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STOPPING THE NUCLEAR MADNESS

by Barry Feldman

October 12, 1978

There are a bulletin board in the main lobby reserved for student work, which contains a very perceptive soul-scribbled: "The styles are over!"

A few days later there appeared: " Haven't you heard? The Beatles are coming back."

The response was intended to be facetious, I suppose. But it did bring to mind a thought.

Last weekend, students from nearly forty colleges and universities, comprising a small group that met at Yale to plan a conference which would deal with ways in which students could build a non-violent movement for a nuclear moratorium in South Africa. The need for such a conference grew out of last year's unprecedented campus protests in which students demanded that their administrations divest their stocks in corporations operating in South Africa. Some demonstrations, notably at Harvard and Princeton drew well over 1000 people. The spirit and struggle spread to even the smallest and most isolated campuses.

The conference was in full force last Saturday in New Haven. To open the meeting, each gave a description of past activities. The atmosphere was one of high spirits and excitement. They described their takeover of administration buildings, the resistance they faced from both faculty and students. One student from Columbia explained that Mark Rudd had come to speak to the anti-apartheid group there. (At the mention of Rudd's name, someone practically felt the room fill with admiration for the...)

The heart of the problem lies in the structure of the South African regime, which on the whole, the students know. The South African regime practices the most severe forms of racial discrimination which are legal. As a result, the White minority are not only economically superior to the Black majority, but they are also aware of the fact. The White minority cannot wield any political or economic power. Black and browns are not legally recognized and Blacks do not hold managerial positions. All this despite the fact that Blacks and non-whites fought for the cause of the popular Blackbus that have attempted to protest have been imprisoned without trial and denied "mysteriously" as we find in the case of Steven Biko.

Concomitant with Black's inferior status is lower status for women. Both the "hut"-black and white -and the "lifestyle called "bushwomen"-are in fact wastelands far from the oil refineries and diamond mines where Blacks are employed.

Apartheid's exploitation of Black labor, coupled with the non-use of natural resources make in South Africa a haven for any corporate. In turn, the Blackbos, govern the great profits that are possible from the presence of multinational who not only supply the government with materials and services, but also pay operating the.

For these reasons, that students here and in South Africa call for the withdrawal of corporations dealing with the minority regime. Such a withdrawal would impact apartheid's rule and make a transition to a majority government possible.

The danger is not only in the case of the natives in South Africa, but in the case of South Africa as a whole. The recent Governor's Task Force Report on Co- operation demands that the government and industry cooperate with the South African government, which is the idea behind the liberalizing process. The government's case is that if they are not needed at this time. The first part of the...
Prelude Cycle

Autumn
A sudden bite hits my cheek, a gasp like clarity, opening my eyes to a scattering of dusky debris, broken twigs, and leaves, flung fragments ignored by the sephyr as it darts into another dailiance of sun too soon quenched by far, the shadow’s chill.

So skin shed from ambling crashes skitters and shies, reluctant to leave but reluctant more with life to stay, rather skitter than crash.

Holes are windows when there is a wind ind ice air like sunshine pours as walls turn into burlap shirts that chafe more than they hold.

Indian Summer
A blush from above feeds a rush from within, my eyes are pulled skyward forgetting the skin, and just as a moth pirouetting toward light my body is lifted to gallop in flight.

Headless of trails, I just brush aside the worrying bushes, little ones better hide, go under, or scrape away at my shell for I will not be slowed as I ramble the dell.

My strength cannot the speed of what passes and sun bright clear days become scattered like ashes.

