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FOR THE PURPOSES OF STORYTELLING SOME DIALOGUE AND SETTINGS HAVE BEEN CREATED BY THE AUTHORS AND ARTISTS. HOWEVER, THE FACTUAL BASIS FOR THE STORY IS CONTAINED IN THE COMPLAINT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS FILED BY THE PLAINTIFFS IN THE CIVIL CASE NUMBER 861146, ENTITLED: TONY AVIRGAN ET AL. V. JOHN HULL ET AL. IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA. THAT CASE, WHICH WAS DISMISSED BY THE COURT ON JUNE 27, 1988, IS PRESENTLY ON APPEAL TO THE COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT. IN ADDITION, OTHER SOURCES WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE BIBLIOGRAPHY PROVIDED THE FACTS AS WELL AS MANY OF THE SETTINGS. FINALLY, BUT NOT LEAST, THE REPORTING OF, AND CONVERSATIONS WITH TONY AVIRGAN AND MARTHA HONEY PROVIDED A GREAT DEAL OF THE SOURCE MATERIAL.

Introduction to Shadowplay: The Secret Team

by Daniel Sheehan

You are about to embark upon a voyage into an unfamiliar—and most uncomfortable—world. It is the world of the “shadow government,” a cabal of ultra-right political and para-military specialists who believe that it is by secret political assassination, by blackmail, and by torture—rather than by open democratic debate and decision—that issues of public policy and power really must be decided.

Brought to Light is presented in two parts. The first, “Flashpoint: The La Penca Bombing,” is a straightforward, chronological presentation of the remarkable investigations of Martha Honey and Tony Avirgan, the young and courageous American reporters who uncovered what later turned out to be the covert arms supply operation to the contras coordinated by retired Air Force Major General Richard V. Secord.

This story also depicts the beginnings of the investigations and the federal racketeering lawsuit brought by the Christic Institute on behalf of the two journalists. The Institute's investigation revealed the existence of a decade-long “off-the-shelf, stand-alone, self-financing, private covert operations Enterprise,” described by Lt. Col. Oliver North in his congressional testimony as the “dream of CIA Director William Casey.” This first work represents, in pictorial form, the factual data supplied to author Joyce Brabner and artist Thomas Yeates from the investigation and litigation of the Christic Institute and Martha Honey and Tony Avirgan.

The second work, “Shadowplay: The Secret Team,” is of a very different nature. This presentation is a subjective, surreal and artistic interpretation by author Alan Moore and artist Bill Sienkiewicz of the information set forth by the Christic Institute in its March 1988 Declaration of Evidence, filed with the Florida Federal Court. The Institute's court declaration sets forth a thirty year history of the criminal covert operations of those charged with crimes by the Christic Institute: defendants Richard Secord, Tom Clines, Albert Hakim, Theodore Shackley, John Singlaub, and their associates such as Edwin P. Wilson, Felix Rodriguez, Oliver North, John Poindexter, and others. This surreal and angry presentation—unlike the public presentation of the Christic Institute—depicts the symbolic “salesman” of the agenda of the shadow government as vicious, confused, and violent.

To our knowledge, none of the defendants is personally any of these things. However, *the conduct* attributed to certain of the defendants by specific evidence in the Christic Institute case *does* clearly generate torture, murder, and destruction. How, then, is one to convey these terrible realities to an American audience? This is, finally, a matter of judgment.

Moore and Sienkiewicz, who wrote and illustrated “Shadowplay,” have exercised their judgment in a way very different from that in which this information has been historically presented by the Christic Institute.

The choice of the comic book as a medium to represent this distasteful side of political life is firmly rooted within the historical tradition of political caricature and social satire dating back at least to the time when Martin Luther conducted his passionate campaign criticizing acts of misconduct in the Catholic Church using the comic book form.

The conduct of the defendants is shocking and violent. The style of the author and artist of “Shadowplay” is, correspondingly, shocking and violent. One may, indeed, find the style of the author and artist of “Shadowplay” to be unsettling and terrifying. I would hope that one would find the conduct of the defendants to be equally so.

Therefore the metaphor of violence and shock is not an inappropriate artistic device to employ in relating the awful history of the shadow government.

For, while these men attempt to portray themselves as “gentlemen soldiers” and American patriots all, in their fine uniforms and well-pressed suits seated before congressional committees and media cameras, the evidence of their crimes, their violence, and their treason speaks louder than their false faces. And it is to this voice that the author and artist have listened in creating “Shadowplay.”

This book invites you to listen beyond the self-serving lies and to look beyond their uniforms and suits. You are invited into the world of “Shadowplay”—where the truth lies in the shadows, behind the lights. You are also invited to join in the growing nationwide network of citizens committed to exposing and stopping the crimes of the shadow government.

Daniel Sheehan
General Counsel
Christic Institute

The Christic Institute is a non-profit, public interest law and policy center supported by contributions from individuals, religious organizations, and foundations. As this book went to press, the lawsuit is on appeal before the Eleventh Circuit Court in Atlanta, Georgia.

To join this national effort and to learn more about the Christic Institute investigation, please contact the Christic Institute, 1324 North Capitol Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20002; (202) 797-8106. The Declaration of Evidence mentioned above can be purchased through the Institute offices.

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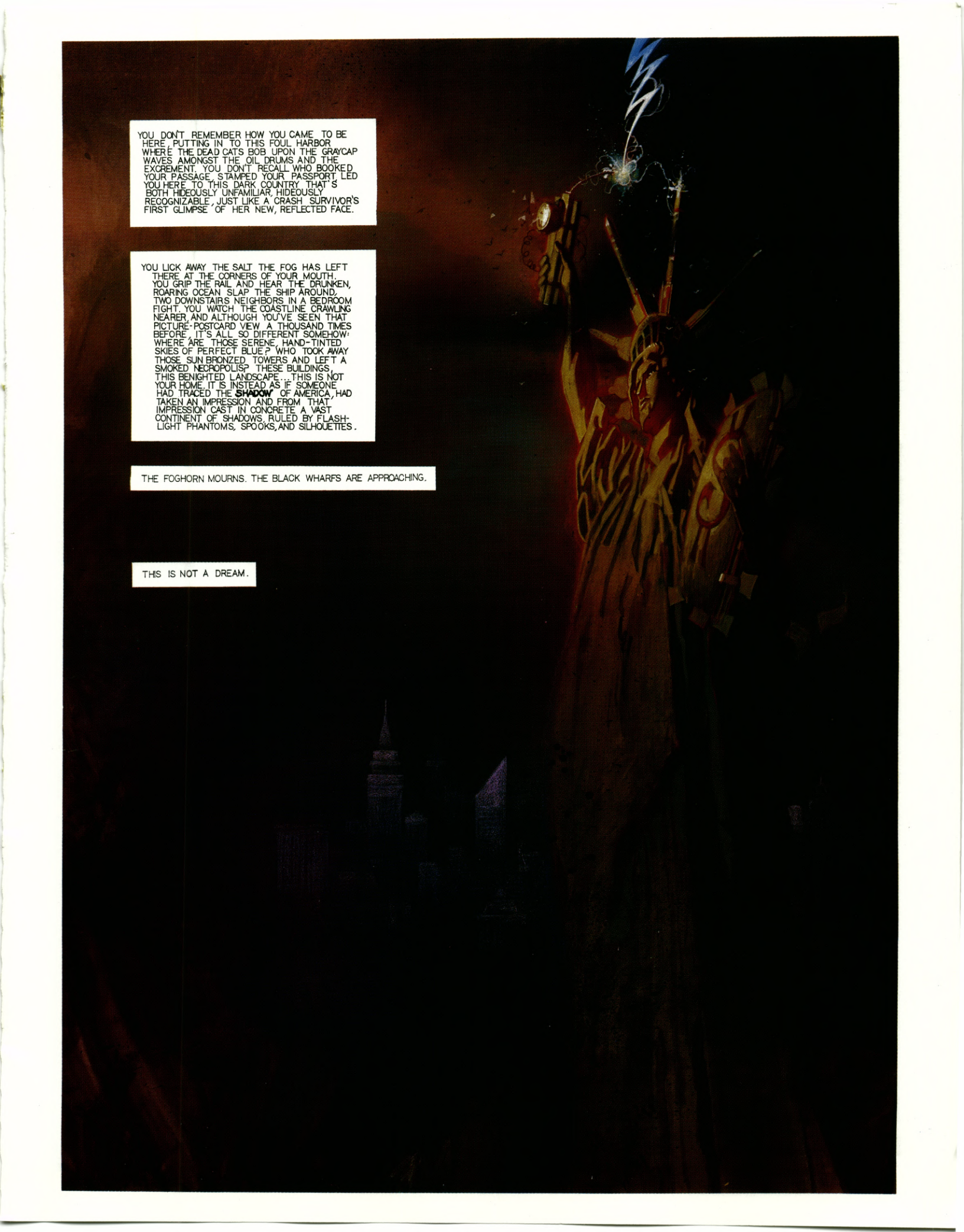
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RENE CORBO,
FELIPE VIDAL SANTIAGO,
MOISES DAGOBERTO NUNEZ
FRANCISCO CHANES,
RAMON CECILIO PALACIO,
RICARDO GRIS, WILLIAM GRIS,
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AMAC GALIL
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ROBERT W. OWEN, JOHN K. SINGLAUB,
RONALD JOSEPH MARTIN, SR.,
JAMES MCCOY, THOMAS POSEY,
RAFAEL "CHI CHI" QUINTERO,
MARIO DELAMICO,
THOMAS CLINES,
THEODORE SHACKLEY,
ALBERT HAKIM, RICHARD SECORD
PABLO ESCOBAR, and JORGE OCHOA,

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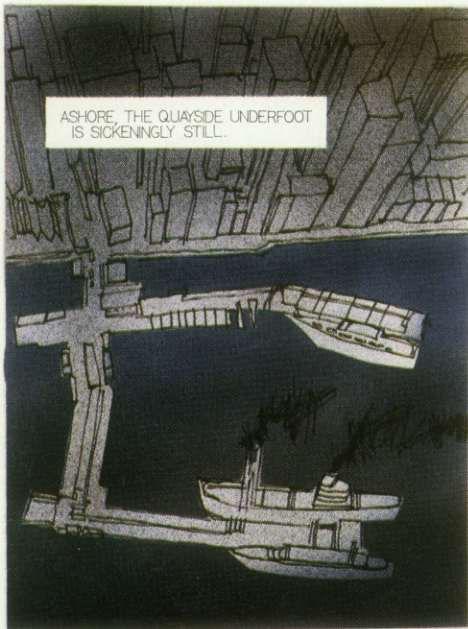


YOU DON'T REMEMBER HOW YOU CAME TO BE
HERE, PUTTING IN TO THIS FOUL HARBOR
WHERE THE DEAD CATS BOB UPON THE GRAYCAP
WAVES AMONGST THE OIL DRUMS AND THE
EXCREMENT. YOU DON'T RECALL WHO BOOKED
YOUR PASSAGE, STAMPED YOUR PASSPORT LED
YOU HERE TO THIS DARK COUNTRY THAT'S
BOTH HIDEOUSLY UNFAMILIAR, HIDEOUSLY
RECOGNIZABLE, JUST LIKE A CRASH SURVIVOR'S
FIRST GLIMPSE OF HER NEW, REFLECTED FACE.

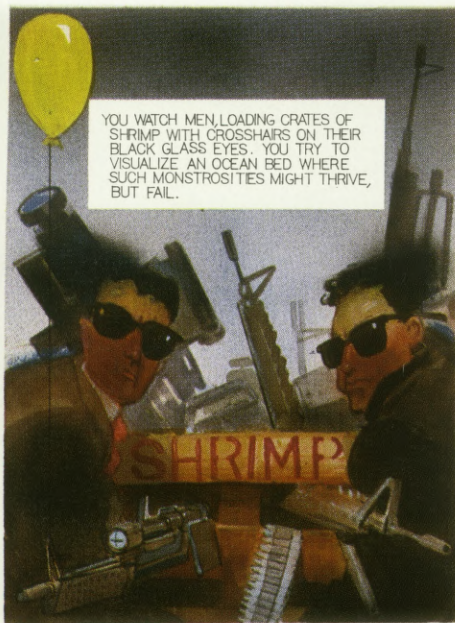
YOU LICK AWAY THE SALT THE FOG HAS LEFT
THERE AT THE CORNERS OF YOUR MOUTH.
YOU GRIP THE RAIL AND HEAR THE DRUNKEN,
ROARING OCEAN SLAP THE SHIP AROUND.
TWO DOWNSTAIRS NEIGHBORS IN A BEDROOM
FIGHT. YOU WATCH THE COASTLINE CRAWLING
NEARER, AND ALTHOUGH YOU'VE SEEN THAT
PICTURE-POSTCARD VIEW A THOUSAND TIMES
BEFORE, IT'S ALL SO DIFFERENT SOMEHOW.
WHERE ARE THOSE SERENE, HAND-TINTED
SKIES OF PERFECT BLUE? WHO TOOK AWAY
THOSE SUN BRONZED TOWERS AND LEFT A
SMOKED NEGROPOLIS? THESE BUILDINGS
THIS BENIGHTED LANDSCAPE... THIS IS NOT
YOUR HOME. IT IS INSTEAD AS IF SOMEONE
HAD TRACED THE **SHADOW** OF AMERICA, HAD
TAKEN AN IMPRESSION AND FROM THAT
IMPRESSION CAST IN CONCRETE A VAST
CONTINENT OF SHADOWS, RULED BY FLASH-
LIGHT PHANTOMS, SPOOKS, AND SILHOUETTES.

THE FOGHORN MOURNS. THE BLACK WHARFS ARE APPROACHING.

