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This is the introductory unit to the second semester "Comparing Political Experiences" course which focuses on specific, controversial political issues. The unit uses a comic book format to teach 12th-grade students the fundamental political concepts of system, political-system types, and political experiences which will be used in later units that focus on specific issues. The unit is self-instructional, and students proceed at their own rate. The unit centers around the fictitious planet of Acton which is facing environmental disaster. In searching for a new planet to inhabit, the Actonites experience and learn about many new and diverse political systems. Episode 1 identifies the concept of system and describes a participant political system. Episode 2 describes and applies the concepts of political resources, activities, and maintenance. Episode 3 examines the elite political system and explains the concept of political development. Episode 4 identifies a bureaucratic political system and explains the concept of political conflict. Episode 5 defines a coalitional political system, political change, and the role of the observer in bring about change. (Author/DE)

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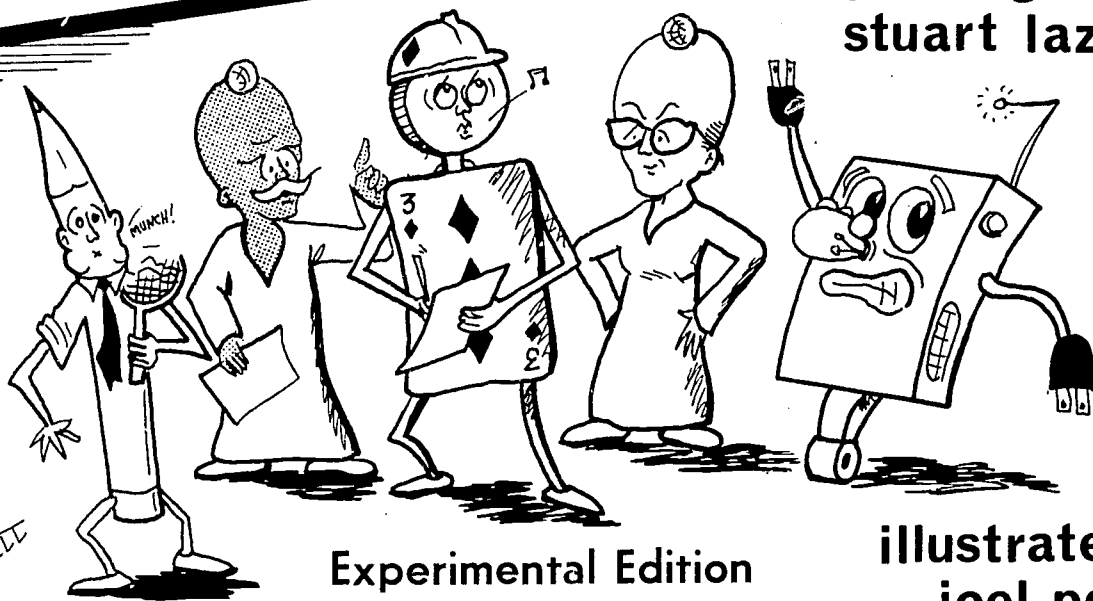
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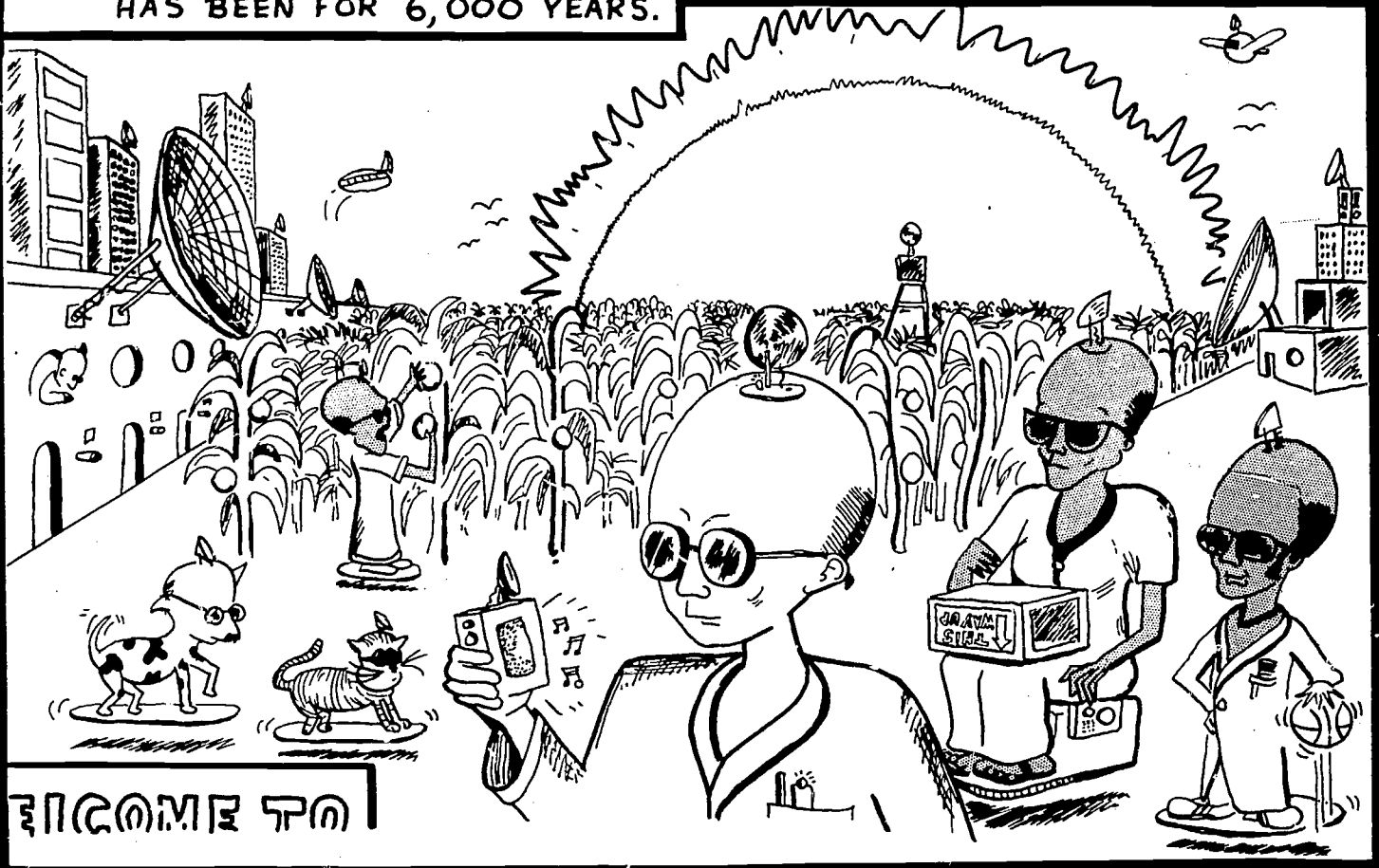


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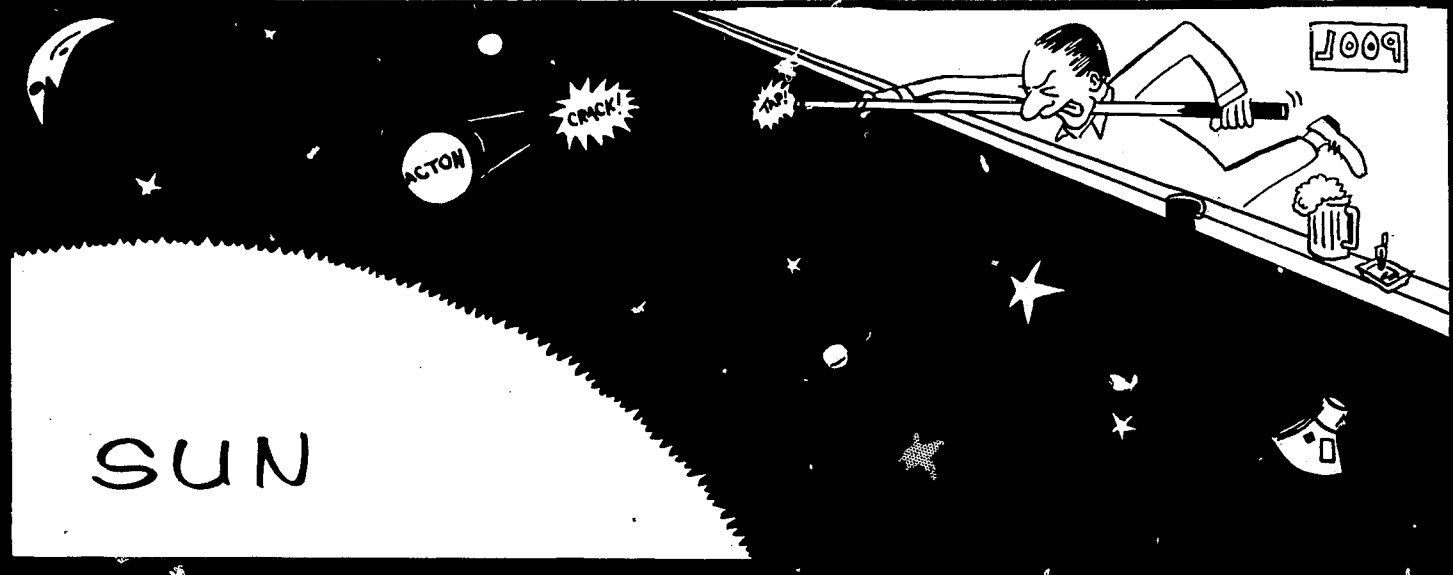
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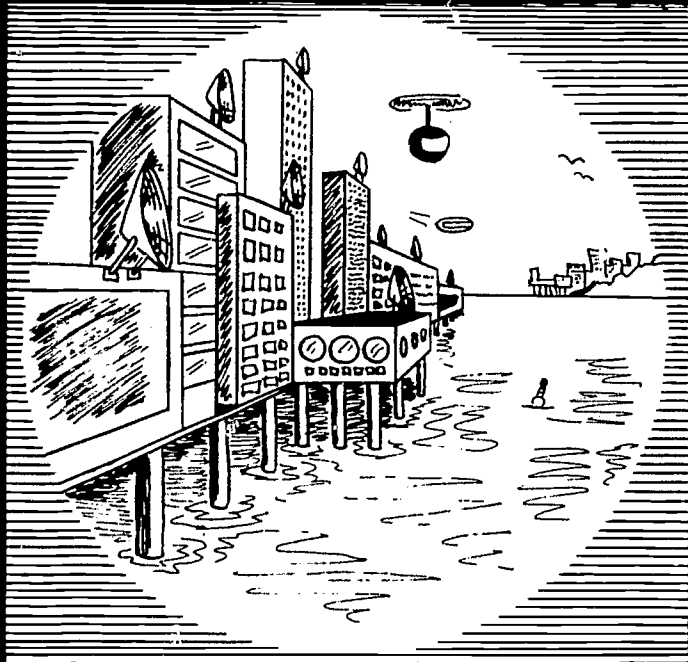
**I**N A LITTLE-KNOWN AREA OF THE UNIVERSE, A MERE 25,000 MILES FROM THE SUN, LIES THE TINY CIVILIZATION OF **ACTON**. THE TREMENDOUS SOLAR ENERGY HARNESSSED BY THE REMARKABLY INTELLIGENT BEINGS WHO LIVE HERE HAS PROVIDED THEM WITH UNLIMITED FUEL TO POWER THEIR ADVANCED INDUSTRIES. LIFE IS TEACEFUL HERE, JUST AS IT HAS BEEN FOR 6,000 YEARS.



**A**S FATE WOULD HAVE IT, THIS TRANQUIL SOCIETY NOW MUST FEAR FOR ITS FUTURE. A COLLISION WITH A METEOR HAS SENT **ACTON** INSIDE THE SUN'S GRAVITATIONAL FIELD! WEEK BY WEEK, MONTH BY MONTH, THE PLANET FALLS EVER CLOSER TO FIERY EXTINCTION!!

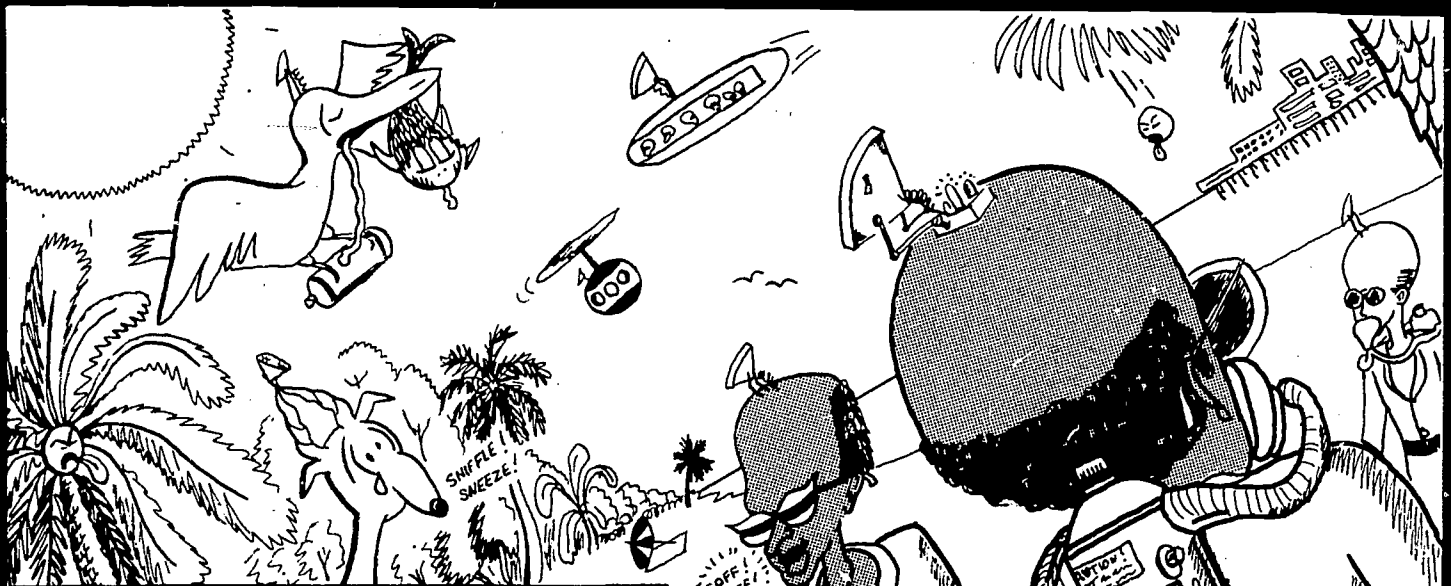


**T**HE SLOWLY RISING TEMPERATURE CAUSES SOME STRANGE THINGS TO HAPPEN, DRASTICALLY AFFECTING LIFE FOR THE ACTONITES...



**A**S GIANT SOUTHERN GLACIERS MELT, RISING TIDES FORCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF PLATFORM CITIES.

**C**ROPS ARE SCORCHED BY THE BLISTERING HEAT. SOON THERE MAY BE NO FOOD.



**T**HE SUN'S MIGHTY RAYS BEGIN TO PENETRATE ACTON'S ATMOSPHERE. AS THEY DO, THE THIN LAYER OF **PEPIGEN** SURROUNDING THE PLANET IS DESTROYED. IT BECOMES INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT FOR LIFE ON ACTON TO BREATHE, AND THE SITUATION WILL GET GRADUALLY WORSE AS TIME WEARS ON!



**F**ACED WITH IMPENDING DOOM, THE PLANETARY COUNCIL MEETS IN THE ACTONITE CAPITAL OF PENTAGON. THE **ADVISOR**, OLDEST AND WISEST OF THE ACTONITES, IS THE UNANIMOUS CHOICE TO LEAD THE MEETING...

# ACTON

THE SUN THREATENS TO DESTROY US !!  
EACH DAY REPORTS OF RAPIDLY DETERIORATING  
CONDITIONS INCREASE! WE MUST WORK TO-  
GETHER TO SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS OR PERISH!

BLF.. (MUMBLE)  
XPG! GRZ BTKQ,  
(INAUDIBLE) ...



I CAN REPORT THAT PLATFORMS IN DACRON ARE COMPLETE. OUR POPULATION IS SAFE FOR NOW!

THE ALTITUDE IN UPPER DACRON IS SAVING US FROM THE WATER - BUT WE NEED PEPIGEN!