Fall
the sparkling sky dims but I do not look away from the bloated clouds, azure patched still, see what they say, the morrow descends from the grey now above the changes have changed, slowed from a pull to a push. now I look down at a canal of orange, shuffle through finished trim, smell fallen shelter that rots on the trail, taste fallen air before it’s scraped clean, feel the raw edge, undulled by a husk, listen to ominous whistles and wails, think of the sleekness the plumage forsook, of crafty ideas and dreams dreamt awry.

at long last the prelude has quit my eyes turn to the pressing front my fragments may do as they want the path ahead is for the fi.

warmed to a chill by an instance of light then chilled to the shaking bone fingers and teeth clench into stone as I disappear into the grey brother of night,

Ernie P. Richards
Egyptian and Israeli negotiators are meeting today at Blair House in Washington D.C. to begin the tedious detailing of the peace treaties. Reports from Cairo say that the Egyptian delegation would press for links between a bilateral peace treaty and future negotiations on the West Bank and Gaza Strip but Ezer Weizman, Israeli Defense Minister said that they are distinct issues and should be treated as such.

The peace treaties. Reports from Cairo say that the Egyptian treaty and future negotiations on the West Bank and Gaza Strip but Ezer Weizman, Israeli Defense Minister said that they are distinct issues and should be treated as such. The Israeli parliament voted 54-19 to ratify the Camp David accords September 28. Iraq is organizing a summit in Baghdad November 1 to counter a separate peace between Israel and Egypt and has so far gained the support of 17 Arab countries and the PLO. Meanwhile the cease-fire in Lebanon is beginning to deteriorate.

A march and rally protesting racist discrimination was held in New York City September 28. The protesters marched across the Brooklyn bridge and continued to the City Hall where they presented a list of major demands to the Koch administration. The demands focused on various items affecting New York City’s 2 million Blacks including 80% unemployment among Black youth and 40% among Black adults, a halt to hospital closings in Black communities, an end to cutbacks in childcare and senior citizen services, a halt to the deterioration of public housing projects, massive miseducation of children, and police brutality. The immediate event, considering 400 years of racism in America, which roused people for the actions were the police murder of a Black community leader and the street beating of a Black youth in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn. The protest was sponsored by the Black United Front, an alliance of several Black political organizations.

On Friday, October 6, the Senate voted 60 to 36 to pass the ERA extension legislation. Also a bill allowing states who have ratified the ERA to rescind ratification has been defeated. Currently 3 more states are needed before the constitution can be amended.

The House will deside today (as scheduled) on the natural gas legislation which would deregulate the price of natural gas. The Senate has already passed the measure by a 57-42 margin. The deregulation will result in a yearly $50 billion hike in natural gas costs to consumers, according to lobbying groups. The added profits from the increase would indirectly be used to fund the ever rising construction costs of Nuclear Power plants.

The residents of New Mexico’s Rio Grande valley region have formed the Sandoval Environmental Action Community (SEAC) to protest the proposed uranium mine and mill to be operated by Union Carbide in that area. SEAC is concerned with possible radiological contamination of surface water, the drop in the level of groundwater due to the mining technique of “dewatering”, and the digging up of Indian graves. "We are not opposed to all development," said Ernest Lovato, “we are opposed to the mindless destruction of our Mother Earth.”

As a result of Proposition 13, 16 of San Francisco’s 53 daycare centers have been closed. Some people who cannot afford expensive private childcare will be forced to quit their jobs. "This is only the beginning of cutbacks," said Ruth Yee director of San Francisco’s Chinatown Community Children Center, "The school board members feel that eventually the children’s centers should go."

The Senate has approved $2.97 billion to fund the development and stockpiling of neutron bomb components by a vote of 68 to 1. The neutron bomb is the ultimate materialistic weapon because it destroys life without harming property. A main horror of this bomb is that it creates people who will die a slow death of 30 days, in which time they could cause great harm. Suppose these people were running a nuclear weapons arsenal. Think about it.

Of the 42 people that were arrested for trespass Oct. 7 in Seabrook, NH, 24 refused to post bail and have gone on hunger strike. The other women in the same cell block as 3 Clam women in the Valley St. Jail in Manchester have decided to go on a hunger strike to protest the bail system which “discriminates against poor and out-of-state citizens.”
On Thursday, October 12, 1978, the General Assembly will meet in Room 400 of the Student Center at 7pm. Until 8pm, members of the Ad Hoc Committee on Advising will be present in an effort to gather the necessary student input for the upcoming study/review of advising and counseling at MIT. Members of the Committee on Education Policy will be present from 8pm to discuss some of the current issues facing the CEP and the student body.