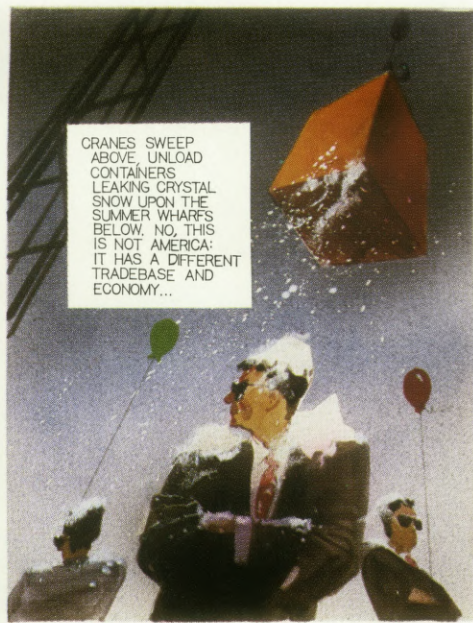
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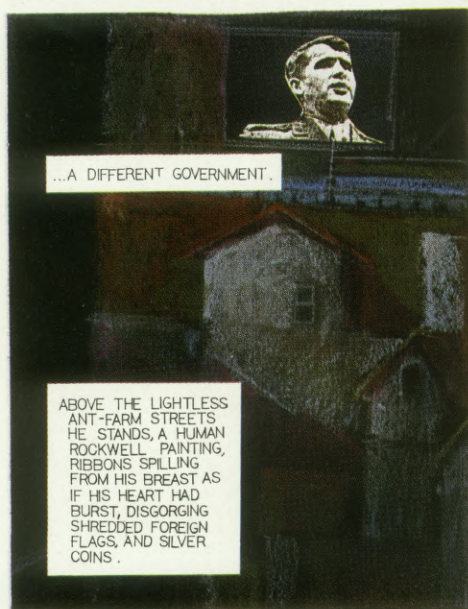
ASHORE, THE QUAYSIDE UNDERFOOT IS SICKENINGLY STILL...



YOU WATCH MEN LOADING CRATES OF SHRIMP WITH CROSSHAIRS ON THEIR BLACK GLASS EYES. YOU TRY TO VISUALIZE AN OCEAN BED WHERE SUCH MONSTROSITIES MIGHT THRIVE, BUT FAIL.

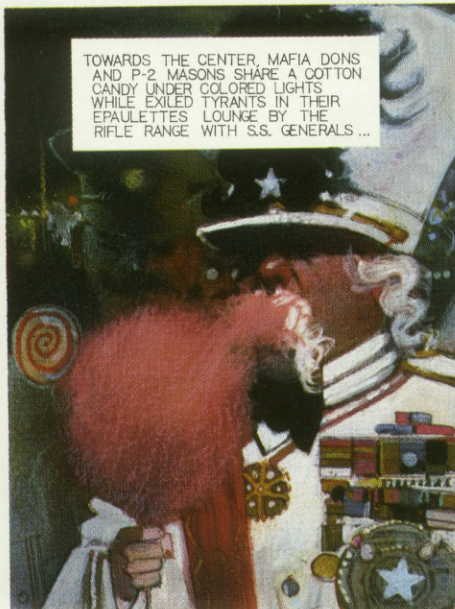


CRANES SWEEP ABOVE, UNLOAD CONTAINERS LEAKING CRYSTAL SNOW UPON THE SUMMER WHARFS BELOW. NO, THIS IS NOT AMERICA: IT HAS A DIFFERENT TRADEBASE AND ECONOMY...

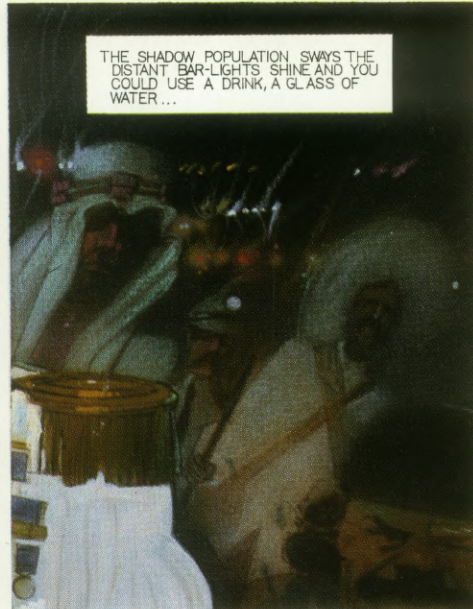


...A DIFFERENT GOVERNMENT.

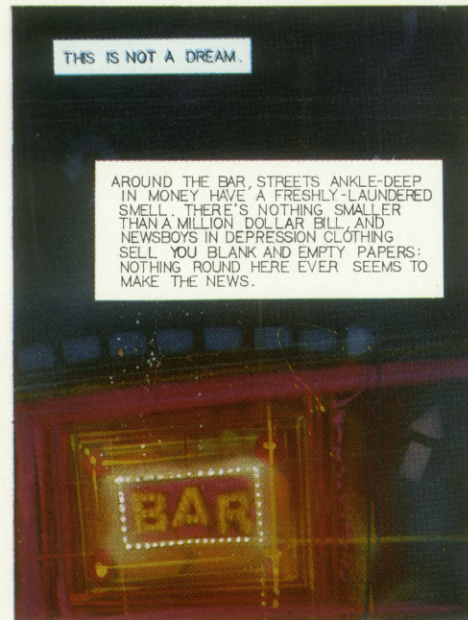
ABOVE THE LIGHTLESS ANT-FARM STREETS HE STANDS, A HUMAN ROCKWELL. PAINTING, RIBBONS SPILLING FROM HIS BREAST AS IF HIS HEART HAD BURST, DISGORGING SHREDDED FOREIGN FLAGS, AND SILVER COINS.



TOWARDS THE CENTER, MAFIA DONS AND P-2 MASONS SHARE A COTTON CANDY UNDER COLORED LIGHTS WHILE EXILED TYRANTS IN THEIR EPAULETTES LOUNGE BY THE RIFLE RANGE WITH S.S. GENERALS ...

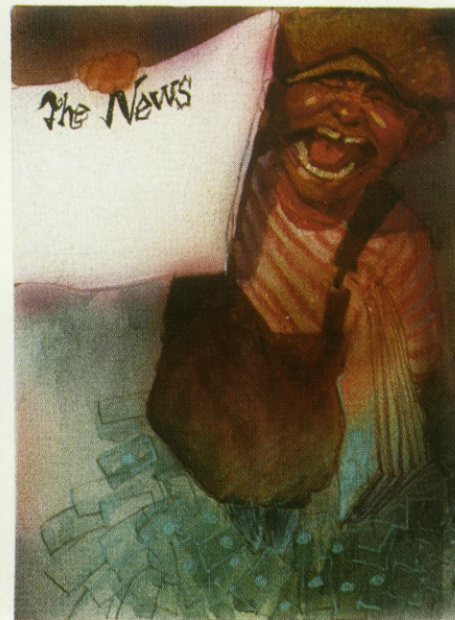


THE SHADOW POPULATION SWAYS THE DISTANT BAR-LIGHTS SHINE AND YOU COULD USE A DRINK, A GLASS OF WATER ...



THIS IS NOT A DREAM.

AROUND THE BAR, STREETS ANKLE-DEEP IN MONEY HAVE A FRESHLY-LAUNDERED SMELL. THERE'S NOTHING SMALLER THAN A MILLION DOLLAR BILL AND NEWSBOYS IN DEPRESSION CLOTHING SELL YOU BLANK AND EMPTY PAPERS: NOTHING ROUND HERE EVER SEEMS TO MAKE THE NEWS.



BEHIND THE FROSTED GLASS THE LIGHTS ARE DIM. YOU PLACE YOUR PALM AGAINST COLD, THUMB-SMEARED BRASS AND PUSH...

...AND STEP WITHIN.

INSIDE, THE DUSTBOUND TABLES SERVE AS FUNERAL BERS WHERE DEAD CHAIRS LIE, THEIR RIGOR-STIFFENED LEGS THRUST IN THE AIR. (THERE AT THE BAR HE SITS ALONE...)

FRAMED ON THE WALLS, THROUGH CATARACTS OF GRIME, THE IMAGES OF HONORED FORMER PATRONS STARE. (THERE AT THE BAR HE SITS ALONE AND MUTTERS TO HIMSELF, VOICE PARCHED AND CANCEROUS...)

THE BOTTLES GLINT INVITINGLY. (THERE AT THE BAR...)

AHH, SCREW 'EM

SCREW 'EM ALL.

THOSE JERK-OFFS!
... THEY CAN'T PROVE ONE GODDAMNED THING! SUE 'EM IS WHAT WE DO! SCREW THEIR ASSSES TO THE WALL, JAKK! DAMN STRAIGHT!

damn straight...

BITCH WROTE that GODDAMNED REPORT 'AN WAZZIZNAME, THE LAWYER, SIMON goddamned PURE... SUE 'EM 'til they...
HUH?

HEY!
HEY!
WE GOTTA CUSTOMER HERE!

COME ON, SIDDOWN

SIDDOWN, I getcha DRINK.
HEY CHOLLIE! GETCHA BROWN BALLONS OVER HERE an gimme 'nother, HUH?

'An that's one for MY FRIEND HERE TOO.
okay?

OKAY, Chollie?

GOD havin' SOMEBODY to TALK TO. I TELLYA, IN MY LINE O' WORK...
IN MY LINE O' WORK, it gets lonely sometimes, Y'KNOW?
I'M AAA Uhh...

well, I GUESS I'm watcha' CALL a REPRESENTATIVE.

I REPRESENT THE COMPANY.

WHADDAVE SELL?
AAA, y'know... THIS n' THAT.

But, like,
to ME,
it AIN'T JUST
shittin'
WORDS
y'know?
I LIKE to
think I'm
SELLIN' folks
A DREAM.



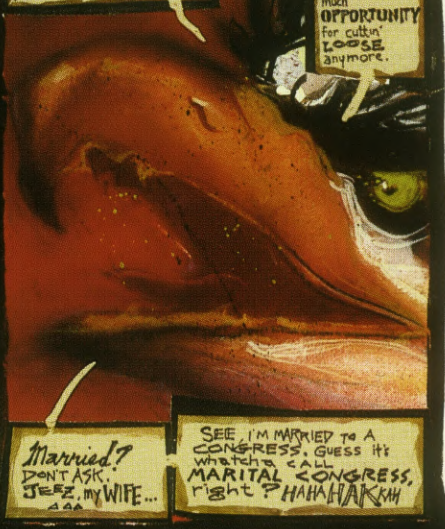
I MEAN, JUST CUZ WE'RE COMPETIN'
ON A TOUGH INTERNATIONAL
MARKET, don't MEAN WE AIN'T got
feelin's.



HECK, I ain't
ASHAMED
to say it:
I'm an IDEALIST.
GKKGKKG
NEG..

PHAAA... THASS GOOD.

DON'T GET
much
OPPORTUNITY
for cuttin'
LOOSE
anymore.



Married?
DON'T ASK.
JEEZ, MY WIFE...

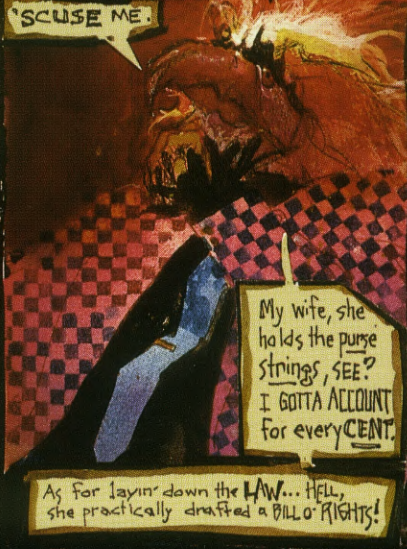
SEE, I'M MARRIED TO A
CONGRESS. GUESS IT
whatcha call
MARITAL CONGRESS,
right? HAHAAKKAH

KAKAHLIKAKAHLIK



shit.
AHECH
AHECH
sp.
AHLIMM

'SCUSE ME.



My wife, she
holds the purse
strings, SEE?
I GOTTA ACCOUNT
for everyCENT.

As for layin' down the LAW... HELL,
she practically drafted a BILLO' RIGHTS!

SOMETIMES WE HAVE THESE BIG public scenes:
She asks me where I been, who I'm
seein'... but, LIKE, SHE don't push that
STUFF TOO FAR.



NEITHER of
us wants
to END the
relationship.

Bitch watches my every MOVE. Still,
there's ways an' means. WHAT she
don't know AIN'T gonna HURT 'ER.



SHE should
COMPLAIN!
IT'S ME got
ULCERS; these DO-
GOODERS
alla time
POKIN'
into COMPANY
records.

TELLA for nathin', time
was WE DIDN'T GET
these HEADACHES. Everything
was STRAIGHT FORWARD;
EVERYBODY minded their
own business a a a



SHIT, I REMEMBER...



IN WWII, WE WUZ the Office o' Strategic SERVICES, Legitimate WARTIME ENTERPRISE. GLORY DAYS, right?



By '45, WE HADDA PERFECT COVERT WAREFARE OPERATION. SEEMED WASTEFUL to shut it down just cuz WE WEREN'T AT WAR anymore.

BESIDES, MAYBE wed fought THE WRONG GUY S?



Foot-note # one (BLUME)

1941, HARRY TRUMAN said we oughta help HITLER if RUSSIA started winning. "AND THAT WE KILL AS MANY AS POSSIBLE."

SEE, business-wise, we recognized OUR REAL COMPETITORS:

REDS - COMMUNISTS

JOHN FOSTER DULLES described two kinda people inna WORLD: "THOSE WHO ARE CHRISTIAN AND SUPPORT FREE ENTERPRISE" and "THE OTHERS."

THE OTHERS OUR COMPETITORS. COME WAR'S END WE LAID INTO 'EM ALL OVER...

AS SOON AS THE WAR ENDED, MARINES AND JAPANESE POWS fought for CHIANG KAI-SHEK, our CHINESE ALLY, AGAINST MAO'S REVOLUTION.

WE SENT THE REDS diseased insects; TURNED CHIANG'S HEAVIES into CHINESE NATIONALIST GUERRILLAS...

OL WE QUIT.



Footnote # two (BLUME)

MOVED our CHINESE to LAOS; a promising NEW MARKETPLACE.

CHIANG fled to TAIWAN, ESTABLISHING HIMSELF BY MASSACRING up to 20,000 people.

AVERAGE body HOLDS A GALLON. Big swimming pools hold 20,000 GALLONS, so imagine A pool filled with BLOOD.



Y'know, it's ALMOST LIKE those Chinese didnt WANT our MAN CHIANG runnin' things, but that's CRAZY! WHY WOULD ANYONE NOT want AMERICAN GUIDANCE?

FOR MY MONEY, HADDA BE the RUSSIANS Brainwashin' 'EM. S'ONLY logical CONCLUSION, RIGHT?

OL GENERAL CHIANG, huh? WAY TO GO!

HEY - YOU THINK IT'S QUIET IN HERE?

I HATE QUIET! QUIET MAKES ME JUMPY.

