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# War On Drugs Isn't....

By Fred W. Kline  
Capitol News Service

Sacramento—There has been a lot of talk about a "war" on drugs on the streets of this country and in foreign countries which supply the raw product to this country's users.

Politicians like to use the word "war" to show how serious they are about a particular situation. President Lyndon Johnson waged a "war on poverty." Predictably, he lost pitifully.

The last "war" this country won was World War II, and that's because that war was fought to win. That war wasn't fought by hamstringing the military. That war wasn't fought by worrying about anti-war critics. That war wasn't won by being concerned that we might offend somebody.

World War II was fought to win, and win we did....and some people in this country have been apologizing for it ever since. That's amazing.

Even President Harry Truman lost his guts after having the courage to give the go-ahead to drop the atom bomb on Japan, thereby saving a million or so American lives.

But Truman wouldn't let the military win the Korean conflict. If he had, we would not have had such problems with Red China over the years. But Gen. Douglas MacArthur, commander of the United Nations forces at that time, was forced to resign because he wanted to win that war and, thus, came into conflict with the President, who is, after all, the Commander in Chief. MacArthur was wrong in his insubordination but he was absolutely correct in wanting to go ahead into China and win that conflict.

Then there was Vietnam, another war our military was not allowed to fight to win. Ultimately, that war so split the country that it is still recovering, in many ways. But the bottom line was that our military forces were not allowed to wage war unfettered, they weren't allowed to win.

It is very likely that President George Bush will be the last President of this country who was alive the last time we won a war. And it seems as though he and all the presidents since Truman dropped the bomb have lost what it takes to win a war.

Has the entire country joined in this wimp-like attitude or is it only a few liberal politicians who happen to be in key places, such as in congressional leadership positions.

Congress has so eroded the power of the presidency that he can't even decide on whether to use the military in peacekeeping activities without checking with the congressional leadership, which have become more and more a bunch of wimps over the years.

All of this is by way of saying that the so-called "war" on drugs has been a bust. In the country of Colombia, where

perhaps 80 percent of the cocaine is grown that is exported to this country, a sort of war has been declared. The drug lords assassinated an anti-cartel presidential candidate, and the government retaliated, and violence is rampant.

Now, the United States is sending military equipment to Colombia, with a few advisers. Perhaps Colombia hasn't forgotten how to fight to win a war. Maybe, with our logistical help, the government there can win. Maybe.

But wouldn't it be nice once more to have the rest of the people of the world look up to the United States with respect?

There was a time when it would have been unthinkable for terrorists to kidnap Americans and hold them hostage. Now, we allow the lives of a handful of people to make us impotent instead of retaliating. We're afraid we might kill a few innocent people.

Well, in a war, innocent people get killed all the time. It is unfortunate but it is true. If we are going to continue to let that fear get in the way of waging a true war against drugs, then we will never win it.

California suffers more than most states from the drug trafficking because it is the largest and most diverse. It is where the drug lords have shifted their export action since the federal government made things uncomfortable for them in Florida.

To wage an effective war, all the troops must be marshalled in a coordinated effort-federal, state and local. Jurisdictional disputes have no place in this war. Full use of military and policy power must be authorized. It may even be necessary to suspend certain civil rights temporarily while the war is going on.

It is interesting that the same liberals who are so concerned about the civil rights of those in the drug trade haven't been heard from when violation of civil rights is proposed in the fight for clean air. But clean air is on the political agenda of the liberals, waging war on drugs is not.

So, unless we have the will to win a war - any war - let's have the politicians quit using that phony term, even though it's long past time to wage a true war on drugs.





## IF YOU ASK ME...

## How to fight the war on drugs

By Jarvis Tyner

One of the greatest concerns of most Americans is the alarming effects of the drug epidemic.

Drugs are flooding into the country and millions of people, especially young people, are victimized and destroyed by its murderous effects. Thousands are jailed, families torn apart. Neighborhoods have been turned into drug war zones. Of all street crime, 60 percent is now drug related. Innocent people are hurt, disoriented and permanently destabilized. African-American and Latino communities have particularly been victimized.

The government, heavily involved in the drug trade on a political level, takes no serious measures to turn the situation around. The question is, why is this happening and who's responsible and, most importantly, what can be done to stop it?

