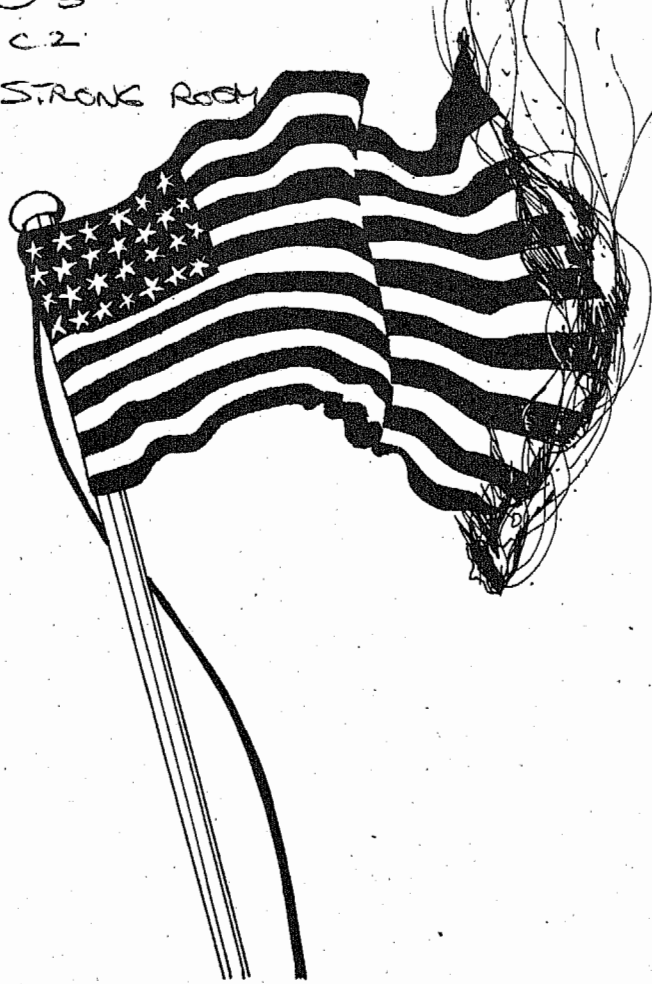


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CAMPAIGN AGAINST FOREIGN MILITARY BASES IN AUSTRALIA

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on the road
to the
North West Cape



Smithfield - Nuclear Target ?

FEW PEOPLE REALIZE THAT THE FOURTH MOST IMPORTANT FOREIGN BASE IN AUSTRALIA IS LOCATED JUST OUTSIDE ADELAIDE.

This is the Tranet Tracking Station at Smithfield. We have found this secret base difficult to locate precisely and we have found it even more difficult to find out much about its operations and activities.

We do know that the Smithfield base is run by the U.S. Navy Pacific Missile Range on behalf of the U.S. Naval Weapons Laboratory. It participates in the plotting and calculating of missile trajectories. The Naval Weapons Laboratory handles information connected with Polaris missile submarines.

The main functions of Smithfield are:

- a) Monitoring the Transit Navigational Satellite - thus providing a back-up navigational system to the Control and Command Centre at North West Cape.

- b) Conducting research for the U.S. Geodetic Satellite Observation program - calculating trajectories.

Smithfield does not itself transmit signals. Yet it plays an active part in the American weapons delivery system. For this reason like every other part of the U.S. nuclear weapons system, it is a target for nuclear retaliation in the event of nuclear war. It involves Australia in the dangers of the superpowers' nuclear rivalry. It places all of Adelaide and Elizabeth within the blast area of an average nuclear bomb attack on this U.S. base.

Like the North West Cape base it is an intolerable threat to the lives of the Australian people, and to the independence of the Australian nation.

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SMITHFIELD U.S. BASE.

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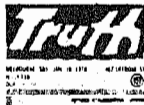
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SATURDAY MAY 18 10 AM

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LEFT WING TO INVADE US BASES



FROM MELBOURNE 'TRUTH' 19-1-74

FROM THE NEWS 8-4-74

FROM THE ADVERTISER 24-4-74

Police facing threat

PERTH, Today: A hastily formed 300-man Western Australian police emergency squad may soon face its first test.

Students have threatened to march on the North-West Cape base next month and no one is sure what to do about them if they try to take it over.

And there are strong rumors that a mob of up to 1,000 bikies may ride to Western Australia during Easter.

