse Park. Speaker, CSUF President John Welty. Dances of Universal Peace, Dance Troupe.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Tutors, mentors, and adult friends are needed. One hour a week for after-school program at Casa Velasco, an affordable housing complex at Fruit and Ashlan:

- ◆ Flexible Hours
- ◆ Good Resources (*books, computers, games, etc.*)
- ◆ Wonderful Kids
- ◆ No Pay

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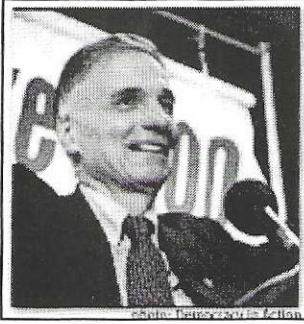
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GORE OR NADER?

By Richard Stone

Which presidential candidate to vote for? The debate is raising impassioned argument in progressive circles. While most of us say plainly that Nader's platform and past performance are

much more supportable, many believe that the difference between Gore and Bush--and the possibility of aiding a Bush victory by pulling support from Gore to Nader--make it imperative to stay in the Democratic fold. I noted that everyone I spoke with who had thought this problem through spoke with fervor, as if they had defined the "real" situation and calculated the "true" answer. What if we listened to each others' truth--what would we discover?

In response to an invitation to try this experiment, about a dozen intrepid folk gathered at the Fresno Center for Nonviolence on Sept. 12th. Surprisingly, all but one had decided to vote for Nader. Still, the range and quality of discussion was impressive.

At evening's end, I asked people to put their main argument down on an index card. I'll reproduce here the ones turned in. But first I want to recommend to your attention a 4-page document that Center Director Gerry Bill wrote, laying out his position in exquisite detail and logic. He has agreed to make copies available to those who call him at 227-2133. The other statements are as follows:

FOR GORE:

How frightening to think if a present Supreme Court nearly defeats partial abortion (by a 4-5 vote) what will happen in a court with several Bush appointments to overthrow Roe v. Wade completely. As for Gore's economics, "global economy" is not a dirty phrase...a lot of benefit will come with it.

FOR NADER:

Ralph Nader stands for the things I believe in. He's a third party candidate with national name recognition and a track record that's progressive and known. By voting for him we'll let it be known that we want more than what the Democratic Party offers. My reasons are 1) campaign financing--I think neither Bush or Gore will do anything. 2) Defense spending and Star Wars 3) the unconscionable policy towards Iraq, with 5000 children dying every day for absolutely no reason.

After 40 years, I have learned that the two big parties have lost all integrity and hope. The current Vice Presidential choices show that each party is appealing to an exclusive segment of the population, probably driving voter turn-out even further down, perhaps to as low as 20%.

The differences between Gore and Bush are real, but apply mostly to issues that only we wealthy nations have the privilege to focus on--issues like gay rights and reproductive choice. Neither Gore nor Bush will touch the issues that are causing basic survival problems in the less developed world like expropriation of land and resources by corporate capitalism, keeping brutal dictatorships as allies, the use of lethal military force to exact policy. I cannot support candidates who don't challenge these practices.

We need to think long term, and build a movement. The Green Party is the electoral wing of that movement. A vote for Gore because of fear for Bush is an acceptance of defeat. It's acceptance of reduced expectations.

WANT TO WORK FOR THE CANDIDATES? SOME NUMBERS TO CONTACT

Susan Anderson, Candidate for County Supervisor, District 2
Call Judy at 222-7411
www.susanbanderson.org

Medea Benjamin, Green Party Candidate for U.S. Senate
Nader/LaDuke, Green Party President & Vice-President
Candidates
Call Mark at 485-5890
www.greens.org/cal

Cal Dooley, Democratic Candidate - U.S. Congress,
20th District
Call Victoria at 627-5258 or Diego at 816-5462 to volunteer.

Dan Rosenberg, Democratic Candidate - U.S. Congress,
19th District
Call 222-8683 or www.rosenberg2000.com to sign up

MAYORAL FORUM ON NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES

Mayoral candidates Autry and Whitehurst have been invited to meet with residents of under-served communities to answer questions about the City's role in creating safe, vital neighborhoods. The forum will be held on Monday, Oct. 16th at 7:00 p.m., at the Tehipite Middle School, 630 N. Augusta (east of Fresno St., just north of Belmont.) The forum is sponsored by the Neighborhood Policy Council, a year-old organization formed to bring together representatives from Fresno's many neighborhood-based organizations. The NPC was founded on the belief that healthy neighborhoods THROUGHOUT THE CITY are necessary for a healthy Fresno and that healthy neighborhoods require both a degree of self-governance and the power of alliance to create a neighborhood perspective that can be effectively present in city policy-making. (The NPC meet the 3rd Monday of each month at 5 p.m. at Catholic Charities, 140 N. Fulton St., just north of Divisadero. Pizza is provided.) At the forum, the candidates will respond to questions prepared by NPC representatives, which they will have previously received. Issues they will be asked to address include: stopping the misuse of federal money designated for neighborhood revitalization (CDBG funds); effectively enforcing health and building codes, and activating the responsibility of absentee landlords; developing affordable, decently maintained housing, especially south of Shaw; improving garbage and solid waste removal; recognizing and building the "non-market economy" of neighborhood exchange that sustains healthy communities.