- HEY, - CHOLLIE... yeah: YOU. WHOYA THINK?

STICK THAT Sinatra SONG onna JUKEBOX, again, WILLYA? Y'KNOW THE ONE I MEAN!

AAAAH... LISSSEN TA THAT. WHADDA VOICE.

-ANNAT SONG: just ABOUT SEZ IT ALL, DON'T IT? LIKE THE GUY'S WHOLE LIFE...

tellya: This SONG could be about ME. I ALLUS did THINGS MY OWN WAY, DAMMIT.

HELLVA GUY, *SINATRA* - KIND Y'CAN DEPEND ON.

SEE -> in '47 - AFTER WE BECAME THE CIA, ITALY started SLIDIN' TO OUR COMPETITORS - SO WE LAUNCHED a PROMOTIONAL campaign -

ITALIAN AMERICANS wrote HOME sayin' THEY'D STOP SENDING MONEY IF their families VOTED COMMUNIST!

foot-note # one. (BLUME)

VOICE OF AMERICA DID THESE RADIO SPOTS TO TEACH THEM ITALIANS THAT VOTING COMMUNIST WUZ UN-AMERICAN

SINATRA DID ONE --- SO DID GARY COOPER. IT WAS A REG'LAR HIGH NOON SHOWDOWN

WE WON - naturally!

foot-note # 1 (BLUME)

THOSE NEXT FEW YEARS WE BROUGHT THE SHAH TO POWER in IRAN, TRIED OVERTHROWING SYRIA'S GOVERNMENT...

IN SOUTH KOREA WE BACKED SYNGMAN RHEE, WHO EXECUTED, WITHOUT TRIAL, OVER 100,000 PEOPLE AS SUSPECTED COMMUNISTS-

FIVE (5) SWIMMING POOLS

Okay... SO WE PLAYED DIRTY sometimes... SO WHAT?!!

-WAY I see it, ALL'S FAIR in WAR - and -

uh.

YOU KNOW -

-WHATZIT CALLED.

THE OTHER THING.

- COURSE,
WE DIDN'T
REALLY
get DOWN
and DIRTY
TIL 1959.



See-over
in CUBA,
this friendly
DICTATOR
NAMED
FULGENCIO
BATISTA
had been
RUNNIN'
THINGS-

-ALONG
WITH
SANTOS
TRAFFI-
CANTE,
THE
MAFIA'S
MAN IN
HAVANA,
CUBA'S
CAPITAL.
...
BATISTA
IGNORED
THE DRUGS,
GAMBLING,
and
PROSTITUTION
FOR A CUT
O' THE
PROFITS.



HEH-
HAVANA
CIGARS-
BEST
SMOKE
in the
WORLD.

SUDDENLY,
in 1959,
THIS
SOCIALIST,
FIDEL
CASTRO,
AN' HIS
buddy, **CHE**
GUEVARA,
overthrew
BATISTA
in a so-called
POPULAR
REVOLUTION
...
UNDER CASTRO,
TRAFFICANTE
AN' THE **MOB**
HADDA LEAVE
CUBA.



SAY WHATCHA
LIKE, the
MAFIA
REPRESENT
FREE
ENTERPRISE,
which WE AS
A COMPANY,
ARE SWORN
TO PROTECT.



SO-IN LATE
-59- Vice-pres.
RICHARD NIXON
met with HOWARD
HUGHES' MAN ROBERT
MAHUE, WHO WAS
DISCUSSIN' THE CASTRO
PROBLEM
WITH **MAFIA**
representatives.

-SCUSE ME
A MOMENT.

HAHHHHH...
-ANYWAY, NIXON
and the **MAFIA**
okayed
SETTIN' UP
this
BRIGADE
of EXILED
CUBANS...
TRAFFICANTE'S
PALS TO
REMOVE
CASTRO...



GUATEMALA
HAD BEEN
OURS since
'54. WHEN
WE PRO-
TECTED the
INTERESTS
O' the
UNITED
FRUIT
COMPANY
by OVER-
THROWING-
THE
SOCIALIST
GOVERNMENT
and suppressin'
the BANANA
worker's
UNION.



HEH...
Y'KNOW-
it TURNS
OUT IT
WUZ OUR
GUATEMALAN
ACTIVITIES
TURNED A
young
NON-
ACTIVIST
DOCTOR
INTO A
REVO-
LUTIONARY:
ERNESTO
"CHE"
GUEVARA.



Funny HOW
THINGS
WORK OUT,
AIN'T IT?

S

E

V

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N

WE TRAINED EXILES to **TERRORIZE** CUBA's population, PROVING THEIR government COULDN'T PROTECT 'EM. Those guys **UNDERSTOOD** PROTECTION RACKETS...



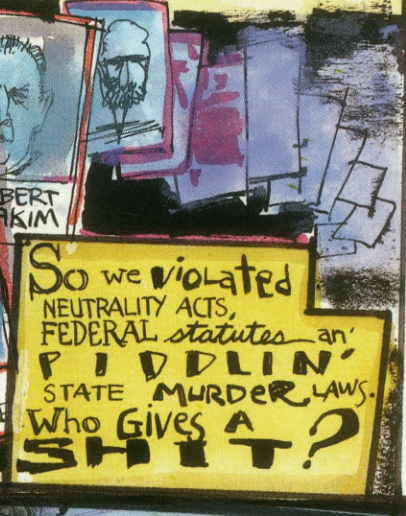
SANTOS TRAFFICANTE



RAFAEL "CHI-CHI" QUINTERO



MAX GOMEZ AKA FELIX RODRIGUEZ



So we violated NEUTRALITY ACTS, FEDERAL statutes and PIDDLIN' STATE MURDER LAWS. Who GIVES A SHIT?

MONEY CAME PARTLY FROM MY OLD LADY, CONGRESS, FOR "FOREIGN RESEARCH" - PARTLY FROM MAFIA TRANSACTIONS.

WE LAUNDERED IT THROUGH FOREIGN BANKS - made it clean and UNTRACENABLE..

1960- WE EXPANDED OUR PLAN "OPERATION FORTY" to INCLUDE CASTRO'S ASSASSINATION



TRAFFICANTE'S foot soldiers - LIKE RAFAEL "chi-chi" QUINTERO and RAUL VILLAVEVERDE handled OPERATION 40. If DISCOVERED - WE'D BLAME THE MAFIA. One MEMBER - Luis Posada Carilles - 1976, was ARRAIGNED FOR BOMBING AN AIRLINER. SNUFFED 73 people, including the CUBAN FENCING TEAM.

ANOTHER GUY, FELIX RODRIGUEZ, EVENTUALLY HELPED WHACK CHE GUEVARA. Still wears CHE'S wristwatch, AS A MOMENTO...

THEN there was FRANK STURGIS - FRANK LATER got NABBED AS one of the WATERGATE BURGLARS, but he was a Good Man, FRANK.

COORDINATING these GUYS was companyman HOWARD HUNT. WHAT A CHARACTER! - used to like DISGUISSING HIMSELF ALL TIME. Wrote some GREAT SPY NOVELS. You Like SPY NOVELS?



AS I recall, Old FELIX, he's pretty CLOSE to George Bush. I MEAN, these ARE RESPECTABLE GUYS, RIGHT?



DID his TIME and KEPT his GODDAMNED MOUTH SHUT.

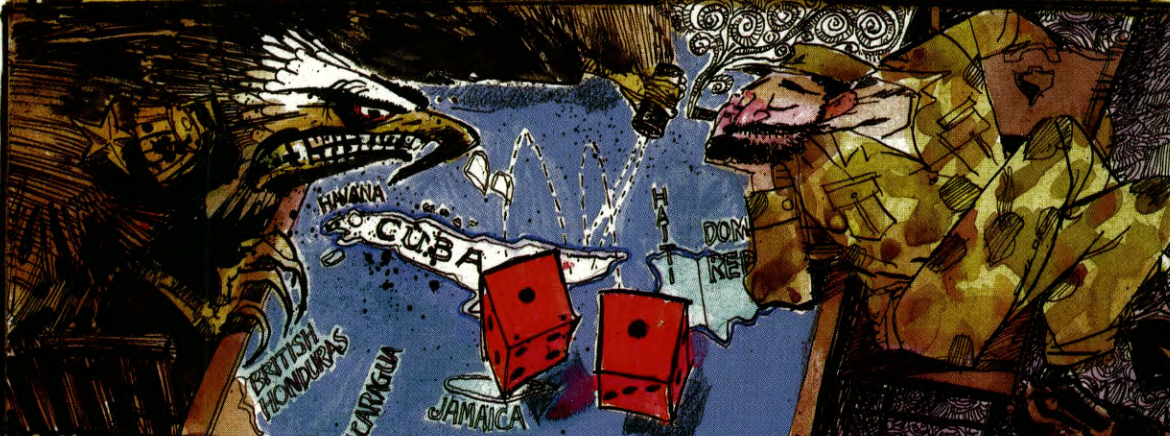
Good MAN.

MAN, I Love 'EM. THEY'RE JUST LIKE real life, Y'KNOW. - Only MORE believable.



'61 switching TACTICS, WE TRIED INVADIN' CUBA'S BAY OF PIGS - WHY TOLERATE COMMUNISM near America, JUST CUZ OUR ALLIES IRAN + TURKEY share SOVIET BORDERS?

SCARED SHITLESS over RUSSIA'S CUBAN MISSILES, NOBODY NOTICED OUR TURKISH ones.



WE ALSO IMPOSED EMBARGOES. ONE BRITISH COMPANY LEYLAND, broke THE TRADE BAN, shipping BUSES to CUBA.

THE INVASION failed. We resumed OPERATION: MONGOOSE, OUR ASSASSINATION program. guy named THEODORE SHACKLEY (the blond ghost) ran THINGS FROM a Miami BASE codenamed JM/WAVE.

After consultin' BRIT INTELLIGENCE we HADDA LEYLAND transporter rAPPED and BEACHED INNA THAMES. they got THE MESSAGE.



UNDER SHACKLEY: Thomas Clines, then POOR ED WILSON, Later CAUGHT SELLING LIBYANS EXPLOSIVES -

GOOD WORKERS: SHACKLEY and CLINES. BETWEEN '62 and '65, they PLANNED 33 ASSASSINATION attempts. POISON cigars for CASTRO. CHEMICALS to MAKE HIS beard FALL OUT...



I KINDA LIKED THEIR style. Y'KNOW.

Problem WAS, the CUBANS were BRAIN-WASHED INTO THINKING they were happier UNDER CASTRO than BATISTA.



THEN in '63, OPERATION MONGOOSE personnel got caught SHIPPING NARCOTICS from CUBA to AMERICA.

'65, WE CLOSED JM/WAVE, leaving the EXILED CUBANS to TURN Miami into little HAVANA and AWAIT ORDERS.

SEE -- WE had PLANS for LAOS.

I guess OLD HABITS DIE HARD.



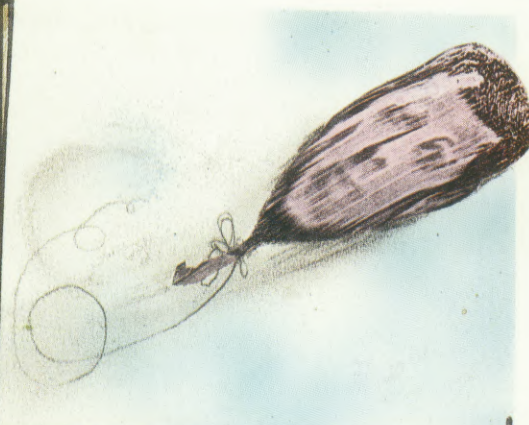
SHACKLEY and CLINES moved to LAOS WHERE WE'D POSITIONED CHIANG'S CHI-NATS after 1961.

Pity 'bout CUBA though. ASK ME, BAD LEADERSHIP'S to BLAME.

COMPANY NEEDS A sympathetic PRESIDENT IT CAN WORK WITH. PRESIDENT BACK THEN, JOHN F. KENNEDY, started out SUPPORTIN' US, THEN WELCHED ON THE DEAL.

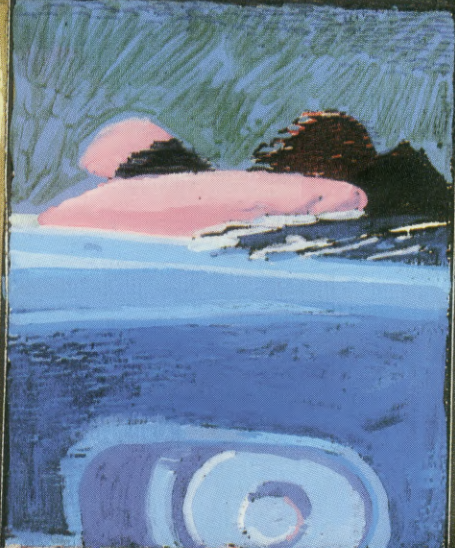


I MEAN, in '61, WHEN CUBA needed INVADIN', during the BAY OF PIGS, HE JUST KINDA wimped out. SAME thing in the CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS, 1962.

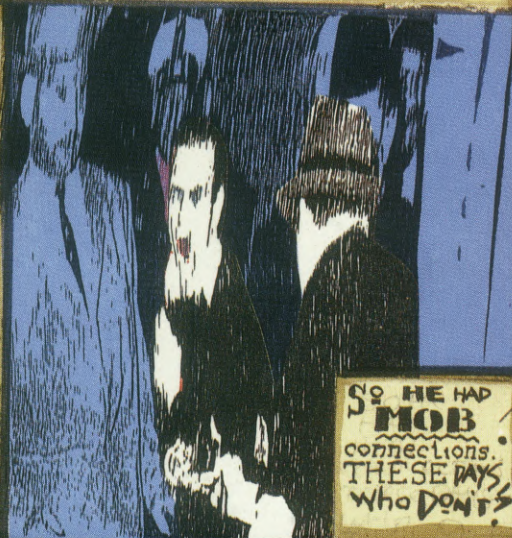


THE Miami CUBANS, THE MAFIA, they HATED HIM for THAT. Plus, L'OTA BUSINESS PEOPLE HATED HIM CUZ HE LOOKED LIKE BACKING DOWN ON PROTECTION' their INNERESTS IN: SOUTH EAST ASIA.

CANT BLAME EM. GUY was squishy-SOFT on COMMUNISM. -PROBABLY just as WELL HIS CAREER got CUT SHORT when it did. Funny thing, after JFK DIED IN DALLAS, L'OTA CRACKPOTS started CLAIMIN' COMPANY INVOLVEMENT.