Cocaine is the most potent of all the drugs and crack is the most addictive form of cocaine. For many people all it takes is one experience with crack and they are hooked.

Cocaine, like most "hard" drugs, cannot be grown in the United States. It has to be imported and that's where the government comes in. While other countries are able to keep these drugs out or to a

minimum, our government is only able to stop from 5 to 15 percent of what's smuggled in. This is an abysmal record for an administration claiming to be committed to law and order and a drug-free society.

The Reagan/Bush record is sorry indeed. When Reagan took office in 1981 he launched his "War Against Drugs" and appointed George Bush to head the effort. At that time 24 tons of cocaine was coming into the country annually according to the 1985 report of the House Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control. By 1984, after four years of the "Just Say No" campaign, the amount of cocaine more than tripled to 85 tons annually. Today, according to the 1988 report of the same Select Committee, well over 200 tons of cocaine are coming into the country every year. In 1986 there were 182,000 cocaine abusers in New York City. In just two years, by 1988, their number grew to 600,000.

Despite New York Mayor Edward Koch's grandstanding about the seriousness of the drug problem, the more the problem grew, the more city funds for drug rehabilitation were cut from the city budget. The evidence is that neither in New York nor nationally is any "war on drugs" being conducted. It is clear that the smuggling and proliferation of illegal drugs is an intrinsic part of the policies of the United States government. The Reagan and Bush administration's anti-com-

munist, imperialist policies abroad have linked our government and the CIA with the world's biggest drug cartels.

In city after city all kinds of police-state measures are being put into effect. At best, they temporarily ease the drug sales, but while doing so they destroy the people's democratic rights.

In New York City the local police and drug enforcement crews occasionally swoop down on a neighborhood and carry out mass arrests and harassments. This only drives the drugs off the street temporarily. The big-time dealers, bribe taking police and the bankers who launder drug money are rarely arrested.

The small-time drug pushers and users are flooding the prisons. In 1985 some 10,000 people were in the New York City jails. Today that number is up to 18,000. The city's court and prison system is in crisis. They are now using barges as prisons.

In New York City, Jamaicans are singled out for special repressions. Youths, 12 and 14 years old, are also being arrested, imprisoned and branded for life. What we are experiencing is not a war on drugs, but the use of drugs to make war on poor folks.

In the ghettos and barrios drugs are genocide! They are responsible for shortening the life-span of African-American men. Federal authorities are talking about

imposing marshall law and bringing back the death penalty in the name of fighting drugs. While the death penalty will not stop the drug problem, it represents a major step towards a police state.

None of these measures will really stop the drugs. What is necessary is:

- To end the United States government's partnership with the drug cartels. This means an end to all contra aid. Any government official found involved in any level of drug dealing should be prosecuted.

- New, stronger measures are needed to stop the laundering of the billions in drug money by the bankers. This would go a long way to curbing the drug trade.

- A massive government drug rehabilitation program is needed. Funds, instead of being cut, should be vastly increased.

- Funds from a cut in the military budget should be used to fund human needs on the home front, where the national security is seriously at risk.

Hope over dope cannot be achieved without serious material incentives: providing decent jobs, housing, schools, health care, recreational and cultural opportunities to all would drastically cut the demand for drugs.

We have to create a humane and meaningful life of social responsibility in which caring for one's fellow human beings becomes a prime motive.



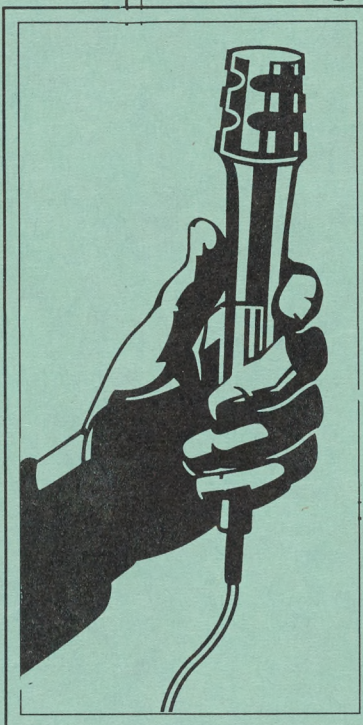
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# Sudden Loss for Democrats

## Debate on regulations splits Senate committee

*New York Times*

Washington

With a furious bang of his gavel, the chairman of a bitterly divided Senate Judiciary Committee yesterday turned back the committee's Democrats and moved ahead on the most ambitious version so far of Republican legislation to roll back environmental and other regulations.