The formation of the emergency squad came as gangs of bikies terrorised country people early last month and a Perth demonstration against the Prime Minister, Mr. Whitlam, turned violent.

There is speculation on who will protect the North-West Cape base.

State police authority does not include the base, and the Commonwealth police say it is not their responsibility.

The Defence Department today refused to be drawn into the controversy.

If you oppose U.S. bases - SHOW that you do:- JOIN THE BUS TRIP

THE LONG MARCH:

GETTING THE TRUTH

This will be the last edition of Australian Independence before the North West Cape bus trip in May.

We cannot rely on the big newspapers to report the trip, fairly or adequately.

We can expect, for example, that they will try to represent it as a pointless exercise. Or, alternatively, that they will depict us as a gang of violent hooligans, bent on attempting to take on the U.S. marines guarding the base.

It is important for us to counter such impressions as these.

Firstly, the bus trip is certainly not a pointless exercise. The Campaign Against Foreign Military Bases, in the short time it has been going, has generated a lot of enthusiasm and interest, and made many people start thinking about our involvement in the U.S. military system. Much of this interest has

arisen from the publicity given to the Bus Trip. In that sense, the trip has already achieved one of its purposes!

But there is more to it than that. Most of the important U.S. bases are hidden away in the back blocks of Australia, far from the capital cities. Since they are so remote from most Australians' lives, they have been able to operate unhindered up till now without anybody kicking up too much of a fuss. The bus trip is designed to be an event unusual enough to attract people's attention to what's going on in these remote parts.

Furthermore, Australians who live in the "back blocks" have been largely neglected by progressive political movements, and the bus trip will be an opportunity to tell people in country towns along the way about the role of U.S. bases in Australia, and to alert them to the dangers these are creating for us.

As for being hooligans, it is certainly not hooligan-like, i.e. socially irresponsible, to want to get rid of U.S. bases!

The hooligans, the socially irresponsible ones, are in the parliamentary parties which allowed the bases in, and which allow them to stay!

The people going on the bus trip know that it would be foolish to think that those few hundred people could close down the base by attacking it then and there: and we will not be attempting to do this.

We intend for example, to give the Americans back their rent (one peppercorn) and tell them to pack their bags. We might lower the American flag and raise an Australian flag. We might symbolically re-claim the land from the Americans in the name of ALL black and white Australians.

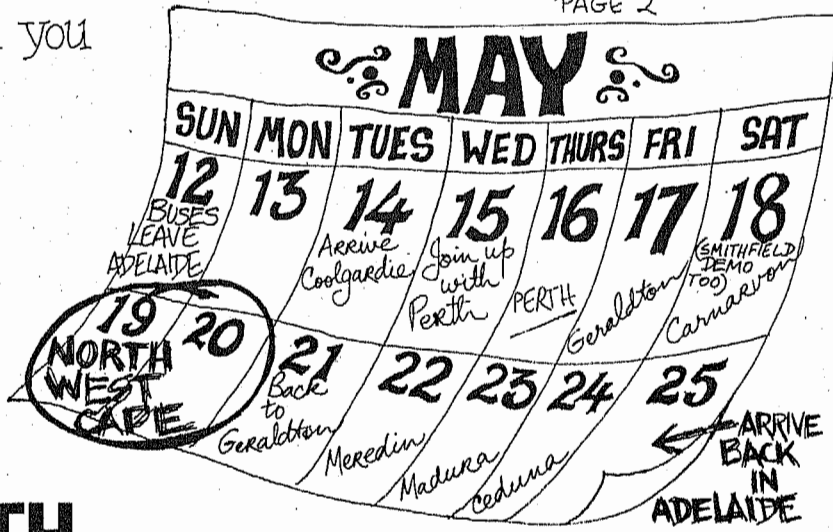
The Americans invaded Australia and set up their military base; the U.S.A. started the trouble long ago.

If people are hurt at the North West Cape, remember its the U.S. marines and the policemen who have the guns, dogs, batons, horses, gas and military facilities. Not us. And anyway who invaded who?

The only real way we will get rid of the U.S. bases is when a great many Australians understand their function, and actively oppose them. The bus trip to North West Cape is designed to help create this situation. As we have said, we can't expect much assistance from the big newspapers, (especially since there's a Federal election on at the same time as the trip), and we can't hope to rival their resources. We are relying on you. While the Bus Trip's on, talk about it, draw people's attention to it, explain what it's all about. This is the only way the Bus Trip will be really successful.

