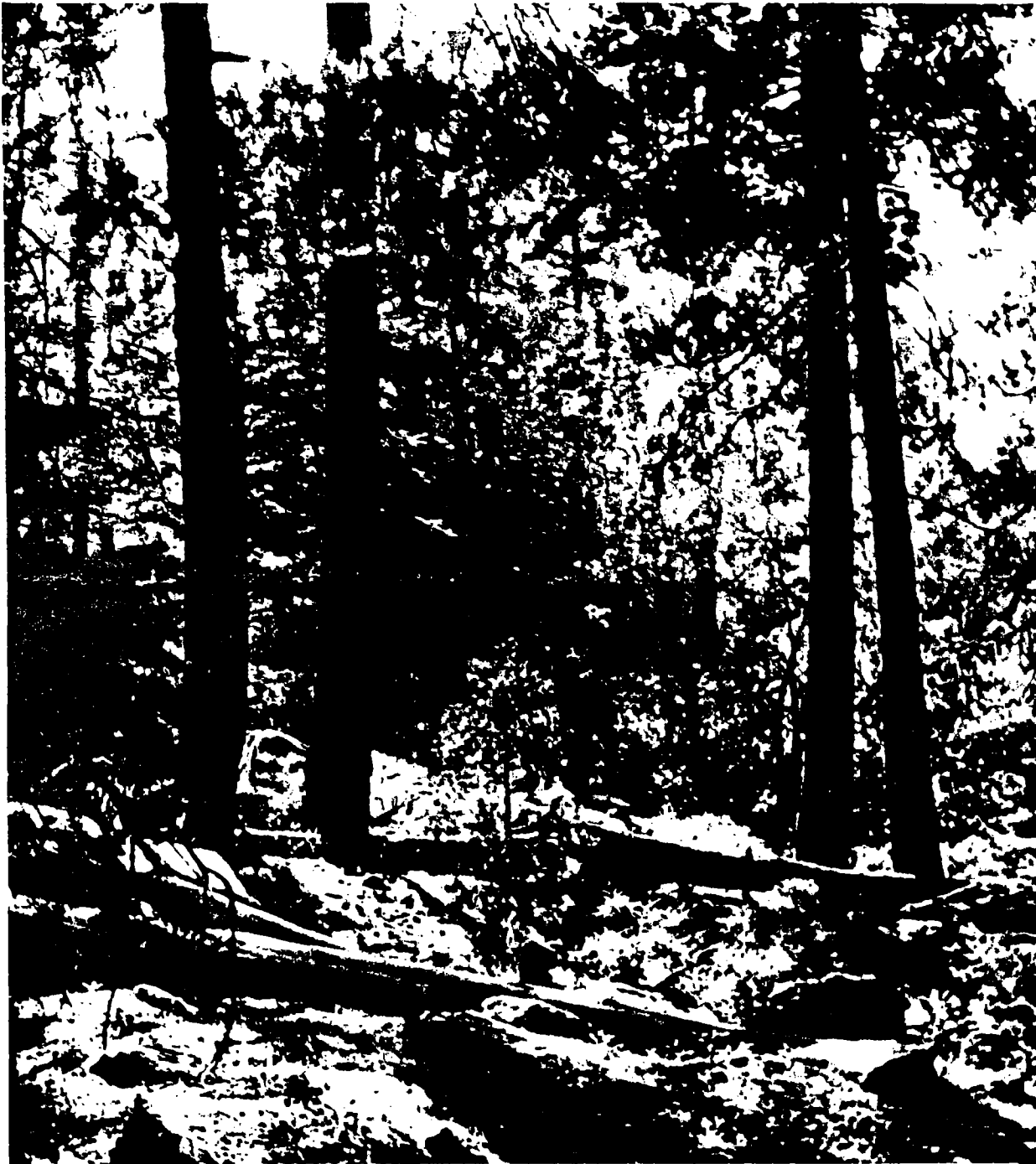


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People Soup, that's a funny name. It brings to mind things like Communion, as in *Stranger in a Strange Land*. It brings to mind a common element, the sea is often referred to as a rich soup in which all the teeming life of earth was born. Or a common problem, "a fine soup we're all in".