Senator Orrin Hatch, his voice rising in anger, abruptly ordered the legislation approved without a formal vote yesterday

morning. The chairman, a Republican from Utah, said Democrats on the committee had exhausted his patience by continuing to argue for changes in the bill.

The committee session, short as a thunderstorm, highlighted the increasingly fractious politics surrounding Republican proposals to roll back regulations.

The legislation, similar to provisions of the Republicans' Contract With America that have already been approved by the House of Representatives, would reopen a generation of environmental, health and safety rules to potential review in an effort to reduce costs for businesses.

The bill is not scheduled for floor debate until after Memorial Day, allowing ample

time for some kind of compromise to emerge from the Senate's back rooms and head off a prolonged and highly partisan debate.

But that would take the cooperation of the majority leader, Senator Bob Dole of Kansas, who is the prime sponsor of the bill that passed the Judiciary Committee yesterday. So far, he has shown no interest in a more moderate version that was unanimously approved by a different Senate committee last month.

Dole's preferred version, as refined by Republicans on the Judiciary Committee, contains provisions repealing the existing prohibition against cancer-causing chemical residues in processed foods, providing new defenses for companies accused of breaking



BY REUTERS

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Committee chairman Orrin Hatch declared the Republican bill approved without a vote

pollution laws and nullifying existing statutory and court-ordered deadlines for enforcing environmental laws.

At its heart are elaborate requirements to assess the costs and benefits of regulations, giving far more weight to economic factors than is common under existing laws.

The Clinton administration and many Democrats, joined by labor, consumer and environmental groups, strongly oppose the Judiciary Committee's bill.



# Christianity and Rightist Politics

By Amos C. Brown

**J**ERRY FALWELL once described televangelist Jim Bakker as "probably the greatest scab and cancer on the face of Christianity in 2,000 years of church history."

The Rev. Falwell was, of course, being modest. Over the years, he, Pat Robertson and their colleagues in the Christian Coalition have worked mightily to prostitute Christianity, putting the religion of Jesus Christ into the service of the conservative politics of the Republican Party, in the process abusing prayer for political gain.

Given the refined tactics of the Christian Coalition — its distortions, half-truths, lies, racism, demonizing and class prejudice, not to mention its outright misreading of the message of Jesus and the Old Testament prophets — is a formidable opponent. If Falwell and his cohorts had come face to face with the serpent in the Garden, I have no doubt that they would have left wearing snakeskin shoes.

The cancer of the Christian Coalition, a cancer that threatens to engulf both the rationality of our daily political discourse and the faiths we hold dear, demands nothing less than a spirited and sustained triune response. First, we need to analyze the coalition's diseased roots; secondly, we must clarify our own vision,

for clear thinking is anathema to the Christian Coalition; third, with a full understanding of the situation, we must, hand-in-hand, cauterize these malignancies and create the inclusive synergism that our nation cries for. That's why the Interfaith Alliance, which is opposed to much of the Contract With America and represents mainstream religious denominations, is essential to our national salvation.

The roots of the situation we face run deep. In the late 19th century, as America endured the wrenching adjustment from a rural to an industrial society, we faced a myriad of human and political problems. In response, most conservative Christians held their heads in the sand as the rest of us struggled to come to terms with this new order in which 10 percent of the population controlled 90 percent of the nation's wealth. These so-called Christians raised their drawbridges and concentrated on personal salvation, thereby shutting out the social involvement integral to the spirit of Christianity.

Today, as America surges into an information society, we again have large groups of Americans unprepared for the new world. Again, our most conservative Christians side with the reactionary elements of the Republican Party, which blame and punish the victims: the poor, minorities, women, children and students eager to learn the skills essential

for the coming age.

In diverting us from the real issues that the prophets and Jesus face up to, they play a lethal version of the game of divide and rule, a game that Judeo-Christian Scriptures preach against.