If you have any interest in the activities of either of these committees it is important that you or your GA representative be present.

In addition, a report will be presented about a recent meeting held at Boston University to discuss cooperative ventures among eleven colleges present, as well as lobbying interests related to the Tuition Advance Fund (a financial aid bill coming before Congress in the near future).

**NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

**OCTOBER 16, 1978**

**Committee on Freshman Advising**

7:00 PM

The Committee's primary responsibility will be to advise and assist the Director of the Office of Freshman Advising and to formulate and review policies in connection with operation of the freshman advisory system, recruitment of new advisors, and relations with advisors, departments, faculty and students.

**Committee on Commencement**

7:30 PM

This committee, composed of members of the faculty, administration, and student body, has charge of the arrangement and conduct of commencement exercises.

**Advisory Committee on Shareholder Responsibility**

8:00 PM

This committee reviews shareholder proposals under consideration by corporations in which MIT holds shares of stock, and makes such recommendations to the Corporation as it should cast it proxy.

**Equal Opportunity Committee**

8:30 PM

This committee was established to give support, coordination and direction to the Institute's programs for equal employment and educational opportunity. The committee advises the President and senior academic and administrative officers on matters pertaining to equal opportunity, reviewing existing programs and recommending new ones.

**FINBOARD**

The Finance Board will be interviewing students to fill one vacant seat on FinBoard. Anyone interested should come to the meeting on Tuesday, October 17, at 7:00 pm in Room 400 of the Student Center.

If you have any questions or would like to help with some ongoing projects or would like to start one of your own, contact your GA representative or call Barry Newman or Tim Morgenthaler at x3-2896.

**MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!**

**GET INVOLVED!**

Thursday VooDoo
October 12, 1978

SCOPE
photos by Denice Denton

THREATS WON'T DAUNT ANTI-SHAM TEACH - IN

by Firouz Farzinpour

The scheduled meeting on "Iran: Struggle for Democracy" to be held on this coming Sunday, Oct. 15 in Room 6-120, has been threatened with disruption, by a Persian language leaflet, by two factions of the Iranian Students Association. (Parts of the translation appear below.) After the threat of disruption, Firouz Farzinpour, along with Prof. Joseph Weizenbaum, one of the sponsors of the meeting, sent an open letter to both factions of the I.S.A. to urge them not to disrupt but instead to join with them in the Oct. 15 meeting to express their views in a democratic forum. The I.S.A. at MIT was never accused of any threat of disruption of the meeting. On the contrary, Jamilieh Moradi, in her article last week entitled "We Can Not Refuse Rights" pointed specifically to the facts which made the threat, namely the Student Union and the Reunification of the Student Movement. Although the I.S.A. at MIT has participated in neither the disrupted meeting on September 17th nor the threat of disruption of the October 15th Teach in, neither has it taken a clear stand on the question of these actions.

Herewith follows a translation of parts of the leaflet, which appeared under the heading "Unite to Smash the C.I.A. Fliers' Plots."

"Whereas, some elements affiliated with the reactionaryaries, namely the Committee for Artistic and Intellectual Freedom in Iran, CAIFI, supporting the garbage of Payam Daneshjoo who have dared to be active and sponsor meetings in Boston, we, as a progressive student movement in exile, which has won a decisive struggle against these elements, consider it our task to expose the reactionary ideas of these elements through increasing the level of our political struggle and taking the revolutionary slogans of Iran to the militant students who are not aware of the nature of these elements and we want all patriotic students meeting these people, anytime and anywhere, to continue their decisive political struggle to expose and isolate them.