For information about the forum (including how to get flyers to distribute in your neighborhood) or about the NPC, contact co-chair Ruben Contreras at 268-1975.

FRESNO CENTER FOR NONVIOLENCE

GANDHI & STREET ACTIVISM: Oct. 2 marks the birth of Mohandas Gandhi, the Mahatma (Great One) of 20th century nonviolent activism, the man who inspired the work of King and Chavez. We have invited a panel of young activists--participants in the recent demonstrations in Fresno (THE GAP), Seattle, Los Angeles--to discuss their understanding of non-violent action in this current era. We have also asked Rev. Bryan Jessup of the Unitarian Universalist Church to act as respondent, bringing an historical and spiritual understanding of Gandhi's work to bear on the discussion. Please join us for this unique celebration of Gandhi's lasting significance, which also serves to initiate "Stop the Violence" week.

PEACE CHALLENGE: Last year the Center used an out-of-the-blue grant to create a pilot project, a Peace Challenge for Youth that involved group projects rather than the conventional "peace essay contest". The results were exciting both in the quality of work done by our teenage participants and in our ability to involve those outside the academic elite. But the number of groups we were able to engage was disappointing--only five, and one dropped out mid-way.

To make "cost-effective" the amount of work involved in putting together this program, our small planning committee agreed we need to at least double the number of entries this year. And to do that, we need an involved project committee of at least 10 to do face-to-face outreach and serve as liaison with participant groups. We have approached the Human Relations Commission to act as sponsor for the whole event (last year they hosted our awards ceremony at City Hall). But even if they take this on, we have a primary responsibility to raise the committee--this is OUR peace challenge. If we do not find 10 committed souls by the end of October, we are prepared to turn back our grant. My last month's mention found one new recruit: we now number 4. But this is crunch time where we will either put up or shut up, as they say. Anybody want to play?

BRIAN WATSON: Somewhere in the midst of this paper you'll find a flyer for a special event on Oct. 18th. Please post it (I use my refrigerator) for your own recollection, and make copies to distribute. This is an important occasion. One of the most significant under-reported stories of the last few years is our country's singular efforts to up the nuclear ante and create the next generation of weapons, thus renewing the arms race and endangering current disarmament treaties. Small groups of courageous, determined folk are ferreting out the factual truth (hidden behind benign names like "Stockpile Stewardship"), and confronting the military/industrial/congressional complex with moral truth about why this madness must end.

Brian Watson, our speaker on the 18th, is a member of one such group--now known as "the Bangor 8". And remarkably, not only did they stand up to power, they won their case in a court of law. The key was the judge's instructions to the jury to give due consideration to the treaty obligations of the U.S. as signatories to international pacts against the use and development of nuclear weapons. Hear Brian's remarkable story, and learn about the exciting legal implications of this case. Join us on Wed. Oct. 18th at the 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 4144 N. Millbrook, in Fresno.



THE WELCH REPORT

Sept. 13, 2000

Jack H. Welch, M.D.

A Twelve Step Program for Democrats and Republicans to End Nuclear Weapons Addiction.

The following steps should be taken by the nuclear weapons states to assure that we end the nuclear weapons threat now hanging over all of humanity:

1. Publicly acknowledge the weaknesses of deterrence, which clearly is ineffective against an enemy who is irrational and cannot assure against accidents, miscalculations, or terrorists.
2. Publicly acknowledge the illegality of the threat or use of nuclear weapons under international law.
3. Publicly acknowledge the immorality of threatening to annihilate millions of people in the name of national security.
4. Commence good faith negotiations to achieve a Nuclear Weapons Convention to eliminate and prohibit all nuclear weapons.
5. Establish an international accounting system for all nuclear weapons and weapons-grade nuclear materials.
6. Sign and ratify the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT), and cease laboratory and subcritical nuclear tests designed to modernize nuclear weapons systems.
7. Re-affirm the commitments to the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty and cease efforts to violate that treaty by the deployment of national or theater missile defenses.
8. Declare policies of No First Use of nuclear weapons against other nuclear weapons states and policies of No Use against non-nuclear weapons states.
9. De-alert all nuclear weapons and de-couple all nuclear warheads from their delivery vehicles.
10. Reduce nuclear arsenals in all nuclear weapons states to no more than 200 de-alerted nuclear weapons by the year 2005, and place these weapons in internationally monitored storage sites.
11. Set forth a plan to complete the transition under international control and monitoring to zero nuclear weapons by 2020.
12. Reallocate the \$35b currently being spent annually for maintaining nuclear arsenals to improving human health, education and welfare.

(Source: David Krieger, president of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, Santa Barbara, Calif., from Chico Peaceful Action August 2000)

"President Putin of Russia has offered to cut Russia's long-range nuclear arsenal to 1000-1500 warheads, provided the US does not build its \$60b 'Son of Star Wars' in violation of the ABM Treaty. Russia also urged that the world negotiate a global missile ban, a much less expensive and more secure way to prevent attacks from so-called "rogue" states, but the US is determined to proceed with its corporate--driven scheme to militarize and control space." (Sacramento-Yolo Peace Action Newsletter June 2000). *(We applaud President Clinton's recent decision not to deploy National Missile Defense.)*

The Department of Defense Appropriations Act allocates \$288b to military needs for the fiscal year beginning October 1

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Fresno County Green Party

THE GREEN PAGE

Tired of the Republicans and Democrats?