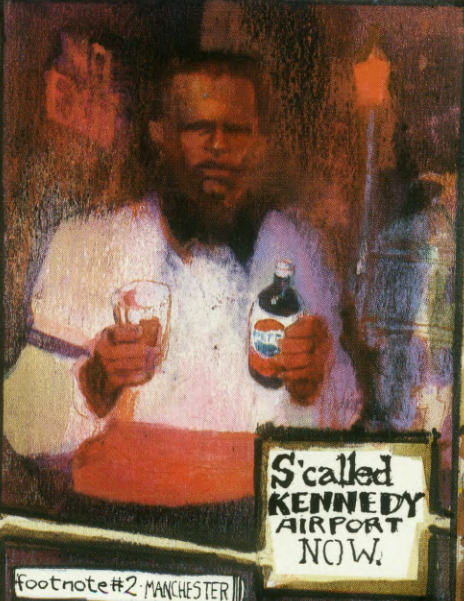


THEY SAID a BACKGROUND BUM IN ASSASSINATION PHOTOGRAPHS was HOWARD HUNT, disguised. THEY said JACK RUBY, who shot KENNEDY's ASSASSIN before he COULD STAND TRIAL, had MAFIA connections.



SO HE HAD MOB connections. THESE DAYS WHO DONT?

PEOPLE even said RICHARD NIXON, after LOSIN' 1960's ELECTION to KENNEDY, was WORKING as PEPSI-COLA'S ATTORNEY in DALLAS, day KENNEDY DIED. BULLSHIT! WHY, DICK FLEW OUTTA DALLAS HOURS before KENNEDY got hit, to IDLEWILD AIRPORT.

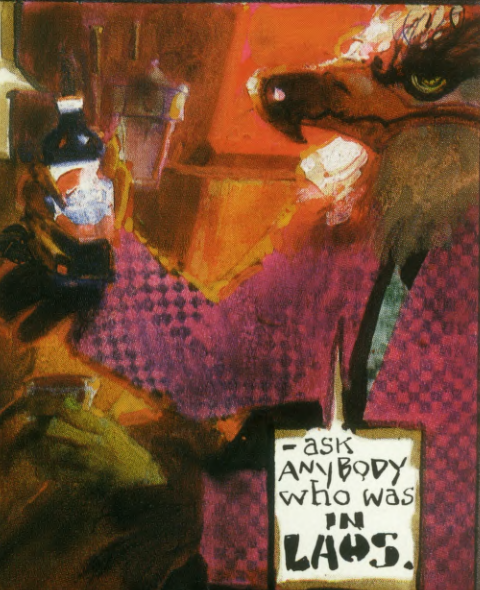


S'called KENNEDY AIRPORT NOW.

footnote #2 MANCHESTER

Anyway- NIXON worked for PEPSI, GODDAMMIT!

AIN'T no better SYMBOL of the AMERICAN WAY THAN PEPSI!



-ask ANYBODY who was IN LAOS.

REACHING LAOS, 1965, SHACKLEY and CLINES befriended HMONG TRIBESMEN who, LED by OPIUM WARLORD VANG PAO, supported RIGHT-WING GENERAL PHOUM in 1960's CIVIL WAR, caused BY AMERICAN influenced EXCLUSION of SOCIALISTS from the COALITION government.



"CHI-CHI" QUINTERO, RAUL's brother RAFAEL VILLAVERDE, and OL' FELIX RODRIGUEZ trained THE HMONG IN ASSASSINATION.



FELIX still wearing CHE GUEVARA'S WRISTWATCH LIASED WITH DONALD GREGG, now GEORGE BUSH'S NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR and GENERAL RICHARD SECORD.

SECORD was deputy AIR WING COMMANDER IN LAOS. HIS CREW HELPED VANG PAO by FIREBOMBING competitor's AIRSTRIPS AND FLYIN' RICE to the HMONG, FREEIN' UP THEIR LAND to GROW OPIUM.

SECORD'S PLANES FLEW the OPIUM to VIENTIANE, WHERE A GUY named HUU TIM HENG wuz s'pozed to be buildin' a PEPSI-COLA bottlin' plant -



PERFECT COVER FOR MOVIN' CASH AN' BUYIN' CHEMICALS to Refine the OPIUM INTO HEROIN (Footnote source #3)
- SELLIN' it, we bought GUNS for SECRET ASSASSINATION PROGRAMS AGAINST the SOCIALIST PATHET LAO FORCES.
☆ PEPSI - BEST DRINK INNA WOURRRP
scuse me.

HAVIN' a MONOPOLY, VANG PAO'S OPIUM POURED outta LAOS..

1968, SANTOS TRAFFIKANTE visited VIET-NAM. Pretty soon WE got VANG PAO'S HEROIN flowin' INTO AMERICA through TRAFFIKANTE'S Miami BASE.



TELL YA, ARRANGIN' THESE THINGS IS a piece o' CAKE. YA JUST gotta HAVE the RIGHT CONNECTIONS.

SOME PROFITS WE STASHED in AUSTRALIA'S NUGAN HAND BANK. SET up in '73 BY MICHAEL HAND, whod worked for SHACKLEY in LAOS. NEXT few YEARS, BANK DID WELL.

ONLY THING IT DIDN'T DO WAS BANKING.

LAUNDERED
LOTTA
MONEY
down there.
LOTTA
money.
SLIKE poor
ED WILSON'S
BUSINESS
PARTNER
FRANK
TERPIL
said after
ED got
BUSTED
selling
EXPLOSIVES
TO
QADDAFI:



...MIAMI IS THE DRUG
SYNDICATE. THAT'S THE BASE.

SHACKLEY, CLINES, THE VILLAVERDE
BROTHERS, CHI-CHI, RODRIGUEZ
...ARE THERE.



...THE
GUY
BEHIND
THE
SCANDAL?

CLINES.
...WHO'S
THE BOSS
OF
CLINES?

SHACKLEY.

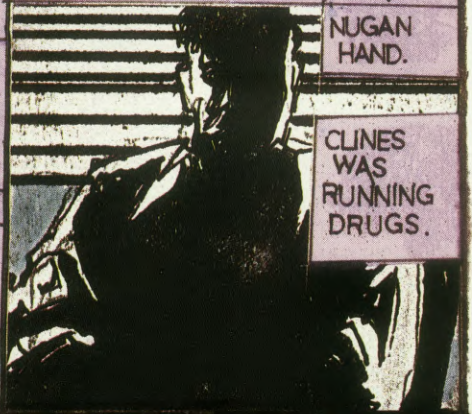
WHERE DO THEY COME FROM?

LAOS.

WHERE DID THE MONEY COME
FROM?

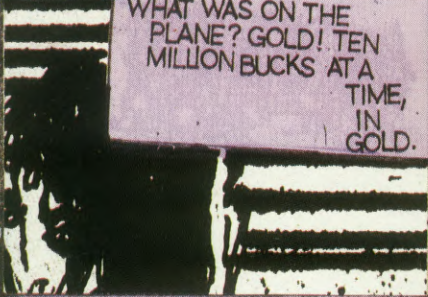
NUGAN
HAND.

CLINES
WAS
RUNNING
DRUGS.



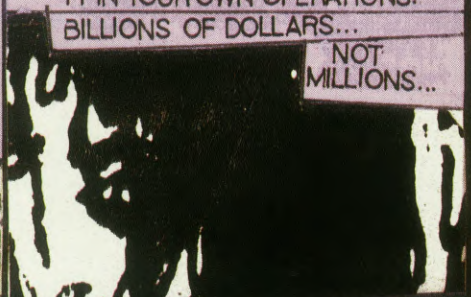
THE PILOT OF THE PLANE IN
ASIA WAS DICK SECORD.

WHAT WAS ON THE
PLANE? GOLD! TEN
MILLION BUCKS AT A
TIME,
IN
GOLD.



NOW WHAT DO YOU DO WITH
ALL THAT OPIUM? YOU REINVEST
IT IN YOUR OWN OPERATIONS.
BILLIONS OF DOLLARS...

NOT
MILLIONS...



BILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

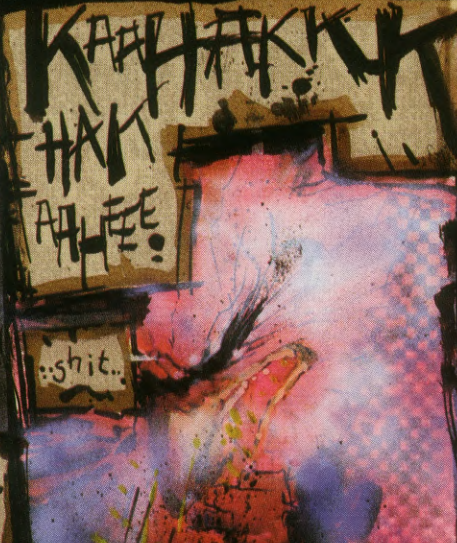
'COURSE,
most people
CAN'T
COMPREHEND
a
BILLION
DOLLARS.
HOT LUNCH
for EVERY
KID in
NEW YORK
for a
YEAR!
THAT'S
A
BILLION...

...although
WHY WASTE
Good
HEROIN
MONEY?



HE WAS GOING TO THE GOLDEN
TRIANGLE TO PAY OFF THE
WARLORDS; THE DRUG
LORDS.

HEH. ALL
that SMACK
WE MOVED
USIN' THAT
PEPSI
FACTORY
IN LAOS!
ALL those
G.I.s and
JUNITIES
all over
the WORLD
who got
their HABIT
FROM US...
THEY'RE
IN THE
PEPSI
GENERATION. AHAHAHA

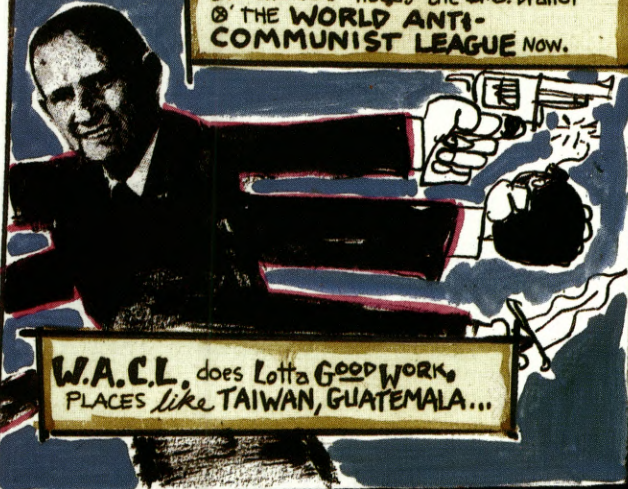


'COURSE,
LATER WE
DECIDED
that THINGS
WENT
BETTER
WITH
Coke.



BETWEEN '66 and '68, JOHN SINGLAUB,
HEAD O' U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE
COMMAND, helped SHACKLEY and CLINES in LAOS.

SINGLAUB heads the U.S. branch
O' THE WORLD ANTI-
COMMUNIST LEAGUE NOW.



W.A.C.L. does Lotta GOOD WORK,
PLACES like TAIWAN, GUATEMALA...

COURSE, WUZ
KINDA EMBARRASSIN'
WHEN THEIR
EUROPEAN
representatives
TURNED OUT TBE
EX-SS OFFICERS.

but, HEY-
THOSE NAZIS
SURE WERE
KICK-ASS
ANTI-
COMMUNISTS.
ME, I'LL WORK
WITH NAZIS,
ISRAELIS,
anybody --
LET by-gones be by-gones, RIGHT?



1968 THAT OPERATION WUZ AIDED BY
YOUNG OLIVER NORTH,
RADIO CALL-SIGN "BLUE"... CALLED
HIS PLATOON "BLUE'S BASTARDS."
OLLIE LIKED neat CODENAMES.



EN-
THUSI-
ASTIC?
Lissen,
HE WUZ
AN
ALTAR-
BOY
til
high-
SCHOOL
SENIOR
YEAR!

BETWEEN
OPERATIONS,
OLLIE
taught
MARINE
CLASSES.
Once jumped
on a DESK
WITH A
LOADED GUN
WHICH
FIRED
accidentally,
SPRAYING
HIS CLASS.
BLANKS,
LUCKILY.



1971, OLLIE Protested PRESS COVERAGE of
Lieutenant William Calley's MY LAD
MASSACRE, saying HED NEVER WITNESSED
NO Atrocities... OLLIE, I COULD USE.

'Course
Sometimes
HED get
OVER-
EXCITED:
ONCE
needed
psychiatric
treatment
AFTER
ROAMING
VIRGINIA'S
SUBURBS,
NAKED
EXCEPT
for HIS GUN.
That ASIDE,
OLLIE WAS
like the
KID NEXT
DOOR.



SHACKLEY,
CLINES,
SINGLAUB,
NORTH,
SECORD...
WHADDA
TEAM!
PLUS -
we hadda
LEADER
WE COULD
WORK
WITH:
WINNING
1968's
election,
RICHARD
NIXON
became
AMERICA'S
37th
president.
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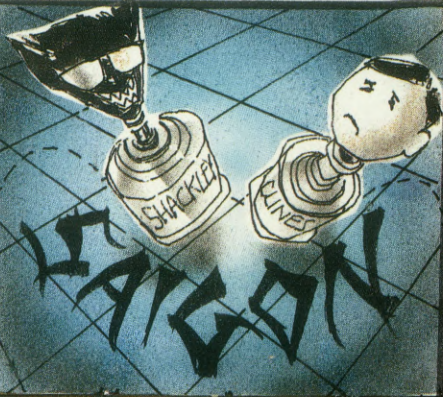


MAYBE KENNEDY
coulda BEATEN
HIM, LIKE IN
1960...



...but
KENNEDY
WAS
DEAD.

HADDA
FIELD DAY
UNDER
NIXON.
'69, SHACKLEY
an' GLINES
MOVED TO
SAIGON--
DIRECTED
OPERATION
PHOENIX.
ASSASSINATIN'
Vietnamese
civilians,
suspected o'
collaboratin'
WITH
NATIONAL
LIBERATION
FRONT
COMMIES.



Y'KNOW... TEACHERS,
CLERKS, EDUCATED
PEOPLE...

DANGEROUS
TYPES.

BY '71, COMPANY DIRECTOR BILL COLBY SAID OPERATION
PHOENIX KILLED 20,587... WHICH IS ONLY, LIKE,
ONE SWIMMING POOL.