This is People Soup. It is published by Liberal Religious Youth, a Massachusetts corporation. If you subscribe you will receive this paper more or less once a month. The Soup will provide you with news of liberal religious youth and the world at large. It will act as a communication link, uniting youth across the continent, acting as a forum for the expression of ideas and ideals. I believe this newspaper will become extremely valuable to you as a program resource, as an information service and as entertaining reading.

And so... without much further ado...

Unaccustomed as I am to public speaking...

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I can still remember back
in the 50's when I used to
be really into
drinking and
scoring with
chicks and stuff...



Then the President was
assassinated and I began to
realize that there was
something really wrong
with this
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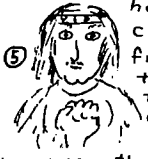
When the Negroes
began to stand
up for
their
rights, I
went along
to help...



Then I began to really
connect with some of
the far out
things that
people are
doing! Like,
Wow!



Then I heard about Kent
State and saw what
happened in
Chicago, and I
finally got hip to
the fact that
there's an un-
declared war
going on...



After I got busted by the
pigs I decided to be a
lot cooler about things.
I got much more delect
-and I got into
donating half
of the money I
made on dope
to helping my
black brothers
and sisters...



Our school principal
caught us dropping acid,
but when he
tried to throw
us out, we took
him to court
for violating
our rights...



Now everything's pretty
cool. I've really gotten
into getting
drunk and stoned
and making it
with chicks...



My parents
say it's a
step in the
right direction.



Reaction to All-Church Mailing

There have been few responses to the mailing that LRY did last month to all the Unitarian-Universalist churches and fellowships in the U.S. and Canada. The mailing was delivered to the post office in October and should be in the hands of the local LRY'ers by now. None the less, the continental LRY staff has received few responses from LRY'ers about the packet and they are concerned that the mailing did not reach most of the LRY'ers for whom it was intended.

The four continental directors say that in the past many churches have failed to pass on the LRY programs and packets to the young people who can use them. "Occasionally the adults in the church are so interested in the LRY programs that they keep the packets for themselves," say the executive committee members "More often, the mailings are simply ignored or else the churches don't know what to do with them and they are thrown away. There are even a few cases in which church adults have gone so far as to intentionally withhold mail addressed to LRY'ers because it expressed ideas that conflicted with those adults."

The LRY staff says that churches who don't give LRY'ers their mail "are arbitrarily depriving the church youth of the chance to get involved in a very positive growing experience," and that churches without LRY groups may still find the programs interesting and useful to the youth group in the church.

This mailing contained a brief letter of introduction from the committee, a copy of LRY's latest program packet, the preliminary information on the first issue of People Soup, and a questionnaire from the LRY Social Actions Enabling Committee project (see this issue). The continental Directors called this mailing "important" and added the following message to LRY'ers everywhere:

"PICK UP YOUR MAIL!!!"

In the mailing was a short packet of news and ideas and a detailed questionnaire for the Social Actions Enabling Committee. "This questionnaire is the first step," says LRY "We've done our best to put a copy in the hands of LRY'ers everywhere." Copies of the questionnaire may be obtained by asking at any LRY conference or by writing to SAEC, LRY, 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass. 02108.

SA PROGRAM REACHES INTO GRASSROOTS

The Social Actions Enabling Committee (SAEC) is LRY's latest social actions program designed to bring the planning and implementation of social actions news distribution and programming down to the grass roots level.

In the past, LRY has tried with varying degrees of success to create a committee or network composed of the social actions directors of every LRY federation. Says LRY Social Actions Director Adam Auster, "This project is not just aimed at one or two fed execs, but at all concerned and interested LRY'ers." In this way, says Adam, "LRY'ers everywhere will be able to have a direct effect on what all of LRY does with social actions".

The SAEC program is intended to become an extension of local and federal SA programs, and also to supplement old programs and places that have devised no programs of their own.