There is an alternative.

The Facts: The Republicans and Democrats have given us increased defense spending and the elimination of welfare as we know it, built more prisons but decreased public education spending, have created the "war on drugs", NAFTA and the WTO, have attacked labor, and are open to bribery via millions of dollars worth of corporate campaign contributions.

Ralph Nader's agenda includes:

- ◆ Expanding worker's democratic trade union rights, and providing a living wage and decent living standards for all.
- ◆ Providing universal accessible health care for all Americans in a single payer system.
- ◆ Providing public financing, media access and open debates in public elections to limit the power of the privileged few over the many.
- ◆ Protecting communities, workers and the environment by enforcing work place safety and environmental regulations.
- ◆ Replacing the empty promises of politicians with real programs that protect, preserve and expand the well-being and education of our children.
- ◆ Ending corporate welfare in the form of subsidies, bail-outs and give aways to giant corporations that waste government funds, and reallocate these funds for the people and the environment.
- ◆ Defending civil rights and liberties, including a woman's right to choose, and freeing the political and civic energies of the American people to make decisions about our domestic, foreign, and environmental policies.
- ◆ Nurturing a society where non-commercial values matter.

Ralph Nader has devoted his life to improving conditions for people, continually taking on the power structure to make our lives better. Ralph Nader has a four-decade record of reforms including consumer protection and advocacy, and he has set standards for character and integrity that make him the ideal candidate for a truly democratic and just society.

It's still a democracy. Vote for who you believe in. NADER 2000.

Medea Benjamin For U.S. Senate

Medea Benjamin is running for U.S. Senate against incumbent Dianne Feinstein. Medea is a Founding Director of the human rights organization Global Exchange. She has worked as an economist and nutritionist in Latin America, Africa, and the United States for the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization, the World Health Organization, and the Institute for Food and Development Policy (Food First).

She has worked to change the labor and environmental practices of multinational corporations such as Nike, Starbucks and Gap, and has fought the destructive policies of the World Trade Organization, the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. Medea was a key participant in the peaceful protests in Seattle last December that brought world-wide attention to the practices and undemocratic structure of the WTO.

Medea on the issues

Living Wage

When the richest 1-% of households in California have more assets than the bottom 90% combined, working families know that the system is not working for them. We must raise the minimum wage to a living wage and guarantee every person the right to a healthy, dignified standard of living.

Schools, Not Prisons

California spends \$2.2 billion every year processing youth through the criminal justice system while our spending on public schools ranks 41st in the nation. We must reaffirm our commitment to free public education, recognize teachers as cherished professionals, and invest in schools, not jails.

Electoral Reform

We need to get big money out of politics through public financing of political campaigns, free media access, and an end to PACs and soft money donations. We must give voters better representation by changing our electoral system from "winner-take-all" to proportional representation—a system used by the majority of the world's established democracies.

Universal Health Care

Over 40 million Americans have no health insurance and millions more go without basic health services due to inadequate insurance coverage. We need a publicly funded, universal health care system that guarantees quality care for all.

Safe Food & Family Farms

Agribusiness plays a dangerous game with Mother Nature by introducing genetically modified organisms (GMOs) that pose potential risks to our health and environment. We should ban GMO foods and institute policies that support family farms and organic agriculture.

Campaign Headquarters and Upcoming Events

Upcoming events: Nader 2000 fund-raiser garden party Friday, Oct. 6th, 7 to 9pm at 675 E. Ashlan Ave (park on Wishon). \$25+ donation. Call 485-5890 to RSVP. Green 2000 volunteer nights every Tuesday and Thursday night from 6pm till 9pm. Precinct walking every Saturday at 10am.

The Nader/LaDuke and Medea Benjamin campaign headquarters is open Monday to Friday from 3pm till 7pm, and every Saturday from 10am till 5pm. The headquarters is located at 1461 N. Van Ness Ave. just south of Fresno City College. Call 485-5890 for more information.

The Fresno County Green Party hopes that you find this campaign update to be a valuable resource. We need your help to continue to reach progressive voters in our community with timely, relevant information. Please consider supporting the growth of the Green Party with a \$25 annual contribution. If this amount is beyond your means, would you be able to give \$1.00 a month towards building a viable alternative to the two corporate parties? Volunteer help for this high-energy campaign season would also be greatly appreciated.

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Address _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I prefer to receive Green Party information by email.

Please reach us at:

Fresno County Green Party

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<http://www.greens.org/cal/fresno>

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Calendar of Events for October 2000

Sunday, October 1 • 7 PM

Singer/songwriter/guitarist Jim Scott, Instrumentalist in folk-fashion. Unitarian Universalist Church, 4144 N. Millbrook. Child care available if requested in advance. 227-6146 - \$10.00

Monday, October 2 • Noon

Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday, *Rally and garlanding at the Peace Garden*, Fresno State. Please bring flowers and friends. Contact: S. Kapoor 278-2013 for more information.

Monday, October 2 • Noon to 3 PM

India's Independence from Colonial Rule: Gandhi's Role and Contribution – A panel presentation followed by group discussion. Fresno City College, Student Lounge, College Center South end of Cafeteria.

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Street Activism and Gandhi" – Panel Discussion. Fresno Center for Nonviolence, 985 N. Van Ness, 266-2559.

Wednesday, October 4 • 7 PM

Responsible Choices Candidate forum (see page 1 for details).