WE IN POURON ARE NEARLY OUT OF FOOD!

WHAT A BUMMER

GM...TREB!  
YA...JTSU...  
MLL! AXQ!

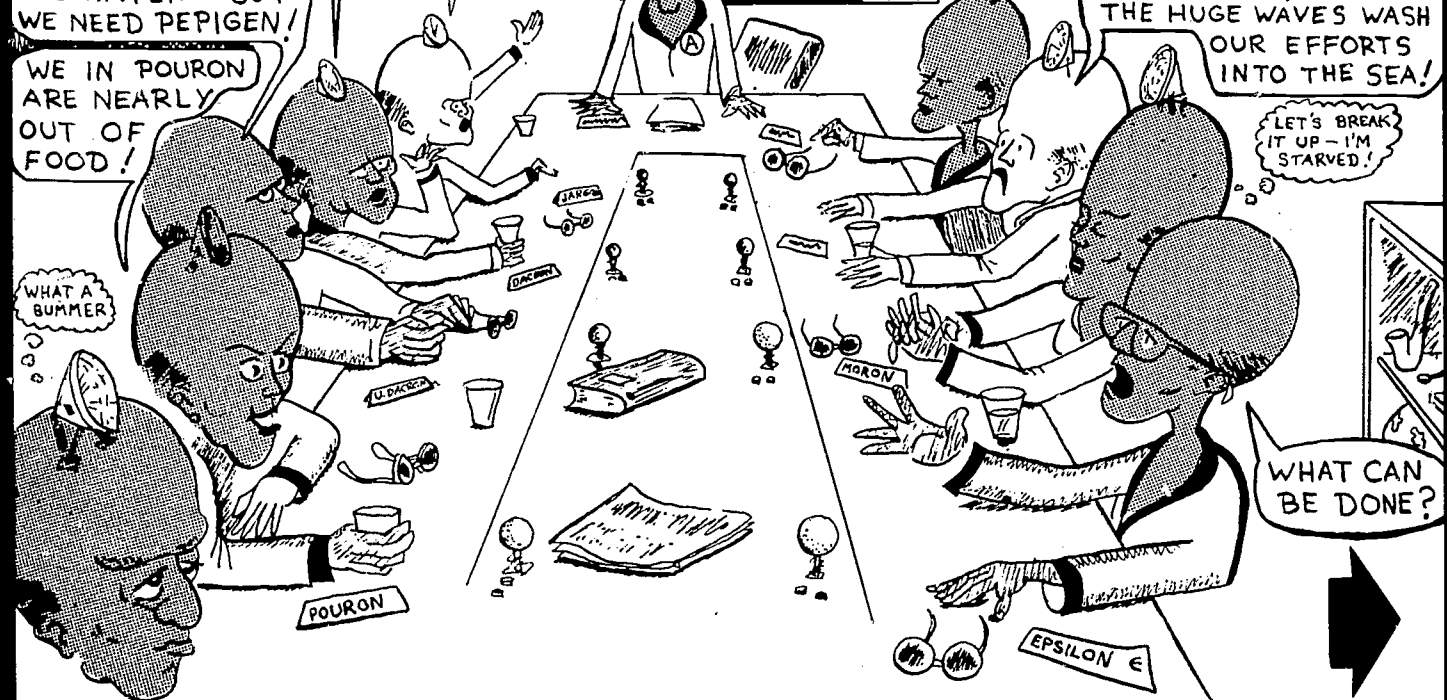


IN NYLON THE WAVES ARE HIGH, PLATFORM CONSTRUCTION IS SLOW - WE MAY NOT FINISH IN TIME !!

IT WOULD DO YOU NO GOOD TO FINISH - IN HANGON WE FINISHED MONTHS AGO, BUT NOW THE HUGE WAVES WASH OUR EFFORTS INTO THE SEA!

LET'S BREAK IT UP - I'M STARVED!

WHAT CAN BE DONE?



NYLON MUST SEND MORE VEGETABLES TO POURON!

BUT SOON NYLON WILL NEED ALL OF IT'S FOOD JUST TO FEED ITS POPULATION!

...AND MORE PEPIGEN MUST BE SENT TO UPPER DACRON...

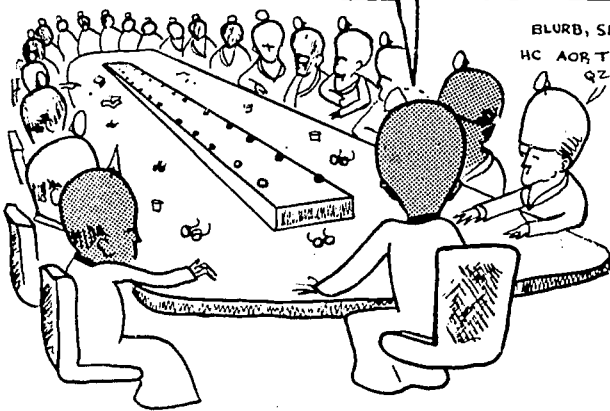
BUT WHERE SHALL WE GET MORE?

FOR PLATFORMS WE CAN SHIP MATERIALS FROM JARGON TO ORLON...

BUT JARGON NEEDS IT'S RAW MATERIALS FOR..

AT THIS POINT THE ADVISOR SPEAKS UP...

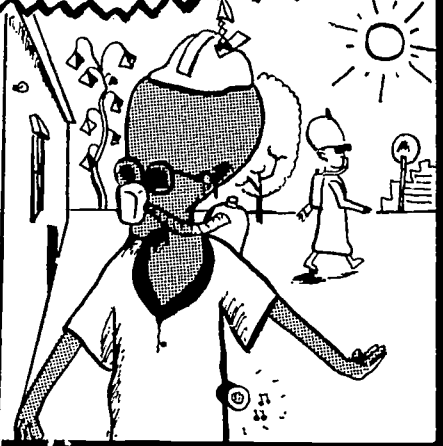
IT IS MY OBSERVATION THAT YOU ARE NOT SEEING THE WHOLE PICTURE. ACTON IS A SYSTEM. I HAVE LIVED HERE FOR 6,000 YEARS AND DURING THAT TIME MANY PARTS OF THE SYSTEM HAVE EXPERIENCED PROBLEMS



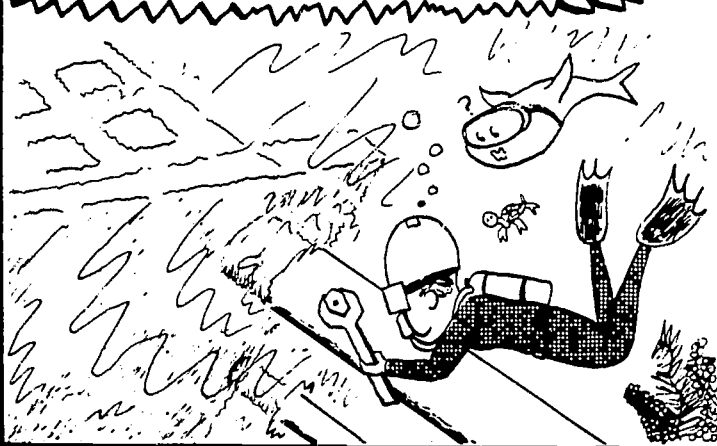
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"WE HAD A SEVERE PEPIGEN SHORTAGE IN 4083, BUT OUR SCIENTISTS DE- VISED A WAY TO MANUFACTURE IT SYNTHETICALLY..."

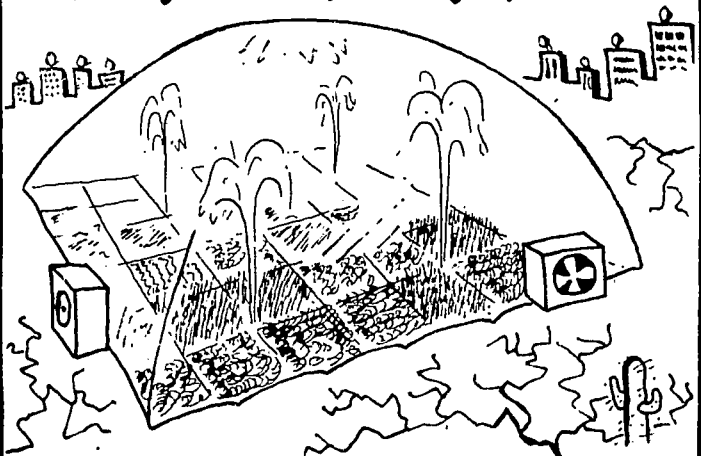
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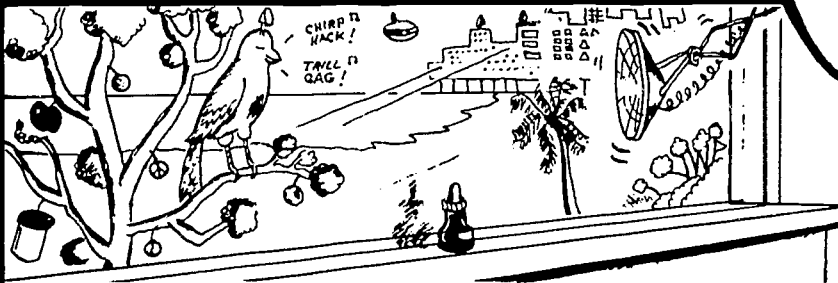
"IN 5,200 THE GREAT FLOODS FORCED US TO BUILD OUR PLATFORM CITIES- FORTUNATELY THIS EXPERIENCE PRO- VIDED US WITH THE SKILLS TO BUILD MORE OF THEM TODAY..."



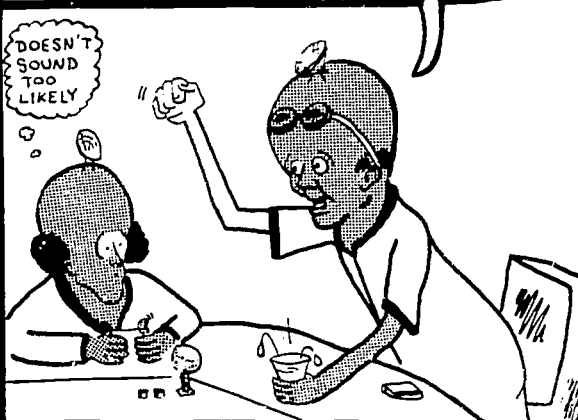
"REACTING TO THE DROUGHT FIFTEEN YEARS AGO, WE SUCCESSFULLY CON- STRUCTED CANOPIES BENEATH WHICH WE GREW OUR FOOD..."



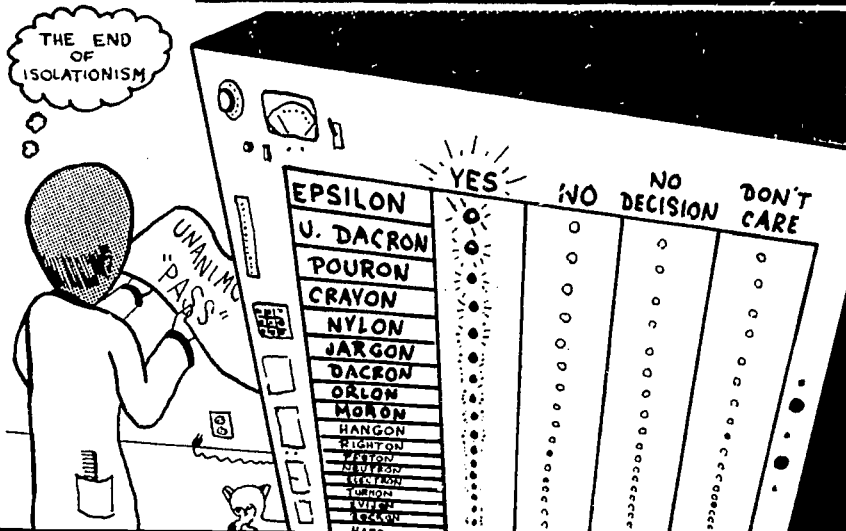
OUR SUCCESS HAS DEPENDED UPON CONFRONTING ONE PROBLEM AT A TIME. NOW, HOWEVER, IF WE CONCENTRATE ON BUILDING PLATFORMS, OUR CANOPY PRODUCTION WILL SUFFER. IF WE DEVOTE OUR TIME TO PRODUCING NEEDED PEPIGEN, WE WILL NOT HAVE THE FORCES TO CONSTRUCT CITIES. WE EXIST IN A SYSTEM OF INTERRELATED PARTS: THE SUN, THE ATMOSPHERE, THE WATER, THE FOOD, ETC. OUR NEW RELATIONSHIP TO THE SUN HAS PRODUCED CHANGES IN OUR RELATIONSHIP TO ALL THE OTHER PARTS OF OUR SYSTEM. SUCH IS THE NATURE OF SYSTEMS.



WE CANNOT ALTER OUR COURSE! I PROPOSE THAT WE ABANDON OUR ANCIENT AND SACRED POLICY OF ISOLATIONISM, AND PREPARE TO MOVE OUR SOCIETY TO ANOTHER PLANET!!



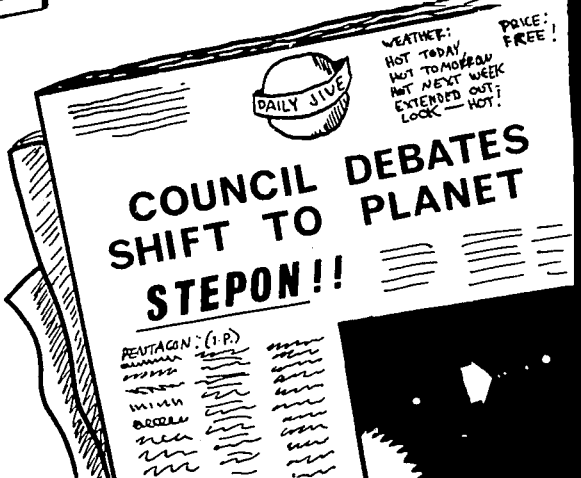
AFTER MUCH DEBATE THIS SEEMINGLY IMPOSSIBLE PLAN IS APPROVED...



I PROPOSE WE MOVE TO STEPON, OUR CLOSEST NEIGHBOR!



SINCE NONE OF US HAVE SEEN WHAT LIFE ON STEPON IS LIKE, I CANNOT GO ALONG WITH THE VOTE! PERHAPS DEATH WOULD BE BETTER!





**ACTON COUNCIL**  
 PEPIGEN WATER FOOD ETC.  
 LEADERSHIP DECISION- PARTICIPATION ETC.



THIS BICKERING IS INADVISABLE. REMEMBER THAT JUST AS ACTON IS A SYSTEM WITH MANY INTERRELATED PARTS, SO IS THIS COUNCIL. YEARS AGO, OUR ANCESTORS SET FORTH THE RULES FOR OUR PARTICIPANT POLITICAL SYSTEM. IT WAS AGREED THAT WE MUST SHARE LEADERSHIP AND INFORMATION, PARTICIPATE EQUALLY, AND COMMUNICATE OPENLY. ALSO, NO DECISION IS FINAL UNLESS UNANIMOUS. THEREFORE, BECAUSE ONE OF OUR MEMBERS WISHES NOT TO GO TO STEPON, WE MUST EXPLORE SOME OTHER POSSIBILITIES.

THAT'S IT! EXPLORE! I PROPOSE THAT WE SEND A MISSION TO EXPLORE STEPON, AS WELL AS SOME OTHER PLANETS, TO GATHER INFORMATION!

YES! A SEARCH FORCE !!



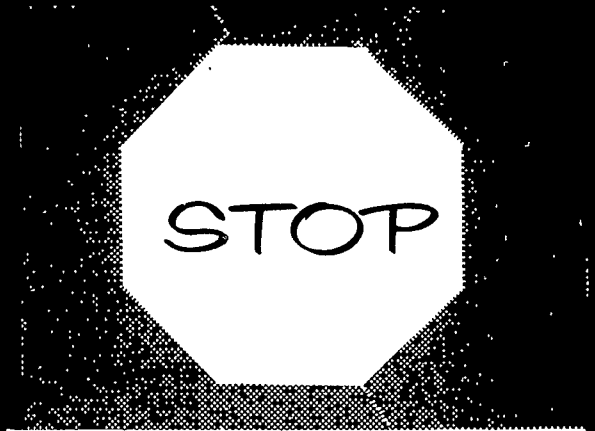
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THIS PROPOSITION IS VOTED UPON, AND PASSED BY THE COUNCIL.