ONNA
BRIGHT SIDE,
THE AMERICAN-
BACKED SOUTH
VIETNAMESE
GOVERNMENT
SAID PHOENIX
KILLED 41,000

TWO POOLS.
MORE LIKE
IT, HUH?

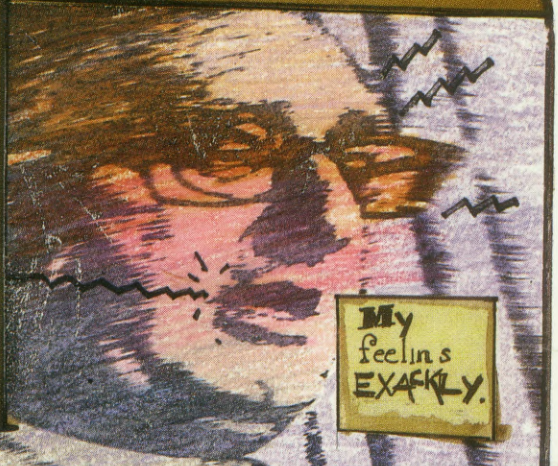
'71, PHOENIX GOT
EXPOSED.
Congress, MY
OLD LADY,
STARTED
SQUAWKIN'
that it's
ILLEGAL
AN' I ain't
GOTTA DO
IT ANYMORE.
HA! OUR
BOYS
KEPT UP THAT
DAMNED
OPERATION
TIL '75!



THAT
OUGHTA
SHOW
HER WHO'S
BOSS.

MEANWHILE, 1972, SHACKLEY HANDLED DIFFICULTIES
IN CHILE: ANOTHER SOCIALIST, ALLENDE, ANOTHER
GODDAMNED POPULAR ELECTION.

NIXON'S
SECRETARY
OF STATE,
KISSINGER,
SAID "I
DONT SEE
WHY WE
NEED TO
STAND BY
AND WATCH
A COUNTRY
GO
COMMUNIST
BECAUSE OF
THE
IRRESPONS-
IBILITY OF
ITS OWN
PEOPLE."

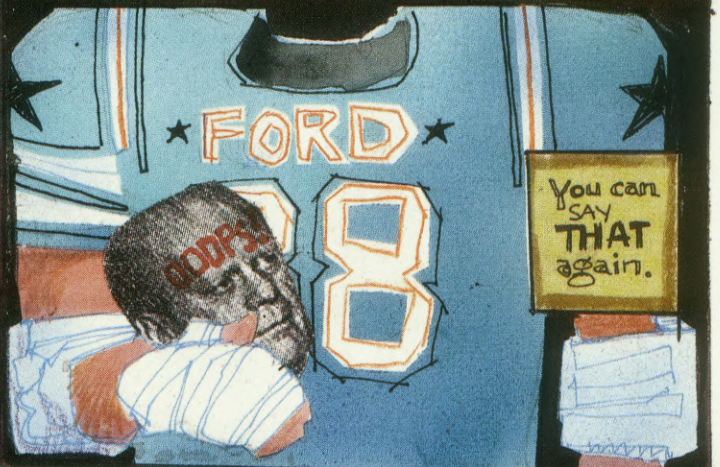


My
feelins
EXACTLY.

NIXON and
KISSINGER
INDICATED
ALLENDE'S
ASSASSINATION
WOULDN'T BE
UNWELCOME,
SO SHACKLEY
ORGANIZED
OPERATION
"TRACK II"
'73, ALLENDE
WAS OFFERED
MILITARY
COUP
TOPPLED
HIS GOVERNMENT.



GERALD FORD, PRESIDENT AFTER NIXON'S
WATERGATE DISASTER, SAID OUR
CHILEAN OPERATIONS WERE "IN THE BEST INTERESTS
OF THE PEOPLE OF CHILE... AND CERTAINLY IN
OUR OWN BEST INTERESTS."



You can
SAY
THAT
again.

"WATERGATE, THOUGH, what HAPPENED, 1972, HOWARD HUNT an MIAMI CUBANS, includin' FRANK STURGIS, got caught burglin' DEMOCRATIC PARTY HEADQUARTERS, tamperin' with Presidential Elections..."

WHILE ONLY A PUTZY BURGLARY, investigations INTO IT STARTED revealin' ILLEGAL DONATIONS FROM WORLD ANTI-COMMUNIST LEAGUE countries like TAIWAN, ANXIOUS to Prolong the VIET NAM WAR, into NIXON'S re-election CAMPAIGN.



NIXON SORTA HAD the situation EXPLAINED, and SORTA RESIGNED. FORD pardoned him, and INVESTIGATIONS ENDED THERE.

WHEW! CLOSE CALL, huh?

After Nixon, things DETERIORATED: VIETNAM WAR ended, 1973. THEO SHACKLEY, headin' our EAST ASIA DIVISION, somehow "LOST" THOUSANDS TONS OF AMERICAN WEAPONS -



EVENTUALLY stashed IN THAILAND, IN CASE WE NEEDED GUNS FAST, no questions ASKED.

PULLIN' outta' LAOS, SHACKLEY ANNA REST DEPARTED for IRAN AN' THEREABOUTS DRUG PROFITS SAFE with NUGAN HAND. PITY 'bout LAOS. SWEET LI'L COUNTRY... an' I'VE had LOTTA COUNTRIES!



ME, I'M A COUNTRY-HOUND. LIKE 'EM HOT AN WET.

TELLYA, I gave LAOS A SCREWIN' SHELL NEVER forget AN' LEFT her lyin' there SNIVELLIN' WE'D dropped TWO MILLION TONS O' BOMBS, more'n on GERMANY AN' JAPAN TOGETHER DURIN' WWII. HUNNERS O' thousands DEAD... say 14 swimming pools.

Heh HEH. I STILL remember the MESSAGE those SCALLY-WAGS AT U.S. AIR FORCE RADIO signed OFF WITH before CLOSIN' DOWN and leavin' LAOS:



Goodbye...

...and SEE YOU NEXT WAR!

THAT NUGAN HAND BANK, THOUGH...
 13 BRANCHES IN W.A.C.L. countries like the PHILIPPINES, PAID our HEROIN BILLS, Laundered our PROFITS, SHIELDED TAX DODGERS, monitored ASIAN troop movements
 AIN'T MANY BANKS provided SERVICE like THAT!



1975, IT HELPED DESTROY GOUGH WHITLAM'S AUSTRALIAN LABOR GOV'T, SWARLIN' HIS MINISTERS IN SCANDALS involvin' COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL, a COMPANY TIED TO ED WILSON.



WHITLAM YELLED "C.I.A. PLOT!" -- COMPLICATIN' MATTERS, some AUSTRALIAN SPACE STUDY place got EXPOSED AS A C.I.A. buggin' facility.
 RATTLED, SHACKLEY sent THREATS to AUSTRALIAN INTELLIGENCE. DAYS later, AN unprecedented CONSTITUTIONAL MANEUVER deposed WHITLAM. SPOOKY coincidence, HUH?



LATER, SOME GUY CONFESSED to riggin' ANTI-WHITLAM EVIDENCE for ED, funded by MICHAEL HAND.

SAME YEAR, A COMPANY associate ARRANGED a NUGAN HAND/IRAN MONEY pipeline, funding OUR IRANIAN RACKETS.
 1977, BANK opened THAT OFFICES HANDLING "NOTHING... but DRUG MONEY" adjoining U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration offices.



'79, CLINES met BERNIE HOUGHTON: DRUG RUNNER; Swindler; MICHAEL HAND's advisor.
 1980, HAND'S PARTNER, FRANCIS NUGAN, KILLED HIMSELF. BANK COLLAPSED amidst investigations and SHREPPED DOCUMENTS. CLINES helped HOUGHTON reach the PHILIPPINES-- safe W.A.C.L. country unner PRES. MARCOS...



STILL can't UNDERSTAND NUGAN'S SUICIDE. I MEAN - after helpin' run our GUNS an' HEROIN, THE GUY had so MUCH T'BE PROUD of. WHY'D HE WANNA KILL HISSELF?
 SOME NIGHTS, I THINK about THAT.



HEH. EVEN shared RECEPTIONISTS.

LEASTWAYS, IT WUZ.



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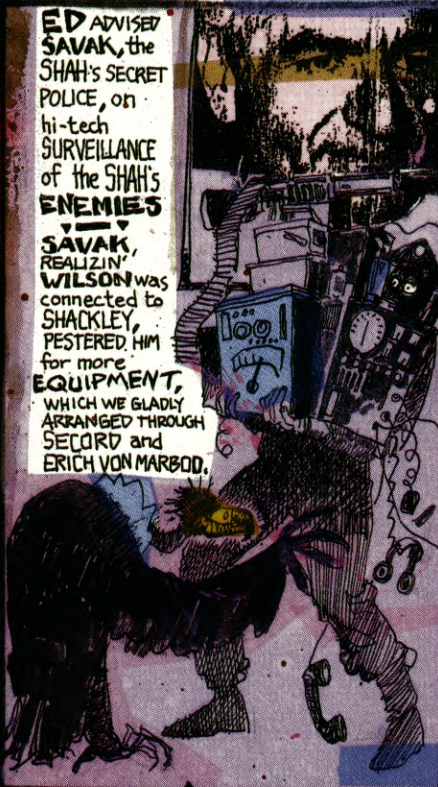
CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT.

1975, AFTER LAOS, DICK SECORD moved to IRAN, EMPLOYED BY A U.S. PENTAGON AGENCY TO AUTHORIZE SALES of U.S. ARMS to the SHAH, WHILE SHACKLEY and CLINES directed IRANIAN and LIBYAN OPERATIONS through ED WILSON, (in IRAN SINCE '76, doin' COMPANY BUSINESS under cover of NAVAL INTELLIGENCE WORK).

ALMOST AN EAGLE

ED ADVISED SAVAK, the SHAH'S SECRET POLICE, on hi-tech SURVEILLANCE of the SHAH'S ENEMIES

SAVAK, REALIZIN' WILSON was connected to SHACKLEY, PESTERED HIM for more EQUIPMENT, WHICH WE GLADLY ARRANGED THROUGH SECORD and ERICH VON MARBOD.



MOSTLY, SAVAK HANDLED ASSASSINATIONS LIKE THOSE 9 HANDCUFFED DISSIDENTS THEY HOLED, WITH SHACKLEY keeping an EYE ON THINGS...

MEANWHILE, IRANIAN-BORN ALBERT HAKIM WANTED IN on the ARMS DEAL ACTION. WE CONNECTED HIM TO SECORD, to arrange CONTRACTS...



...like supplyin' ROCKWELL INTERNATIONAL'S IBEX project, AID IN THE SHAH, 1976. 3 IBEX MANAGERS WERE MURDERED, reportedly to CONCEAL EMBEZZLEMENT involving SHACKLEY'S cronies...

NEXT DAY, FRANK TERPIL, arrivin' in LIBYA from IRAN, announced the "ROCKWELL MATTER" had been dealt with.



TERPIL, A LIBYA-CONNECTED businessman, had met ED WILSON in 1975, together sellin' LIBYA BOMB FUSES, plus providin' INSTRUCTORS. WE SEE WE SUSPECTED LIBYA of TRAININ' IRANIAN DISSIDENTS. WHILE SUPPLYIN' 'EM, WE'D KEEP AN EYE ON THINGS.



WILSON SAYS HE MONITORED FOREIGN DISSIDENTS PASSIN' THRU' LIBYA, handin' names, AIRLINES and flight numbers to SHACKLEY, WHO'D arrange ASSASSINATIONS by contactin' the RELEVANT foreign GOVERNMENTS.



Now, since WATERGATE, CONGRESS'd had me PUSSY-WHIPPED, but if NIXON's V.P. FORD, got RE-ELECTED, 1976, SHACKLEY'd become CIA DIRECTOR -- allowin' ME to SIDESTEP REGULATIONS.



Naturally, CARTER'S SELECTED, makes Starofield Turner CIA DIRECTOR. STARTS retiring operatives with SHADY pasts.



BAD PRESIDENT, CARTER. N'OTHER FRIGGIN' KENNEDY! LUCKILY WE'D ALREADY established INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH an' TRADE, incorporatin' LOTS'a OTHER CIA companies...



IF CARTER won, SHACKLEY's GANG made contingency plans for untraceable PRIVATE COMPANIES HANDLIN' FORBIDDEN OPERATIONS.

"SHIT! THAT GEORGIA CRACKER fired 800 BUYS! HOW 'n I supposed to RUN A GODDAMNED WAR, 800 MEN DOWN?"

HAH! WE JUST RE-EMPLOYED THE SPOOKS WE WANTED INNA PRIVATE CAPACITY.

SOME SUBSIDIARIES HAD PROBLEMS-- LIKE EATSCO, transport corporation ESTABLISHED to ship AMERICAN WEAPONS to EGYPT: JUSTICE DEPARTMENT DISCOVERED WE'D OVER-CHARGED the U.S. govt by \$8 MILLION\$. MADE US REPAY \$2 MILLION! PLUS A \$100,000 fine.



THAT'S, WHAT a cool \$5 MILLION PROFIT, plus change?

Still, it CAUSED EMBARRASSMENT: SEC'D WAS SUSPENDED, pending POLYGRAPH tests... which eventually never HAPPENED. FORMER CIA deputy director FRANK CARLUCCI REINSTATED HIM, AN' DICK retired with FULL PENSION to work for US through companies SHARED WITH ALBERT HAKIM.



SEE, NOTHING COULD HURT US! WE'D BECOME A CORPORATION, an' inner BUSINESS LAW, CORPORATIONS ARE defined AS IMMORTAL BEINGS! WAHA! WE'RE IMMORTAL! WE NEVER DIE!



WE JUST start to SMELL funny: After AWHILE IS ALL.

TELL YA,
HAVIN' GUYS
WORK FOR ME
INNA PRIVATE
CAPACITY
S' BEST DAMN
GIMMICK
I EVER
came up
WITH. IT'S
LIKE MY
PARTY
PIECE.

Y WANNA
SEE IT?
Y WANNA
SEE MY
PARTY
PIECE?
...

HEH
HEH HEH HEH
YOU WATCH
THIS...

ugh...

HAT!
THERE
Y GO!

NOW THIS IS THE BEST
PART! -YOU WATCH THIS!

HA HA HA LOOK!
HA HA HA! LOOK AT THAT!

