

The Democratic National Convention Handbook 1984: What is democracy anyway?

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Politicians or Puppets

FRITZ MONDALE
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Militarism

"I sat for four years on the National Security Council. I saw all the papers, worked with all our defense and intelligence agencies and took part in every military decision."

-- Walter Mondale in speech to Newspaper Publishers Association, NY Times

When Jimmy Carter was in office he directly involved Fritz Mondale in the major foreign policy decisions. Mondale lobbied for and supported Carter's militarist programs including major nuclear weapons development and military aid to El Salvador.

- * reintroduced military draft registration
- * initiated the MX missile
- * promoted the idea of rapid deployment forces in the Middle East and elsewhere
- * promoted the stealth jetfighter
- * first came up with the concept of Star Wars: laser warfare from outer space
- * openly advocated nuclear first strike capability
- * proposed "protracted limited nuclear war" as a viable strategic option
- * initiated military aid to El Salvador
- * sent the first 'military advisors' to El Salvador
- * sent Nicaraguan Dictator Somoza 79 million dollars in aid between Jan. '79 and his fall that July.
- * In his current platform Mondale calls for a 3 to 5% increase in military spending each year (after inflation), continued aid to El Salvador, and deployment of the Cruise and Pershing 2 missiles.

Corporate connections

"Fritz Mondale, he's very easy to get to. I talk to Fritz fairly often."

-- John DeButts of AT&T, speaking for the Business Roundtable

After he left his position as Vice President, Walter Mondale proceeded to become a millionaire. He accepted jobs with Control Data Corporation as a board member and with the Northwest Energy Corp. (NW Energy). Control Data Corp. (CDC) is known for its dealings with apartheid South Africa and NW energy with the building of the trans-Alaska pipeline.

When the Rev. Jesse Jackson attacked Mondale about his position as a board member of CDC, Mondale responded, "On several occasions I did express my concerns at board meetings about the company's dealings with South Africa." With regard to the NW Energy Corp., he could only say that he had assisted them while vice president.



GARY HART
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In 1981 Gary Hart sponsored legislation to limit asbestos miners' rights to seek compensation for asbestos related illness. Under the bill the corporations would not be liable after the workers had quit work for three years. Asbestos fibers cause cancer and "white lung", both of which may take up to twenty years for symptoms to appear.

His actions undoubtedly relate to his association with the asbestos mining firm Johns Mansville Corp., which contributed generously to Hart's 1980 reelection campaign. The corporation was near to bankruptcy as workers filed to collect damages from years of work in air laden with heavy concentrations of asbestos fibers. In short, Hart's plan was to bail out the corporation at the expense of the workers.

A sad note is Hart's vote against legislation to remove building materials impregnated with asbestos fibers from public school buildings.

Gary Hart is deeply embedded in the escalation of militarization, he would "follow the mainstream foreign policy that American presidents have followed since WW II." This includes:

- * 3% growth in military spending after inflation
- * support of the deployment of Cruise and Pershing 2 missiles around the world
- * continued aid to El Salvador
- * a focus of war monies on "cost effective weaponry"

As an enemy of the environment Hart has:

- * voted Senate confirmation of James Watt
- * favored Reagan's 41% increase on Research and Development money for nuclear power
- * supported a radioactive nuclear waste disposal bill that would have denied state's rights to judicial review or public comment, allowed decisions to be made without Environmental Impact Statements, and removed all responsibility for radioactive nuclear waste accidents from industries.



JESSE JACKSON
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Jesse Jackson will remain an enigma to those of us protesting our lack of democracy and the corporate control of electoral politics. He is a political opportunist of the first magnitude, fully committed to capitalism and the "be somebody" rhetoric that pits black against black and white in the struggle to the top of the heap. On the other hand, he is clearly outside the democratic mainstream where the doors are closed to the needs of the black community. Our goal in this handbook is to expose the connections between the Democrats and the corporate machine that controls our domestic and foreign policy. Jesse certainly is no exception to this rule.

"I was born to lead" -- Jesse Jackson

- * PUSH, Jackson's community group has been primarily concerned with expanding financial opportunities for black businesses.
- * PUSH has received generous corporate contributions from Coors Brewery, a firm renowned for its anti-union and racist policies.
- * PUSH promoted a strike-breaking during a Chicago teachers strike last fall. They petitioned a federal judge to order the school board to provide classes, if necessary with scab teachers.
- * Jackson has proposed that the level of military spending be increased to allow for inflation, keeping the same huge military budget, and that we pressure U.S. allies such as Japan and West Germany to greatly increase their arms budgets.
- * Jackson has been firmly entrenched in the Democratic Party, joining the Carter campaign at the end of the '80 elections for a final sweep through the urban areas. For this PUSH received \$4.9 million during Carter's presidency. Since 1968 Jackson has endorsed every Democratic Presidential nominee.
- * Jackson's annual salary from PUSH is \$52,000, with another \$10,000 to \$30,000 a year being received in speaking fees. And a Chicago car dealer provides him with a chauffeur-driven limousine.

