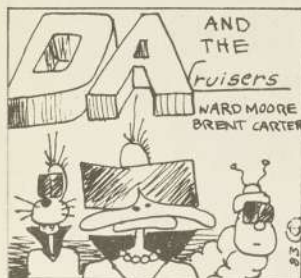
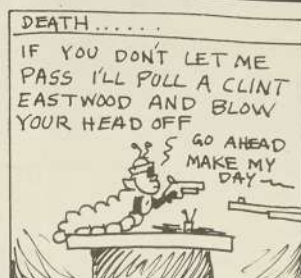
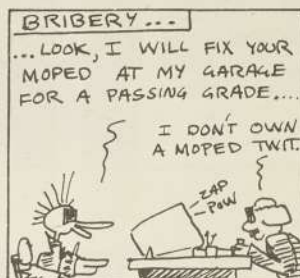


# Monologue



**FINALS**  
THE ONE WORD THAT MAKES IT "THE DAY AFTER" FOR THOSE WHO HAVEN'T STUDIED. THE CRUISERS ARE NO EXCEPTION.



## Disarmament needed now

By Marco Procaccini  
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The recent decision to deploy Pershing II and Cruise missiles in Western Europe and discontinuation of arms talks between the two superpowers have brought about news of protests by the people of both East and West Europe, and a bombardment of rhetoric by establishmentarian politicians.

The meat of the issue is that Soviet SS-4, SS-5 and SS-20 missiles give the Soviets a tactical superiority over U.S. missiles. The U.S. has leads in nuclear equipped fighter-bombers, sea-launched tactical missiles and nuclear artillery shells.

This endless militaristic hogwash climaxed last week when Soviet negotiators walked out of the Geneva arms talks over the West's missile deployment decision.

News of this immediately caused protests in front of the conference building where exiting Soviet diplomats were blocked and heckled by scores of people yelling "Go back inside." A protest shockwave spread from Italy to Scandinavia, across the East European border and into the Soviet Union itself.

Since then, thousands of people have taken to the streets demanding removal of all missiles from Europe.

Soviet President, Yuri Andropov, in a written statement, said he sympathized with the protesters but also said it was the West's fault. He claims Soviet missiles are defending the "gradual transition from Capitalism to Socialism" supposedly taking place in the Eastern Bloc, the same poor excuse they used to crush the rebellious Czechoslovakian Communist government in 1968.

Washington's response hasn't been so diplomatic. The U.S. has accused the protesters of being Soviet backed terrorists. Newsweek says 65 percent of Europeans support

disarmament and oppose any new missiles. If all those people are pro-Soviet, there should be no purpose for American weapons there at all.

The fact is, the disarmament movement consists of church, leftist and feminist groups, intellectuals and trade unions and opposes both superpowers.

The Marxian Socialist Green Party, which is fast becoming West Germany's third party has stated in the Economist Magazine that it supports Polish Solidarity for making many socialistic and democratic demands on what they call a "fascist police state." The party says since Joseph Stalin's military takeover of the Soviet Union a form of Capitalism has been preserved there through totalitarian policies.

A logical sentiment. For the last 50 years Soviet economics of institutional enrichment and expansionism strongly resembles the strategy of large corporations. Creation of a stateless classless system based on common ownership and democratic control of the economy doesn't seem to be a priority of the Soviet government.

Although the Green's sentiment is shared by most disarmament groups, U.S. business and political leaders stand by their idiotic claim because, they say, the majority of the protests are aimed at the U.S. and, especially the Reagan Administration.

Why shouldn't they be? Soviet expansionism and brutal crimes against humanity are not to be taken lightly. But they have promoted some good disarmament proposals.

Reagan, on the other hand, has talked of "limited nuclear war with sophisticated weaponry where the U.S. would supposedly win, and coupled that with the most intensive arms build-up in history on top of an already superior U.S. nuclear arsenal.

Europeans know that while Reagan speaks of democracy, 50 million

Americans go to bed hungry, 12,000 air traffic controllers are fired for disagreeing with the government, and people's hard-won democratic rights are constantly being violated. They also know that U.S. based multi-national firms have profited and built an empire based on Europe's post-war destruction and the peoples' desire to rebuild it.

However, they look at the Soviet Union's role in Eastern Europe in the same manner. The Reagan Administration's bold faced rhetoric has caused a recent up-surge in anti-Americanism in both East and West. But disarmament spokespersons equally blame both sides for the world's ills and are desperately trying to change the deadly course the superpowers have set the world on while there is still time.

People must lobby for disarmament before the next war destroys the world—permanently.



## Cabbage Kid craze stupid

By Doug Vaughan  
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Everybody wants the ugly things. And it seems everyone will do anything to get them.

Cabbage Patch kids—they are the craze of the 1983 Christmas rush. Why do they want them? The kids say they're cute. But so is a baby the first time he wets his pants, right?

The funny thing is not that so many children want them. The funny thing is, parents are stupid enough to go to great lengths just to get them.

Near-riots have resulted from this 16-inch rag-doll. Reports are heard daily about the problems that these dolls are causing.

I saw on the news a Kansas man who flew all the way to London to get a cabbage patch doll for his daughter because he couldn't find one in America. Then there is the Idaho newspaper editor that claims his cabbage-patch infant was kidnapped (Is that the right term?). More than anything, these dolls are giving people fame and fortune.

The idea was drummed up by an out-of-work artist who had switched his ambitions to business. The dolls originally sold for \$100-plus directly out of the Cabbage Patch Kids hospital, seriously.

In this so called hospital, Cabbage Patch Kids are actually born, or whatever you want to

call it. The customers can pick the exact doll they want. It's theirs after the adoption, an oath, a completed birth certificate and some big bucks.

Coleco, Inc., caught on to the idea and bought into the business. That is why the 'Kids' are out on the market—Coleco went into mass production. Even though some of the personal touch is taken out of the dolls, like actual birth, the craze is still there.

With the toy-store version, the parent (buyer) still receives the birth certificate and one year after the purchase a birthday card is sent. It brings tears to my eyes.

The \$100-plus price tag is dropped to anywhere from \$20-\$40, depending where it is bought. Still, the stiff price has not brought a slow down in the success of the Cabbage Kids.

Another characteristic that makes the dolls so personal is that each one is different. To me, each one does have something in common, they're ugly. But beauty is in the eye of the beholder, right?

The big concern with the recent craze is that people are getting hurt. Not hurt feelings because they are sold out, but physical damage. A seventy-five year-old-man was trampled as well as a pregnant lady at one store. These injuries are only the tip of the iceberg.

Is this all worth a \$20 doll? Hardly seems like it to me, but then all I want for Christmas is a Strawberry Shortcake doll house. I wonder if they're sold out, too? I always can ask for tartar sauce.

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