"A glance at this reactionary gang's views and demands will clarify better their treacherous and counter-revolutionary nature. In these circumstances, in which the great Iranian masses are rising up and with their splendid cries of "Down with the Shah" and "Down with Imperialism" have shaken the rotten figure of the Shah Mohammad Reza, let us see the goals of these elements in these critical conditions:

A: To work for freedom of artistic and intellectual expression in Iran,

B: To bring the issues of the defense of victimized artists and intellectuals in Iran to public attention,

C: To raise funds for legal and publicity expenses by the reactionary and counter-revolutionary nature and aims of such demands are very clear.

"Militant comrades, whereas our struggle against the treacherous Shah is inseparable from ours against these elements, we pledge to intensify our political struggle against these elements. Because of such an evaluation of their nature, we stopped them from having their meeting last week, and we tried to expose their views to unaware students who were attending their meeting. Therefore, if they want to hold their meetings and make propagandas of their reactionary views one more time, they will be faced with our political and decisive struggle and even a forceful one, again this time, from our side.

"We hereby announce, one more time, if anybody wants to blur the distinction between revolution and counter-revolution, and divert the demands of our masses who have been waging a bloody but splendid struggle for 70 years, our response to them will be the same as we have made and will make to the reactionary Shah Mohammad Reza and his mercenaries.

The Iranian Students Union of New England (Etehadieh Daneshjoo)
The Iranian Student Association of Boston (Elia Organization), the supporters of the Confederation of Iranian Students for the Reunification of the Student Movement

Issued circa September 24, 1978

Finally, the following letter was sent to both of the signatory organizations listed above:

Dear Friends,

We have been informed that the October 15 meeting on "Iran: Struggle for Democracy" has been threatened with disruption by members of your organization. We hereby announce, one more time, if anybody wants to blur the distinction between revolution and counter-revolution, and divert the demands of our masses who have been waging a bloody but splendid struggle for 70 years, our response to them will be the same as we have made and will make to the reactionary Shah Mohammad Reza and his mercenaries.

We, the Iranian Students Association, wish to respond to a number of accusations made in the article "Teach-In on Iran Struggle" by Jamilieh Moradi (published last week). First of all, contrary to the article's statement, ISA has not published any leaflet regarding the disruption of the planned meeting at MIT, Oct. 15. As a part of the opposition movement that has been struggling for democracy and independence in Iran, ISA has always acted according to principles respecting the democratic rights of any individual or organization. We regard this and other accusations of the article as an attempt (by Payam) to slander the credibility of an organization which has actively participated in the anti-Shah movement for years.

The members of Payam, while claiming to call for mass unity in opposition to the Shah, have, in reality, always tried to isolate the ISA by way of slander and distortion of facts. In the critical conditions facing the revolutionary movement in Iran and abroad, the ISA is fully absorbed into its mass activities. The Payam, on the contrary, has focused against the ISA and other progressive Iranian groups. Its publications are always full of unfounded accusations and its meetings are always (partly) devoted against the ISA. We are sure that this planned meeting will be no different.

The dispute between the ISA and Payam (CAIFI) is not over a mere ideological issue; rather, the issue is whether the CAIFI occupies a part within the opposition movement or not. Suffice it to say that the CAIFI was the only organization of Iranian "dissidents" that denounced the heroic demonstration of the Iranian students against the Shah in Washington last November 15.

Finally, the ISA wishes to disclaim any allegations of disruption and furthermore strongly criticizes the statement made by Professor Chomsky and others for being influenced by these allegations without full knowledge of the facts.
IT AIN'T ME, BABE
by Amy Bauer

It is coming to that part of the when keeping up is no longer a possibility, and falling behind in your work becomes a matter of degree. This is the time when work starts to come before self. The summer tan has faded along with the memories of the summer and the new term's resolutions. Survival has replaced success as the goal.