DIANNE FEINSTEIN

Dianne Feinstein has consistently sided with the forces for downtown SF development against tenants, minorities and the gay community. As mayor of SF she:

- * has destroyed many landmarks and low income housing projects in the downtown, including:
 - the I-Hotel, home of many elderly Filipinos
 - the City of Paris Building, an historic landmark re-known for its architectural beauty
 - the Goodman building, a center for artists
- * appointed a Planning Commission that has not rejected a single downtown highrise proposal in four years.
- * currently is pushing for even more unrestrained development in the form of the Southern Pacific Mission Bay blockbuster and the downtown coliseum.
- * has vetoed legislation to stop the upward spiral of rental prices:
 - rent controls on vacant apartments
 - regulations that would have given the Rent Board authority to take legal action against landlords who violate the law.
- * betrayed the gay community by vetoing the domestic partners ordinance.
- * refused to use funds from a \$150 million budget surplus to alleviate the plight of SF homeless and poor.
- * spent \$9 million in city money for convention '84 including 4.5 million on the city police force

In her battle to remove the poor and homeless from SF and to make our city the Manhattan of the West, she has received support (not surprisingly) from numerous big businesses and corporations.

- \$14,500 from Shaklee Corp.
- \$10,000 from Foremost-McKesson, Inc.; Standard Oil of California; Bechtel; Pac Tel; BankAmerica Corp.; Southern Pacific Co.; P,G & E and Transamerica Corp.
- Smaller amounts were received from numerous developers, including Olympia and York, Pier 39 Shopping Center, Gerson Bakar and the Rockefeller development interests.



WILLIE BROWN

Willie Brown, the Speaker of the California Assembly, and the most powerful person in the state besides the Governor, has often used his power to benefit developers, even those from which he has received pay.

- * In both 1982 and 1983 he received more than 10,000 dollars from Southern Pacific Corp. to work on the Mission Bay development Project in SF.
- * He has sponsored two bills to facilitate the sale of land to Southern Pacific.
- * By Southern Pacific's own admission, this will save them from two to ten million dollars.

He has received more than \$10,000 from seven development corporations in the last year for legal work. They are Southern Pacific, Olympia and York, Gerald Hines, Pan Med Enterprises, Tri-County Development, Ron Cowan, and Traweek Corp.

He has received gifts from the California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance, a group of big business interests.

He allowed his name to appear on a poster opposing Prop. M in the Black communities of SF. Prop. M would have required downtown SF businesses to help pay the costs and impacts of development, rather than having the whole burden on the poor and working class people of SF.

WALTER SHORENSTEIN OWNER AND CHAIR, MILTON MEYER 1 CALIFORNIA

No other person is as responsible for the congestion and chaos of downtown San Francisco as Walter Shorenstein. His firm is one of the largest when it comes to owning and managing commercial property. Nationally, Shorenstein companies own or manage 12 million square feet of office space, worth 2\$ billion. In SF, Shorenstein owns many of the downtown high-rises, including 333 Market and 1 California, and his firm manages the Transamerica Building.

Shorenstein has fought every effort to restrict highrise construction. In his view, zoning laws only interfere with the free market. "San Francisco is a self-regulating city for office buildings. If there is too much supply, developers will stop building until the supply is absorbed."

Shorenstein has cemented his financial power by being an active participant in Democratic party politics at every level. He gave \$10,000 to sympathetic supervisors during the last election. On the state level, Shorenstein gave Willie Brown \$5500 in 1982, which Brown could then distribute to his cronies in the Assembly.

Shorenstein is the chief fund-raiser for the Democratic Host Committee. He is busy soliciting large contributions from the country's biggest corporations. In return they get access to the convention floor and a party with the nominees. Says Shorenstein, "If you are a \$100,000 donor and you want something, you'll get it."

- * leading fundraiser for 1964 Republican convention in SF, responsible for the nomination of Goldwater
- * once estimated that he owned or managed 1/4 of the non-institutional office space in SF
- * "If you make contributions, we in turn are going to treat you right. If not, don't ask for the same privileges as the people paying for it."