Wednesday, October 4 • 7:30 PM

Minnie Bruce Pratt Poetry Reading. (see page 12 for details)

Thursday, October 5 • 7 PM

Interfaith Candlelight Vigil Against Hate Violence at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. bust, Fresno County Courthouse Park. Speaker, CSUF President John Welty. *Dances of Universal Peace*, Dance Troupe.

Friday, October 6 • 7-9 PM

Fund-raiser Garden Party for Nader/LaDuke 2000! Join us for a beautiful evening of fun and information about the grassroots campaign to elect Ralph Nader as President and Winona LaDuke as Vice President. Campaign materials such as bumper stickers, t-shirts, and yard signs will be available. 675 E. Ashlan Ave (park on Wishon). \$25-\$2,000 sliding scale donation requested. RSVP: 268-3913

Saturday, October 7 • 9 AM

Kennedy Club of the San Joaquin Valley meets in "The Barn" at 4247 N Thorne Ave in Fresno. Call 439-8140 for details. **Saturday, October 7**

Metro Ministry's fund raiser at Second Space (Inherit the Wind). Call 485-1416 for more info.

Wednesday, October 11 • 7 PM

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom Board meeting. Everyone is welcome. Among other things discussed will be the upcoming annual Holiday Boutique on December 2. Held at Carol Bequette's house, 229-9661

Thursday, October 12 • 7:00 PM

ACCESS Meeting. Open discussion on making women's reproductive health rights available in the Central Valley. Unitarian Universalist Church, 4144 N. Millbrook. Learn how ACCESS works to surmount the many barriers women face in order to exercise their legal rights and how you can help. Call 222-6135 or 510-923-0822

Thursday, October 12 • 7 PM

The Fresno County Green Party invites you to its County Council meeting at the Fresno Center for Nonviolence, 985 N Van Ness Ave (S of Olive). The four pillars of the international Green movement are Social Justice, Grassroots Democracy, Nonviolence, and Ecological Wisdom. Join us as we finish off our endorsement process and get ready for the election. Call 497-1724 for details or go to <http://www.greens.org/cal/fresno>

Friday, October 13 • 7 PM

The Fresno County Homeschoolers will meet at the Fresno

Center for Nonviolence, 985 N. Van Ness Avenue. For more information, contact Lauralee Crain Carbone at (559) 299-2148 in Fresno or Klara East at (559) 592-4001 in the South Valley.

Saturday, October 14 • 9:30 AM

Fresno Center for Nonviolence monthly meeting at 985 N. Van Ness.

Saturday, October 14 • 10 AM

Amnesty march (see story on page 1 for details).

Sunday, October 15

Deadline for submissions to the November issue of the Labor Community Alliance newsletter. Send calendar items and articles to <clr2@lca.org>.

Monday, October 16 • 7 PM

National Organization for Women (NOW) will hold their monthly Planning/Business Meeting at the Center for Non-Violence (985 N Van Ness). For more info call 221-7229.

Wednesday, October 18 • 7:30 PM

Speaker: Brian Watson, activist for peace and nuclear weapons abolition. Watson has risked arrest in nonviolent direct actions at Trident facilities numerous times. He is one of eight defendants acquitted of disorderly conduct charges in June, 1999, based on evidence showing that Trident violates international law, and that international law requires citizens to try to prevent such violations through nonviolent means. Unitarian-Universalist Church, 4144 N. Millbrook, south of Ashlan.

Thursday, October 19 • 7:30 PM

Death Penalty Focus meeting at the Fresno Center for Nonviolence, 985 N Van Ness. For more information contact Maria Telesco at: <martel0000@aol.com> or visit their web site at: <http://www.fresnoalliance.com/focus/>

Saturday, October 21 • 9 AM

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom Program meeting at the Center for Nonviolence. Juvenile justice will be the focus. For info call Lauralee at 299-2148.

Saturday, October 21 • 7:30 PM

Steve Ono and Friends, Eddie Gordon and John Martin III at the Fresno Art Museum's Bonner Auditorium.

Sunday, October 22 • 5 PM

National Day of Protest to Stop Police Brutality, Repression, and the Criminalization of a Generation. Here in Fresno, there will be a MARCH starting at 5 pm in front of the Fresno main library and a VIGIL following the march in the park in front of the main library. Bring a sign and candle to show your solidarity with the families of those killed by police, those unjustly locked down, the youth treated like criminals, and all the people who face police brutality every day. Contact (559) 299-2148 for more information.

Wednesday, October 25 • 3:30 PM

Oct 25 Wednesday, 3:30 p.m. "Stir it Up" radio on KFCF, 88.1 FM. Join WILPF hosts Lauralee Crain Carbone and Zay Guffy-Bill as they talk to their guest, economist Jeff Chandler, creator of the L-curve theory.

Friday, October 27 • 5 - 6 PM

Street Heat on KFCF 88.1 FM featuring Labor and Community activists.

Sunday, Oct. 29 • 9:15 and 11:00 AM

Carole Harper will speak on "The Legacy of the Nicaraguan Revolution" at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 4144 N. Millbrook.

Monday, October 30 • 6:30 PM

The Labor/Community Alliance meeting at 985 N Van Ness. Call 226-0477 for details.