GWAN, boy!
COMMIES!
SIC 'EM, Boy!
SIC 'EM!

I SET
IT DOWN
ONNA
BAR,
LIKE,
So....

AIN'T
IT GREAT?
LOOK AT
THAT
LITTLE
BASTARD
GO!
MAN!
HA HA HA

AN Y KNOW, THE BEST OF IT IS,
IF IT GETS CAUGHT IN SOMEBODY'S
POCKET, OR ROUND SOMEBODY'S
THROAT, I CAN'T BE HELD
RESPONSIBLE!

SHIT! LOOK AT THE LITTLE DICKENS
WRIGGLE!

THERE.

AIN'T
IT A
PEACH?

OKAY...
OKAY, BOY.
THAT'S
ENOUGH
FOR NOW.
TIME TO GO.
BACK UP
MY SLEEVE
TIL LATER.
THAT'S IT-
GOOD BOY.
GOOOD
BOY.

ANYWAY--- SINCE 1953, WE'D PAID IRAN'S AYATOLLAHS TO LEAVE THE SHAH be... but that ASSHOLE CARTER STOPS PAYMENTS!

WHADDAYAKNOW, SHAH'S DEPOSED 1979, by KHOMEINI, WHO IMMEDIATELY HIJACKS A BUNCHA AMERICANS.



CARTER'S ATTEMPTED HELICOPTER RESCUE FAILS.

Footnote #1

DUNNO HOW, WITH OLLIE NICKERIT HE HELP'N'.
CARTER HADDA RESCUE THOSE hostages SOMEHOW, ELECTION approachin', SO HE PLANNED TRADIN' AMERICAN WEAPONS PARTS IRAN NEEDED for an OCTOBER RELEASE, winning him the ELECTION. AN OCTOBER SURPRISE.



WE HAD OTHER IDEAS... LIKE REAGAN AS PRESIDENT, EX-companyman BUSH AS V.P. - A DREAM TICKET!



US? WELL, S'LIKE SAVAK official MANSUR RAFIZADEH said:

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FINANCIER REAGAN's election, like NIXON's, JOHN SINGLAUB promised W.A.C.L. countries DEMANDING RENewed C.I.A. PRESENCE that Help was coming "IN THE FORM OF RONALD REAGAN."

Bought themselves a DAMN GOOD PRESIDENT, whod REPAY THEIR Favov.

Why, he even INVITED GUATEMALAN DEATH SQUAD commander SANDOVAL to HIS Inaugural Ball, plus LUCIO GELLI, head o' the FASCIST P-2 MASONS.



PARTY ANIMALS HUH?

"THE CIA, CONSISTENTLY HOSTILE to CARTER, told KHOMEINI NOT TO BOTHER GIVING CARTER ANY CREDIT--

THUS, THE CIA SENTENCED THE AMERICAN HOSTAGIES TO 76 more DAYS IMPRISONMENT."

GUATEMALA ALONE contributed MILLIONS through REAGAN campaign manager MICHAEL DEAVIER, coincidentally, GUATEMALA'S foreign LOBBYIST.

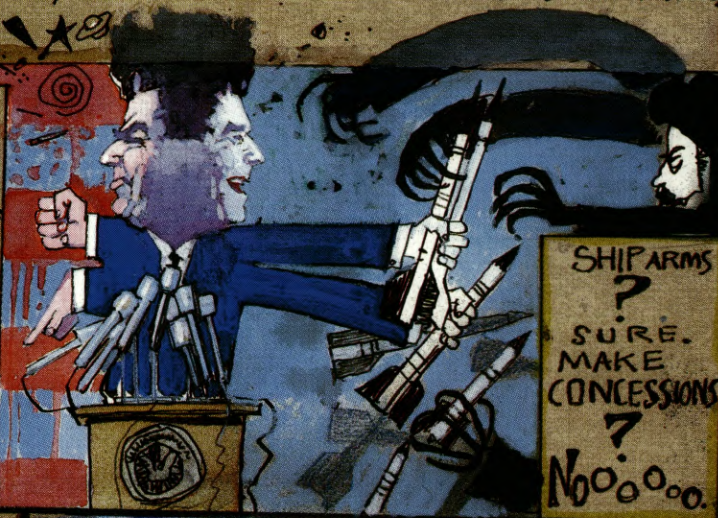
DID GREAT UNNER REAGAN 'til 1984, WHEN PRO-IRANIAN HEZBOLLAH FUNDAMENTALISTS KIDNAPPED companyman WILLIAM BUCKLEY IN BEIRUT, TORTURIN' REVELATIONS 'BOUT OUR EARLIER IRANIAN ASSASSINATIONS OUTTA HIM. DAMAGIN' REVELATIONS.



WE WUZ REALLY IN the SHI-ITE, KNOW WHADDIMEAN?

WHADDARANSOM BUCKLEY. APPOINTED BY REAGAN, NORTH picked SECROD to try SHIPPING U.S. ARMS to IRAN from ISRAEL.

MEANWHILE, REAGAN CALLED IRAN a "NEW version of MURDER INCORPORATED" WE preferred the OLD VERSION sayin' AMERKA WOULDN'T "MAKE CONCESSIONS TO TERRORISTS"



SHIP ARMS ? SURE. MAKE CONCESSIONS ? Nooooo.

BY AUGUST '85, WED STARTED SHIPPIN' MISSILES THROUGH ISRAEL TO IRAN. THEY RELEASED a HOSTAGE. BUT NOT BUCKLEY.



HE'D DIED ALREADY, UNDER TORTURE.

DIDN'T MATTER. HAVIN' VIDEOTAPED BUCKLEY'S CONFESSION, IRAN HADDUS OVERA BARREL.

THEY KEPT BUCKLEY'S revelations SECROD. WE KEPT SELLIN' EM ARMS, nettin' \$30 MILLION.

OLLIE NORTH'S FAMILY got a \$200,000 TRUST fund. HAKIM CLINES, an' SECROD pocketed \$285,000 EACH. THEY'D EARNED IT.



OTHER profits funded OUR NICARAGUAN ENNERPRISES

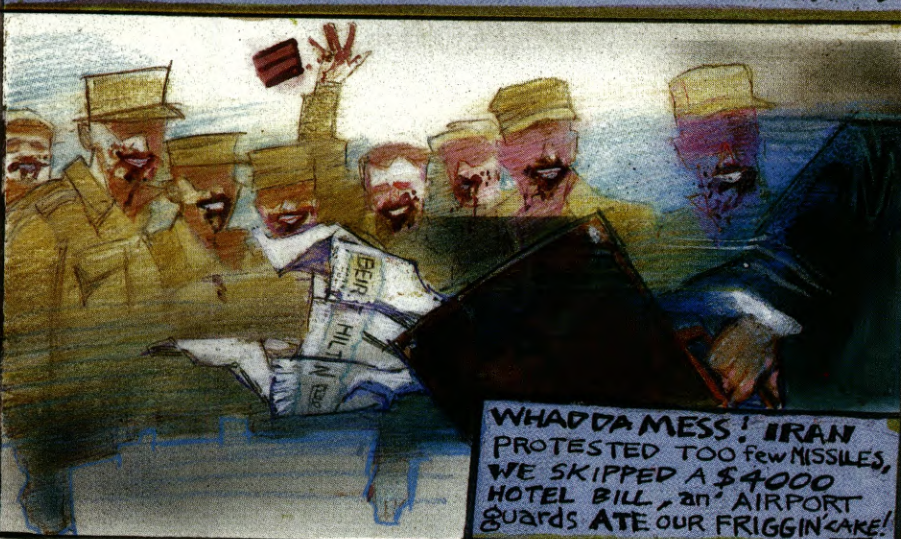
To LEGITIMIZE relationships by RECRUITIN' IRAN INTO FIGHTIN' COMMUNISM, NORTH an' ROBERT MCFARLANE DELIVERED presents: CHOCOLATE CAKE an' MISSILES.

WORSE, 1986, IRANIAN STUDENTS PUBLICIZED MCFARLANE'S VISIT, WHILE WE DENIED ITS EXISTENCE.

WHEN THE WHITE HOUSE ADMITTED THAT IRANIAN ARMS PROFITS WERE FUNDIN' OUR NICARAGUAN CONTRAS, THE FOOP REALLY HIT THE PROPELLED.



...GUESS WED BEEN CAUGHT IN A CONTRADICTION. ΔΔΔ



WHADDAMESS! IRAN PROTESTED TOO FEW MISSILES, WE SKIPPED A \$4000 HOTEL BILL, an' AIRPORT GUARDS ATE OUR FRIGGIN' CAKE!

NICARAGUA:
 1933, WE'D ESTABLISHED DICTATOR **ANASTASIO SOMOZA** there. BUT by 1976, HIS REGIME looked SHAKY.
 SHACKLEY AN' CLINES offered SOMOZA ASSISTANCE for ASSASSINATION PROGRAMS, LIKE THEY'D provided IRAN'S **SHAH**, '79, AFTER GODDAMN **CARTER**'D REFUSED HM AID.



SAME YEAR SOMOZA'S OVERTHROWN, JUST LIKE THE **SHAH**, SANDINISTA GOVERNMENT TAKES OVER.

S' FUNNY... OUR ASSASSINATION PROGRAMS ALWAYS LOOK GREAT ON PAPER, BUT THEN, I DUNNO... Y'GET THESE GODDAMN UPRISINGS...



...MAYBE WE'RE JUST NOT ASSASSINATIN' ENOUGH PEOPLE.

WE HELPED SOMOZA TRANSFORM HIS OLD NATIONAL GUARD, NOW IN HONDURAS, INTO THE NICARAGUAN DEMOCRATIC FRONT, a.k.a. our **F.D.N. CONTRAS**. FRONTED by political repressenative **ADOLFO CALERO**, they raided NICARAGUA from the NORTH, DESTABILIZING ITS NEW GOVERNMENT.



HEH... THEM **CONTRAS** ENTERED VILLAGES AN' ASSEMBLED the RESIDENTS, KILLIN' SOME in FRONTS the OTHERS, CUTTIN' OFF GUNS' NUTS N' CHICKS' TITS, SLITTIN' THROATS, and PULLIN' TONGUES OUT THROUGH THE SLITS...



WHADDA BUNCHA FREEDOM FIGHTERS.

MEANWHILE, OPENIN' A *Southern* FRONT, dissatisfied FORMER SANDINISTA, **EDEN PASTORA**, ALIAS **COMMANDANTE ZERO**, formed the Anti-SANDINISTA DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTIONARY ALLIANCE - our **ARDE-CONTRAS**. UNFORTUNATELY, PASTORA had HATED our EX-SOMOZA **F.D.N. CONTRAS** SINCE THEY KILLED HIS FATHER.



PASTORA'S CONTRAS RECEIVED ARMS THROUGH A SIMPLE COSTA-RICAN FARMER, **JOHN HULL**. GOOD COMPANY MAN, HULL. LOTTA EXPERIENCE fightin' the EVIL EMPIRE SORTA LIKE **YODA** IN **STARWARS** EXCEPT for the COKE SMUGGLIN.



...NOT YODA.

LATER THAT CAUSED PROBLEMS.

WE ALREADY HADDA
LOTTA CENTRAL
AMERICAN W.A.C.L.
CONTACTS: followin' REAGAN'S
ELECTION, SALVADORAN DEATH
SQUAD LEADER ROBERTO
D'AUBISSON entered
AMERICA ILLEGALLY,
meetin' REPRESENTATIVES
of REAGAN an' JESSE HELMS.



1976, W.A.C.L.
SUPPORTER
HELMS had
visited
ARGENTINA...

...JUST BEFORE
ITS MILITARY
COUP.

1981, meeting with RIGHT
WINGERS who DIDN'T LIKE
HOW AMERICA was RUN and
wanted TO DO something,
SINGLAUB formed the U.S.
COUNCIL for WORLD FREEDOM,
AMERICAN branch of the
W.A.C.L., secretly AIDING
our NICARAGUAN CONTRAS.

HEHHEH... LYNDON LAROUCHE
EMPLOYEE MIKE WERBELL HOSTED THAT
MEETING: suggested SINGLAUB SPEARHEAD
A MILITARY COUP... TAKIN' OVER
AMERICA for LAROUCHE.

SINGLAUB
DECLINED.
I MEAN,
MAKIN'
AMERKA
A MILITARY
JUNTA.
WHADDA
CRAZY
IDEA...
HEH
HEH



ANYWAY... OUR W.A.C.L. ALLY, ARGENTINA,
HELPED the Company UNTIL 1982,
WHEN IT GOT INNA GODDAMN
STUPID FALKLANDS WAR...

WE OFFENDED ARGENTINA, but
PLACES LIKE ISRAEL still
TRAINED our CONTRAS...
EVERYBODY was in ON THE ACT.

1983, WE MADE THE PENTAGON
give THE CONTRAS \$ 8 MILLION
in MILITARY SURPLUS, avoidin'
CONGRESSIONAL LIMITS ON
C.I.A. SPENDING.

EVEN FELIX RODRIGUEZ planned
NICARAGUAN MISSIONS with NORTH,
McFARLANE, and
DONALD GREGG.
S'LIKE, "THE GANG'S ALL HERE", Y'KNOW?



SUDDENLY, REAGAN'S ANTI-COMMUNIST
tootsie, MAGGIE THATCHER, IS
ASKIN' HIM FOR HELP AGAINST ARGENTINA,
WHO'RE TRAININ' REAGAN'S GODDAMNED
CONTRAS... NO-WIN SITUATION,
RIGHT?

THIS operation, CODENAMED ELEPHANT
HERD, TRAMPLED THAT INTERFERIN'
BITCH, Congress, UNDERFOOT, THEN
trumpeted off to NICARAGUA.

SAME YEAR, ALABAMA grocer TOM POSEY founded his CIVILIAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE, *privately helping* THE CONTRAS, and sending JOHN HULL MERCENARIES THROUGH A Miami HOWARD JOHNSON'S MOTEL.



HEH... MANAGER even GAVE 'EM a *Special Guerilla Rate*...

Miami's CUBANS helped, too, RENE CORVO'S operation, with FELIPE VIDAL, DAGOBERTO NUÑEZ, and PACO CHANES assisted ARDE CONTRAS through JOHN HULL



LATER, CUBAN BACKERS visiting COSTA RICA MONITORING DONATIONS, returned DISILLUSIONED, REPORTING DRUG RUNNING.

TELLA THESE DAYS THIS STUFF'S WHAT KEEPS ME GOING...