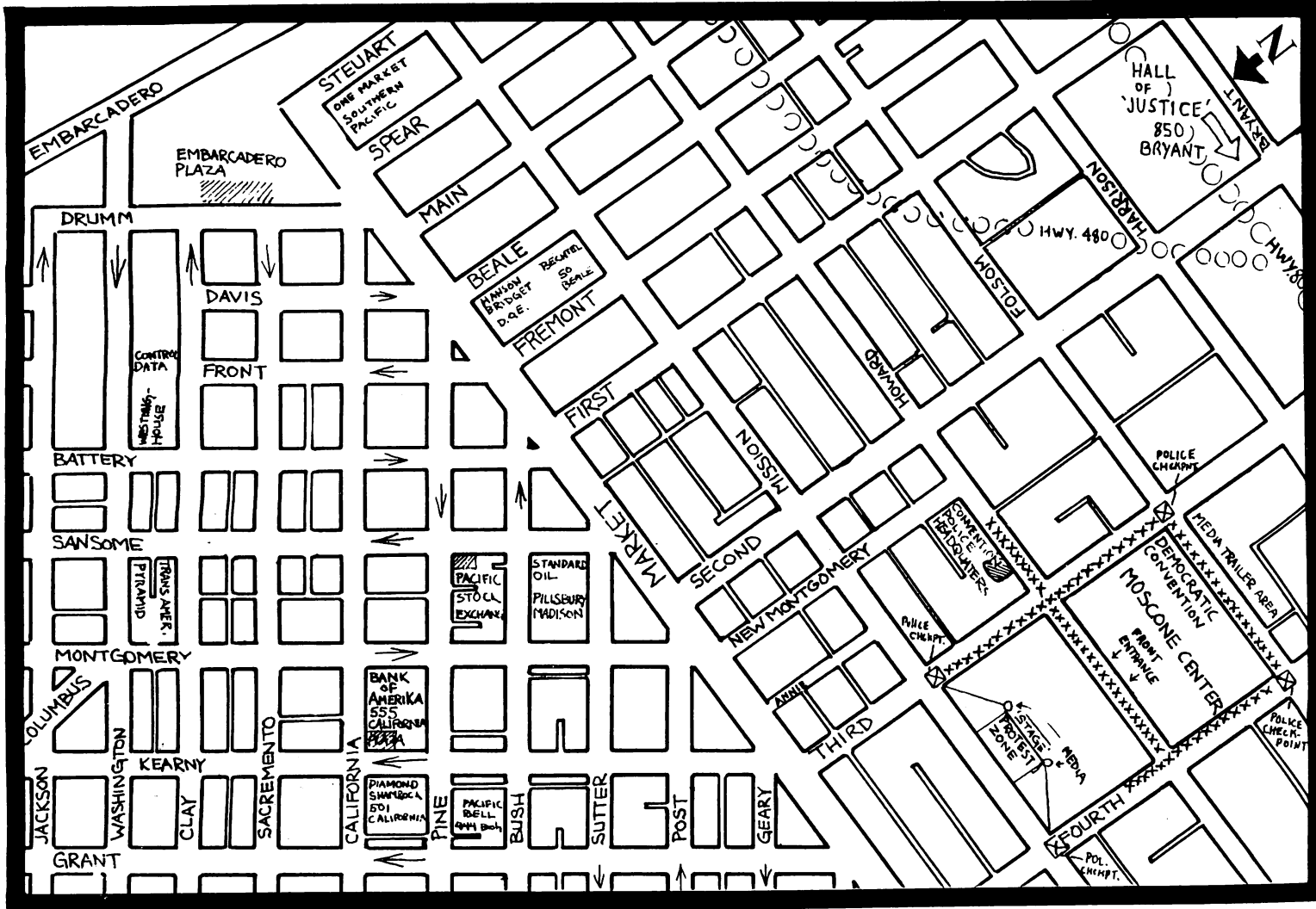


DUANE GARRETT SENIOR PARTNER, HANSON, BRIDGETT, MARCUS, VLAHOS, STROMBERG 333 MARKET

Garrett is national co-chair of Mondale's campaign. He got this position because of his ability to extract contributions from the rich. In 1982 Garrett raised over \$2 million for Democratic candidates including Jerry Brown and Tom Bradley. Garrett is himself a major contributor. In 1982 he gave Roberti \$18,000, which Roberti in turn distributed to his friends in the state Senate. Garrett also gave Bradley \$65,000 in gifts and non-returnable loans during Bradley's 1982 campaign for governor. Garrett is a partner at Hanson, Bridgett.

Garrett is extremely ambitious. Only 36, he has already announced his intention of replacing Charles Manatt as head of the Democratic National Committee. Garrett is becoming one of the key links between the corporate world and the Democratic party.

Terrain of the Financial District



QUIZ: PIN THE TAIL ON THE DONKEY

WHO SAID THIS? (Walter Mondale, Ronald Reagan, Gary Hart, Jesse Jackson, Jimmy Carter or Adolph Hitler?)

-- answer key on next page

- "The growth of Soviet military power makes us keenly aware of the need for the NATO alliance to modernize and improve its defenses."
- "In these three decades, love and loyalty to my people alone have guided me in all my thought, actions and life."
- "A nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought."
- "[We need a military strategy that can be] creating surprising and dangerous situations faster than he (the enemy) can cope with them. The German exploits is a good example. So are most of the Israeli campaigns. . ."
- "The government is ready to agree to any limitation which leads to abolition of the heaviest arms, especially those suited for aggression."
- "We must respond to them from a position of strength. I was one of those who strongly advocated an increase in defense spending in the late 1970's. Indeed, from 1976 to 1980, United States defense spending rose 10 percent in real terms, compared to a 35 percent drop in the previous 8 years. I continued to believe a strong military capability is an essential element of foreign policy and a major deterrent to aggression."

- "America is going to need the contribution of Black people if it is going to beat out the Japanese . . . Blacks and whites in this country have more in common with each other than with the Japanese."
- "There is a higher order and we are all nothing else than its agents."
- "Our weapons should work in combat--in rain and mud and heat and confusion."
- "An attempt by any outside force to gain control of the Persian Gulf region will be regarded as an assault on the vital interests of the United States of America, and such an assault will be repelled by any means necessary, including military force."
- "Each MX we build will mean fewer ships, fewer tanks, fewer fighters and less readiness to face the threats before us around the globe . . . If the issue is national will, we should put our defense dollars where they count--not on a vulnerable missile that all agree cannot be defended."
- "Ours is a candidacy to take those who feel that they have no stake in the system and restore to them the feeling that they do have a stake."

| ANSWER KEY: | |
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| 1. Mondale | 7. Jackson (in a meeting with George Wallace.) |
| 2. Hitler | 8. Hitler |
| 3. Reagan | 9. Hart |
| 4. Hart | 10. Carter |
| 5. Hitler | 11. Hart |
| 6. Mondale | 12. Jackson |

Corporations: Who pulls the strings?