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and State; California Latina Leaders In Action; Central California Alliance; Central Valley AIDS Foundation; Fresno Coalition Against the Misuse of Pesticide (FRESCAMP); Fresno Center for New Americans; Fresno County Democratic Women's Club; Fresno County Green Party; Khmer Society of Fresno; National Organization for Women, Fresno Chapter; National Women Political Caucus; Planned Parenthood Mar Monte; Republicans for Choices; Vietnam Human Rights Network, Central California Chapter; Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and Wesley Methodist Church.

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Wednesday, October 4, 2000

Basic Strike Update

One of the biggest obstacles in the Basic Vegetable strike has been the isolation of rural King City, CA. This has led to a media blackout of the strike. Please forward this e-mail update on the Basic Vegetable strike to your own mailing lists so that we can spread the word on our struggle.

The strike by 800 members of Teamsters Local 890 against Basic Vegetable Products, in King City, CA, is fourteen months old. It will not end until all of our members return to work with a fair contract.

Here is the current situation:

1) The strikers continue to be solid and Basic Vegetable Products continues to have to throw away a huge percentage of the onions and garlic which they are trying to process. We have defeated Basic's effort to decertify the union. Over 650 strikers came out to vote in the first phase of a representation election held June 28, while only slightly more than 450 scabs showed up to vote on August 31. The union's position as collective bargaining representative is assured. Under federal law, Basic must continue to negotiate with Local 890 at least through the next harvest season, and probably beyond.

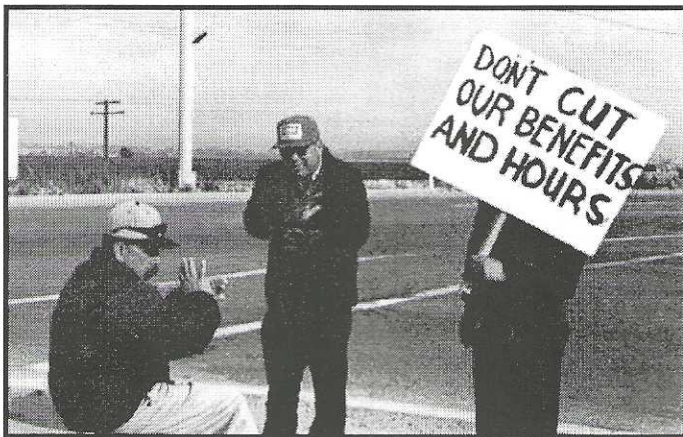
2) Our boycott campaign is going well, taking aim at Basic's big institutional sales of dried onion, garlic, potatoes and refried beans to facilities such as hospitals, jails and public schools. County governments, covering over 7,000,000 Californians, and



school districts, covering over 1,000,000 students throughout California, have told Basic and its parent company, Basic American Foods, that they will take their business elsewhere. Kaiser hospitals in Northern and Southern California have joined the boycott, as well as the New York private hospital buying consortium. We are now extending our campaign to customers in Seattle, New York, Boston, Chicago and other large cities.

3) On August 22-23, Teamsters General President, Jim Hoffa, came to California to express the entire union's support for the Basic strike, and to launch a campaign directed at major industrial customers-Unilever, Campbell Soup, Nissin Foods, Clorox (Hidden Valley Ranch Dressing) and others. As a result, Teamsters throughout the country will be asking their employers to voluntarily agree to buy their ingredients-now supplied by Basic-from other sources.

4) At many University of California and California State University campuses in both Northern and Southern California we have won the support of campus unions, campus USAs (anti-sweatshop) groups, Latino student groups, student governments and residence halls associations. In short, we intend to win this strike, and we know that the only way we can do so is with the support of the public-our friends in the churches, in the community and on campus. To learn more about the strike and boycott campaign, and do what you can do to help, please check out our new, redesigned web page at <www.teamster890.org>



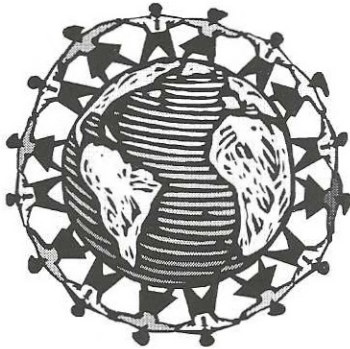
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(\$20b more than for the last fiscal year). Senators John McCain and Phil Gramm (both R.) said during Senate debate over the bill that it included more than \$7b in "outrageous pork-barrel spending" not requested by the Pentagon, ranging from \$1.5m for research on chronic fatigue syndrome (hardly a military problem) to \$4m for desert tortoise research in California! (Calif. Peace Action).



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For more info on the conference, contact: 1-877-BIONEER (1-877-246-6337) or on the web at www.bioneers.org.

Fresno Free College Foundation Annual Banquet

The Fresno Free College Foundation Annual Banquet will be held on Saturday, November 4, at the Downtown Club in Fresno. The theme of this year's banquet is "Celebrating 25 years of Community Radio in the Valley" featuring guest speaker Dennis Bernstein, host and producer of the "Flashpoints" program heard weekdays at 5 pm on KFCF 88.1 FM. Dennis Bernstein is a highly regarded journalist whose reporting has included the Iran-Contra investigation, the Savings and Loan scandal, corporate corruption, government misdeeds and the Pacifica Radio controversy. His arrest and seizure by armed guards in the KPFA newsroom for reporting on the Pacifica affair triggered the lockout of KPFA staff and programmers in the summer of 1999.