Continental LRY is concerned that LRY'ers do not fully understand what "social actions" means. "In the 60's," says Adam, "The phrase 'social actions' became identified exclusively with peace marches and demonstrations. Now that mass demonstrations have been abandoned in favor of other means of social witnessing, LRY'ers have become bored with the whole concept of social actions."

At this point in LRY's evolution, says Adam, it is "more important than ever" that LRY'ers come to an understanding of what the core of social actions really is. "Briefly stated, social actions are those acts which are made in the hopes of changing the world into a better place. They are attempts to manifest our ideals in the real world. In this sense, social actions are an integral part not just of LRY, but of human existence itself."

The SAEC project was put forth in LRY's last mailing (see article in this issue) along with other LRY information. Included

PERSONALS
During last summer I lost my blue jean jacket. I have another jacket that looks a lot like mine but it isn't, so presumably I have the person's jacket who has mine. Mine is a very old Levi-Strauss jacket made of very thick denim and has (or used to have) sea shells in one of the front pockets. The one that I have is also a Levi-Strauss, has copper buttons, and is fairly old. Write to Liz Ferry 263 Berlin St. Burlington, Vt. 05602
Matt: All is forgiven. Please write. Joe

Milkweed Children

There is a sign on the door which reads: "Welcome Back to being with us all along- The Milkweed Children of Zowp." Dave Keenan, Timmer Feldhausen, Dave Knight, Bill Cameron and Michelle Couseneau are the inhabitants of Zowp.

Bill Cameron calls it a country. It is fifty acres in area and has a population of five, "which is appropriate enough, since if you average out the world's population against it's (the world's) total land area, you find that there are ten acres of land for every human being alive."

The boundaries of Zowp are the boundaries of Unicamp, a Unitarian-Universalist summer camp in Ontario, Canada. It is about a mile from the nearest town, Honeywood, a farming community with two general stores and a population of approximately 80. The camp consists of geographically diverse acreage in Mulmer Hills, with several streams, a pond with an island, a swamp, a pine forest, a number of caves, and a hill which provides an excellent view of Central Ontario. On the land there are 13 buildings: a dining hall, and kitchen, 6 cottages, and 6 dorms. The dorms contain only beds and toilets, while the cottages also contain kitchen facilities.

The last week in August was LRY week at Unicamp. During the week some of the people who now call themselves The Milkweed Children were talking about the camp and about what they had in common with each other when, Timmer says, "suddenly we found ourselves immersed in the possibilities of living at the camp during the 'off season'...We went to the camp director, John Hearn, and said,

'We've been thinking about living here for the year. What do you think?'

He said, 'I think it's a good idea.'

At lunch he came in beaming and said, 'This is the best thing that ever happened to Unicamp.'

Along with this remark he brought his total support and bundles of ideas and suggestions, he was the happiest he had been all summer.

...We immediately started developing our goals and intentions for 'the board' (of Trustees of the camp)".



Photo by Helen Andjes

NESTLED IN THE WILDERNESS (above): the Milkweed Children are expecting upwards of 10 feet of snow this winter.

Near the end of Unicamp LRY week Dave and Dave went to Shelburne, 12 miles from the camp, and enrolled in Centre Dufferin District High School. All five went home to gather their belongings. The following week they set up housekeeping in the nurse's cottage.

Dave and Dave began attending school, while Timmer and Bill started haying for an 82-year-old diabetic farmer, Emmitt Hunt.

A week later, Timmer, Bill and Michelle started harvesting potatoes. At the end of the season in mid-October, they had cleared \$1,100. They expect to spend approximately \$2,000 on food and utilities this year.

The five LRY'ers are living at Unicamp as a pilot project, exploring the possibilities of LRY use of the camp during the off season on a continuing basis. As Bill and Dave Keenan are members of the Eastern Canadian Federation Executive Committee, and Dave Knight is on the Continental Conference Planning Committee, the Milkweed Children hope to establish Zowp as a permanent clearing house center. The camp will become a base for future LRY research and programming. Newsletter, describing the progress of the five, and the E.C.F. newsletter.