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AND SO IS CONCEIVED...

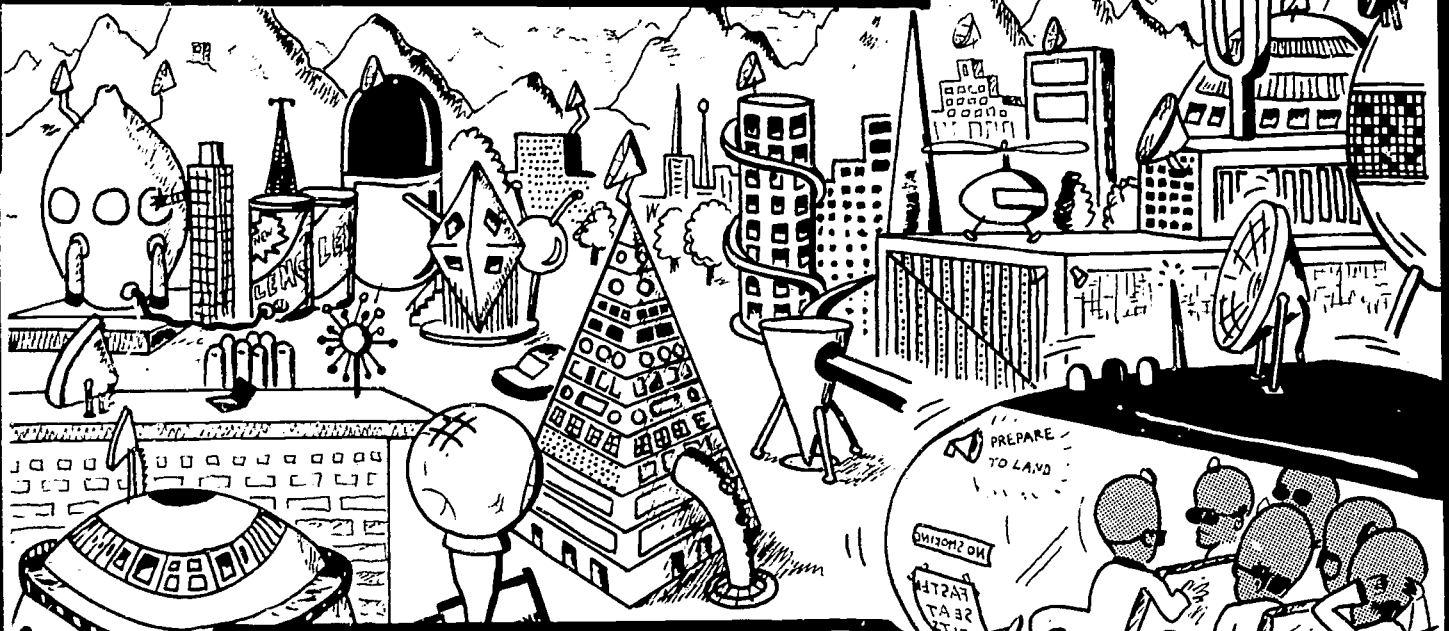
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TAKE THE MASTERY QUIZ FOR EPISODE 1



**R**EPRESENTATIVES FROM THE COUNCIL TRAVEL TO THE *PLANETARY SCIENCE INSTITUTE* TO SELECT DELEGATES FOR THEIR MISSION:



WE MUST EXERCISE EXTREME CARE AS WE MAKE OUR CHOICES. EVERYONE ON THE PLANET IS DEPENDING UPON US.

**A**ND AFTER EXHAUSTIVE INTERVIEWING AND PAINSTAKING DELIBERATION, THE *D.A.S.H.* TASK FORCE IS FORMED: IT HAS THREE MEMBERS.

I AM CALLED ERA. I AM AN EXPERT IN THE STUDY OF OTHER PLANETS. ALREADY I HAVE CHARTED OUR COURSE CAREFULLY.



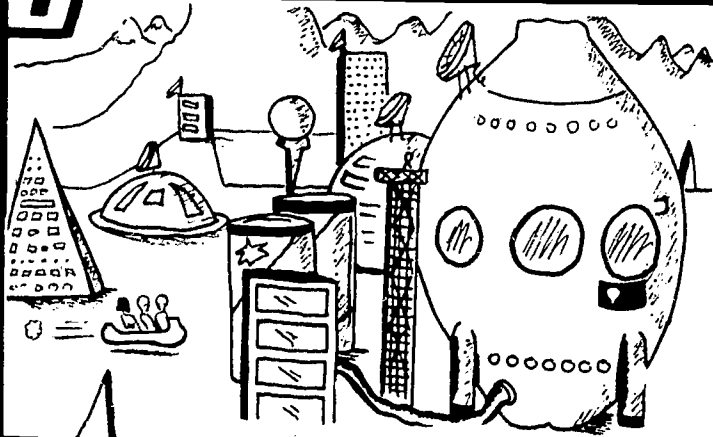
OK, T.M. IF YOU REALLY CAN READ MINDS, SNAP THE FINGERS OF YOUR LEFT HAND THREE TIMES...

A-HA! THAT WAS THE WRONG HAND, YOU PHONY

I AM T.M. I HAVE BEEN SELECTED BECAUSE OF MY UNUSUAL ABILITY TO SEE BEYOND PEOPLE'S WORDS, TO READ THEIR INTENTIONS. I SHALL ALSO NAVIGATE OUR CRAFT, *THE CITRON*.

MOVE IS MY NAME. I AM A GREAT NEGOTIATOR. MY SKILLS WILL BE USEFUL IN DEALING WITH OTHER BEINGS.

**T**HE D.A.S.H. TASK FORCE CHECKS OUT THE CITRON:

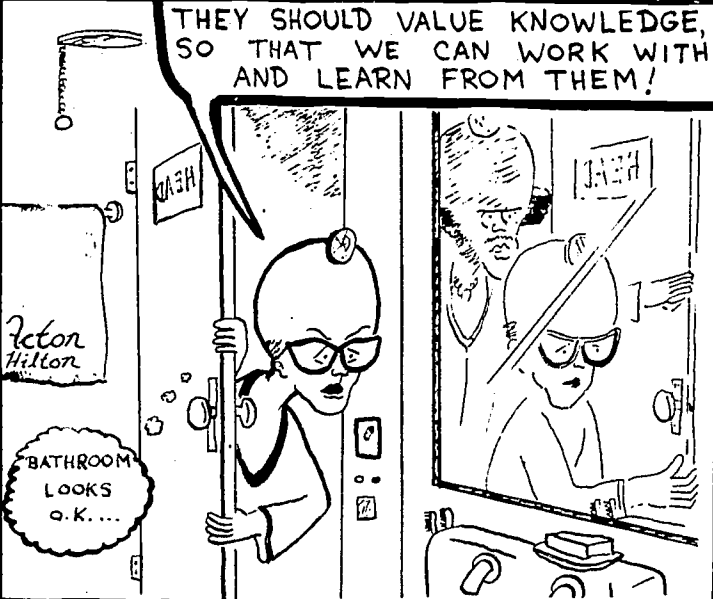


AS WE EXPLORE PLANETS THAT WILL PROVIDE OUR BASIC PHYSICAL NEEDS, WHAT ELSE WILL WE BE SEARCHING FOR?

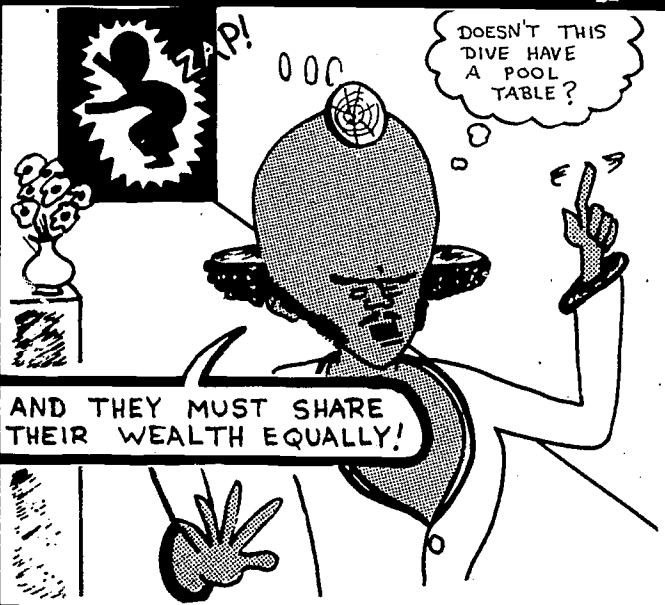
WE MUST MAKE CERTAIN THAT THE INHABITANTS RUN THEIR PLANET FAIRLY.



THEY SHOULD VALUE KNOWLEDGE, SO THAT WE CAN WORK WITH AND LEARN FROM THEM!

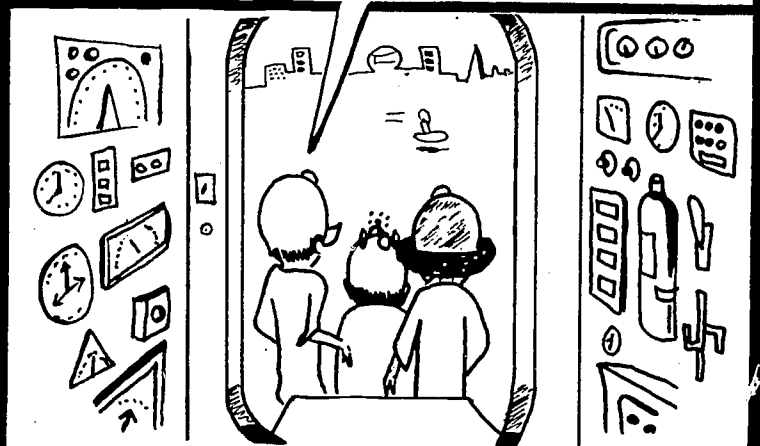


IT WOULD HELP IF THEY POSSESSED GREAT DIPLOMATIC SKILLS, LIKE MOVE. WE WON'T TOLERATE VIOLENCE!



AND THEY MUST SHARE THEIR WEALTH EQUALLY!

THOSE ARE THE QUALITIES WE MUST LOOK FOR - THE ADVISOR SAYS THEY ARE EXAMPLES OF POLITICAL RESOURCES - THINGS WHICH PEOPLE IN A GROUP VALUE, AND USE TO GET WHAT THEY WANT.



**T**HE D.A.S.H. TASK FORCE PREPARES FOR THE VOYAGE, IN THE COMPANY OF THE ADVISOR.

YOU HAVE BEEN SELECTED, OUT OF ALL THE ACTONITES, AS THOSE MOST CAPABLE OF SECURING A NEW HOMELAND —

WE UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF FINDING ONE WHICH CONTAINS THE PROPER PHYSICAL AND POLITICAL RESOURCES.

YES, BUT WHAT ABOUT POLITICAL ACTIVITIES?

POLITICAL ACTIVITIES?

POLITICAL ACTIVITIES ARE THINGS PEOPLE DO TO DISTRIBUTE RESOURCES IN A GROUP...

FOR EXAMPLE, ON ACTON PARTICIPATION IN POLITICAL LIFE IS OPEN TO EVERYONE. WE ENCOURAGE ALL TO USE THEIR KNOWLEDGE...

DECISION-MAKING DEPENDS UPON UNANIMOUS APPROVAL — OPEN COMMUNICATION IS VITAL. WE HAVE AVOIDED A SYSTEM WHERE LEADERSHIP IS BASED UPON MERE AUTHORITY.

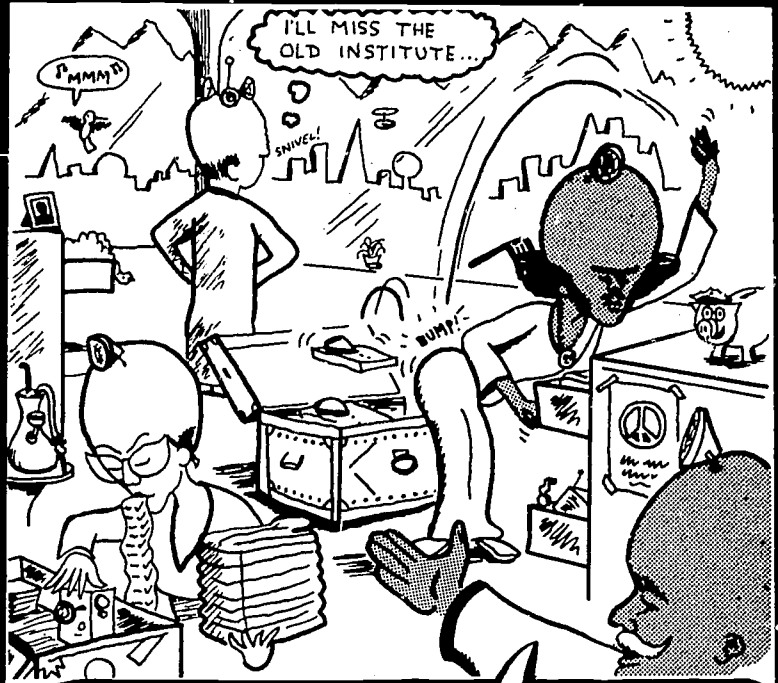
SOON:

WHA...? HEY, LET'S GET GOING!

PARTICIPATION? COMMUNICATION? LEADERSHIP? DECISION-MAKING? I DON'T KNOW — MAYBE THE ADVISOR SHOULD GO ALONG...



ONE MORE THING - OUR POLITICAL SYSTEM HAS BEEN PROVEN TO BE SUCCESSFUL, AND WE MUST KEEP IT THAT WAY. A SYSTEM OF ONE-MAN RULE, FOR EXAMPLE, WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE...



WE WANT OUR PATTERNS OF RESOURCES AND ACTIVITIES TO REMAIN THE SAME - WE WANT OUR POLITICAL SYSTEM TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE THE SAME WAY - THAT IS CALLED POLITICAL MAINTENANCE.

**A**S THE GOING-AWAY CELEBRATION BEGINS...

ATTENTION EVERYONE! I HAVE AN IMPORTANT QUESTION FOR THE ADVISOR!

ALTHOUGH OUR SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE IS VAST, YOU POSSESS GREAT POLITICAL WISDOM - WOULD IT NOT SERVE THE BEST INTERESTS OF ALL IF YOU ACCOMPANIED US?