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES (P.A.C.'s)

Since the writing of the Constitution, the U.S. government's main interest has been to protect the rights of property owners. From slave owners to oil companies, government has been primarily influenced by the rich. Due to public pressure there have been efforts, perhaps in vain, to legislate the amount of power businesses can wield. In 1925 the Corrupt Practices Act makes it "unlawful for any national bank or any corporation . . . to make a contribution or expenditure in connection with any election to any political office." The law, however, permits a non-corporate donor to give up to \$5000 to one political campaign committee. These laws were designed to provide the illusion that all is well and democratic while permitting numerous ways for corporations to contribute indirectly and turn economic power into political power.

Here are some examples and common practices:

1. Political Action Committees (PACs): Non-corporate entities through which corporations can donate to political campaigns (i.e., Socal/Chevron PAC, Transpac (Transamerica PAC), etc.)
2. Corporations loaning employees to work in political campaigns while still paying their salary.
3. Corporations paying professional fees to attorneys with the understanding that a portion of the fee is to be contributed by the attorney to a specified political candidate.
4. Corporations which rent billboard space on a yearly basis turn space over to candidates without charge preceding an election.
5. Arrangements by corporations to pay fake invoices that are supplied by a candidates advertising agency.
6. Letting a candidate use company airplanes, hotel suites, credit cards.
7. During his 1968 bid for the Democratic presidential nomination Senator Eugene R. McCarthy was able to pay only parts of the substantial bills he ran up. Various McCarthy Committees owed AT&T \$305,000 for telephone service but paid only \$75,000. American Airlines was owed \$285,000, but paid only \$141,000. American Airlines correctly said that a corporation which settles a politician's bills for less than owed is in effect making an indirect campaign contribution.
8. Donating money to campaigns through individuals so the corporation identity becomes impossible to trace.

Q. In distributing your PAC money, do you give...

| | Percent | | |
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| | Do | Do not | Not sure |
| A. More to Republicans than Democrats running for office? | 35% | 35% | 30% |

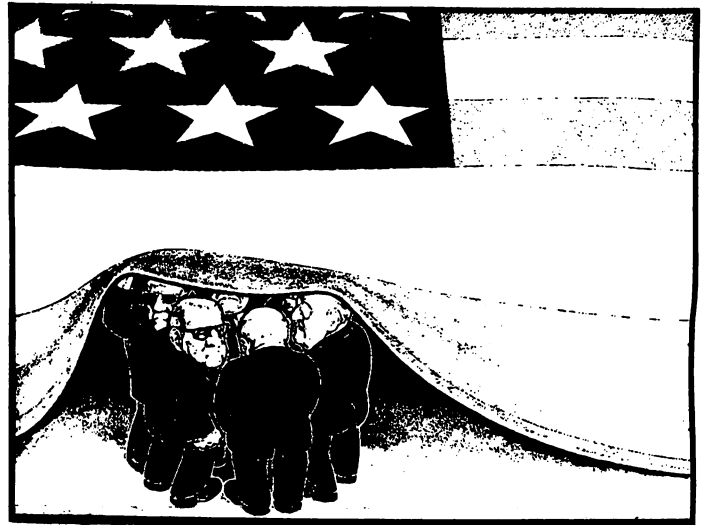
These are various ways for a corporation to by-pass the law. In the past PACs have been extremely popular. In a 1983 Business Week article it was said that, "after decades of feeling left on the wrong side of the Potomac, top executives of the nation's largest corporations say that their message finally is being heard in Washington and that they are getting their money's worth out of political campaign contributions." In a recent poll, 90% of all businessmen said that they think business is better able now to get its message across in Washington than it was five years ago. There is a direct correlation between this increase in influence and the incredible increase in money donated to PACs: More than \$80 million to 1982 House and Senate candidates, and an expected \$100 million during the '84 elections. One may think that the conservative nature of business would lead corporations to donate more heavily to Republican candidates, but as we see from the poll the money is divided evenly. No candidate is beyond the influence of money. As described so well in a Common Cause brochure "There's always been some corruption in American politics. What has happened with political action committees is we've institutionalized that corruption . . ."

Besides their involvement in political campaigns, corporations spend a vast amount of money lobbying in Washington. An estimated 15,000 business lobbyists operate in D.C. and spend some \$2 billion annually. These numbers contrast with some 50 public interest lobbyists spending some \$3 million a year.

The ties are unmistakable and gross in their enormity. Yet the Democrats continually try to fool the public by pretending to be the party of the working people. The Democrats equal the Republicans in their personal connections to and financial support by the corporations. The US's 2 party system is appropriately described by Ferdinand Lundberg, author of The Rich and the Super-Rich (1968).

The U.S. can be looked upon as having, in effect, a single party: the Property Party. This party can be looked upon as having two subdivisions: The Republican Party, hostile to accommodating adjustments (hence dubbed "Conservative") and the Democratic Party, of recent decades favoring such adjustments (hence dubbed "Liberal").