The Christian Coalition has spent more than a million dollars to support Contract With America, a document brimming with mean-spirited propositions antithetical to the spirit of Jesus. Not only are Falwell, Robertson and their low travelers perverting the message of Jesus, but they are also distorting facts to serve their purpose.

Given the religious right's distortion of the message of Jesus, its zealotry and its willingness to pervert the facts, how should we respond? We can start by doing something the Christian Coalition is having difficulty doing: We can look at the facts about the issues in the Contract With America. By its arguments and acts of unfaith, the Interfaith Alliance will demonstrate the power of a humane vision that embraces all of God's children and touches the eternal in the midst of our time.

The Rev. Dr. Amos C. Brown is pastor of the Third Baptist Church in San Francisco.

## Rescission Bill Dangers

Editor — People who hike, fish, hunt or otherwise use our national forests and other federal public lands should be aware that Congress is considering legislation that will suspend decades of environmental protection and will impair the public's enjoyment and use of these national treasures.

Piggy-backing on the "Rescission package" (HR 1156) — which contains cuts and changes to this year's federal budget — are a number of anti-environmental "riders." Some riders would severely limit public input, scientifically review and protection for endangered species in large scale salvage logging and grazing projects on National Forests. These amendments have nothing to do with reducing the federal budget.

Senators Boxer and Feinstein, our House representatives and President Clinton need to hear from the public immediately that this rescission bill is unacceptable. "Stealth attacks on the environment" such as hiding subsidies and special-interest legislation behind fast-track budget reduction are not in the American tradition or in the public interest.

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# Views On The Military Budget-

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light to bust unions in the U.S.A. The resurgence of racism is being used to divide the ranks of labor. The threat of a sub-minimum wage for youth is an attempt to separate young people from organized labor. Unemployment continues to rise as workers are repeatedly bombarded with plant closure & runaway shops; hospitals, clinics & schools are being closed, which not only deprives communities of needed services, it also adds to unemployment. The U.S. is in an economic crisis & the people must act now.

Organized labor has the ability to lead in the struggle for the rights of all workers. Trade unionists must participate in coalitions with representatives

from religious groups, senior citizens, youth, community & political organizations. We must build a united front which serves the interests of the working people of this country. An enormous military budget and the constant threat of nuclear war do not serve our interests.

Trade unions must become the vehicle for workers to struggle in their own interest. Labor's goal must be to organize the unorganized. Unions need study circles and union classes to educate workers on the nature and practice of trade unionism, teaching workers trade union consciousness and a knowledge of trade union democracy.

Free education and

health services and decent housing for all people of this country must be struggled for. We must fight for rent control and the lowering of utility prices. We must close up the tax loopholes of the monopolies. We must fight against unemployment, inflation, runaway shops; we must demand jobs for all, with effective affirmative action for nationally & racially oppressed people. I feel this is a people's program. We must not forget those on Social Security and S.S.I.

There is a solution to

high unemployment that trade unions can become involved with: "workers' fightback is the answer. We can demand more houses for poor and elderly people. Housing increases will create jobs for construction workers throughout the country. Keeping schools open will employ vast numbers of people from janitorial and food service workers to clerical workers & teachers, as well as educating the nation's youth. Keeping hospitals & clinics open will also offer an abundance of jobs.

Trade unions can fight the

devastating effects of plant closures by supporting the government takeover of closed plants. The time has also come to demand a shorter workweek with no cut in pay, through support of Conyer's short workweek bill, HR1784. Wasteful military spending must be stopped. Railroads can be re-opened in large cities, putting Americans back to work at union wages and under union working conditions. The possibilities are endless if we organize to stop Reagan's war economy and demand that our needs be met.

It is time to put tal action. I call upon the youth to turn out in n to register and vol candidates who wor peace and the pe needs. We must b politically conscious building relationship one another in all w class communities.

must have faith and dence in one anol strive for peace thro the world.

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**LEE BROWN**

## Views On The Military Budget

by Lee Brown, Trade Unionist

I speak to you, the workers, especially to lower & moderate income workers, on how Reagan's military budget affects us as working people. Reagan's interest is not the worker's interest. Escalating the already-bloated military budget only robs the people of services necessary for their survival. Senior citizens, retirees, the disabled, handicapped: all will find their standard of living reduced when money is taken from social programs & used instead for MX

missiles. Poor people, youth, single mothers are all victims of a needlessly inflated military budget. Workers cannot afford to rent decent housing, let alone buy a home; food & utility prices are far more than many people can pay; poor people face overcrowded living conditions along with severe health & fire hazards.