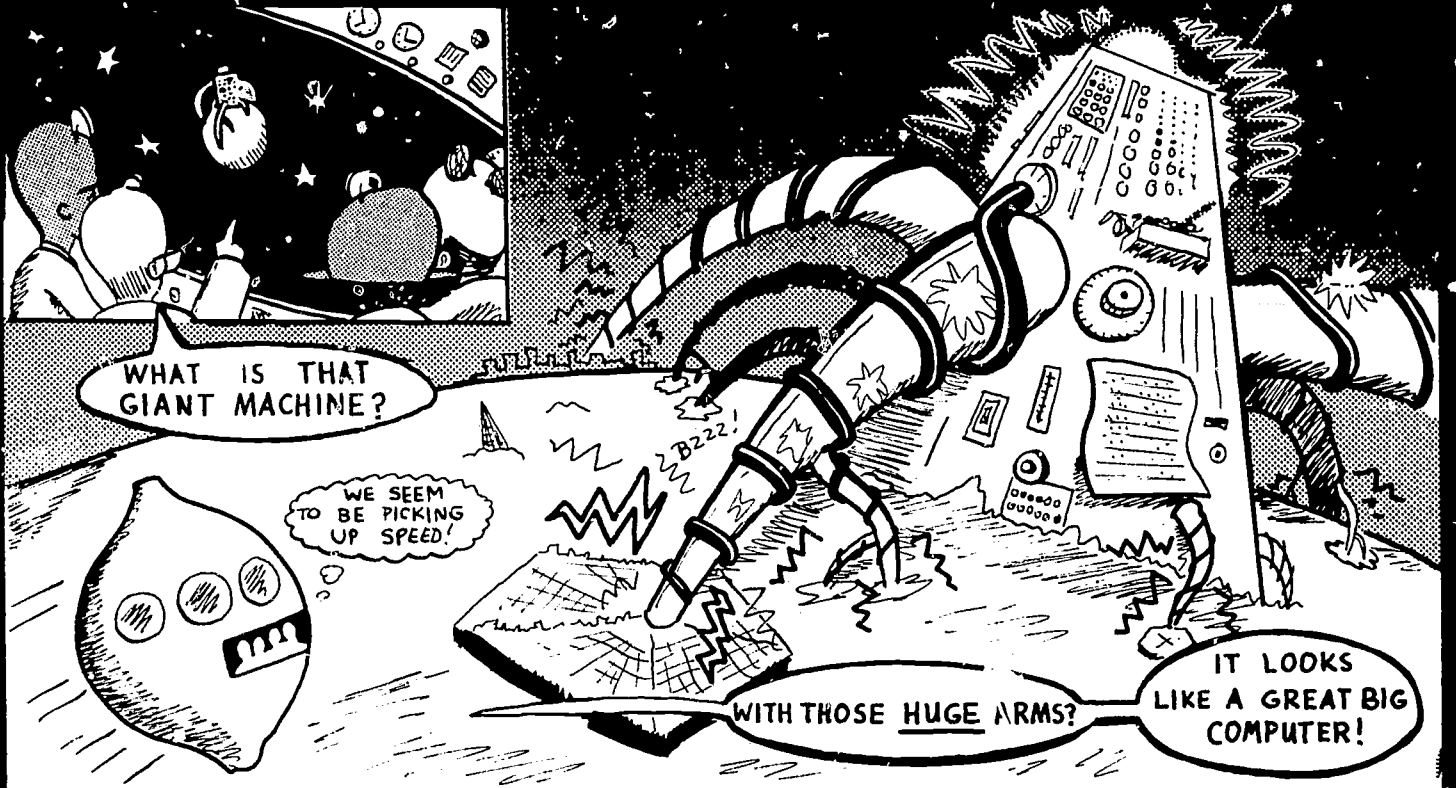


THEN IT IS SETTLED! THE ADVISOR SHALL GO WITH US!

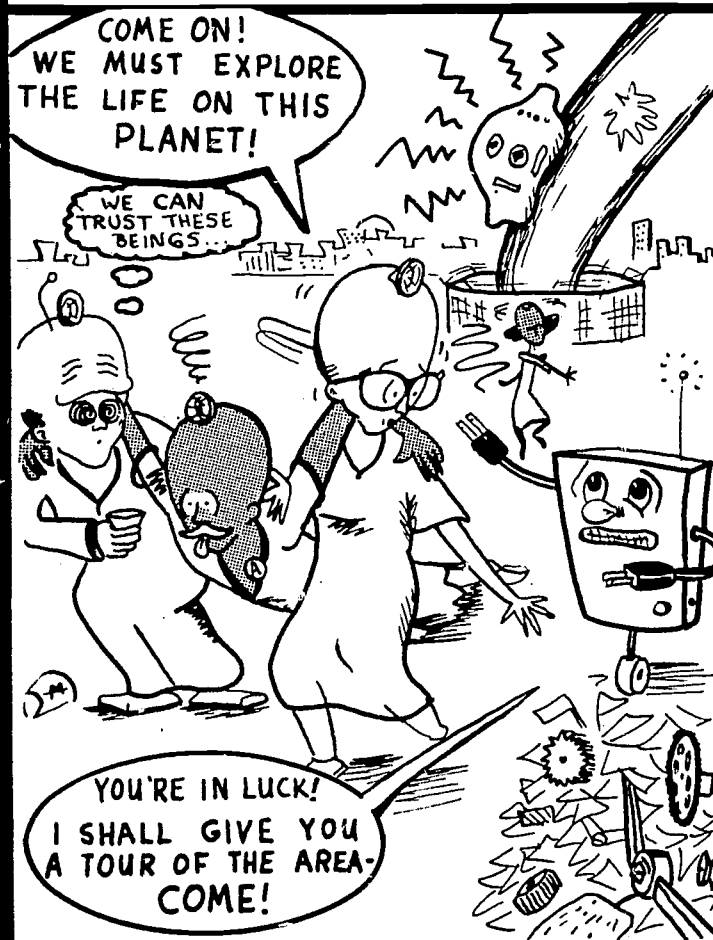
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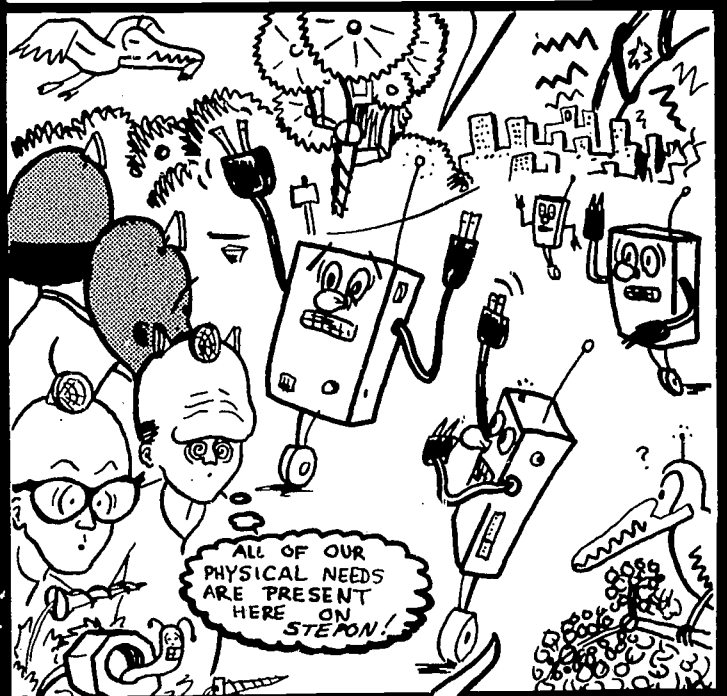
THE EXPEDITION APPROACHES THE PLANET STEPON:



AND ENCOUNTER THEIR FIRST STEPONITES:



YOU MUST HAVE SEEN OUR ELECTRO-MAGNETIC POWER SOURCE, **CENTRO**, FROM YOUR SHIP... IT TAKES CARE OF OUR NEEDS AND SATISFIES MOST OF US...



... BUT NOT ALL OF US! AS WE APPROACH THE MARKETPLACE NOTE HOW **CENTRO'S** POWER KEEPS ALL THE STORES CONCENTRATED TOGETHER ... BUT SOME GROUPS WISH TO BE INDEPENDENT!

OUR FOURSOME NEXT SPEAKS TO A STEPONITE SHOPKEEPER;

NOT BAD!

ONLY ONE IN DRESS AT A TIME



YES, CENTRO IS THE ALL-POWERFUL! TEN YEARS AGO, IT USED TO SEIZE ALL OF OUR PROFITS-- NOW IT TAKES 70%-- BUT SLOWLY THE **CENTRO INFILTRATION ASSOCIATION** HAS BEEN WEAKENING IT'S POWER-- TONIGHT WE SHALL APPLY THE FINISHING TOUCHES! TONIGHT CENTRO WILL DIE!!

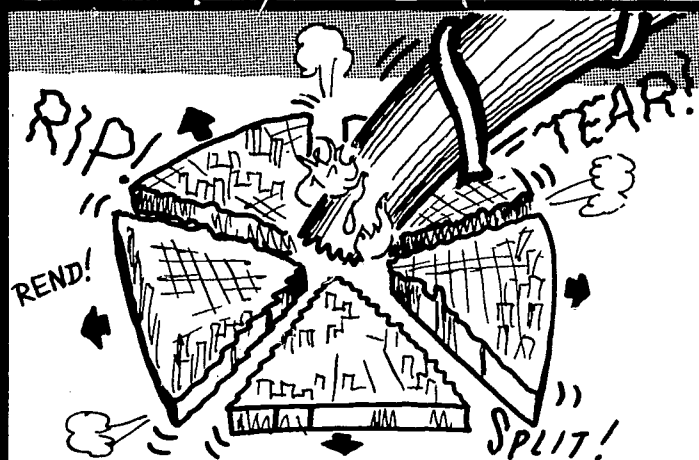
I HAVE HAD THIS MISERABLE BASEMENT LOCATION FOR YEARS! IT'S CENTRO'S WAY OF KEEPING KNOWLEDGE FROM THE MASSES! I HOPE THE C.I.A. PLOT IS A SUCCESS!

THIS SYSTEM WILL NOT SUIT US! STEPON IS AN ELITE POLITICAL SYSTEM. MOST POLITICAL RESOURCES AND ACTIVITIES IN AN ELITE SYSTEM ARE CONTROLLED BY AN INDIVIDUAL--



THAT NIGHT, UNDER COVER OF DARKNESS  
THE PLOT IS CARRIED OUT-

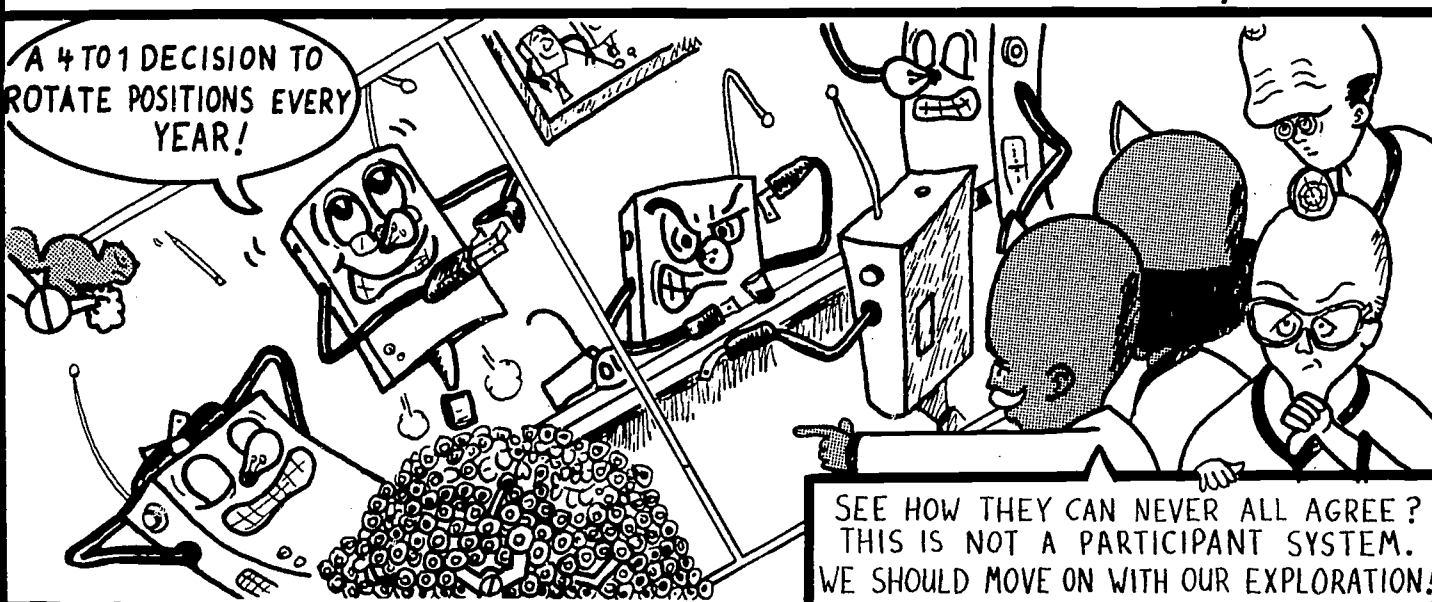
AS CENTRO'S MAGNETIC GRIP IS BROKEN,  
THE FIVE SECTIONS OF THE MARKETPLACE  
BECOME INDEPENDENT...



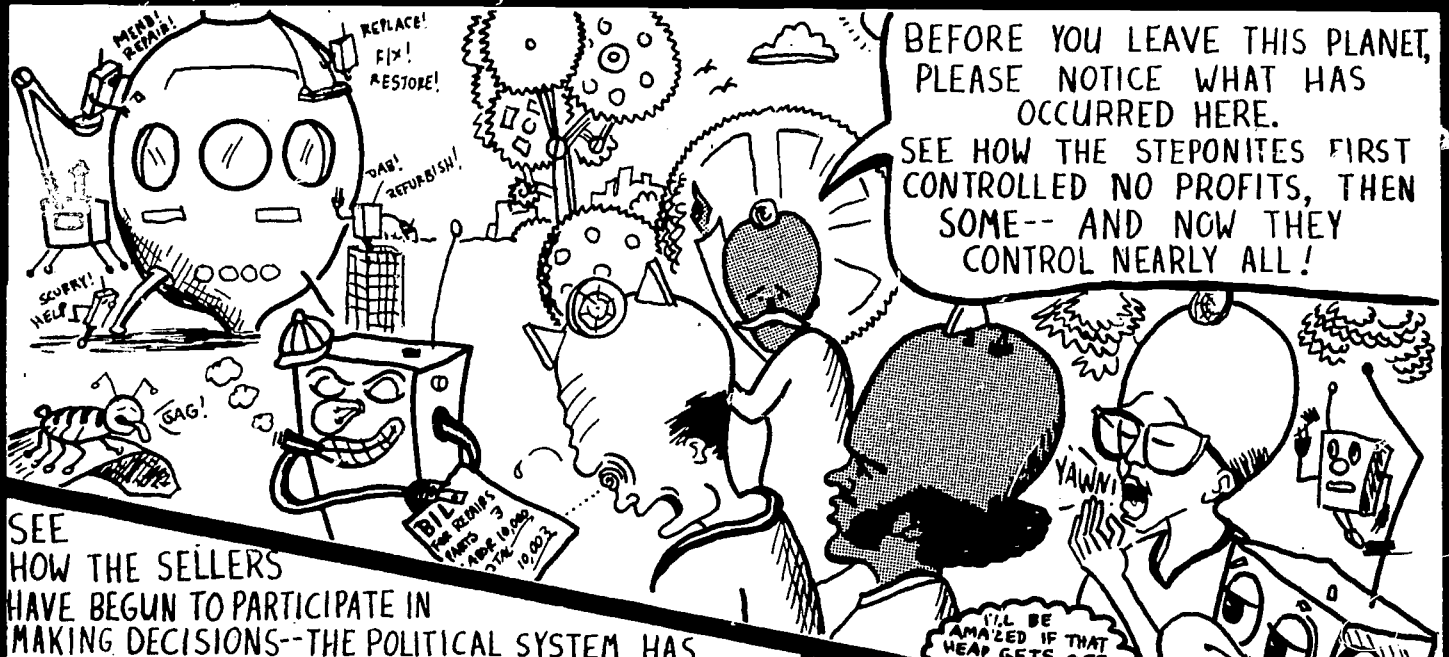
AND WITH CENTRO DEAD, THE SHOPKEEPERS VOTE TO DISTRIBUTE PROFITS;



