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Dear Editor,

"Brilliant" hardly does justice to Robert W. Herberich's June 25 letter in which he reports what all the world's major media suppressed, that it is our <sup>national</sup> local Peace Resources Center and not the Veterans Peace Convoy, by others said to be composed mostly of Vietnam ~~war~~ <sup>efforts</sup> veterans, that seeks to undermine the world with its "Help The Children" ~~campaign~~ <sup>campaign</sup>.

How insightful he is in telling us that our local peaceniks "are not just nickel and dime 'leftists' when they can provide such a convoy as described," the one ~~convoy~~ <sup>of</sup> which he says, "we're talking about a \$1,000,000 value here; and maybe twice that much."

"As described" by the Associated press <sup>30</sup> "thirty rickety trucks and buses" reached Washington and four were so much more aged and decrepit they <sup>didn't</sup> couldn't survive ~~the~~ that trip.

Anybody who uses the word "peace" apparently is not merely a nickel and dime 'leftist', particularly not our local preachers with whom the peaceniks are affiliated. <sup>allegedly</sup>

Those ~~supplies~~ <sup>supplies</sup> and equipment" our local subversives <sup>allegedly</sup> were sending to help the children illegals, <sup>ly</sup> as he puts it, with his remarkable vision and understanding <sup>are</sup> according to the AP, which we thus must regard as also subversive, <sup>leftist and</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~no~~ greater danger to the world <sup>of</sup> than "oats, dried milk and medical supplies such as crutches and wheelchairs." But those <sup>who</sup> we see how clearly <sup>peace is leftist</sup> we are being duped no doubt <sup>can see</sup> realize that tots wielding crutches <sup>winning the</sup> can ~~win~~ wars in which they transport bombs <sup>in</sup> their wheelchairs.

Clearly Mr. Herberich has wisdom and understanding denied the rest of us because he says that the Chinese have abandoned communism and the USSR ~~now~~ "seems destined to."

That the ~~war~~ <sup>domestic</sup> contributed worn-out pickups and abandoned school buses are a military menace when all were destined for religious groups in Nicaragua is not

apparent to one of my limited vision, particularly when our government has spent considerably more than Mr. Berberich's conjectured sum for helicopters and jeeps it <sup>would</sup> serve only humanitarian purposes with the Contras. But maybe he is less concerned with that way of spending our tax dollars."

He ~~wants to know and~~ asks if we are "stupid," a good question ~~coming from him.~~

He also wants ~~the~~ the local peace group investigated to let the people of Frederick "know what it is that lives among them." Right on! ~~beginning~~ beginning with the preachers! <sup>Then,</sup> ~~and~~ as he says the investigation will conclude, the peace groups should be "exported...never to return."

How fortunate we are to have among us and willing to share his arcane wisdom so we can know that all those Vietnam veterans either are subversive or are a cover for our small local peace organization; so we can understand that pickup trucks which can't make it from Texas to Washington <sup>would</sup> mean the peace and tranquility, if not also <sup>if given to hierarchical churches</sup> the political stability of the word; that food, medicine, crutches and wheelchairs for children victims of a ~~war they didn't start~~ <sup>are</sup> really ~~the~~ "equipment" that constitutes a military danger; and how good-hearted he is not to consign the preachers and those they subvert with the "misused" word "peace" to the wall and instead would merely "export" them.

Mr. Berberich's letter shows clearly what we can come up with if we begin with an ideology ~~and~~ and hatred and a ~~little~~ little ignorance.

I hope he gets the answer to his question about stupidity.

Harold Weisberg.

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DELIENE SMITH  
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## The 'Peace' people

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With interest and concern, I have read and re-read the front-page article in the June 9 *Frederick Post*, which reports the unlawful attempt by the Peace Resource Center to drive 37 trucks, loaded with supplies and equipment, through Mexico to Nicaragua.

These "Peace" Center people are not just nickel and dime "leftists" when they can provide such a convoy as described. We're talking a \$1 million value here; and maybe twice that much.

Where does the money come from? Well-meaning Americans who are duped by the mis-use of the word "Peace" in what these people claim to stand for? Are we Americans that stupid?

There is not a communist nation on earth that ends up liking what they've got, or don't have.

Cuba before Castro was a food exporter, always with a surplus. It can't feed itself today. If the Soviet Union stopped its \$3 billion per year support, these once dear neighbors of our would starve to death.

It only took the Chinese 30 years to find out that communism doesn't work; that it's a lie within itself.