The electoral process is an extremely expensive and elaborate procedure. Simply stated elections cost money and lots of it, and it is quite obvious who has the money to give (or should we say invest). Not you, not I, rather the large corporations, business groups, and centralized organizations such as unions, etc., have all the bucks. In this context, how are the concerns of those most in need to be met? The homeless, the poor, the unemployed, are all effectively excluded from the process.



STANDARD OIL OF CALIFORNIA
225 BUSH STREET

Campaign Contributions

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| - Democratic Host Committee | \$100,000 |
| - California Democratic Central Committee, 1982 | \$ 1,250 |
| - Feinstein 1983 Recall Election Campaign | \$ 10,000 |

Foreign

- * operates in South Africa: cheap labor and minerals . . . only 35% Black workers with \$135 million investment.
- * ignored UN embargo to Rhodesia . . . \$8 billion in Rhodesia over 5 year period.
- * Caltex (subsidiary of Socal) made available some \$4 billion to Pres. Park of South Korea.

Domestic

- * moved from 39th in 1979 to 19th in 1981 in top defense contractors.
- * 1970: fire on drilling platform caused massive slick in the Gulf of Mexico.
- * 1970: Sec. of the Interior charged Socal with 147 violations of federal drilling regulations.
- * 1971: Two Socal tankers collided in S.F. Bay causing an enormous oil slick.
- * 1976: California Air Resources Board found "the worst air pollution violation ever detected" at Socal refinery in El Segundo.
- * 1979: Chevron Chemical agreed that its weed killers contained Dioxin (believed to be responsible for causing cancer and birth defects).
- * Socal owns Chevron USA, which received \$26 million in Pentagon contracts in 1983.
- * According to a company official, its all part of the job. "We are accused, we are charged, we are maligned and everything else. We are a big company, and that is just going to happen . . . Sure, we get fined, I mean, hell, I'm sure you haven't gone through life without a traffic fine or something . . . I'm sure that during the course of time that we have been sitting here that we have probably had three or more charges filed against us."

**SOUTHERN PACIFIC
1 MARKET**

Southern Pacific was the first of the California robber baron railroads. It launched the fortunes of the Stanfords, Huntingtons and Crockers. Now its railroad interests are secondary to its land holdings. The SP is the largest landholder in San Francisco. It intends to transform a 100 acre industrial site in the China Basin into a \$4 billion maze of high-rises and luxury condos. This will greatly add to downtown congestion, as it will cause more noise and pollution and overload public transit.

The SP plan has sparked intense opposition. To smooth the way, the SP has been lining up influential Democrats. It gave Willie Brown more than \$10,000 in both 1982 and 1983 for "legal services." In 1982 the SP gave David Roberti, Democratic State Senate leader, \$1800. Last year the SP gave Mayor Feinstein \$10,000 during the recall election. State election financing laws do not cover recall elections, so the recall was a bonanza for Feinstein, as well as a golden opportunity for the SP to funnel money to the pro-development mayor of the City.

**BANK OF AMERICA
555 CALIFORNIA**

Donated:

- \$100,000 for the Democratic Host Committee
- \$50,000 for the "Oh What a Night" party given by State Assembly Speaker Willie Brown.
- \$8700 for Bradley's 1982 campaign for governor.
- \$10,000 for Feinstein's 1983 recall election campaign.
- * B of A is a top-five shareholder in a number of gigantic corporations like Westinghouse and Union Carbide.
- * Had over \$200 million loaned to the communist dictators of Poland in 1981, the time of some of the heaviest repression against the independent trade union Solidarity.
- * Leland Prussia, chairman of the board, sits on the Host and Business Council Committees for the '84 DNC. "Anyone who operates in this area--and, of course, we do--will profit from this convention."



**DIAMOND SHAMROCK
601 CALIFORNIA**

Diamond Shamrock is a major contributor to the Democratic Party. It provided the Host Committee with \$100,000 for the Democratic convention.

A huge energy corporation, with oil and gas interests from exploration to marketing, Diamond Shamrock is also a major producer of chemicals. It was in this role that DS became one of the largest suppliers of Agent Orange to the government for use in Vietnam. Over 12 million gallons of Agent Orange were sprayed over Vietnam in order to destroy and defoliate its countryside.

Agent Orange contains dioxin, one of the deadliest chemicals yet discovered. Thousands of U.S. soldiers were exposed to Agent Orange, and thus dioxin, while in Vietnam. Years later they are suffering the effects in cancer, skin disease and liver disorders. Recently Diamond Shamrock, along with the other Agent Orange producers, finally agreed to establish a \$180 million fund to compensate the Vietnam veterans. Yet this does not begin to counterbalance the tremendous misery caused by the use of Agent Orange. Soil samples near a Newark, N.J., plant recently closed by Diamond Shamrock after years of producing Agent Orange contained high concentrations of dioxin. Above all it is the Vietnamese people who should be compensated by Diamond Shamrock, and by the U.S. government, for the use of a deadly chemical weapon.

**PACIFIC BELL
444 BUSH**

Pacific Bell was awarded the lucrative contract for handling all telecommunications for the DNC '84. Perhaps it was in recognition of the \$50,000 contribution PacBell made to offset the Democratic Party's expenses for the convention. PacBell received more than \$8 million in Pentagon contracts in 1983.