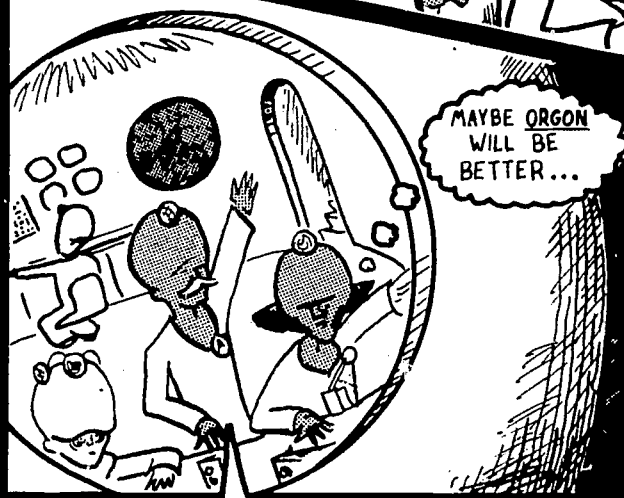
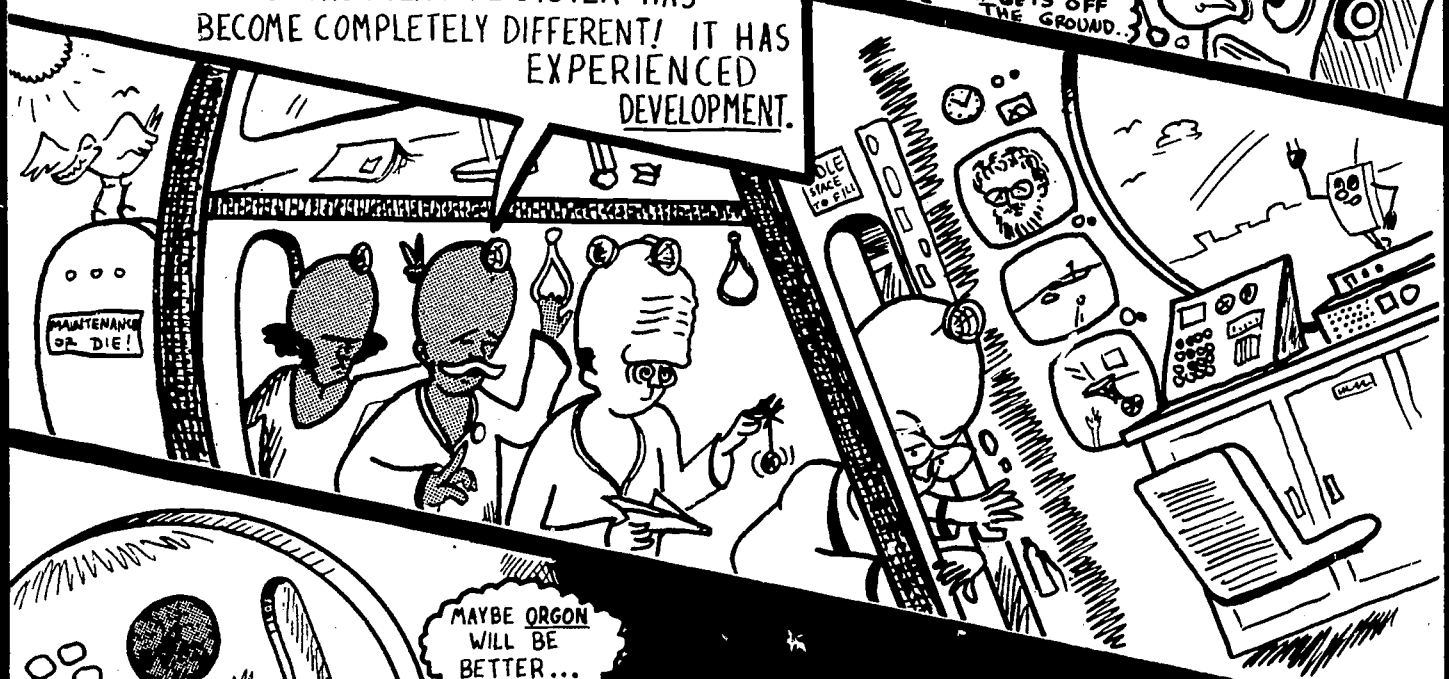
A VOTE IS TAKEN TO DETERMINE THE LOCATION OF SHOPS;







SEE HOW THE SELLERS HAVE BEGUN TO PARTICIPATE IN MAKING DECISIONS--THE POLITICAL SYSTEM HAS BECOME COMPLETELY DIFFERENT! IT HAS EXPERIENCED DEVELOPMENT.



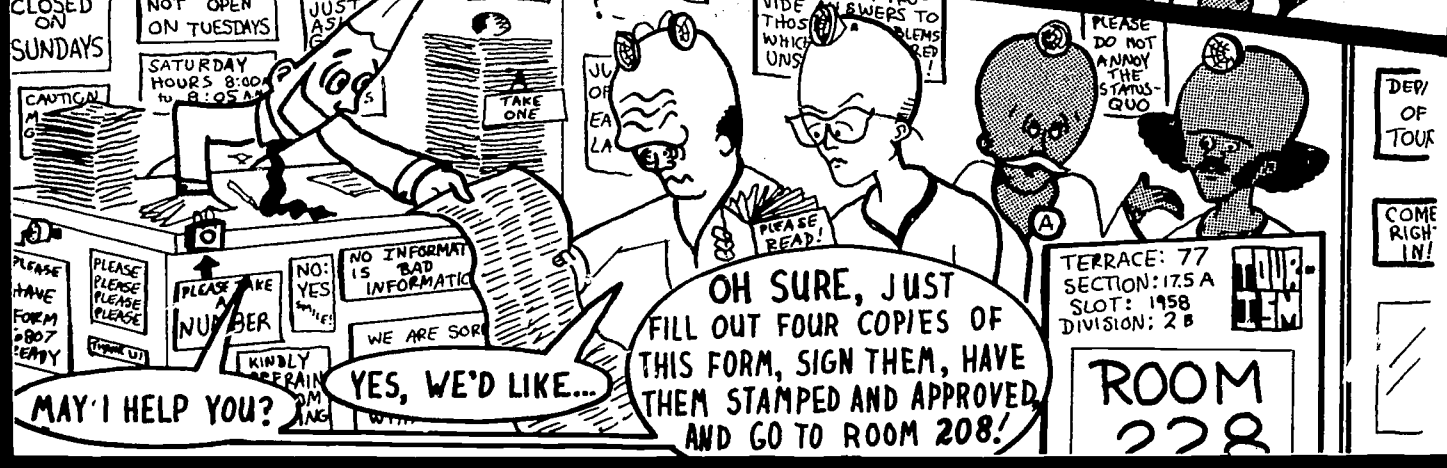
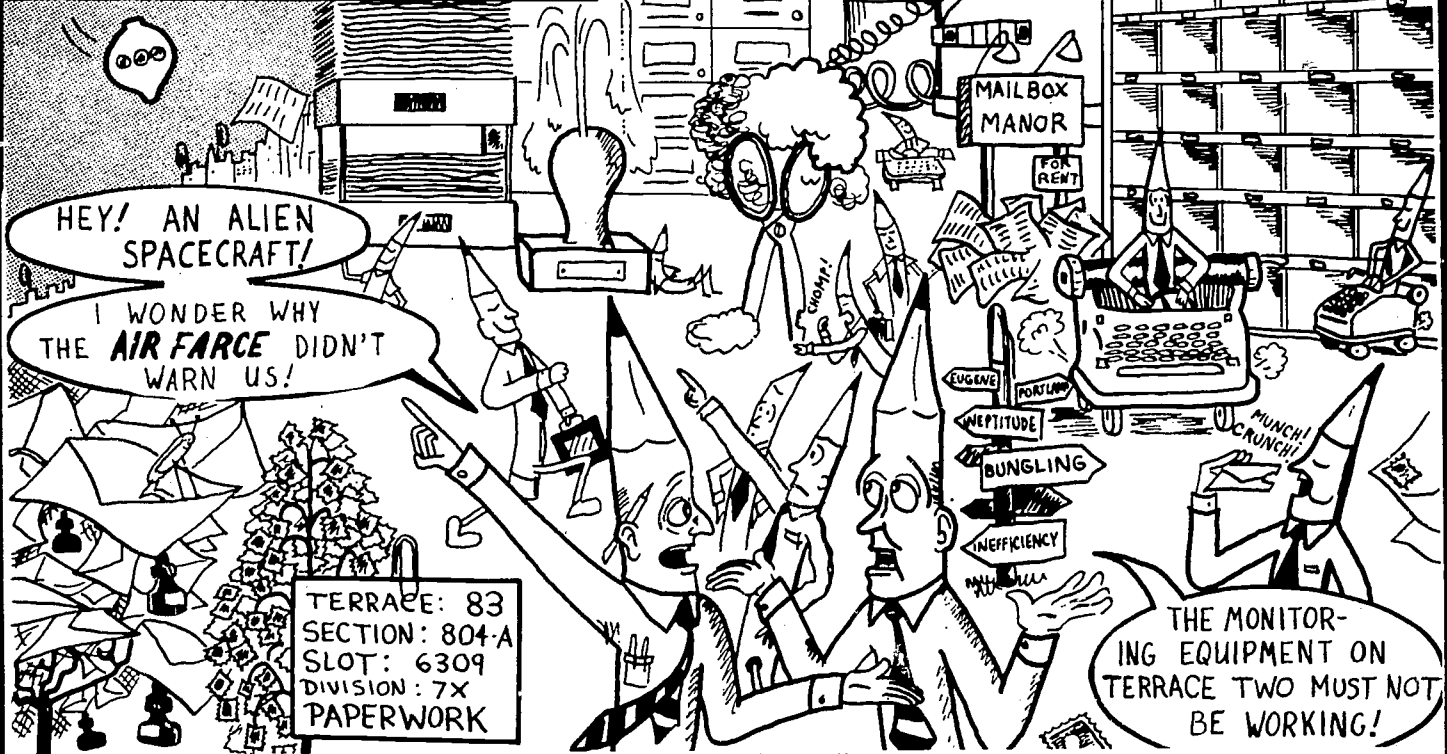
DEVELOPMENT OCCURS WHEN DIFFERENCES IN PATTERNS OF RESOURCES AND ACTIVITIES REINFORCE EACH OTHER OVER TIME AND A POLITICAL SYSTEM OPERATES IN A DIFFERENT WAY.



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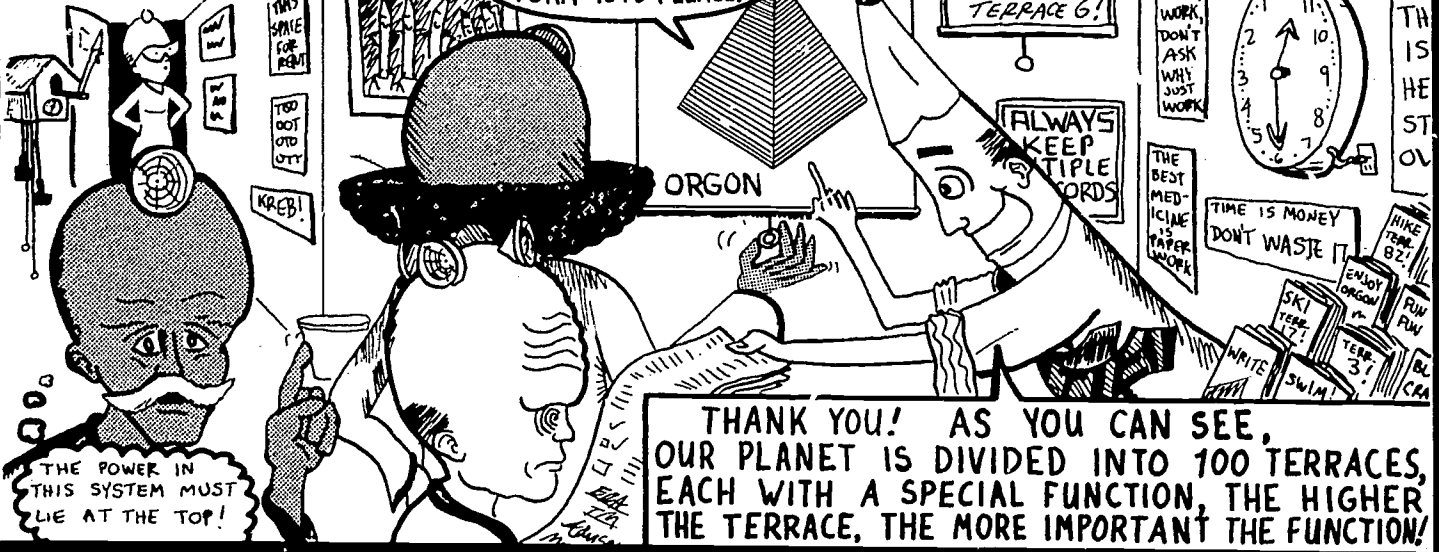


**INHABITANTS OF ORGON SPOT THE CITRON APPROACHING:**



AFTER SOME CONFUSION AND WANDERING...

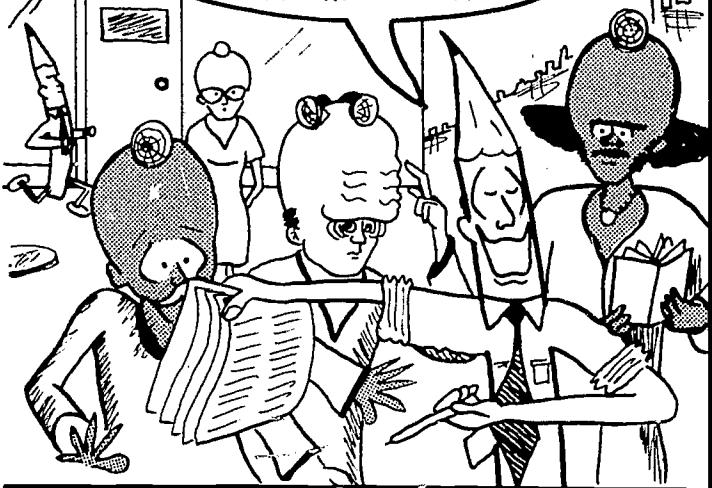
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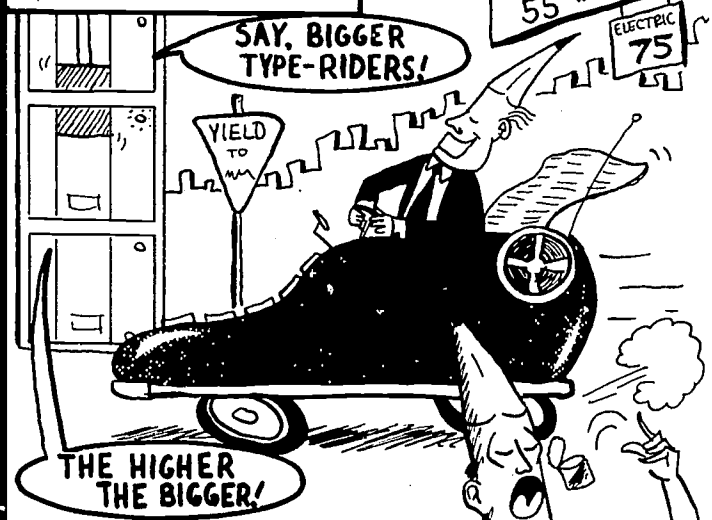
THANK YOU! AS YOU CAN SEE, OUR PLANET IS DIVIDED INTO 100 TERRACES, EACH WITH A SPECIAL FUNCTION, THE HIGHER THE TERRACE, THE MORE IMPORTANT THE FUNCTION!

TOUR!

I'LL SHOW YOU AROUND, BUT FIRST IF YOU'LL JUST SIGN 6 COPIES OF THIS RELEASE FORM...



THEY RIDE THE VERTICAL FILE TO HIGHER TERRACES.