Tickets are \$35 per person and more information can be obtained by contacting the Foundation office at (559) 233-2221.





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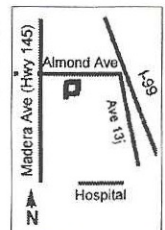
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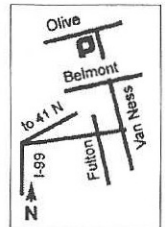
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RESIDENTIAL CARPENTERS STRIKE NORTHEAST FRESNO DEVELOPMENTS

By: Doug Whipple
Field Representative / Organizer
Northern California Carpenters Regional Council

The STORM campaign heats up as Carpenters and other tradesmen walked away from their jobs on August 14th. The workers strike--over poverty level wages, unfair labor practices, no benefits, and no opportunity for training--resulted in the almost total shutdown of construction activity at 5 major housing developments in an affluent northeast Fresno area.

Assisted by Carpenter organizers, organized labor, and representatives from dozens of community groups and coalitions, the workers carried picket signs at the entrances to the developments, visited the workers that were on site working, and convinced them to leave the job and join the strike.

Beginning at Silverleaf development, as many as 180 men, women and children marched, chanted and talked to workers about their rights and the ongoing campaign to raise the standards of the industry.

The sacrifice and solidarity shown by the workers was amazing considering the extremely low wages and oppressive conditions they work under. Approximately 90-120 workers walked the strike lines and hundreds more showed support by not showing up to work.

Moving from development to development the workers left signs saying "NO WORK TODAY". Media from most of the local television stations covered the job action. Unfortunately, local media coverage continued to focus on the involvement of the Carpenters Union rather than the workers' issues and sacrifices.

Worker committees have been formed representing 15 different Framing, Drywall, and Concrete companies. These committees have been meeting with Carpenter representatives every other week to discuss conditions and strategies for changing them. The conditions many of the sub-contractors suffer under include developers shopping their bid, extremely high comp. rates, unskilled labor, and the loss of skilled manpower to areas paying up to three times the wage rate they are able to pay. A dialogue between developers and the workers and union continues, with some builders expressing a willingness to seriously consider using Union Carpenters to build their houses.

"The greatest accomplishment of the builder in this area isn't the work they do but how cheap they get

it done"; "The houses get more difficult while the wage rates have remained the same as they were 15 to 25 years ago."

The building industry in the South Valley is steadily degenerating downward as skilled workers seeking decent wages and opportunities flee to the north. The local Building Industry Association is painting a false picture of the industry as it desperately dumps money into local politicians' campaign coffers longing for the days before "Rezone" and the FBI came to town.

"Quality construction" is an overused phrase that means very little as the workers struggle to make ends meet, working for lower and lower wages. Developer/Builders cry foul as class action lawsuits over construction defects sweep across the valley. The gaudy facades and gingerbread plastered on the fronts of their houses is not an answer to their problems.

Beyond the immediate reality of workers' rights is the fact that taxpayers are paying for the developer/builders' greed. The community pays to subsidize their outrageous profits. The workers' medical bills are paid by the taxpayer. We pay for the drain on social programs due to overload by low paid workers. The unbridled sprawl of new developments leaving the rest of our neighborhoods to decline comes at what cost?



Photo by: George Elfie Ballis

This battle for respect and dignity by the workers will not stop. As a crew of roof framers said the other day, "It can't get any worse, so what do we have to lose?" As their contractor said "Right now, today! I have to make a decision whether to pay my men or pay my workers compensation insurance. Every week my business is on the edge of bankruptcy."

As this is written the Carpenters are preparing for another Strike to force their issues and yours into the light. Your support means more than I can express. Your open mind and willingness to ask questions and provide answers will help to educate the general public and the political leadership in our communities.



GAP 17 CASE MAY SET PRECEDENT FOR FREE SPEECH LAW

By: Bryan Apper

A private security force hired by Fashion Fair Mall and the Fresno Police Department joined in an effort to break up a pro-labor movement in Fresno this May with tactics reminiscent of scenes from In Dubious Battle or The Grapes of Wrath. About 50 protestors of Gap Corporation (including Gap, Old Navy, Banana Republic) sweatshops gathered at Fashion Fair Mall for an informational picket. Arrests of protestors were made without warning or with inadequate warning.

The Gap 17 are fighting the charges leveled against them in a city and county that are historically hostile to labor. This case is important to the entire labor community for a number of reasons:

- It can reaffirm free speech rights at malls guaranteed by the California Constitution in the face of Fashion Fair's refusal to approve any time or place for protests of Gap sweatshops. Fashion Fair claims a right to regulate the content of "free speech" at the mall, including censorship of any remarks that might be considered "critical" of its tenants.
- The Gap 17 case may set a statewide precedent for how California Penal Code Section 602.1 is applied to protestors and informational pickets. The code is included with trespassing provisions, but focuses on "intimidation" of business owners or customers and "disruption" of businesses. The Gap 17 are resisting this cynical attempt to characterize informational pickets as "intimidation."
- It may unmask the unholy trinity of anti-union businesses, anti-labor politicians, and police (and private security) that has reared its head so many times in our Valley's labor history. The police should have protected the free speech rights of protestors rather than acting as a private security team for Fashion Fair. Who ordered these arrests and why?
- Arrests were made with no warning or inadequate warnings. The Gap 17 want to preserve town square free speech and resist Tiananmen Square type round-ups. Raids on the labor movement need to be relegated to the pages of Steinbeck novels where they belong.