**CONTROL DATA
1 MARITIME PLAZA, S.F.**

After his 1980 defeat, Mondale joined the board of directors of Control Data. He received \$145,000 over the next two years for his efforts. Mondale is a long-time friend of William C. Norris, CDC chair, and Norris was a frequent visitor to the Carter-Mondale White House.

In 1981 Mondale went on a trip to the Far East. One stop was South Korea where he visited a CDC plant in Seoul and then spoke with Korean government officials on behalf of CDC.

Foreign

- * one of the largest computer manufacturing companies . . . has computer service center in Tokyo for science and engineering services, particularly in the nuclear industry.
- * 1978: pleaded guilty to charges of paying \$200,000 in bribes between 1967 and 1973 to officials of an undisclosed foreign country, penalized \$1.4 million.
- * 1978: decided to stay in South Africa despite increasing political pressure. "The South African branch is the most profitable in the group outside of America. South Africa is a growing market. There are greater opportunities here than anywhere else."
- * 1982: About 100 Korean workers--almost all young women--held two officials of CDC for more than nine hours when negotiations over the reinstatement of six women union officials reached an impasse.
- * 1983: Israel sends arms to Honduras
 - CDC owns 37% of Elbit Computers (Israeli based) which manufactures electronic warfare equipment.
- * pursues business opportunities in the Caribbean Basin and Central America.
- * uses 15-30 cent hourly wage in Taiwan and Hong Kong (is in 50 countries).
- * in Tijuana, employees 200 people at \$3.68 a day.
- * owns 10% of the computer business in South Africa.

Domestic

- * provides equipment and services to NASA, GM, Boeing, Dow Chemical, Lockheed, Martin Marietta (all defense contractors)
- * prime contractor for the Vietnam War
 - provides computer services for missiles, aircrafts, etc., automated or electronic warfare to detect elusive enemy (guerrilla warfare).



**PILLSBURY, MADISON, SUTRO
225 BUSH**

The oldest, largest and most powerful law firm in San Francisco. In 1983 it had 307 lawyers, including 138 partners. Of the partners, none were Black or Hispanic and only 8 were women.

Pillsbury, Madison wrote up the papers which incorporated Standard Oil of California, and it is still that firm's general counsel. The law firm is housed in Socal's headquarters in order to facilitate closer relations. According to Pillsbury's managing partner, "We're very close to Standard and they'd like to keep us readily available."

Pillsbury, Madison also works for DuPont, the producer of chemical warfare products used in Vietnam and around the world today, and Utah International, one of the country's most notorious land rapists.

TACTICS

INTRO

Although our freedom of movement is protected by the constitution, the streets (like the rest of our lives) are closely patrolled by the authorities. We can reclaim this space. Today, the streets offer us the hope of building community, and of countering our isolation and dehumanization. If we can not freely gather, meet each other, express ourselves and demonstrate our feelings then how can we build community and hope to control our lives and future? Let's reclaim the streets and replace the commercialism and death dealing with community, creativity and life.

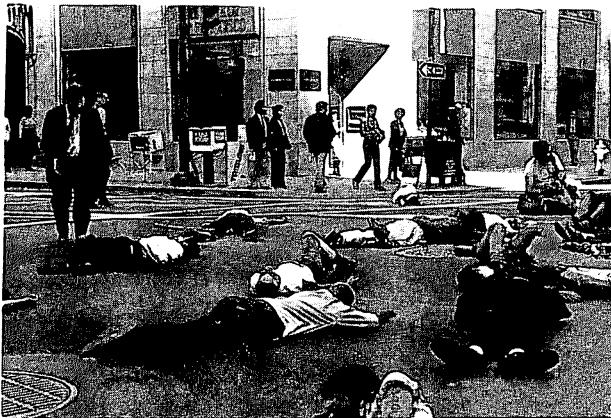
Die-ins By far the most popular way to disrupt the normal flow of business through the financial district. At least 5 people start counting down from 10 to 1 as they slowly move into an intersection. At "ground zero" everyone screams and collapses in the street as if nuked. Some people remain standing to make sure no one gets run over. Before the police can get there, the dead arise and move onto another strategic intersection.

Human Blockades Involve a willingness to be arrested. The idea is to use your body to obstruct the business of the offensive corporation. People chain themselves to the main entrance or lie in the doorway.

Occupations Occupation of missile test sites have prevented the tests themselves. Occupations of war corporations have shut them down for days. Worker's occupations of factories have prevented cold lock-outs during strikes and even provided a basis for what they call "auto-gestion" in Europe--self managed factories that are "on strike" yet keep producing without taking orders from the bosses.

Consensus & Collective Process Too often so-called social change groups reproduce the hierarchy and hypocrisy of the establishment within their own working structures. Any revolution will be built on completely new social relationships. Begin this process in your own group -- end the tyranny of the majority rules (because we are all minorities). Consensus means everyone in the group agrees with the actions the group takes, or they can "block" a decision that violates their fundamental principles. The unity of purpose that rises from groups that use consensus is impossible to defeat.

Affinity Groups Small, trusting groups of people work better in the streets than masses of isolated demonstrators. If a small group wants to evade cops, they break down into smaller groups and reunite at an agreed-upon place. This confuses infiltrators and police that may be monitoring the activities.