This base involves Australia in the U.S. nuclear weapons system designed to protect the U.S. empire which plunders and profits from the 'underdeveloped' countries. The North West Cape base serves to protect the U.S. Empire from poaching by its superpower rivals, and from rebellion by the exploited peoples of the 3rd world.

And it makes Australia a PRIMARY target for nuclear attack or retaliation.



NORTH WEST CAPE:

WHAT THE BASE DOES

The U.S. base at North West Cape is probably the most important base in Australia and certainly one of the most important in the world.

The main function of the base is to relay information to America's Polaris nuclear missile fleet in the Indian Ocean and adjacent waters. The transmitters operate on very low frequencies. This allows signals to penetrate sea water. Hence submarines do not risk detection by surfacing to receive them. The signals transmitted are coded and the code is not available to the Australian authorities. Consequently, the Australian authorities have no control whatsoever over nuclear attacks that may be initiated by the U.S. from

Australian soil.

North West Cape is part of a world-wide complex of U.S. bases. It contributes vitally to U.S. strategy in the Indian Ocean. It is part of a U.S. system containing the U.S. Kagnev Communications Centre in Ethiopia and the controversial base currently being constructed on Diego Garcia Island.

More than half the world's missiles are at present carried on submarines. Bases such as North West Cape are primarily designed to communicate with missile-carrying submarines. Hence North West Cape is one of the key bases involved in the world-wide U.S. nuclear threat. And it would be one of the first bases attacked in the event of nuclear war.

NO RUSSIAN BASES

CAMPAIGN NEWS

Date: 3.4.74.

CAMPAIGN PRESS RELEASE

When it was announced that the Federal A.L.P. government was considering whether to allow a U.S.S.R. 'scientific' base to be built in Australia, the Campaign's Co-ordinating Committee issued a press release opposing the proposal.

In the Campaign's view ALL foreign bases in Australia endanger the Australian people, involve Australia in the superpowers' rivalry in the Pacific, and curtail Australia's independence.

The proposed Russian base is just as objectionable as the U.S. bases already in Australia. No foreign bases should be in Australia.

The mass media ignored our press release, and the Advertiser refused to publish this letter.

EDITOR OF THE ADVERTISER

The Advertiser is to be congratulated for its editorial (Tuesday 2nd April) rejecting the proposition to establish a Soviet "Scientific" base in Australia. Likewise your paper was correct in pointing out that existing foreign bases make Australia an unwitting accomplice to any hostile act of the super powers, and consequently a nuclear target.

It is quite clear the Australian people reject the whole idea of foreign military bases, as demonstrated by the fact that approximately 600 people from all over Australia are planning in May to make an arduous bus trip to the U.S. base at Exmouth, North West Cape to show the extent of their opposition.

The movement against foreign Military Bases in Australia is well established and can only continue to grow. The Advertiser has an important role to play in making the Australian people aware of the perils involved and giving voice to opposition.

Yours faithfully,

PETER O'DEA
SPOKESMAN.
CAMPAIGN AGAINST FOREIGN
MILITARY BASES IN AUSTRALIA
BOX 4 NORWOOD.

*The S.A. Campaign's second demonstration was held on April 27 at Litton Business Systems. (Litton Industries builds U.S. military bases and is contracting to construct the proposed U.S. Omega base in Australia.)

*At Easter, the Sydney Campaign held its 'Rock Festival' (Bring Your Own Rocks) at the Richmond Air Force Base used by U.S. military planes.

*On May 12 about 200 people will assemble in Adelaide (including people from the Eastern States) and leave on buses for North West Cape. They will be joined by more people in Perth.

*The Campaign in Adelaide has printed thousands of pamphlets, newspapers, car stickers and posters.

*ALL PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS OPPOSED TO U.S. BASES IN AUSTRALIA ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE CAMPAIGN.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING of the Campaign Against Foreign Military Bases in Australia

FRIDAY MAY 10
8 P.M.
at the
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their function and their
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AUSTRALIA and OMEGA

One of the central aims of The Campaign Against Foreign Military bases in Australia, is to stop the construction of an Omega radio-navigation base in Australia.

The Omega system was devised several years ago by the U.S. Navy Research Laboratory at San Diego.