A team of top Fresno-area lawyers (e.g., Patience Milrod and Bob Hirth) are volunteering their time and talent. Contributions to the Gap 17 legal defense fund are needed, however, to cover the numerous incidental costs (e.g., serving subpoenas on Gap and Fashion Fair minions in San Francisco and Los Angeles, etc.). Contributions can be sent to the Gap Legal Defense Fund c/o the Labor Community Alliance.

Bryan Apper is a member of the St. Benedict Catholic Worker in Fresno. The SBCW has supported many labor causes in the Valley including the UFW, providing cold drinks to striking UPS workers, participating in informational pickets at KFTV Univision Channel 21, and demonstrating with the Carpenters Union and the anti-Gap sweatshop campaign. The SBCW also serves about 1,500 dinners each month to Fresno's homeless, working poor, and visitors and released inmates at Fresno County Jail.

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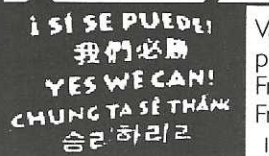
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TO OVERCOME THE BARRIERS

By Diane Scott

Should women have the right to make their own reproductive choices? Are you concerned that, in this valley, many barriers to choice exist? How can they be overcome? Come to an ingathering of people for choice to be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fresno Thursday, October 12, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. to learn how ACCESS works to surmount the many barriers women face in order to exercise their legal rights and how you can help.

ACCESS was founded to provide a central place for women and girls to get the information, support and resources they need to act on their reproductive and sexual decisions. ACCESS makes available a toll free hotline to provide these aids. There is also a volunteer Practical Support network of over 200 men and women in California who help provide the concrete services needed. There is also a Women In Need fund if services must be purchased.

ACCESS recognizes that Fresno is in the center of the Central Valley and also provides one of the most comprehensive health care programs in the valley through Planned Parenthood. Also, due to the many calls the hotline receives from women in Fresno and outlying areas seeking reproductive health services, ACCESS is interested in strengthening the Practical Support network here in order to serve more women in the valley.

As a woman's right to choice is being threatened more and more, this is an important time to take steps to make women's right to choice a concrete reality. Can you, when called upon, provide transportation for a woman in need? Can you provide a bed for an overnight stay, look after her other child or children while she receives services, give her emotional support, interpret for her, make a donation to the WIN fund, or give any other help she might need? We need you! For more information call Diane, Practical Support Volunteer, 222-6135 or Mona, Program Coordinator, 510-923-0822. Let's all make choice a viable right!



MINNIE BRUCE PRATT - POETRY/ PROSE READING-- FEMINIST/GENDER ISSUES

Minnie Bruce Pratt, renowned activist, educator, and award-winning poet and essayist will present a reading/talk, "Walking Back Up Depot Street: Towards the Intersections of Race, Sex, Class, Sexuality" on Wednesday, October 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the University Business Center auditorium at California State University, Fresno. Pratt's latest book, WALKING BACK UP DEPOT STREET, is a powerful collection of narrative poems, the work of a white, anti-racist, Southern, lesbian poet reclaiming her history from the oppressive forces of the twentieth century. Her previous works, including CRIME AGAINST NATURE, REBELLION: Essays 1980-1991, and S/HE, encompass



intersections of feminism, lesbianism, anti-Semitism, racism, gender-boundary crossing, and her experiences as a lesbian mother of two sons. She became nationally known as one of three lesbians whose National Endowment for the Arts grants were revoked in a conservative political backlash. Subsequently she has received a Lillian Hellman-Dashiell Hammett Award from the Fund for Free Expression to writers "who have been victimized by political persecution." (For more information about Minnie Bruce Pratt and her books, see her website at www.mbpratt.org/.) The talk is co-sponsored by the CSUF Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender Alliance, LGBT Allies Network, and the Women's Alliance. The event is open to the public and free of charge, with parking available in university lot "J." The venue is wheelchair accessible and the event will be ASL interpreted.

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By: Ellie Bluestein

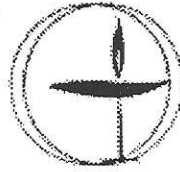
October 7 has been designated as an International Day to stop the militarization of space. There will be a demonstration at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California, Washington D.C., Cape Canaveral, and many cities in the U.S. and around the world. If we do not have a demonstration here in Fresno at the corner of Blackstone and Shaw, for instance, we should at least have a heavy call-in to both Clinton and our legislators to end our efforts at militarizing space. Clinton's decision to not go ahead with immediate approval of the testing of the Nuclear Missile Defense system has given us breathing space, but it has not come as a result of backing off by the pentagon and the nuclear industry and its supporters. Rather, it has come about because of worldwide opposition from the many outstanding scientists who have pointed out its infeasibility, from the many nations warning that it will destabilize the treaties already in place to reduce nuclear weapons and from the failed tests that have already taken place. We need to build on the momentum that has been generated by this mild concession to worldwide opposition.