Spray-painting This artistic vandalism really spoils a businessman's day and also the unity of his bourgeois aesthetic. It replaces the dead greyneess with creativity and life.

Work Stoppages/Slowdowns Pull the plug out on your Xerox machine, crash the office computer system, drop that important letter in the wrong box. All of these actions help to undermine the system and bring us one step closer to freedom.

Direct Communication Talk to and leaflet financial district workers and conventioners and encourage them to question their activities and redirect their efforts.

(During the DNC '84 ongoing workshops will be held on street tactics throughout the financial district.)

Destruction of Property Recently an MX missile production facility was shut down when someone rolled a truck into the main transformer. Phonelines in LA were cut by saboteurs several weeks ago. While these are powerful actions, too many people romanticize sabotage without examining the actual impact and effect of their actions.

Weaving/Snake dancing Used in Japan successfully at demonstrations, it keeps the police from isolating individuals. Witches at Livermore linked arms and "weaved" throughout the road, slowing traffic for hours.

Theater Many groups have performed for audiences at demonstrations and had impact. But the separation between performers and observer has never been completely broken down, leaving people out of the action. Street theater can be done anywhere, on-the-spot, without rehearsal -- it's a dramatic form of communication.

Blockades with Physical Objects Study the terrain of the city--what can be readily converted into a street obstacle?

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THE SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT

- * Have spent over \$4.5 million on security measures for DNC '84, including \$169,000 on communications. They will not lack anything for maintaining what they euphemistically call "public order;" they have everything from hundreds of disposable plastic handcuffs to two cases of flash-and-stun grenades. They have announced that they will have enough room to house 1000 protesters for the duration of the festivities. We have learned that this site will probably be Potrero High School, but this has not been announced by the police. (Police frequently hold large groups of arrestees in schools--coincidence?)
- * 200 sheriff's deputies will work 12-hour shifts to back up 1000 police officers in the streets of San Francisco. Police administration officials admit that lack of experience is widespread among rank-and-file police: most beat cops have less than three years of experience on the street. Senior police officers have noticed a particular group of younger officers, those in the 24-28 age group, developing what they term a "do-your-own-thing mentality" and readiness to use force in conflict situations.



- * State delegations will be travelling by bus from their hotels to the Moscone Center. Each bus will be accompanied by an escort of police and sheriff's deputies "riding shotgun" in case any protesters attempt to block passage to the Moscone media circus.
- * Undisclosed numbers of plainclothes police will circulate throughout all the demonstrations to "keep an eye out for troublemakers." "Speedy arrest units" will be ready to isolate and process and instantaneously jail anyone who won't follow orders. In the past in San Francisco people who have pointed out and exposed undercover cops in our midst at demonstrations have been arrested. If you are certain that someone is an undercover cop you can expose them and avoid arrest by getting a group of people (about 7 or more) to simultaneously chant "undercover cop" while pointing him/her out to everyone else.
- * However, experienced street artists, disrupters and blockaders say that all this hairy information the police have given to the press is meant to intimidate people from exercising their right to free speech and attending the many actions and demonstrations planned for the convention. Indeed, they scoff at the suggestion that the SFPD will control the situation on the streets of San Francisco, and say they will not even effectively direct traffic during DNC '84.
- * The SFPD is still reeling from the staggering blow to its credibility that came with the "Rookie Cop Sex Party" scandal, when the graduating class of the Police Academy and a large number of senior cops were treated to the spectacle of a prostitute hired to rape one of the shiest recruits onstage at a party at the Rathskeller.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION WEEK EVENTS: A PEOPLE'S CALENDAR

Saturday 14

10 a.m. - 8 p.m.: Free Concert at Marx Meadow, Golden Gate Park with the Uptones, Big City, Translator, etc.

12 noon: Bastille Day Marijuana Parade and Rally -- Gather at the East end of the Civic Center and march to the designated Protest Zone at Moscone Center for a rally starting at 2 p.m. with music, comedy and more.

12 noon - 5: All Species Day -- meet at noon at the Embarcadero Plaza, foot of Market at Steuart) and parade to the Civic Center, festival until 5 p.m.

Sunday 15

10 a.m.: Labor March -- assemble at 10 a.m. at the foot of Market (near Ferry building) and march to the Civic Center for a rally with music and speakers from the labor movement.

10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.: Bisexual Political Action Group Rally -- Moscone Center Protest Zone. Will then join National Lesbian/Gay Rights Rally.

2 p.m.: National March for Lesbian and Gay Rights -- assemble at Market at Castro by 2 p.m. and march to the Protest Zone for a rally with music and speakers beginning at 3:30.

3:00: Mayor's Welcoming Reception for Delegates -- City Hall Rotunda

7 p.m.: Interfaith Witness for Peace -- Grace Cathedral -- speakers on the Quest for Peace followed by a candlelight procession to the Protest Zone at 8:30.

Early evening: 57 State delegation parties -- around San Francisco's neighborhoods.

Evening: Democratic National Committee Fundraising Gala -- Fairmont Hotel.