A brochure prepared by the Naval Electronics Laboratory Centre, San Diego, and published in 1967, is headed: "OMEGA - a world-wide general purpose navigation system for air, surface and sub-surface."

The US Navy needs eight such Omega bases to provide a global network of communication with its nuclear submarines (half the world's nuclear missiles are on nuclear submarines). An Omega base is needed in our area. New Zealand was the

first choice as a location; the New Zealand people's opposition to Omega forced the then conservative N.Z. government to reject the U.S. proposals.

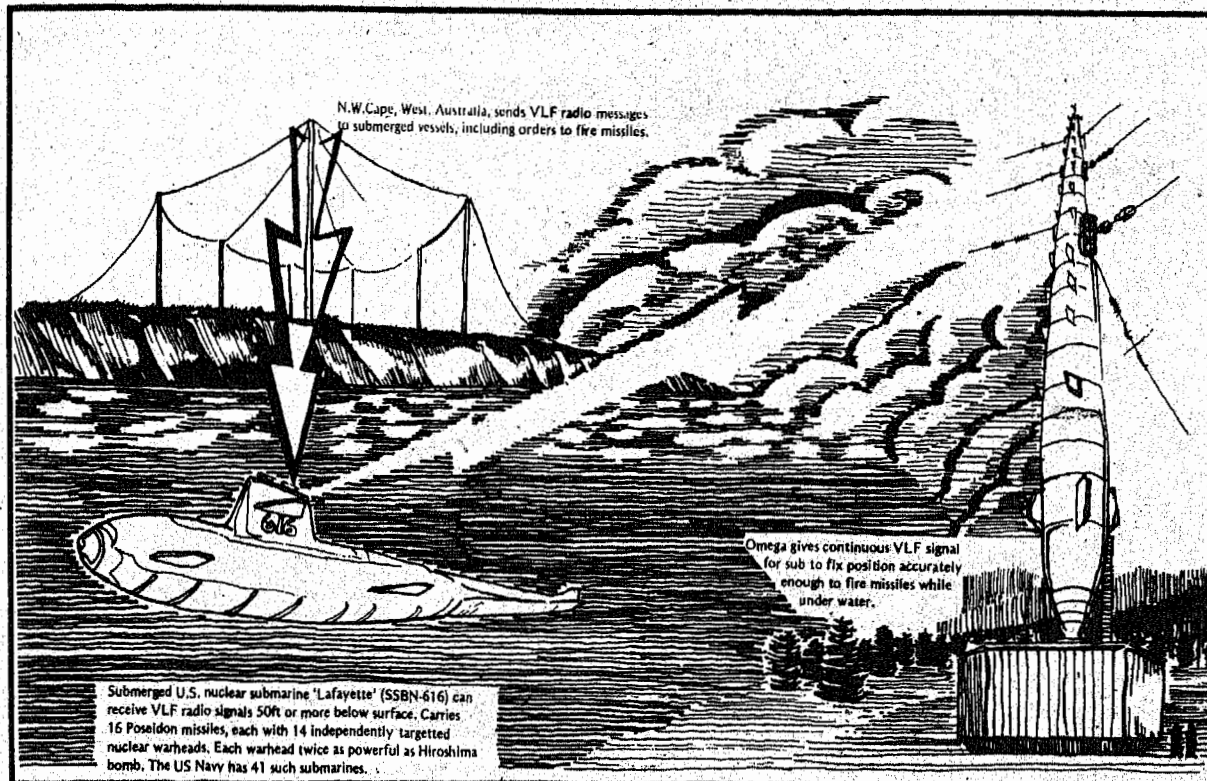
Under an illustration of a nuclear submarine, one finds: "Omega is the only navigation system which is as well suited for submarines as for aircraft or surface vessels. Its low frequencies penetrate seawater to appreciable depths ... thus a completely submerged submarine can be guided through any seas ... Only reception is required so the submarine user does not reveal his position."

Again, the same document, under the heavy-type heading "OMEGA PROVIDES INTERNATIONAL BENEFITS" lists "patrol, station keeping, and locating targets" as uses of the Omega system.