The Board is allowing them to live there rent free. In return they act as caretakers, give the camp publicity, and make the physical improvements needed for survival in the winter.

Their cottage has two 8 by 10 foot rooms, a living room/ kitchen, a porch that they enclosed and a bathroom with no bath. They have insulated the cabin and bought a \$20 oil heater. There is no running water because the pipes freeze up in the wintertime. There is, however, a stream running 40 feet from the cottage.

The Milkweed Children are currently looking for information and comments concerning starting free schools and worthy economic ventures. If you have questions, comments or are in any way motivated to communicate with them, they can be reached at:

LRY Family
c/o Unicamp
Honeywood, Ontario LON-IHO (zip code.)

"...at first I thought it would be very roughing it and all that, but it's not."-(Dave Knight)

This is the old LRY symbol. It is our feeling that the symbol is dull, unimaginative, not particularly beautiful and more than a little sexist. In short, it is a far cry from what LRY looks like nowadays. So... How about a new symbol? If you are creative and wish to do a little something for LRY, send finalized sketches or tentative ideas with a short explanation of the inner meaning of the symbol if it is not self-evident. If you can't draw, we'll draw it for you. Thanks.

LRY Symbol, 25 Beacon St. Boston, Mass. 02108

THE OIL SHORTAGE

by Terry Franklin - Boston

Many of us LRY'ers and SRL'ers are bogged down in school or a job, and sometimes we wonder if what we're doing is relevant. Well, cheer up! Winter is almost here; and if everything goes well, we may have a chance to devote our energies to the basic needs of survival, which is certainly relevant.

We are faced with the possibility of a severe oil shortage. The severity depends on how cold the winter is. Even if the shortage isn't too bad this year, it will certainly get worse in the next several years. The purpose of this article is to give you a little advice about what to do when the oil runs out. (It's written primarily for the apartment dweller in the city.)

The most important problem is keeping warm. If you have a fireplace and a large supply of wood, coal, or news-

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by Layni Martin - TOAKtm Fed

Lake Murray- LRY Nation. Rustic wood cabins in the humid air, with screened windows. Keep them open, but no matter how much breeze it always blows around the cabins instead of through them. In the restless, still heat of an Ardmore afternoon, a favorite person lies on the collapsible cot across from you pickin' a listless summer guitar. Not satisfied, he puts the much-cherished friend back in the case which cost almost as much as the instrument. Sprawled arms-and legs across the pitted mattresses, drifting into a lazy dream, you hold hands over the gritty wood floor. As a trail of ants crosses the stomach of his pale yellow t-shirt, you begin to digest the whirl of names painted, chalked and carved on the rain-warped logs and dented army lockers. Wonder: does Ralph McCarroll '56-'57 remember the night he spent here? And whatever happened to "John Marsha"? Pondering their memories, you remember your own past- a first conference. Much later you rouse yourself from a stream of conferences consciousness, and from your lumpy bed. Kissing his limp fingers goodnight, you pull a blanket over the sleepin body of your person, and wander down to the docks. Meeting up with a party of people, you go to sit on the grey, splintered dock from which you dropped a white-enamel coffee cup this morning. Purposely- remember the intense joy of it? For a while you attempt demented late-might conversation, then the sounds of the whitecaps drift around you, gurgling into your ears to silence your tongue. Falling stars streak the sky with lacy tails, and you try to formulate a wish to make on them, but you're too tired, and if you lean back too far, you might fall into Lake Murray- Armadillo Nation.

WATERGATE PROSECUTOR JAWOSKI LINKED TO CIA MONEY

WASHINGTON (LNS)--Leon Jaworski had not even been sworn in as Nixon's new "independent" Watergate prosecutor before a skeleton appeared from the closet. Nixon proposed Jaworski as the replacement for Archibald Cox, the former independent prosecutor who was fired on October 20.