Sweet OPERATION we ran outta HULL'S FARM, JUST LIKE THE OLD OPIUM DAYS IN LAOS.

COLUMBIAN DRUG BARONS DELIVERED COKE, THERE WHILE GUYS LIKE JORGE MORALES FLEW AMERICAN ARMS IN and COCAINE BACK...



GEDDIT? COKED-OUT yuppies FUND OUR CONTRAS - NO WUNNER S'CALLED MARCHIN' POWDER, HUH?

HERE, Y'WANNA TOOT? G'WAN, I GOT PLENNY.



NAH? Y'SURE? SUIT YOUR GODDAMN SELF.

MORALES SHIPPED COKE INTA FLORIDA. NOBODY CHECKED THE PLANES. *Company orders*... HEH HEH - TOLD MORALES IF HE WORKED FOR US, GEORGE BUSH'D KEEP 'IM OUTTA PRISON.



COURSE, BUSH DIDN'T. TOUGH TITTY, Jorge. S' LINES for YOU, BUDDY...



HEY, WHOA... AWWRIGHT!



TELLA, NUÑEZ AND CHANES'S SHRIMP COMPANIES BAN COKE, FELIX RODRIGUEZ got MEDELLIN DRUG CARTEL to DONATE MILLIONS. BIGGEST OPERATION IN DECADES. AN' NOBODY COULD FIGGER OUT HOW WE SUPPLIED OUR CONTRAS.

HEH HEH... LEMME TELL YA' SECRET...



S'all done with MIRRORS.

Y'KNOW, WE EVEN PRODUCED A GODDAMN comic book TELLIN' NICARAGUANS HOW TO TOPPLE their government by leavin' FAUKETS RUNTIN' and PHONIN' IN SICK TO WORK...

1983. CONGRESS CUTS CONTRA AID. RETALIATIN', WE MINED NICARAGUA'S HARBORS.

WE DIDN'T HAVE TO: WHEN THE WORLD COURT DEMANDED WE COMPENSATE NICARAGUA, REAGAN JUST refused. WHADTA PRESIDENT.



GUESS it was like: "GALPABOND CONTRA SAYS BLOCK A TOILET for DEMOCRACY." great idea.

SENATOR BARRY GOLDWATER WROTE: "I'm pissed off. This is an act violating International Law. I don't see HOW we're going to explain it..."

ANOTHER SORE POINT: WUZZA MANUAL WE gave to THE CONTRAS, TELLIN' EM HOW TO ASSASSINATE CIVILIANS. KINDA TERRORIST DICK N' JANE, I guess...

1984. PROBLEMS AROSE: EDEN PASTORA, OPPOSING UNITY BETWEEN FDN AND ARDE CONTRAS, announced a PRESS conference DENOUNKING C.I.A. PRESSURE.



CONFERENCE WAS AT LA PENCA. ACCOMPANYING JOURNALISTS WAS PHOTOGRAPHER "PIER ANKER HANSEN" AND HIS CAMERA CASE



FUNNY - HE DIDN'T LOOK DANISH -

ASSASSIN "AMAC GALIL" WUZZ FLOWN to COSTA RICA to TURN PASTORA INTO COMMANDER LESS - THAN - ZERO

PASTORA STARTED TALKIN' - "HANSEN" PUT DOWN HIS CAMERA CASE AND took a walk outside.

Boom. PASTORA SURVIVED.

FIVE JOURNALISTS DIED.

LISTEN: OVER the years, LOTTA CENTRAL AMERICANS got KILLED - EL SALVADOR, 70,000, GUATEMALA, 60,000, NICARAGUA - CHRIST KNOWS.



1	2	3	4	MUST BE NEARLY EIGHT POOLS ALL TOLD.
5	6	7	8	
				SHT - THAT'S HARDLY A PUDDLE.

Followin' LA PENCA, HULL, CALERO, and POSEY discussed tryin' again. LIKE PROJECT PEGASUS, supposedly PREFACING AN AMERICAN INVASION, IT NEVER HAPPENED.

NEXT PLAN WUZ TO KILL U.S. ambassador LEWIS TAMBS and blame the SANDINISTAS ... ANOTHER NON-STARTER.



WORSE, ONE CONTRA, WORRIED ABOUT KILLIN' TAMBS, ASKS A STRANGER'S HELP.



UNFORTUNATELY, this STRANGER'S WIFE knows MARTHA HONEY'S secretary. HONEY's husband got HURT at LA PENCA: SHE'S ITCHIN' for LEADS. SOMEBODY UP THERE MUST REALLY HATE ME, Y'KNOW

RECAPTURED THIS CONTRA an' his CONTACT, but they escaped AGAIN! KICKED A GUARD INNA BALLS. CAN YA BELIEVE THIS SHIT?

Next, HONEY'S HUSBAND takes their story to this CHRISTIC INSTITUTE, pissant LEGAL operation.



BEEN HASSLIN' US EVER SINCE.

PRETTY SOON, we got PROBLEMS ALL OVER: CONGRESSIONAL investigations; CRIMINAL INDICTMENTS, ALL KINDA headaches.

Robert MCFARLANE EVEN TRIED KILLIN' his self, just LIKE OLD FRANCIS NUGAN!



I MEAN, WHAT IS IT WITH THESE GUYS?

WHAT worries ME is where we put ALLA MERCENARIES WEVE trained in DRUG-SMUGGLIN' and TERRORISM if we LOSE NICARAGUA...

IN AMERICA, I guess. CONTRAS COULD DO for CALIFORNIA what CUBANS did for Miami.

HOW'S "SAN DIEGO VICE" SOUND?



'Course, there's always NEW wars. 1986. our sonuva bitch INNA PHILLIPINES President Marcos, got DEPOSED.

SINGLAUB visits. NEXT THING, right-wing GUERRILLAS' ATTACKS INCREASE. REAGAN SENDS MORE C.I.A.



S' WHERE YOU CAME IN, right?

YEAH, it's business as usual. ALLUS HAS been, ALLUS WILL be...

... an' YOU WAIT 'til THE ELECTIONS. FELL YA, YOU AINT seen NOTHIN' YET.

Congress CAN'T STOP ME. CHRISTIC CAN'T STOP ME NEITHER.



YOU THINK THEY CAN? YOU THINK I'M WORRIED ABOUT ONE LITTLE CRUMMY ASSWIFE? LEGAL outfit?



IZZAT WHAT YOU THINK?

CUZ if that's WHAT YOU THINK, BUDDY, then in MY BOOK that MAKES YOU a GODDAMN COMMUNIST. CAPEESH?



THOSE SHIT -HEELS CAN'T TOUCH ME! I'M SAFE, OKAY? TOTALLY SAFE!

I MEAN, who's gonna believe a RIDICULOUS YARN LIKE THEY'RE TELLIN'?



As for what really happened... WELL, EARLIER YOU ASKED what I WUZ SELLIN', right?



OKAY. IT'S LIKE THIS...

WHAT REALLY HAPPENED, AMERKA protected the WORLD, the C.I.A. protected AMERKA, SHACKLEY, CLINES, ANNA REST protected THE C.I.A. AN' THAT'S WHY THEY'RE GODDAMN HEROES!



S'LIKE, THAT WHOLE STORY I JUST TOLD YA; FORGET IT! IT DIDN'T HAPPEN. WUZZA JOKE, OKAY?

WE NEVER ASSASSINATED anybody, never SMUGGLED DRUGS, LAUNDERED MONEY or conspired with CRIMINALS an' DICTATORS.

THAT'S IT.

THAT'S WHAT I'M SELLIN'.



C'MON... I got the goods RIGHT HERE. WHY doncha TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT WHAT YOU'RE gettin'...



... while I tellya WHAT KINDA PRICE WE'RE LOOKIN' AT.



CLICK

YOU BUY THAT, doncha?

SEE, WE AIN'T AFTER
YOUR MONEY...
YOU'RE A TAXPAYER!
WE ALREADY GOT IT!
WE DON'T EVEN WANTCHA
T'DO ANYTHIN'...

IN FACT, JUST THE
OPPOSITE.

C'MON... TAKE A LOOK



IT OPENS LIKE A HEMORRHAGING
CLAM, THE MERCHANDISE
WITHIN REVEALED...

MY LAI, THE MASSACRE NORTH DIDN'T SEE: THE BABY
CRAWLING, A SOLDIER SQUINTING, SIGHTING...



"HE FIRED AT IT WITH A .45. HE MISSED. WE ALL LAUGHED.
HE GOT UP THREE OR FOUR FEET CLOSER AND MISSED
AGAIN. WE LAUGHED. THEN HE GOT RIGHT ON TOP AND
PLUGGED IT."

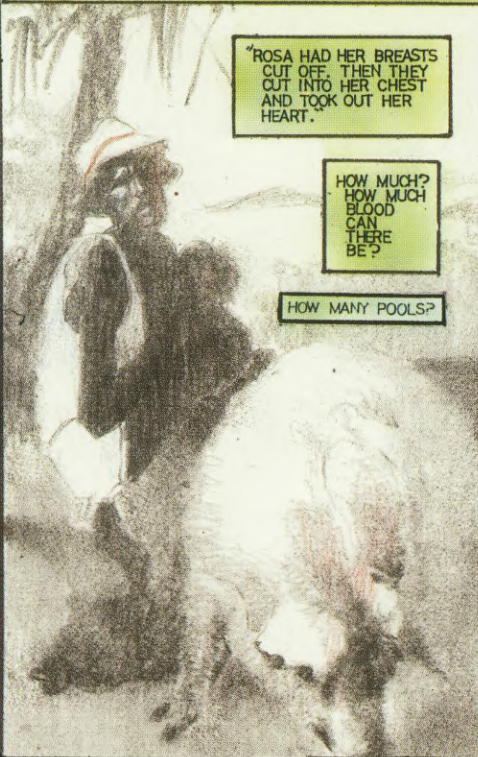
ALL WE'RE ASKIN' IS
YOUR INDIFFERENCE.
JUST TURN AWAY.
pretend IT AIN'T
HAPPENIN'.

AIN'T LIKE YA GOTTA
GIVE UP PART O'
Y'SELF. NO IMPORTANT
PART, ANYWAY...

C'MON... LOOK CLOSER



THE NICARAGUAN FARMER, INTERVIEWED IN 1985 SHOT BY
THE CONTRAS WITH HIS SON, WHO DIED THERE IN HIS
ARMS. RECOVERING CONSCIOUSNESS, HE FOUND THAT PIGS
WERE EATING HIS CHILD'S BRAINS.



"ROSA HAD HER BREASTS
CUT OFF. THEN THEY
CUT INTO HER CHEST
AND TOOK OUT HER
HEART."

HOW MUCH?
HOW MUCH
BLOOD
CAN
THERE
BE?

HOW MANY POOLS?

WELL?
C'MON...
WHADDAYA
SAY?



CAN WE
DO
BUSINESS
?

LISSEN, I AIN'T GOT ALL DAY!
-ARE YOU BUYIN', OR...?

HEY!

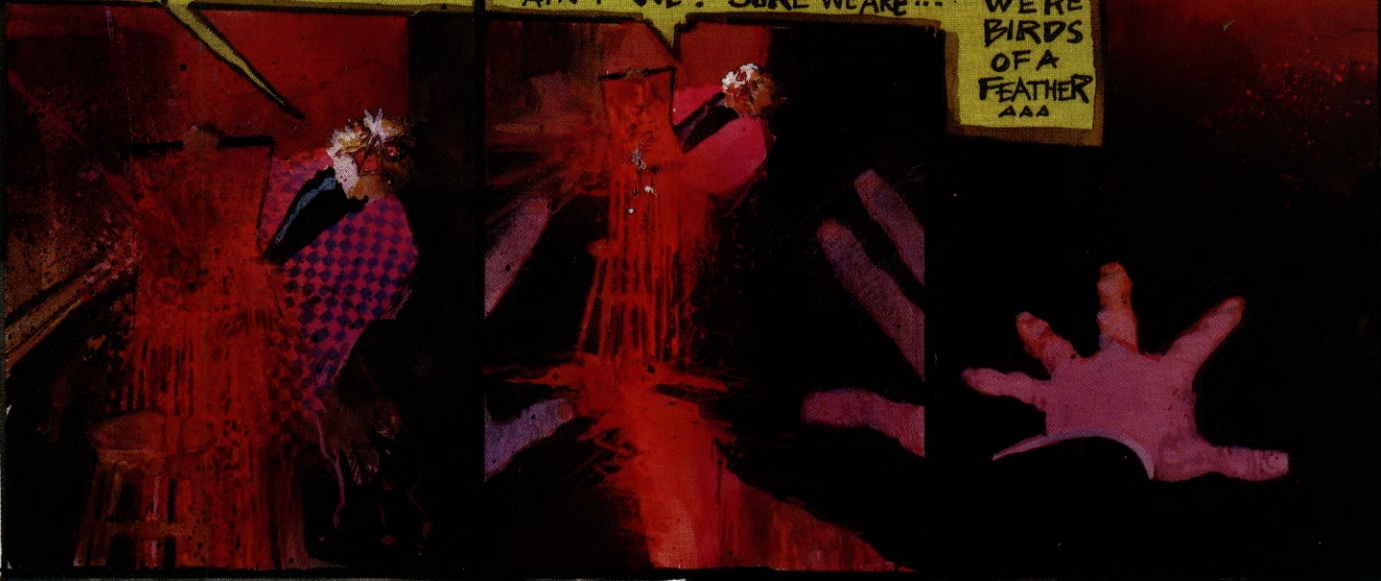
HEY! WASSAMATTER?
WHERE YA' GOIN'?

AW, C'MON...LOOK, YOU DIDN'T
EVEN FINISH YOUR DRINK!
WHY DONCHA STICK
AROUND?