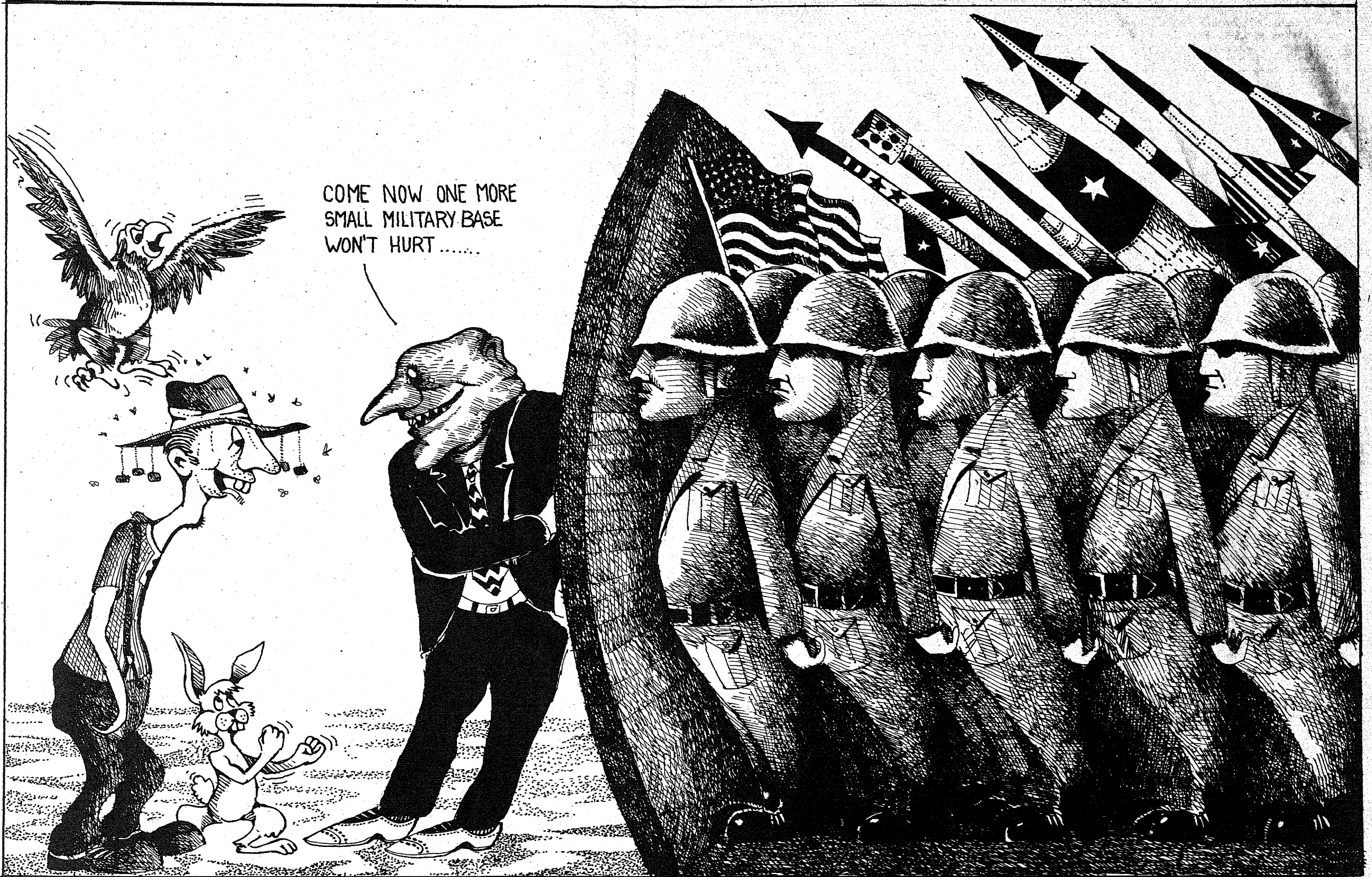
The accompanying diagrams explain how Omega works (in co-ordination with the U.S. base at North West Cape), and why both bases are nuclear targets of the first importance.

Finally, read this statement by Nixon's telecommunications adviser, Mr. C.T. Whitehead. (The statement was made during a visit to Australia in July 1972.) Whitehead stated that according to the U.S. Navy Institute,

"... countries on whose territories the various installations associated with the use of nuclear missile weapons in general, and submarine missile carriers in particular, are being built, would draw nuclear retaliation on their own territories."



THE EDITORS THANK THE CONTRIBUTOR OF THE DRAWING ON PAGE 4. WE INVITE OTHERS TO SUBMIT MATERIAL SUITABLE FOR PUBLICATION.



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HOW SAM SEES US