MESSAGE FROM TERRACE:

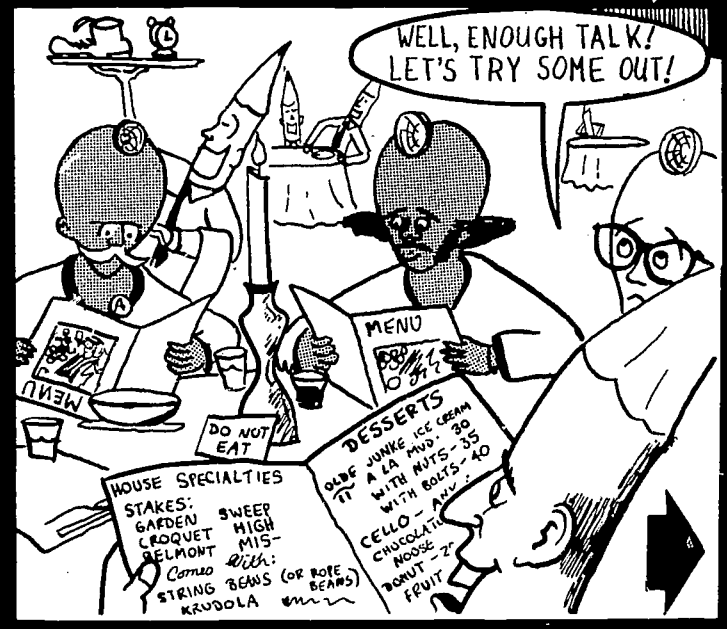
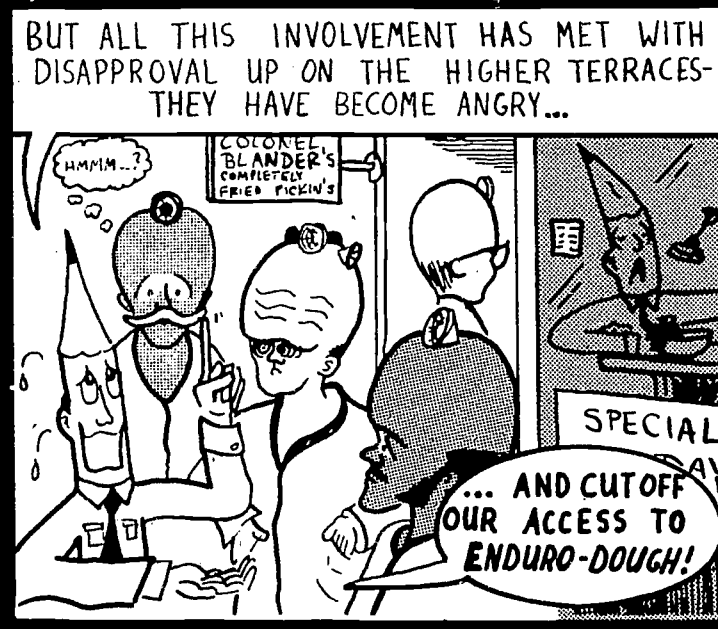
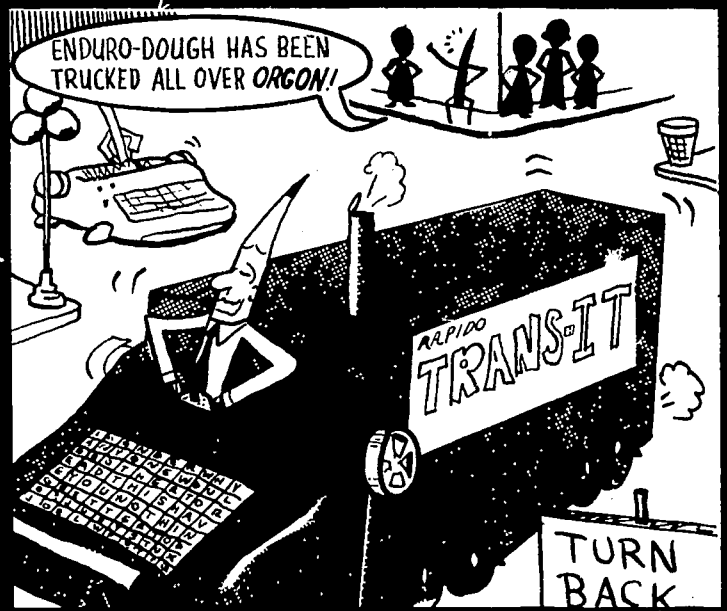
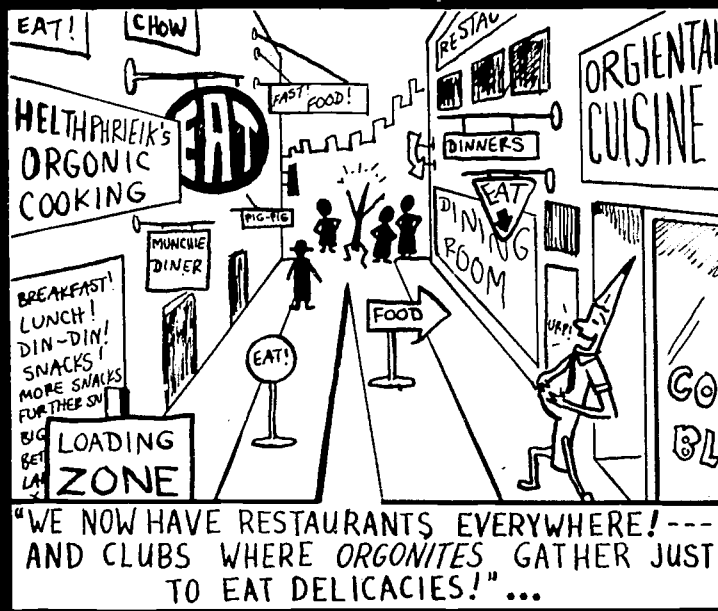
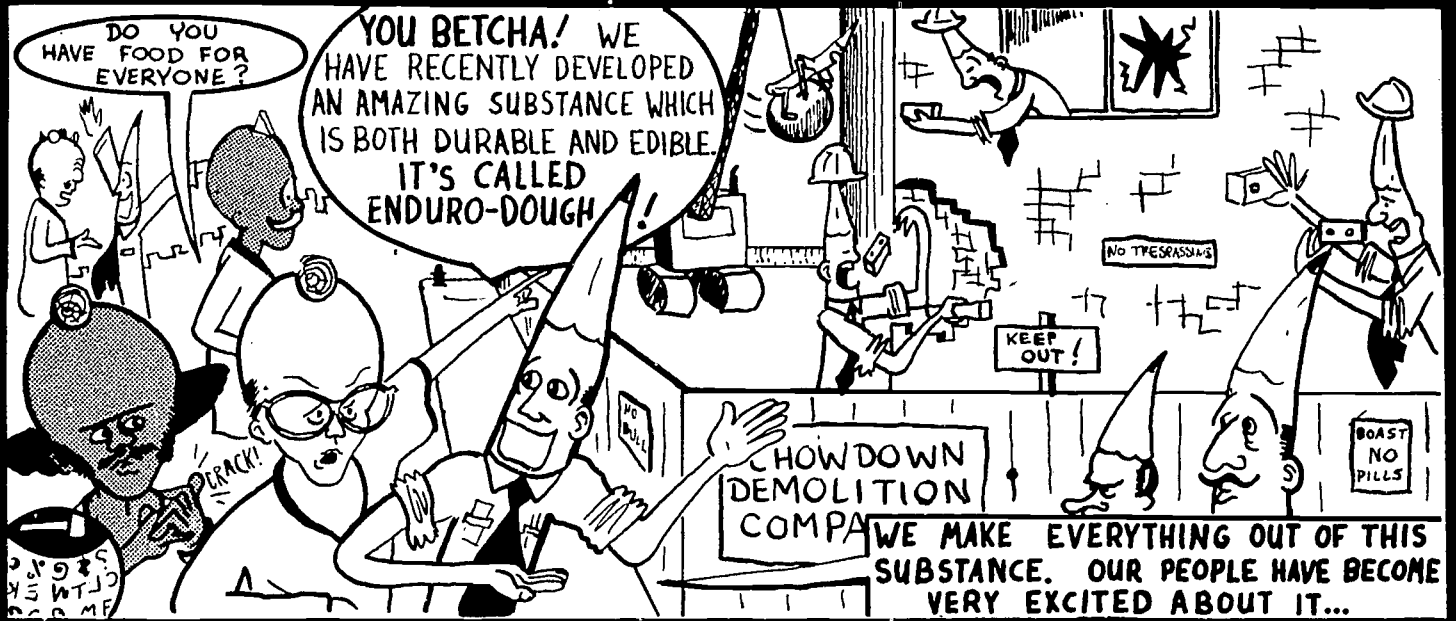
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TERRACE 21

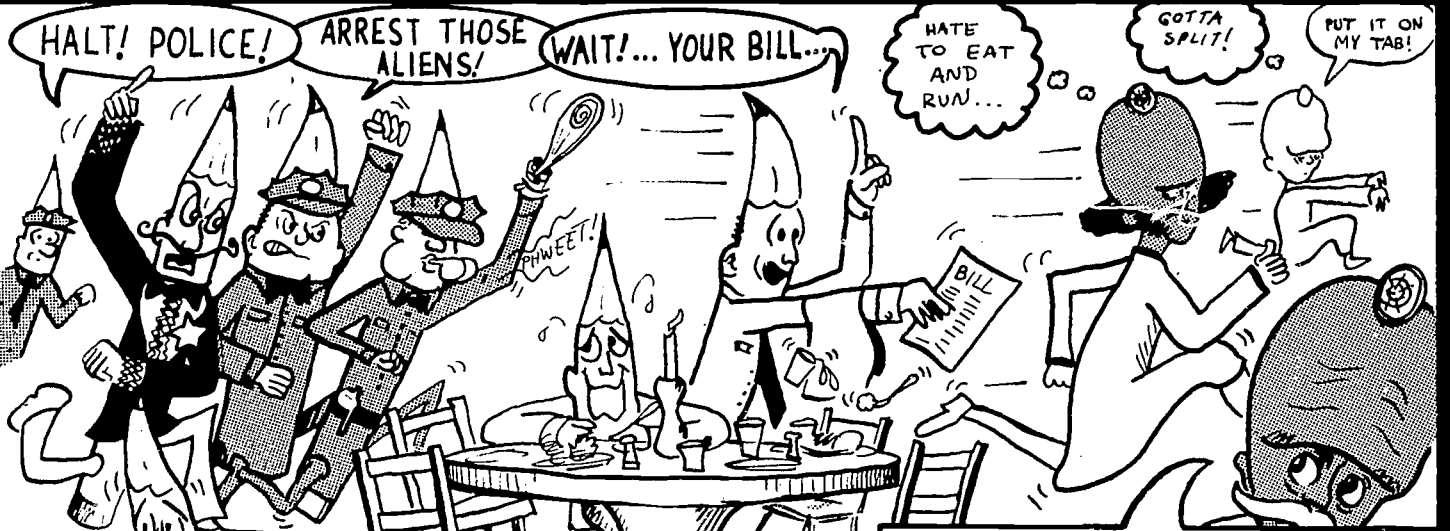
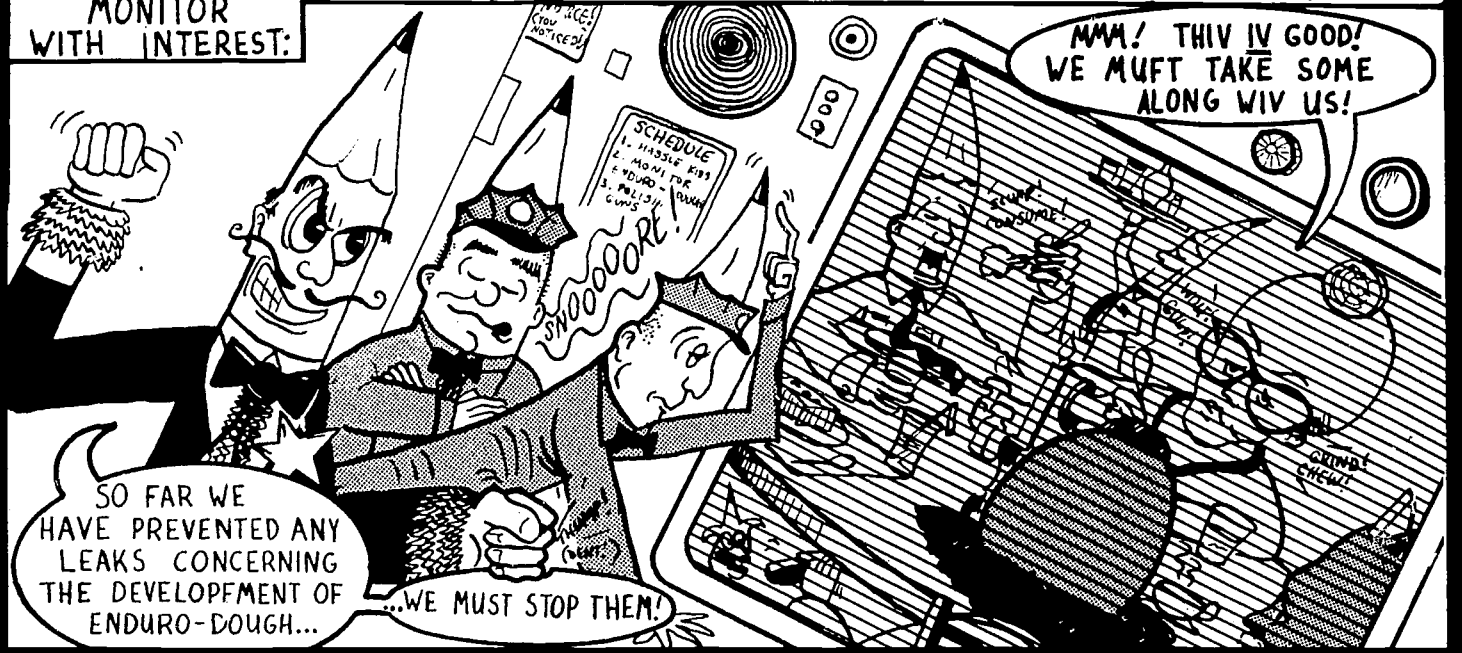
MY FRIENDS, WE CANNOT EXIST HERE. THIS IS A BUREAUCRATIC SYSTEM.



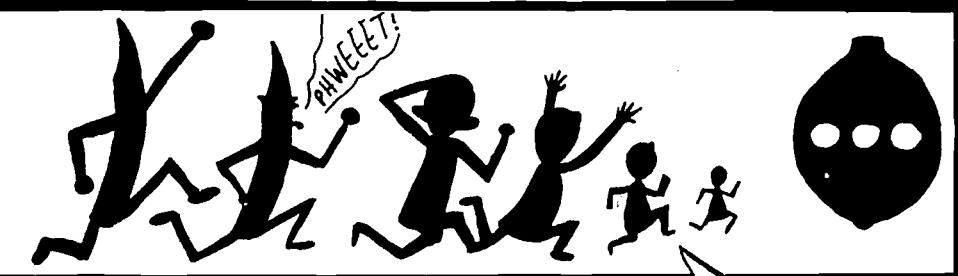




**B**UT OUR FRIENDS AREN'T ALONE WITH THEIR MEAL— UP ON... TERRACE ONE, THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS VIEW THEIR MONITOR WITH INTEREST:



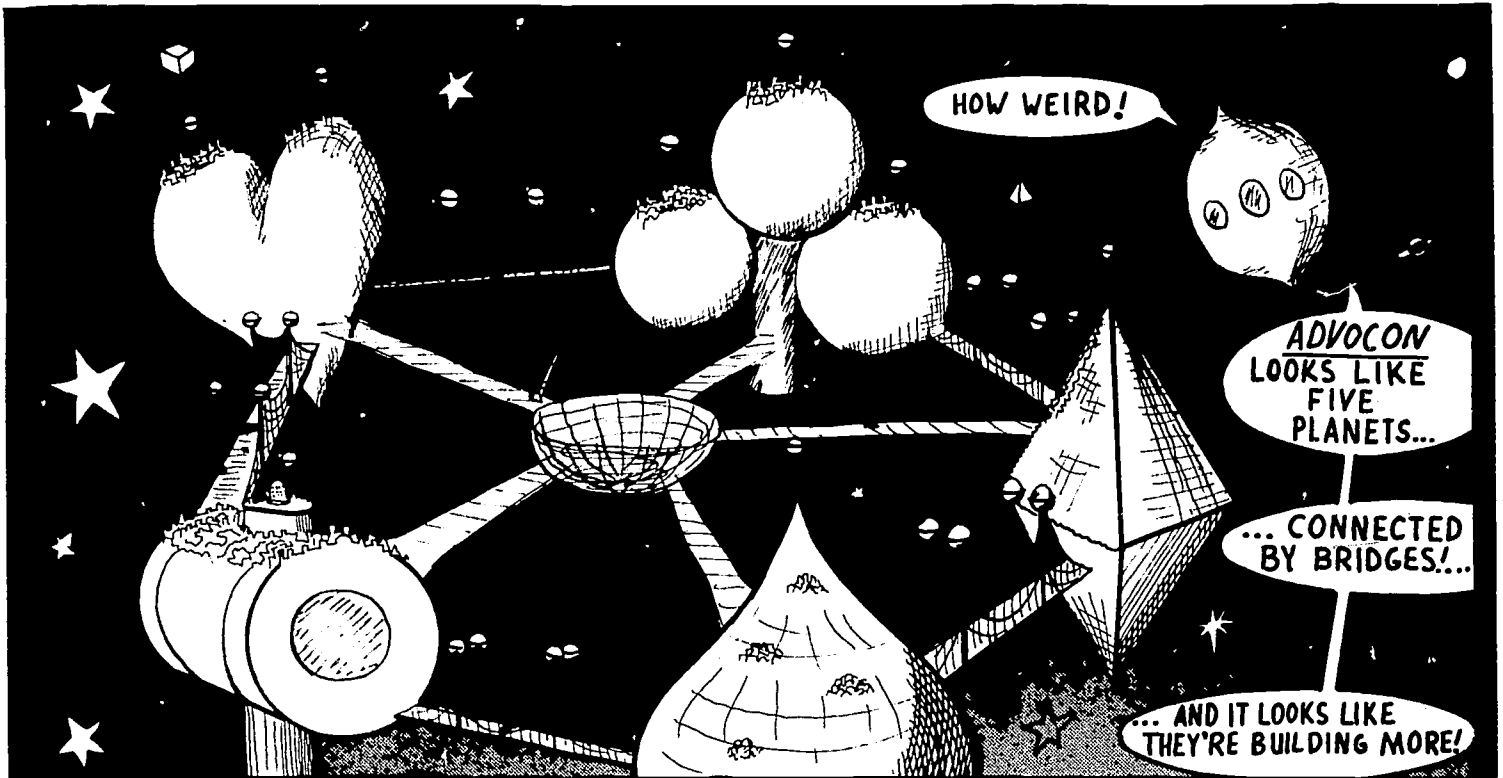
**THE CHASE ENDS WITH A DRAMATIC ESCAPE!** SUDDENLY THIS SYSTEM SEEMS TO HAVE EVEN LESS TO OFFER...