In his speech delaying commitment to immediate funding of the anti-missile defense system Clinton ordered the Pentagon to pursue a "robust program" to prove the effectiveness of the technology. Officials at Raytheon said, "The President's decision does not affect development and testing, which will continue. Raytheon continues its confidence in our radar and hit-to-kill technology." Raytheon builds the 121 pound missile that is supposed to intercept and destroy enemy missiles. In the January 2000 test, the Raytheon interceptor missed a dummy warhead because of a leak. The deployment of the NMD system is estimated to cost \$60 billion, which could better be used to ensure a sustainable global future and to redress the environmental devastation and human suffering already caused by nuclear weapons production and testing. Threats from Iran, Iraq and North Korea are years away if not totally imagined and can only be removed by political, rather than military means. Earlier this year Russia finally approved the Start II treaty to reduce nuclear weapons and is ready to start work on a Start III treaty to further decrease such weapons but has warned that development of a missile defense system will abrogate the treaties already in place. Russian President Putin has called for a conference to ban the militarization of space.

Those are some of the talking points that can be used to call for an end to this very expensive and wasteful star wars venture. At the recent UN Non Proliferation Review Conference a pledge was made by all nations, including the U.S. to work towards eliminating all nuclear weapons. We need to hold our nation to this goal.



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Saying No To Power Autobiography of a 20th Century Activist and Thinker William Mandel

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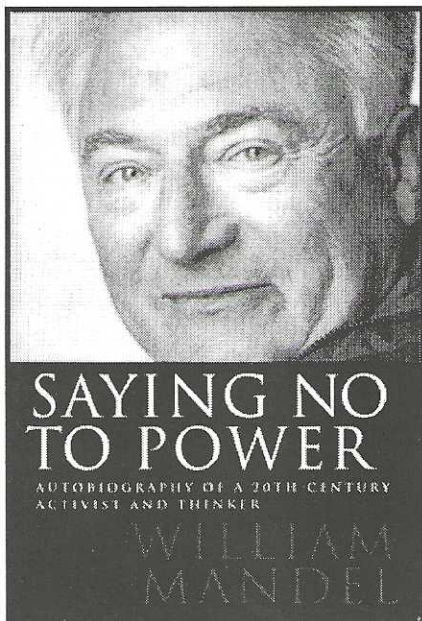
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Book review by: Mike Rhodes

What's it like to spend your lifetime fighting for social change? SAYING NO TO POWER takes you on a journey that puts you on the front line in the struggle for peace, social justice and socialism. Mr. Mandel is a "red diaper baby" who had graduated from high school at fourteen when his parents took him to the Soviet Union in 1931 to help build socialism. Back in the U.S., he joined the Communist Party at eighteen and was assigned to industrial Ohio where the steel, auto, and rubber unions were being built. In the 1950's when McCarthyism was looking for commies under every bed, they found Bill and ordered him to appear before all three witch-hunting committees, two in the U.S. Senate and also in the House of Representatives' Committee on Un-American Activities. Instead of being intimidated, Mandel turned the tables on Senator Joe McCarthy and demanded an end to the witch-hunt. He had faith in the American people's desire for free speech as stated in the First Amendment to the Constitution.

We follow Mandel into the 60's and learn about the significant role he played in the Free Speech Movement and as a commentator on KPFA (KFCF 88.1 FM, our local progressive radio station). He is one of the most knowledgeable experts in the country on the former Soviet Union. In the 90's he was removed from the air for "deviating" from the subject matter of his regular program.

If you want to learn about the life of someone who has spent most of the last century in the struggle to build a better America, read SAYING NO TO POWER.



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STOP POLICE BRUTALITY

By: Lauralee C. Carbone

Last year on October 22nd, over 10,000 people took to the streets (many more people wore black in solidarity) in over 60 cities across the U.S., large and small. What were they protesting? All these people joined together for the National Day of Protest to Stop Police Brutality, Repression, and the Criminalization of a Generation. This year organizers of the October 22nd Coalition are expecting more people to take to the streets. Why are they protesting?

Police brutality continues to grow across the country. The L.A. P.D. is riddled with scandal after scandal, the wave of police killings in New York following the murder of Amadou Diallo continues as does the use of vigilantes by I.N.S. agents and sheriffs to hunt and lynch immigrants, and brutality even affects us here in the central valley. Recently, on September 11, Fresno police killed an unarmed car jack suspect fleeing, and on September 13, an 11-year-old Modesto boy was killed when a SWAT team raided his home for narcotics. The "police state" continues to grow everyday, fueled by legislators big on crime and punishment.

Today, cops stop, search, harass and arrest people based solely on the color of their skin. Racial Profiling or Driving While Black or Brown (DWB) is a common practice that has victimized too many people. People in police custody are subject to widespread use of torture and cruel, inhuman punishment. Youth of color are being targeted as criminals by police and legislators (Prop 21). They face longer and stiffer sentences. The 4 white teenagers who stole 200 pounds of explosives were only given slaps on the wrists. Would teens of color receive the same treatment? Repressive tactics are used by police to suppress dissent as in Seattle, Washington, Philly, LA, and here in Fresno, where the GAP protesters were arrested by police. In fact, most people on death row are people of color and economically poor. The prison population has ballooned to over two million and growing, with no end in sight. Hundreds of immigrants are killed every year trying to cross the US-Mexico border. There is no accountability of the police to the communities that they serve.

Youth, victims of police brutality, attorneys, and activists have come together to fight back. October 22nd has become the day to bring all this resistance together. So join the many people seeking justice on October 22, by demonstrating against police brutality and repression.

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