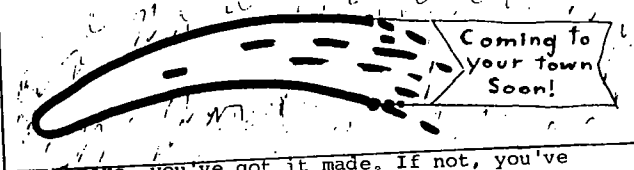
According to a recent report in the Houston Chronicle, Jaworski, along with his former law partner, John Freeman, approved the use of the M.D. Anderson Foundation (of which Freeman is the president and Jaworski on the board of directors) as a conduit for CIA funds in the late 1960's.

The arrangement worked like this: the CIA, through some dummy foundations it set up, gave money to the M.D. Anderson Foundation which then channelled the money to the American Fund for Free Jurists, an international lawyers group. The Anderson Foundation "laundered" in this way more than \$600,000. Freeman acknowledged that he, Jaworski and two other directors of the Foundation had approved the CIA request to use it as a conduit.

Among the things the independent prosecutor is supposed to be investigating is the laundering of money, donated to the Committee to Re-Elect the President, which was used to pay off the Watergate Burglars. The special prosecutor is also supposed to investigate CIA involvement in the break-in and other aspects of CREEP and Nixon administration illegal surveillance and dirty tricks.

Jaworski admitted to the Chronicle that he "possibly helped channel Central Intelligence Agency funds"

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papers, you've got it made. If not, you've got a problem! If you don't have a fireplace with proper ventilation, never burn anything to get heat-- this will produce too much carbon monoxide. (It's OK to burn candles for light because they're small.) Don't

to the lawyers group. He said that the group was a "worthy and patriotic" cause and that the matter didn't effect his position as special prosecutor.

But on November 5, the day Jaworski was sworn in as special prosecutor, his office issued a statement saying only that "to his knowledge, he has never acted directly or indirectly as a conduit for Central Intelligence Agency funds for any purpose." A spokesman for Jaworski said that he didn't intend to resign from the board of directors of the Anderson Foundation.

Though more dirt about Jaworski has yet to come out, one thing's clear--he's spent "68 years on the side of the establishment," as one journalist put it. Jaworski has served on the board of the Bank of the Southwest and is the most senior partner of Fulbright, Crooker, Freeman, Bates and Jaworski--one of the "Big Three" Houston corporate law firms, known for its out of court settlements. He is also a member of the Kerner Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence.



THE JOE TACO SYNDROME

by Adam Auster

The Army has it's G.I. Joe. The public has John Doe. And LRY has it's two figures... Joe Taco and Suzy Cream-cheese.

The genealogy of Joe and Suzy is sort of fuzzy. Suzy Creamcheese was and is originally the creation of Frank Zappa on his album *Freakout*. When Greg Sweiggart became President of LRY, he published regular "letters from Suzy Creamcheese", describing the trials and tribulations of an imaginary local LRYer.

Joe Taco first came to light - no one knows where from - in 1970, when LRY first acquired an apartment for the continental executive committee in Cambridge, MA. Because the people on the exec com change every year, the apartment was rented in Joe's name. To this day, the LRY telephone number may be obtained by calling up Cambridge information and asking for the number of "Joseph Taco".

It is important for us to make a distinction, however, between Joe Taco and "John Scout" or any other organizational archetypes. Unlike the Army, school or the Scouts, LRY is not striving to train it's members towards a single definite end. As Larry Ladd, a former president of LRY, put it in 1968, "Since these organizations have as their purpose the molding of us to fit their own image (for example, G.I. Joe, John Scout), their leaders pass down 'the right way' and their structures exist so that we can 'rehearse' the roles and organizational methods that they hope to train us to believe in". The Scouts, in other words, exist to indoctrinate us into someone else's trip.

Society as a whole works much the same way only worse; instead of there being just one role to follow, we are confronted with thousands, some of which contradict each other but all of which are supposed to be valid. A suburban housewife, for example, must be a perfect mother/teacher, a cook,

a brilliant conversationalist (but not more so than the husband), a hostess, a sex symbol... the list is endless. Yet there is one person who not only succeeds in being all of these things but enjoys it too! - the G.I. Joe of the housewife world who can be found in the pages of any housewife magazine, on the television, in the movies and in books.