Do U.S. workers really know what's happening? I say that Reagan is anti-people. He represents pro-monopoly & pro-military



Lee Brown

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# Open Letter to All U.S. Military Personnel

Why are U.S. soldiers forced to kill and be killed in Somalia? About a year ago our TV screens were filled with images of starving women and children in this African country. Is this the reason almost 5,000 U.S. soldiers are in Somalia, is it all about feeding people? Not according to one Ft. Drum soldier who was sent to Mogadishu. He expressed his feelings about the war this way "It's not at all like I saw on TV. We didn't go around feeding people, it's been mostly patrols and searching houses and burning stuff."

Why are the Somalis resisting so fiercely? Why are so many Somali men, women and children willing to die fighting the U.S./UN forces? It is because the Somali people, like people everywhere, resent the idea of having their country taken over by the Pentagon.

Operation Restore Hope, the U.S. military occupation of Somalia, is nothing but a bloody, racist attempt to re-colonize an African country. When the Pentagon called this war a "humanitarian mission" they were lying. You know when the Generals are drinking in the "O club," they talk about Somalia as "low intensity conflict" and there is nothing humanitarian about that.

The Generals and their flunkies have used racist terms like "warlord" and "barbaric and animalistic" to describe the Somali people and their leaders. These terms are used to cover the slaughter of those Somalis--men, women and children--who are resisting the occupation.

Since mid-August, the Rangers and the 10th Mountain Div.'s QRF have raided several homes looking for General Aidid and other Somali leaders. On June 17, Cobra helicopters fired 11 TOWs during an attack on Digfer Hospital in Mogadishu.

These are not humanitarian missions. The U.S. has no right to decide who will lead any group of Africans. They also have no right to risk your lives doing it. You didn't join the military to oc-

cupy an African country, neither did the soldiers who are in Somalia now. They know, the casualties on both sides are already way too high.

Some newspapers have written about one of the real reasons billions of tax dollars are being spent on this military occupation. They have disclosed the large financial holdings in Somali oil fields held by the billion-dollar oil companies. "Operation Restore Hope" is another war for oil, and it's also an excuse for the Generals to keep their big budgets. Like Gen. Colin Powell said back in December, Operation Restore Hope is "a paid political advertisement" for keeping the current budget. Almost all of the multi-billion dollar budget goes to the big companies who make weapons and the overpaid officers, not the soldiers or their families.

You can resist this racist war. Tell your friends and families what you've seen and heard about what's really happening in Somalia. You can write to the media. You can tell your sisters and brothers in the anti-war movement. We are in the streets demanding that no more blood be spilled for money. We have resisted this slickly peddled "operation" from the very beginning. We held the first nationally-coordinated protest against the war back in Dec. 1992.

On Oct. 29 and 30, we are holding International Days of Protest in cities across the U.S. and around the world. These "Days of Protest" are designed to bring maximum exposure to the U.S. war in Somalia. Contact us, you don't even have to tell us your name. Help us stop this bloody war before it gets any worse. U.S. and all foreign troops out of Africa! Self-Determination for the Somali People! **International Action Center, Veterans Group 39 W. 14 St. Suite# 206 NY, NY. 10011 or call us (212) 633-6646**

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- Saab Lofton on:  
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- Dennis Peron on "War on Drugs vs. Prop. 215/Medical Marijuana, War on People with AIDS"
- **Patricia Carey**; Historian, Friend of the Late Mae Brussell
- **Virginia McCullough**; Archivist and Director of the Mae Brussell Library on:  
"Women in Research, My tribute to the late Mae Brussell".

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- Dinner break, Work Shops, Book Signing, Video: "Monkey Business" on origin of AIDS/bio-war.

**6 pm**

- Live Music & Moderator Introduction
- **Minerva Massen**; Researcher on:  
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- **Paul Bernardino** on "The Rise Of The Radical Right—Racism, Homophobia and Anti-semitism vs. A World Without Borders"

**7:00 pm**

- **Dr. Alan Cantwell MD**; Author of "AIDS and the Doctors of Death" & "Queer Blood; The Secret AIDS Genocide Plot"

**7:45 pm**

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estimated \$1 trillion plus in  
Western banks.