Monday 16

12 noon: Democratic War Chest Tour -- leaves at noon from Bank of America Plaza (California and Kearny). Explode the myth of Democrats as the party of peace and of the working man as you explore with your guide the crimes of the multi-nationals and their ties to the Democrats. Guerrilla theater, nonviolent, non-arrest direct action. Creative Protest. Fun. Reclaim the Streets. (also Wednesday and Thursday)

3 - 6 p.m.: Children for Peace Without Fear Rally -- Protest Zone

4:00 p.m.: March & Rally Against Simpson-Mazzoli, U.S. Intervention in Central America -- Rally at 24th and Mission.

4:00 p.m.: Women's Contingent March -- from the Women's Building, 18th and Valencia.

4:00 p.m.: People's Convention March -- Gather at the foot of Market St., 436-2200.

6 - 10 p.m.: Vote Peace '84 -- Protest Zone (552-5915)

8 p.m.: Protest Democratic and Corporate Big Wig Party -- Pier 45 (Jefferson and Taylor). Demonstrate as the corporate elite party with the Democratic bosses at Willie Brown's \$400,000 "Oh What A Night Party."

Tuesday 17

12 noon: The Ku Klux Klan has received a permit to march at noon in the vicinity of the protest Area -- come to counter demonstrate.

Up.m.: Nonviolent Protest Against the Democrats' Support of Militarism -- Protest Area -- Protest the Democrat's role in escalating militarism; from the arms build up to the placement of missiles in Europe, to military intervention in Central America and around the world. (Livermore Action Group - 644-3031).

This handbook was prepared by a collective working in cooperation with many organizations for the identification purposes only. We list the groups that joined in the Democratic War Chest Tour collective have listed themselves in:

Urban Struggle
Charge of Heart Cluster
Matrix Affinity Group
Domestic Terrorists Affinity Group

Death and Taxes Affinity Group
Round 1 Action
Justice Affinity Group
Socialist Party
Environmental Action Group
Relists with a Cause Affinity Group
Federation of Workers Power Solidarity

Wednesday 18

The Democratic Presidential Candidate will be officially nominated today.

All day: Stop Business As Usual -- financial district/downtown
A day of actions and activities all over financial district/downtown to respond to the Democrat's convention, the corporate death dealing and commercialism of the area, and to actually slow or stop this business as usual. Nonviolent direct action, street theater, disruption, leafletting . . . Do Something!

12 noon: Democratic War Chest Tour -- leaves from the Embarcadero Plaza (foot of Market at Steuart) at noon (see Mon. 16 for details).

12 noon - 2 p.m.: Cultural Presentations by Casa Nicaragua -- Union Square

12 noon: "Democrats at the Ballpark" -- Oakland Colliseum at the A's game -- Bring banners before game.

Thursday 19

10:30 a.m.: Funeral Procession in Memory of the 50,000 Murdered in El Salvador -- Gather at Union Square -- Wear only black clothes. Bring Death masks and flowers. No Vietnam War in El Salvador. (Casa El Salvador "Farabundo Marti" - 644-3636)

12 noon: Democratic War Chest Tour -- leaves from the Protest Zone (see Mon. 16 for details)

12 - 7 p.m.: Rock Against Racism/Reagan Concert -- Protest Zone Concert and rally with M.D.C., the Dead Kennedys, Brat (latino music), the Defectors, Reagan Youth, and comedy.

7:30 - 10 p.m.: Celebration or Protest of a Woman for Vice President (depending on outcome) -- sponsored by the Bay Area N.O.W. (National Organization of Women) Coalition.

Friday 20

Caravan to Bohemian Grove -- A caravan from the Bay area to the Bohemian Grove in Sonoma County for protest, a teach-in, activities, and civil disobedience on Monday (See below for details).

A champagne breakfast with the Presidential Nominee and the largest financial contributors to the Convention will be held at the St. Francis Hotel.

Ongoing Events

The San Francisco Hospitality Coalition has been preparing and trying to get City approval for a free encampment in a public park. The City has made no reasonable offers. The encampment will happen anyway at Speedway Meadows in Golden Gate Park starting Tuesday, the 10th.

Friday 13 - Monday 16

The Peoples Convention Laney College, Oakland -- Electoral and grassroots activists from around the country will get together to give workshops and adopt a 'Peoples Platform' which will be presented to the Democrats (See Calendar, Mon. 16) For more info., call 536-2200.

Friday 13 - Thursday 19

Vision of America at Peace Exposition: at the Concourse (formerly the Trade Center) 100 Peace and Environmental groups will present a picture of what could be done in the U.S. without the drain of military on our resources. Pictures, displays, panel discussions, films, etc.

Saturday 14, Sunday 15

National Conference on Registration and the Draft U.C. Berkeley Campus -- The conference will focus on strengthening the anti-draft movement, ending registration and preventing a draft. It will provide a comprehensive coverage of draft and registration issues for a wide ranging audience with a variety of workshops, talks, and panel discussions. For more info., call 566-0500.

Friday 20 - Sunday 22

Bohemian Grove Protest and Civil Disobedience Sonoma County Friday and Saturday: teach-in, vigil and activities. Sunday, Monte Rio. Civil disobedience ("Quarantine the Bohos") Contact: Livermore Action Group 415-644-3031. Sonoma County Direct Action Network: 707-664-8187.

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Protest GOP Convention in Dallas, Texas. Contact Freeze Reagan/Bush Campaign. 212-533-5028