JUST AS THE ORGONITES HAVE BEGUN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SYSTEM, THE TOP TERRACES HAVE BECOME RUTHLESS IN THEIR CONTROL OF THE PEOPLE. ALSO, COMMUNICATION TO THE LOWER TERRACES HAS BEEN CUT. THE SYSTEM IS EXPERIENCING CONFLICT. CONFLICT OCCURS WHEN PATTERNS OF RESOURCES AND ACTIVITIES CONTRADICT EACH OTHER OVER TIME, AND A POLITICAL SYSTEM OPERATES IN A DIFFERENT WAY.

TAKE THE MASTERY QUIZ FOR EPISODE 4.





HOW WEIRD!

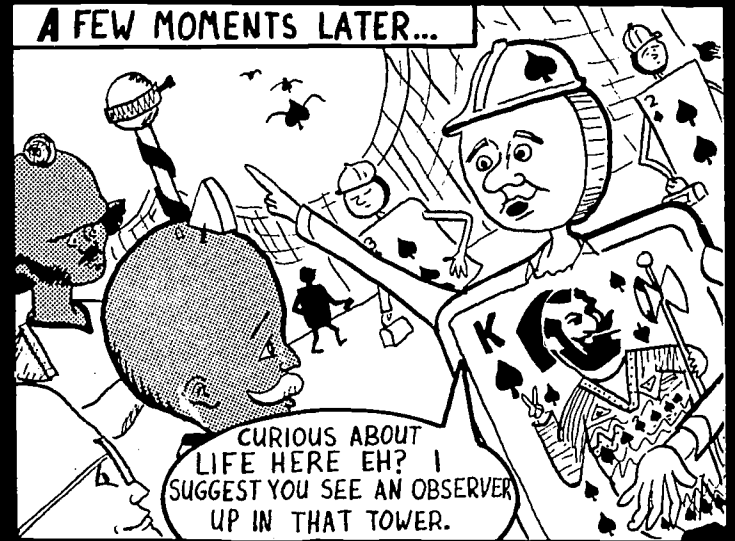
ADVOCON LOOKS LIKE FIVE PLANETS...

... CONNECTED BY BRIDGES!...

... AND IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE BUILDING MORE!

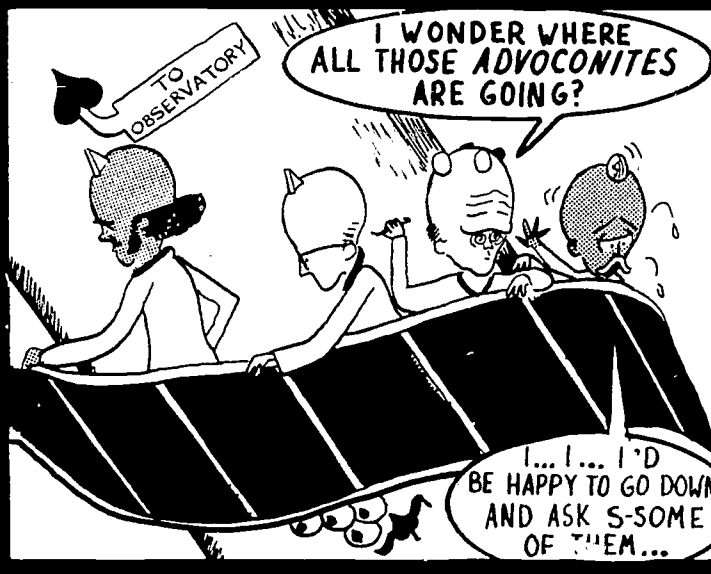


... PRETTY BUSY PLACE ...



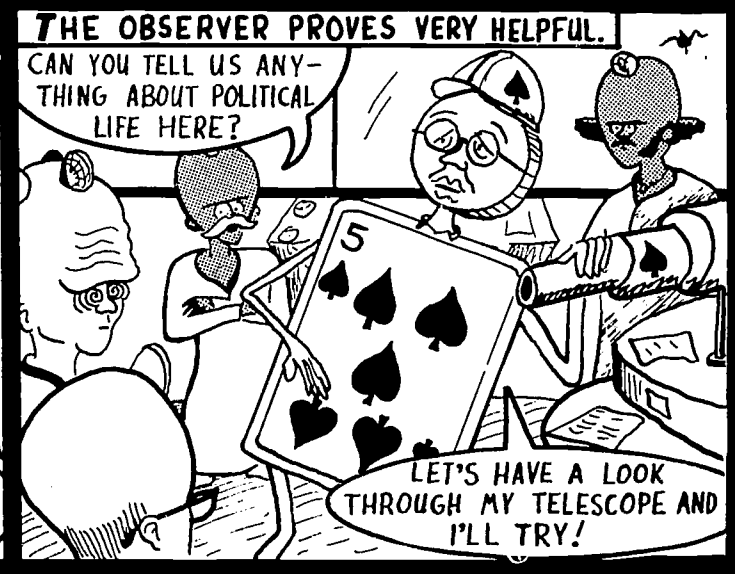
A FEW MOMENTS LATER...

CURIOUS ABOUT LIFE HERE EH? I SUGGEST YOU SEE AN OBSERVER UP IN THAT TOWER.



I WONDER WHERE ALL THOSE ADVOCONITES ARE GOING?

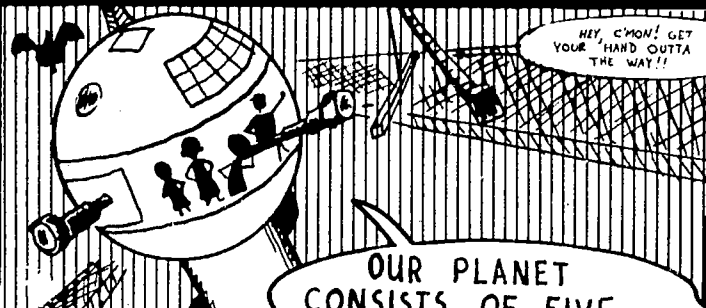
I... I... I'D BE HAPPY TO GO DOWN AND ASK S-SOME OF THEM...



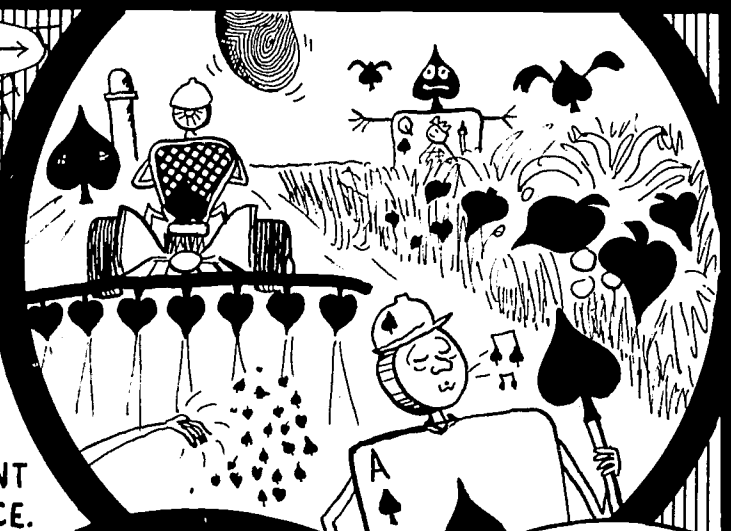
THE OBSERVER PROVES VERY HELPFUL.

CAN YOU TELL US ANYTHING ABOUT POLITICAL LIFE HERE?

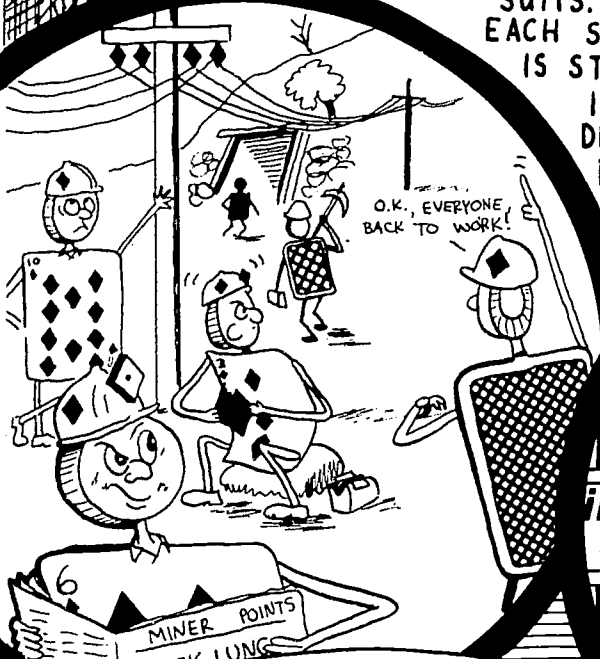
LET'S HAVE A LOOK THROUGH MY TELESCOPE AND I'LL TRY!



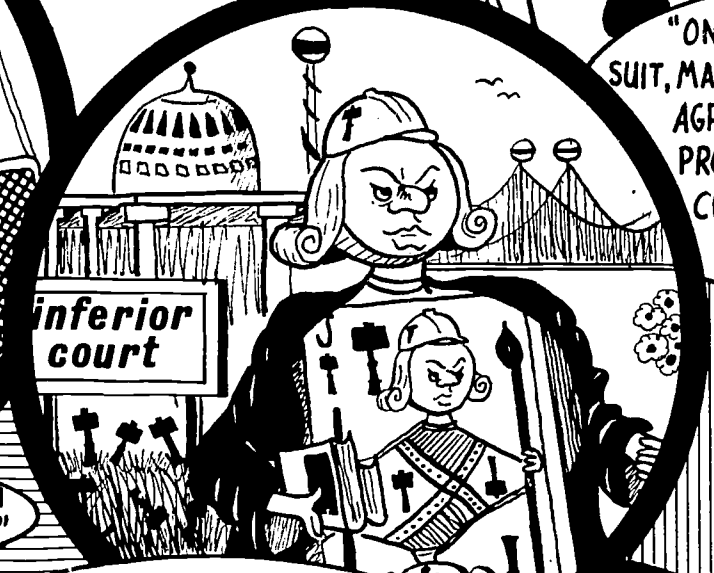
OUR PLANET CONSISTS OF FIVE SUITS. EACH SUIT IS STRONG IN A DIFFERENT RESOURCE.



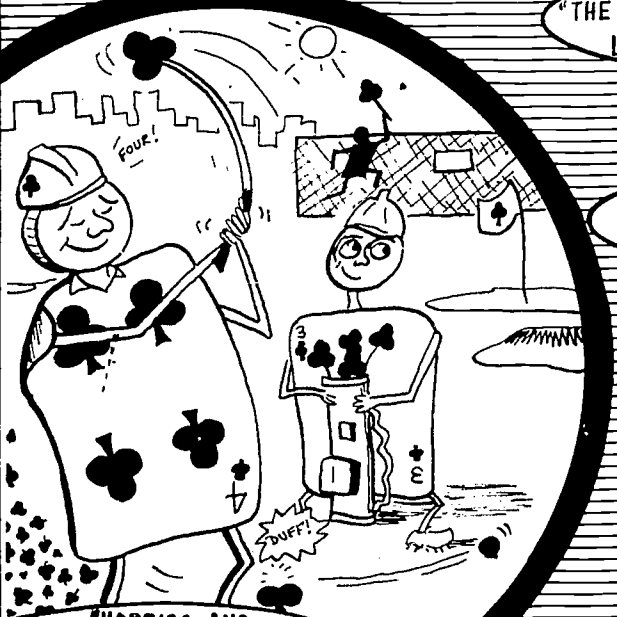
"ON THE SPADE SUIT, MANY IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS ARE CULTIVATED..."



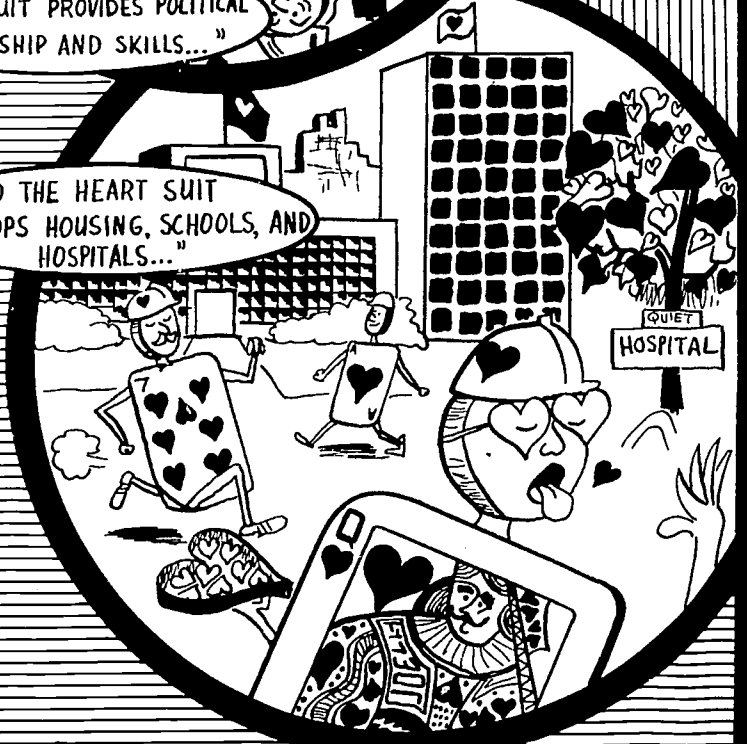
"THE DIAMOND SUIT IS RICH IN MOST NATURAL RESOURCES..."



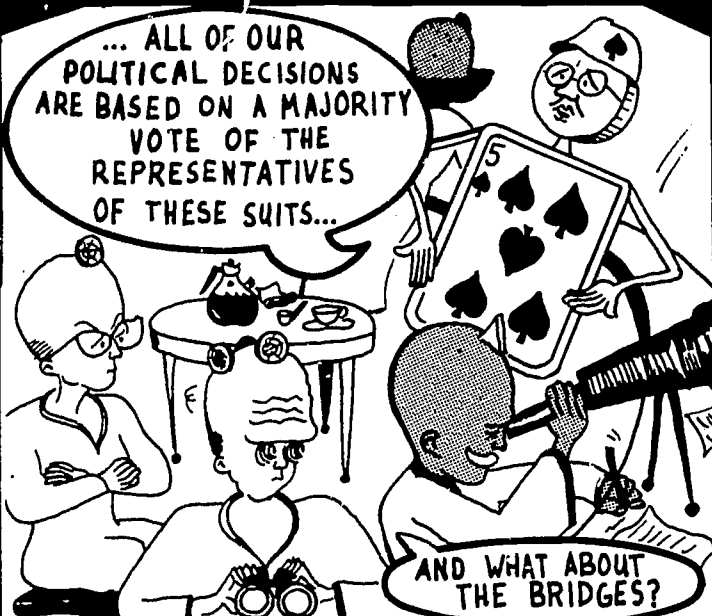
"THE LAW SUIT PROVIDES POLITICAL LEADERSHIP AND SKILLS..."