In fact, not banks alone rake  
in petrodollars but also  
Northrup, General Dynamics and  
other U.S. arms pushers make  
some \$4 billion a year.

In addition, AT&T, IBM, TWA,  
Bechtel and oil drilling firms  
sell their services to Gulf  
oil royalty. One of these is  
Harkness Energy of Dallas  
whose director and major  
stockholder is George Bush, jr  
paid \$120,000 in consulting  
fees.

Bush says we're in the war to  
preserve the U.N. Charter.

\*FACT IS Bush never agreed to  
a U.N. force under unified  
U.N. command (Article 43) and  
ignored machinery for  
diplomacy (Chapter VI,VII).  
The U.S. blockade of food and  
medicine to Iraq and Kuwait,  
an act of war, was taken  
before U.N. voted for  
sanctions. For 20 years the  
U.S. has vetoed U.N.  
resolutions on the Israel-  
Palestine issue. The U.S.  
vetoed the Security Council  
resolution against its  
invasion of Panama which it  
continues to occupy today.

Bush said he went the "extra  
mile" to negotiate peace.

\*FACT IS Bush has consistently  
rejected all initiatives for a  
resolution of the conflict.  
Last April the U.S. State  
Dept. dismissed Iraq's offer  
to destroy its chemical  
arsenal if Israel did the



same. France, Jordan, the Arab League and the Soviet Union try to negotiate solutions. Bush delivers ultimatums.

Bush says it's a just war to restore the lawful government of Kuwait.

\*FACT IS nobody elected the royal rulers in Kuwait. 80% of the workers in Kuwait are foreign born, can't vote or hold office in their own union. Saudi Arabia bans labor unions, collective bargaining and strikes; women are virtual slaves.

The media says the million strong Iraqi army is the 4th largest on earth.

\*FACT IS just over one fourth of Iraqi soldiers are fully trained, 400,000 are under trained and the rest, mobilized reservists with no battle skills. Only 500 of Iraq's 5,500 tanks and only 18 of its 670 aircraft are modern. It has no AWACS, no satellites, no navy. The 35 year old SCUD has 1/20th the punch of 1 armed F-16 bomber.

Who's on the line for U.S., equal opportunity?

\*FACT IS nearly 1/3 U.S. Army soldiers (49% of women) are African American. Latinos, Native Americans and Blacks make up much of front line combat units, as in Vietnam where 22% of dead were soldiers of color, then 12% of the population.

Bush says the air war only strikes military targets.

\*FACT IS "smart bombs" and missiles smashed water systems, power plants, bridges and residential areas in Bagdad from day one of "Operation Desert Storm." After one month, an estimated 20,000 civilian deaths and 60,000 casualties.

\*FACT IS Iraq did not attack the U.S., Britain, France, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Turkey. It attacked Kuwait.

\*FACT IS U.N. resolutions do not permit the U.S. to destroy Iraq or change its leaders. They allowed the use of force to expel Iraqi forces from Kuwait and end the occupation.

#### CONSIDER:

5 Patriot anti-missile missiles = repairs 550 vacant housing units (\$2.5 million).

2 F-117A Stealth Fighters = finances the S.F. Human Welfare Budget for 1 yr. (\$204.1 million), eliminates the projected school budget deficit (\$24.9 million) and pays salaries for public libraries (\$11.6 million).

3 Tomahawk Cruise Missiles = eliminates wait list for drug abuse programs (\$3.8 million).

What S.F. taxpayers paid for military spending in 1989 (\$1.2 billion) pays 8 months of the S.F. budget.

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# • Legislative Action

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## • Federal Budget

Continue your opposition to the administration's budget that would increase taxes on working people & slash their benefits. Also close loopholes in the tax rates which reduce taxes paid by the rich. Oppose Bush's support of cuts in the capital gains tax paid by the rich.

## • Military Cuts in Budget

Support the Black Congressional Caucus' proposal for military cuts. The Bush Budget includes increases in funding for the MX missile, the B2 stealth bomber, Trident II missiles, Star Wars and a 260% increase for Chemical weapons.

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