Even the Soviet Union seems destined to call it quits, after keeping their people short-rationed, uninformed, and walled-in for 70 years; while people all around them produced and lived in relative plenty. They cannot any longer lie to their people who are no longer blinded to the truth. It's over! Russia's great dream; the "masterpiece" of Marx and Lenin is in its final days. Changes will take some time, but freedom is the

infinite demand of all mankind, and after 70 years even the blinded Russians demand it too.

I would like to see *The Frederick News-Post* assign an investigative reporter to a series of articles on these "Peace" Center people, and let the good people of the lovely American city of Frederick know what it is that lives among us here.

Maybe Beverly Byron from whom they now seek assistance to obtain special permission to export this convoy of trucks, equipment, and supplies, will turn them down. Or better yet — get permission for these goods to pass to Nicaragua, provided that the entire "Peace" Resource Center is exported with it. Never to return! Let them live where what they preach is practiced. They won't like it either.

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## Veterans Peace Convoy

# Trucks with goods for Nicaragua encircle White House in protest

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thirty rickety trucks and buses comprising the Veterans Peace Convoy circled the White House on Thursday to protest administration opposition to their mission of delivering the vehicles and tons of food, medicine and clothing to Nicaragua.

The convoy arrived in Washington from Laredo, Texas, where customs officials seized four vehicles and barred the group from crossing into Mexico without posting bond and signing an agreement that the aging school buses and pickup trucks would be returned to the United States.

"We have come to take care of the children of Nicaragua," said convoy organizer Gerry Condon of San Francisco. "We intend to lobby and gain support for this convoy to pass. We want to feed the children, not the war."

Rep. Mickey Leland, D-Texas, expressed support for the group with a resolution introduced in Congress on Wednesday that the treasury secretary should not regulate the donation of articles to relieve human suffering in Nicaragua.

"It's wrong to thwart the humanitarian impulses of the American people. This tradition has sustained us and made us leaders throughout the world," Mr. Leland said in a statement Thursday. "How ironic it would be to deny assistance to our own neighbors in the Western Hemisphere. There are hungry and wounded children awaiting this aid. People of good will wish to help them. We must and we will find a resolution."

The Treasury Department contends that to let the vehicles remain in Nicaragua would violate a trade

embargo.

But Mr. Condon said Reagan administration fears the vehicles would land in the military's hands are unfounded. Four of the convoy's original 38 vehicles did not survive the long trip from Laredo to Washington because of mechanical problems. The rest, Mr. Condon said, are unworthy of military service because of the many miles they have on them — or would have on them by the time they reached Nicaragua.

The buses, adorned with slogans in English and Spanish such as "Help the children," "On to Managua," "Nicaragua or bust" and "Bikes, not bombs," circled the White House to the cheers and whistles of about 100 protesters.

Convoy spokesman Craig Merrilees said the group, which is made up mostly of Vietnam veterans, would continue its protest across the street from the White House "as long as it takes." But the

contingent may take the convoy to the State Department if Elliot Abrams, assistant secretary for inter-American affairs, refuses their demand that he meet with them by Friday afternoon.

Ellen Bork, a State Department spokeswoman, said the convoy's request for a meeting was being considered late Thursday. She initially said the convoy should instead contact the Treasury Department, which is responsible for enforcing the trade embargo.

The convoy formed after groups from Seattle, Missoula, Mont., Minneapolis, and Caribou, Maine, joined in Austin, arriving in Laredo on June 7.

The 30 tons of aid carried by the group includes oats and dry milk and medical supplies such as crutches and wheelchairs.

Another 140 tons of humanitarian aid collected by the group was shipped to Nicaragua, members of the convoy said.

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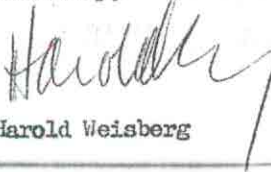
Dear Editor,

You recently reported the coming of an unidentified local FM station to broadcast "Christian music" at 88 on the dial. This account also stated that this station would interfere with an unidentified FM station in Baltimore and that an adjustment in the signal of the coming local station was made to limit the distance it would reach east of Frederick.

Johns Hopkins University operates WJHU at 88 and thus, it would appear, that the entire Frederick area would, if these two stations will be on the same frequency, denied access to what is provided by the university, both information and music.

Without doubt there will be interest in the programming of the coming local station but there is also interest in what is provided, often uniquely, by the university. Cannot the frequency of the coming local station be shifted so that we will not be denied the opportunity to receive the excellent programming of WJHU if, as appears to be likely, that is the station ~~will~~<sup>we</sup> will no longer be able to receive? (WJHU, by the way, has a very strong local signal.)

Sincerely,



Harold Weisberg