Your brain is crammed full of jargon and equations and thinking clearly about anything unconnected with school is difficult? Don't despair, it happens to all of us. Your personal life is confusing at best? Sometimes during the term it can be easy to forget you're a feminist, and easy to get sucked into living your life through MIT; forgetting about what lies outside MIT (and can still live in MIT there are a number of feminist places to go to). It feels like, enjoy? Relaxing is a thing of the past?

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If you are desperate for something feminist oriented without something to give you the energy to get through the new term's resolutions •. Survival has replaced success as the goal.

It is worth any hassle to get there. Many Boston bookstores have women's sections, but none come close to New Words. Hampstead St. is also the location of a feminist restaurant, Amaranth. Formerly Bread and Roses Amaranth is different from its predecessor. The food still vegetarian, is fairly good. The menu consists of soup, quiches, salad, vegetarian plates, and pizza (very similar to Bel Canto's). The food is relatively inexpensive, and you can bring your own bottle to dinner. What makes Amaranth special is the atmosphere. There is no rush to serve you (they have an interesting service system) and none to get you to leave. You can sit all evening talking over tea and no one bothers you. After getting hassled by obnoxious waiters and Maitre D's it is a welcome change. They also sponsor events with feminist singers, poets, writers and special interest speakers. A list of their activities is always in Sojourner which brings us to our next topic.

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If you're going to read one novel this semester, read that one. Lastly, if you just want to go out and have a good time, there are a lot of women's music concerts coming up. Two especially interesting ones are Kay Gardner (Friday the 13th at 8 pm in Sanders Theater and a concert billed as "The Varied Voices of Black Women" with Laura Tillery and Polly Waterman, Owen Avery and Pat Parker (October 20th and 21st at 8 pm in Morocco Auditorium, R.U.). Kay Gardner is a phenomenal flautist with two good albums out on Olivia Records, and "The Varied Voices of Black Women" will be "an evening of words and music." Both sound like they will be excellent evenings of feminist entertainment.

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I long to hear that you have declared an independency. And in the new code of laws which I suppose it will be necessary for you to make, I desire you would remember the ladies, and be more generous and favorable to them than your ancestors.... If particular care and attention is not paid to the ladies, we are determined to foment a rebellion and will not hold ourselves bound by any laws in which we have no voice or representation.

- Abigail (Smith) Adams

Wherever there is a human being, I see God-given rights inherent in that being, whatever may be the sex or complexion.
- William Lloyd Garrison

The Bible and Church have been the greatest stumbling blocks in the way of women's emancipation.
- Elizabeth Cody Stanton

What, sir, would the people of the earth be without women? They would be scarce, sir, almighty scarce.
- Mark Twain

The morality of the first ages rested on the obligation to submit to power: that of the ages next following, on the right of the weak to the forbearance and protection of the strong. How much longer is one form of society and life to content itself with the morality made for another? We have had the morality of submission, and the morality of chivalry and generosity; the time is now come for the morality of justice.
- John Stuart Mill

A man is not himself when abstractly considered. A man is well pleased that his seat is dress as well as other places. A man is pleased that his seat is dress as well as other places.
- Karl Marx

Do you have a favorite quotation, proverb, maxim, adage, or saying that you would like to see in print? If so, send any and all contributions via Institute mail to:

The Last Word
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by
Naila Beg and Jill Smith

If men were really what they profess to be, they would not compel women to dress so that the fashions would make them appear less like women.
- Mary Edwards Walker

All women are working hard to be as medicare as possible.
- Margaret Mead

Women want mediocre men, and let us know what we must do.
- Henry Adams

Think what wondrous men would be if men were more caring to the women and children. Women are an altogether superior species.
- George Bernard Shaw

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No money is better spent than what is laid out for domestic satisfaction. A man is well pleased that his seat is dress as well as other places.
- Robert G. Ingersoll

The true ruler of a man's character is the health of his wife.
- Samuel Johnson

Men, their rights and nothing less.
- Susan B. Anthony

If marriage is to achieve its possible heights, husbands and wives must learn to understand and make the marriage.
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