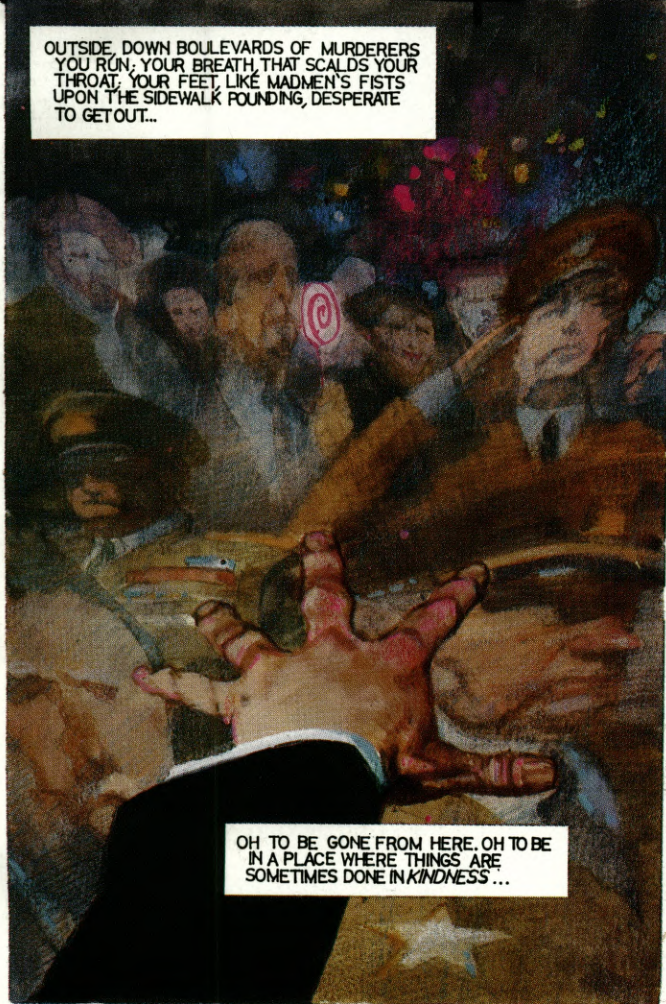
YOU 'N' ME, huh? WE'RE PALS,
AIN'T WE? SURE WEARE...

WE'RE
BIRDS
OF A
FEATHER
AAA

EXIT



OUTSIDE, DOWN BOULEVARDS OF MURDERERS
YOU RUN; YOUR BREATH THAT SCALDS YOUR
THROAT; YOUR FEET LIKE MADMEN'S FISTS
UPON THE SIDEWALK ROUNDING, DESPERATE
TO GET OUT...



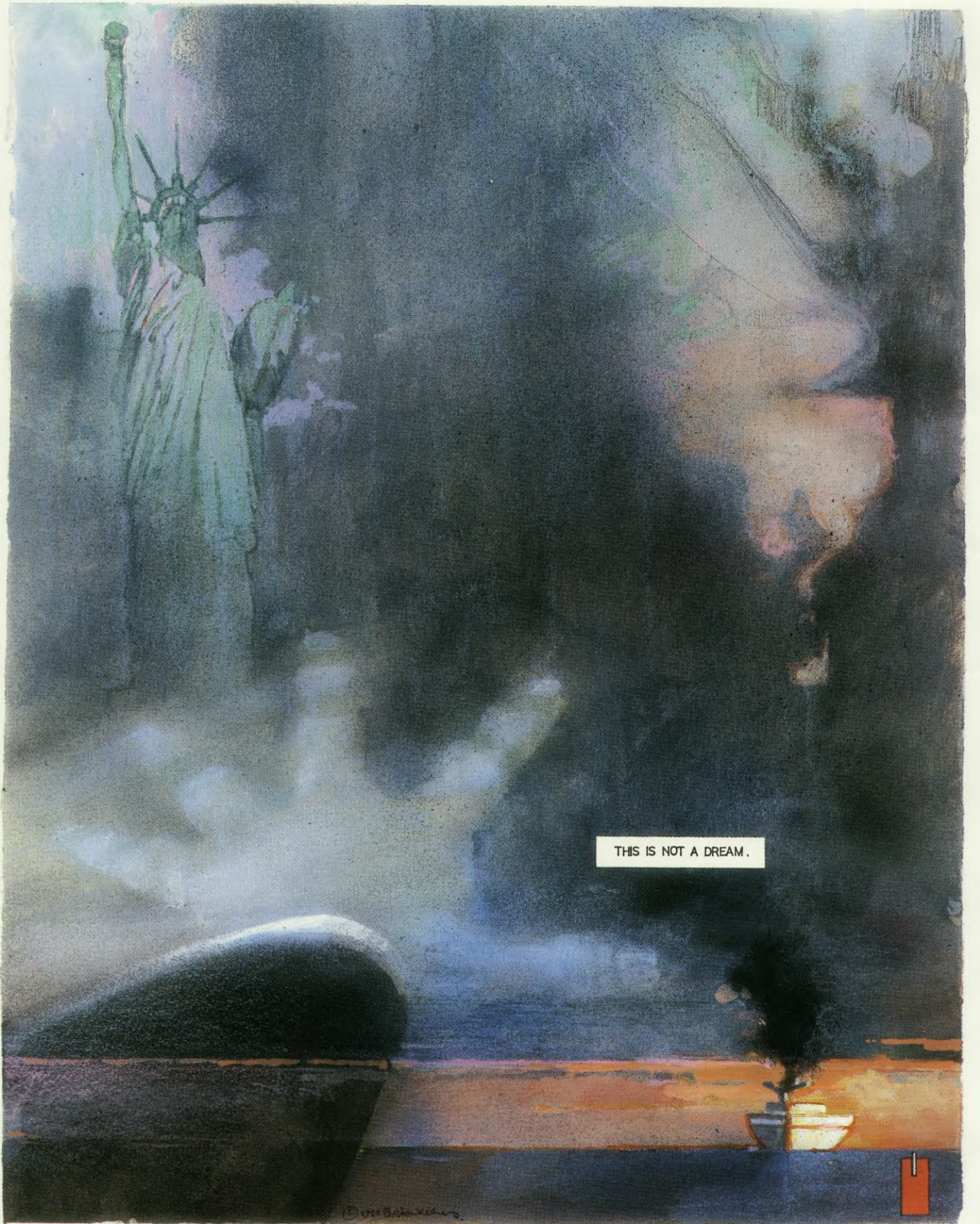
OH TO BE GONE FROM HERE, OH TO BE
IN A PLACE WHERE THINGS ARE
SOMETIMES DONE IN KINDNESS...

NOT FAR TO YOUR SHIP NOW,
WAITING THERE TO TAKE
YOU HOME WITH REASSURING
LIGHTS, WITH DECKS WHERE
PARTY MUSIC PLAYS INTO
THE NIGHT AND PEOPLE
KISS AGAINST THE RAIL.
NOT FAR: THE WHARF COMES
INTO SIGHT...



THE SHADOWS PLAY.

THE HARBOR LANTERNS TREMBLE.



THIS IS NOT A DREAM.

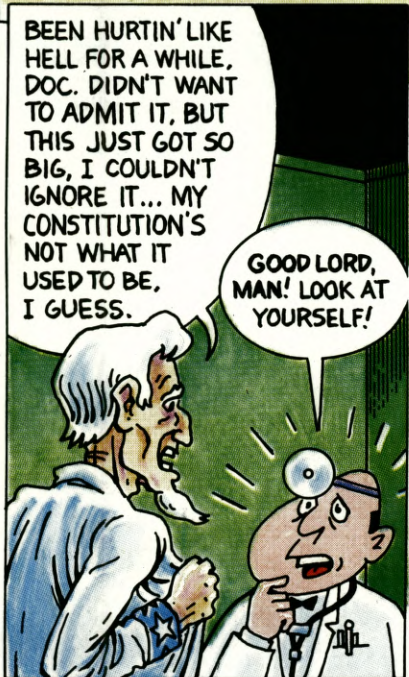
Over the years



UNCLE SAM? THE DOCTOR WILL SEE YOU NOW.



HELLO, SAM. WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE PROBLEM?



BEEN HURTIN' LIKE HELL FOR A WHILE, DOC. DIDN'T WANT TO ADMIT IT, BUT THIS JUST GOT SO BIG, I COULDN'T IGNORE IT... MY CONSTITUTION'S NOT WHAT IT USED TO BE, I GUESS.

GOOD LORD, MAN! LOOK AT YOURSELF!



IT'S BAD, HUH?



HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WALKIN' AROUND LIKE THAT?

MUST BE, OH—THIRTY YEARS, AT LEAST. BUT NOW IT'S SPREADING... AND MY EXECUTIVE BRANCH ACTS LIKE IT WANTS TO TAKE OVER THE WHOLE SHOW. WHAT IS IT? GIVE IT TO ME STRAIGHT!



HMM... IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S GROWING... WHAT ARE YOUR SYMPTOMS?

UM... I—I FEEL... AN... OVERWHELMING MALAISE. EVERYTIME I PASS A MIRROR, I SEE FEWER CIVIL RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES FOR MY CITIZENS. I'VE NOTICED A SERIOUS LOSS OF ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE PEOPLE — AND A LOT OF THEM DON'T SEEM TO CARE ABOUT IT AT ALL...

THE LEFT HAND DOESN'T REALLY KNOW WHAT THE RIGHT HAND IS UP TO. MAYBE I'VE BEEN RELYING ON TOO MANY "UNDER-THE-COUNTER" PSYWAR PLOYS FOR QUICK RELIEF. MY PEOPLE FEEL POWERLESS AND UNSURE OF THEIR FUTURE...

...MY ECONOMY'S FALLING APART; I'VE GOT DRUG ADDICTION; THERE'RE NOT ENOUGH JOBS OR TRAINING FOR MY WORKFORCE; MULTI-NATIONALS ARE EATING ME ALIVE; I OWE A NATIONAL DEBT THAT COULD CHOKA BILLION WHALES; WOMEN, CHILDREN, THE HOMELESS—ALL ARE SLIDING INTO PERMANENT POVERTY.



...MY DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN RELATIONS ARE CONFUSED AND DESTABILIZED— MY BEST FRIENDS ALL SEEM TO BE DICTATORS AND DESPOTS. WHAT'S WORSE, MY NEIGHBORS ARE SCARED OF ME; THEY DON'T TRUST ME ANYMORE...

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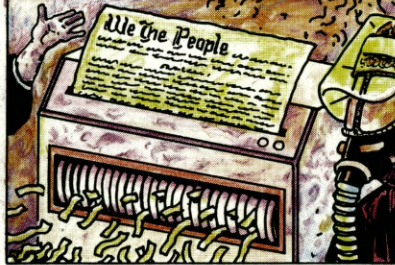
LOOKING AT YOUR CASE HISTORY, IT'S OBVIOUS, SAM. THE SIGNS AND SIGNALS HAVE BEEN RIGHT THERE IN THE NEWS ALL ALONG... YOU'RE SUFFERING FROM SELF-INFLICTED WOUNDS: DECEPTION, DISTORTION AND DUPLICITY! IN SHORT, AN ONGOING CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS OF HISTORIC PROPORTIONS!



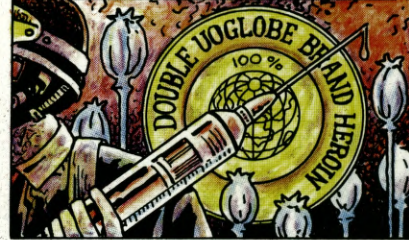
THINGS LIKE WATERGATE, CONTRAGATE AND ALL THE REST **HAVE TO STOP!** THESE UNPRINCIPLED ACTIONS HAVE VIOLATED FEDERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN LAWS. THEY INCREASE DISRESPECT FOR THE RULE OF LAW AMONG ALL YOUR CITIZENS. THE LAW APPLIES EQUALLY TO EVERYONE. YOU CAN'T AFFORD A DOUBLE STANDARD!



THE INTRIGUES NECESSARY FOR CIRCUMVENTION OF PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL WILL—THEY'LL SHRED YOUR SYSTEM OF CHECKS AND BALANCES. ONE LIE LEADS TO ANOTHER. QUIT FOOLING YOURSELF; YOU NEED TO LIVE BY THE CONSTITUTION YOU PLEDGE TO! YOU MUST REMOVE THIS COVERT BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT—IT PERVERTS RATHER THAN PROTECTS YOUR NATIONAL SECURITY.



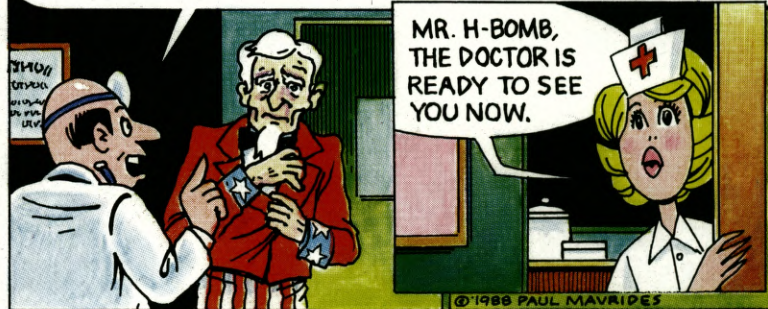
WHEN THIS—THIS "SECRET GOVERNMENT" USES ITS POWER TO SUPPRESS LEGITIMATE DISSENT, IT ERODES THE IDEALS OF LIBERTY AND MORALITY THAT YOU EMBODY. IN THE END, YOUR PUBLIC ALWAYS BEARS THE COST. WHEN INTELLIGENCE GROUPS IMPORT DRUGS TO FINANCE OPERATIONS OR HARASS OPPONENTS, IT IS **YOUR PEOPLE WHO BECOME ADDICTS, WHO LIVE IN FEAR!** **JUST SAY NO, SAM!**



THESE PAST ACTIONS HAVE SHOWN APPALLING CONTEMPT FOR TRUE DEMOCRACY AND JUSTICE, FLAUNTING BOTH DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL LAW, NOT TO MENTION YOUR OWN U.S. CONSTITUTION... MUST I REMIND YOU? ONLY "CONGRESS SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO DECLARE WAR."



INSTEAD OF PEACEFUL USES, THESE ACTIONS PUT YOUR ENERGY INTO NEEDLESS AGGRESSION AND EVERYONE AROUND YOU SUFFERS. YOU'RE DEVELOPING A PERMANENT WAR ECONOMY, PERHAPS EVEN A NATIONAL POLICE STATE. THIS DIVERSION OF FUNDS FROM NECESSARY PRIORITIES IS HARMING YOUR FINANCIAL HEALTH, TOO. WHY THROW GOOD MONEY AFTER BAD, SAM? **YOU HAVE GOOD LAWS AND MORAL VALUES—USE THEM IF YOU WANT TO STAY ON YOUR FEET!** GOOD LUCK, AND PLEASE LEAVE A CHECK ON YOUR WAY OUT.



MR. H-BOMB, THE DOCTOR IS READY TO SEE YOU NOW.

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