The problem is not so far removed from our own lives, either. Our "youth culture" has it's ideal boy and girl whose image can be found not only in movies and books but in our own midst. We sometimes become so concerned with pursuing the G.I. Joe of our society that he becomes more and more tangible to us as we approach the total imitation of him. Of course we never succeed in becoming Joe or Jane Hip but our friends do and we are sure that we can achieve the state of perfect typicalness if we only try a little harder. Even if we don't get there, we can still fool other people - and even ourselves - into believing that we have...

LRY, however, is neither the Army, the Scouts nor the public schools. The very thing which divides the New Community from the old is precisely this difference in self determination. LRY for the individual is nobody's trip but your own, and although LRY should be an experience of change and growth, no one, least of all poor innocuous Joe Taco, is pointing to the "right" way to be.

When we go to conferences or local group meetings and we find ourselves splitting hairs over the question, "what is an LRYer", it might be a good idea to cast our thoughts over to Suzy and Joe. LRYers, after all, come in all shapes and sizes, valuing diversity as much as common unity. The only exceptions to this are the two "average" LRYers - Joe Taco and Suzy Creamcheese - who only hold this dubious honor by virtue of the fact that they, unlike the rest of us, do not really exist.

THE COMET

by George Lippman - San Francisco

Do you believe in signs, omens? I am a Bokonist. i.e. Cat's Cradle by Kurt Vonnegut - I modify it - "there is one right answer to anything, but if you don't find it, it will find you."

In that "inspired 'alpha' state" called waking up, I was lucky enough to find it, and how obvious it is. We must steal the theme from H.G. Wells' novel "IN THE DAYS OF THE COMET".

Ah, yes, I should perhaps back up and explain before I call it obvious. A new comet, Kouhoutek, I think, has been discovered over in Russia. It will be brighter than Halley's - brighter than the moon - visible in the day. It will be brightest in early January, visible all December. It will get noticeably brighter starting December 28th.

The implications go as far as you wish to follow them, and for me, that's far. Some people have claimed that since Earth witnesses a supernova-exploding star - once every 500 years, that's what the Star of Bethlehem could have been. Others say it was a comet. I don't know, I wasn't there, but this Christmas we will truly have such a Star once again.

Consider the meaning of the original Star - that is the meaning of Christmas and New Year's Day - and the Roman Saturnalia - all these and others mark, more or less, December 21st, that is the "rebirth of hope" - and the sun - whereas the second, and Easter, is the rebirth of life and earth. Impart catch all this symbolism? Symbols are very important to me - they take the place of rhetoric.

This comet is in some way a sign, a portent

of good things coming our way.

Alright, our friend, Dr. Timothy Leary, has moved from your neighborhood (Harvard) to mine (Falsom Prison). He has written a book called "STARSEED" in which he claims "I will be released when the comet comes". He also talks about the scientific, spiritual, social and personal implications of it. If you can get a hold of the book, you should read it.

Aside from my love for Dr. Tim, I have one reason to listen to what he says. In the past few weeks, earthquake fever seems to have increased around here - as you know everyone expects this city to be demolished momentarily. In the last three days there has been two quakes in the area, one in Baja, California, and one in Santiago, Chile that was serious, I think. What a place to hit!! Could it be that the quakes will destroy the citadels of evil - like Falsom Prison, and the Chilean General's headquarters? (Oh come on George, don't go overboard!!)

My dislike for astrology is mitigated by just two things, the knowledge that cosmic bodies exert pressure on each other, [and the fact that] it won't take much of a push to make the San Andreas fault go. Also, there are more kinds of waves that scientists admit, and their properties and powers are uncharted. I refer you to the movie, *Wilhelm Reich - Mysteries of the Organism* or any of Reich's books, also the science-fiction novel *The 27th Day* for a discussion of the selective powers of waves.

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