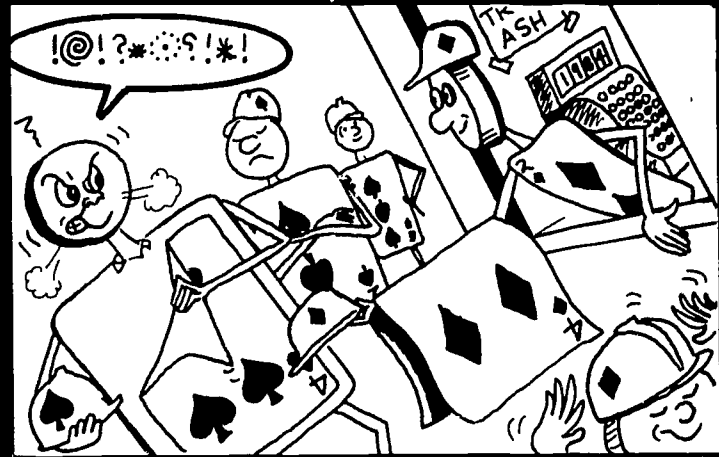
"HOBBIES AND OTHER RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES ARE ENJOYED ON THE CLUB SUIT - IDEAL CLIMATE!!"



"AND THE HEART SUIT DEVELOPS HOUSING, SCHOOLS, AND HOSPITALS..."

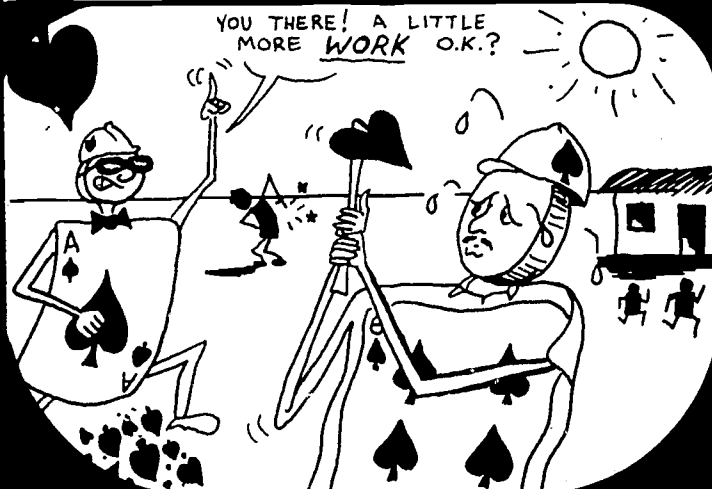


AND WHAT ABOUT THE BRIDGES?

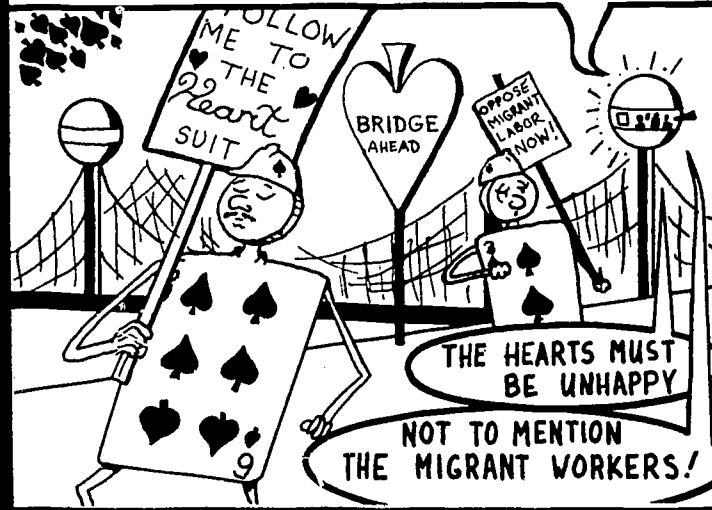


"BESIDES TRANSPORTING GOODS, THE BRIDGES PROMOTE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT. WHEN A CITIZEN FEELS THAT ITS INTERESTS ARE NOT BEING SERVED BY THE REPRESENTATIVES, IT CAN MOVE TO ANOTHER SUIT."

"RECENTLY, FOR EXAMPLE, THERE HAS BEEN MASS MOVEMENT BECAUSE OF MIGRANT LABOR CONDITIONS ON THE SPADE SUIT..."



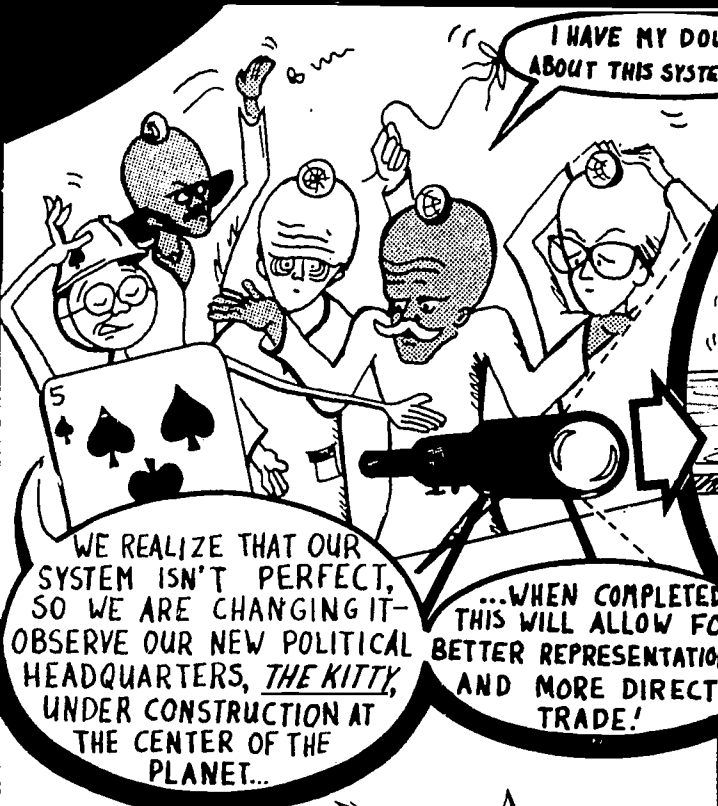
AS A RESULT, MANY SYMPATHIZERS ARE MOVING TO THE HEART SUIT. BUT THEIR BATTLE IS A LONG WAY FROM WON.



THE ADVISOR TAKES THE OTHERS ASIDE...

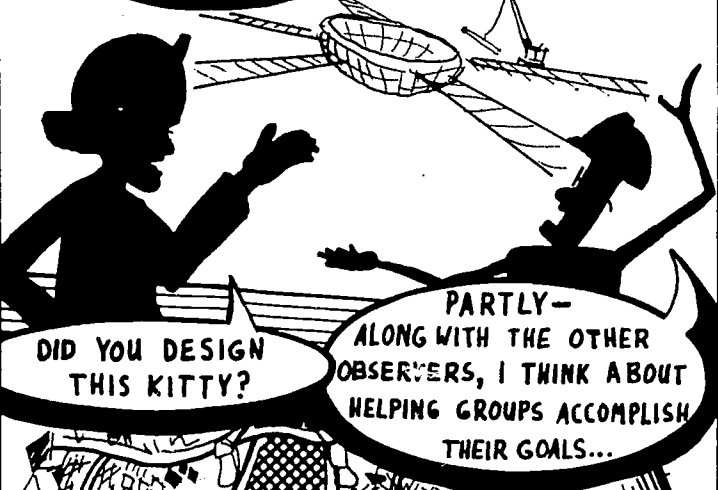
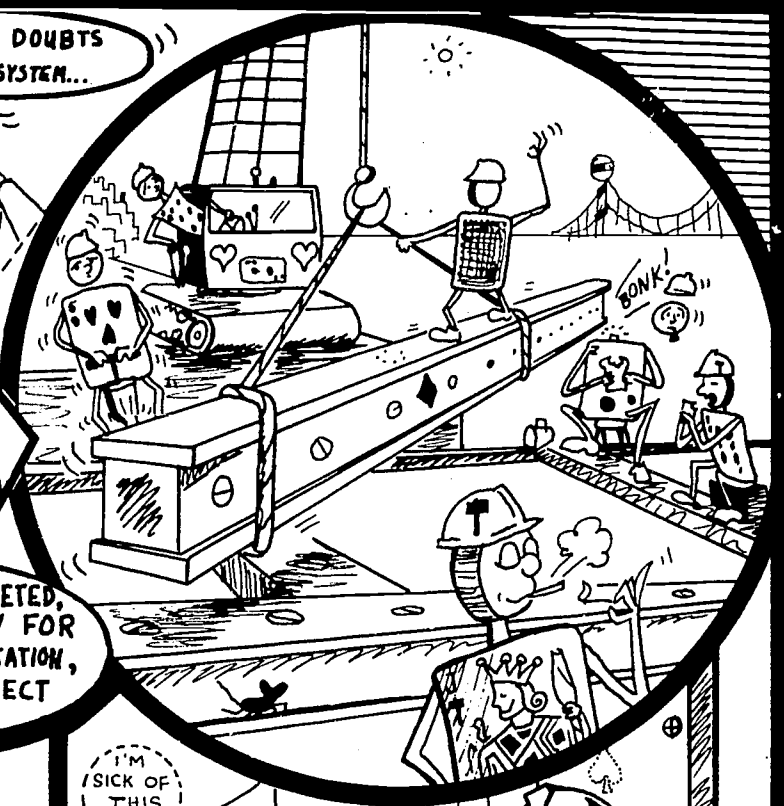






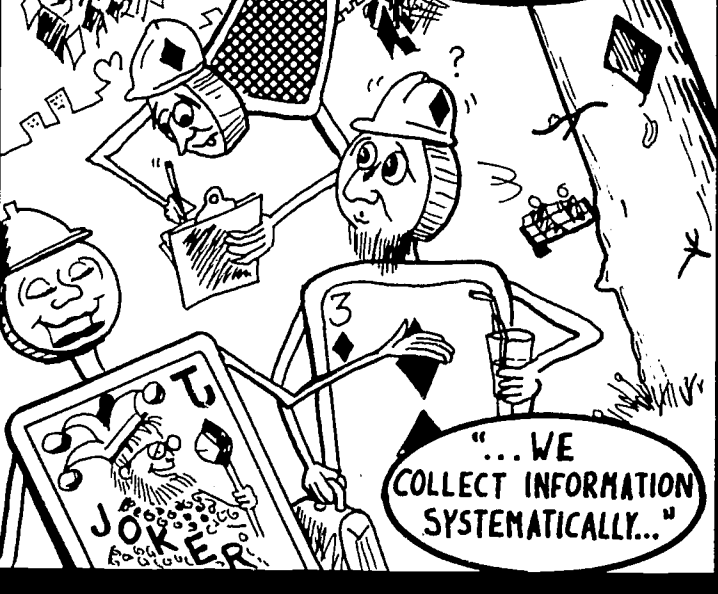
WE REALIZE THAT OUR SYSTEM ISN'T PERFECT, SO WE ARE CHANGING IT—OBSERVE OUR NEW POLITICAL HEADQUARTERS, *THE KITTY*, UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT THE CENTER OF THE PLANET...

...WHEN COMPLETED, THIS WILL ALLOW FOR BETTER REPRESENTATION, AND MORE DIRECT TRADE!



DID YOU DESIGN THIS KITTY?

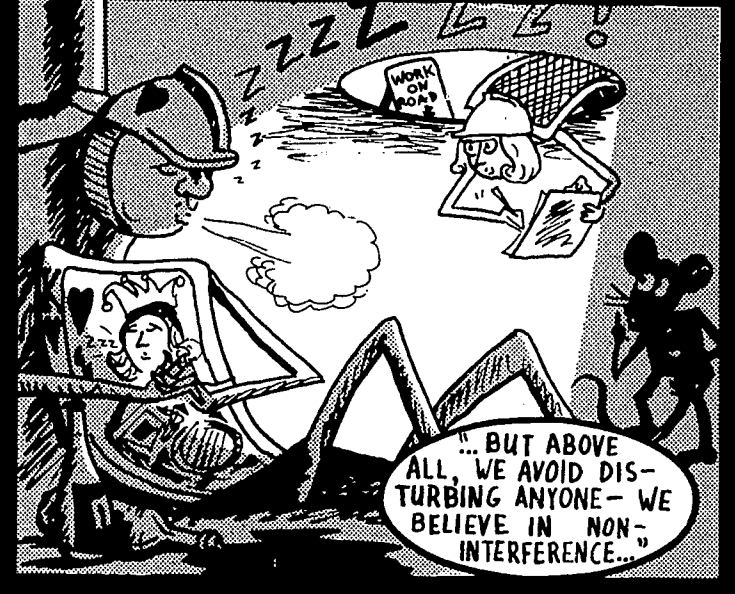
PARTLY—ALONG WITH THE OTHER OBSERVERS, I THINK ABOUT HELPING GROUPS ACCOMPLISH THEIR GOALS...



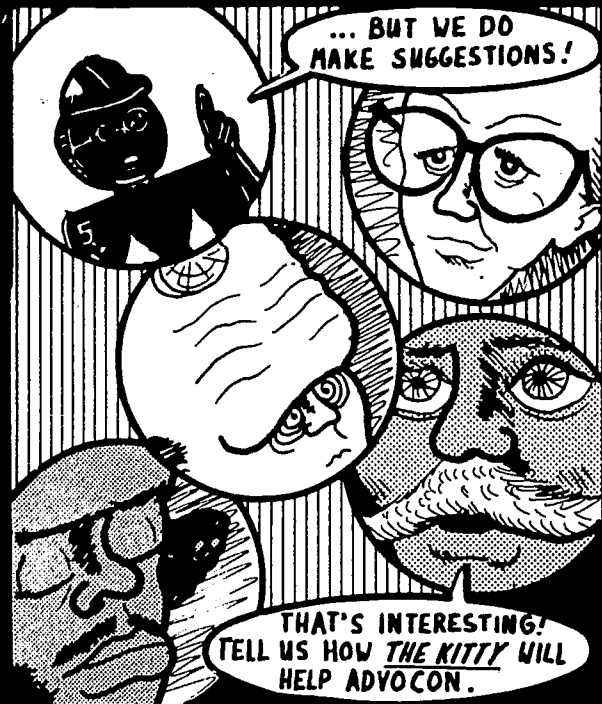
... WE COLLECT INFORMATION SYSTEMATICALLY...



... WE LISTEN CAREFULLY TO THE ADVOCONITES' COMPLAINTS...



... BUT ABOVE ALL, WE AVOID DISTURBING ANYONE— WE BELIEVE IN NON-INTERFERENCE...



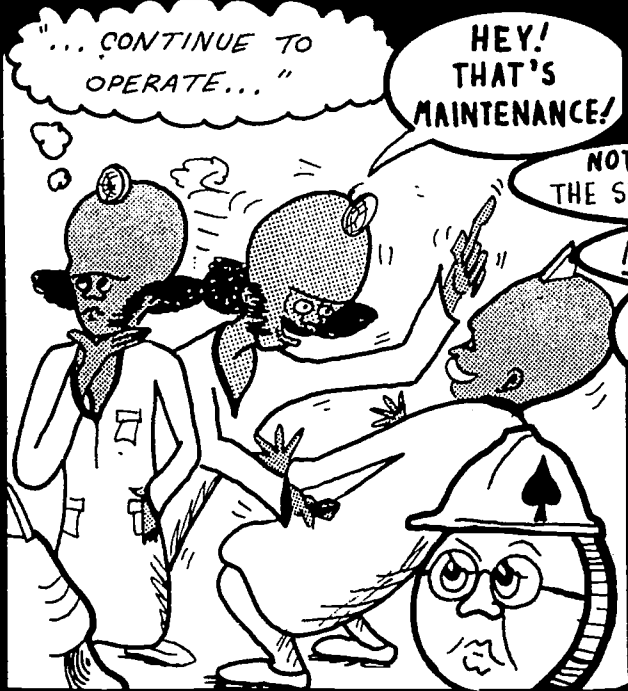
... BUT WE DO MAKE SUGGESTIONS!

THAT'S INTERESTING! TELL US HOW THE KITTY WILL HELP ADVOCON.



WE SHALL BE MORE ABLE TO CENTRALIZE OUR POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. EVEN THOUGH PATTERNS OF POLITICAL ACTIVITIES MAY

CHANGE, OUR SYSTEM WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE BASED ON MAJORITY RULE!



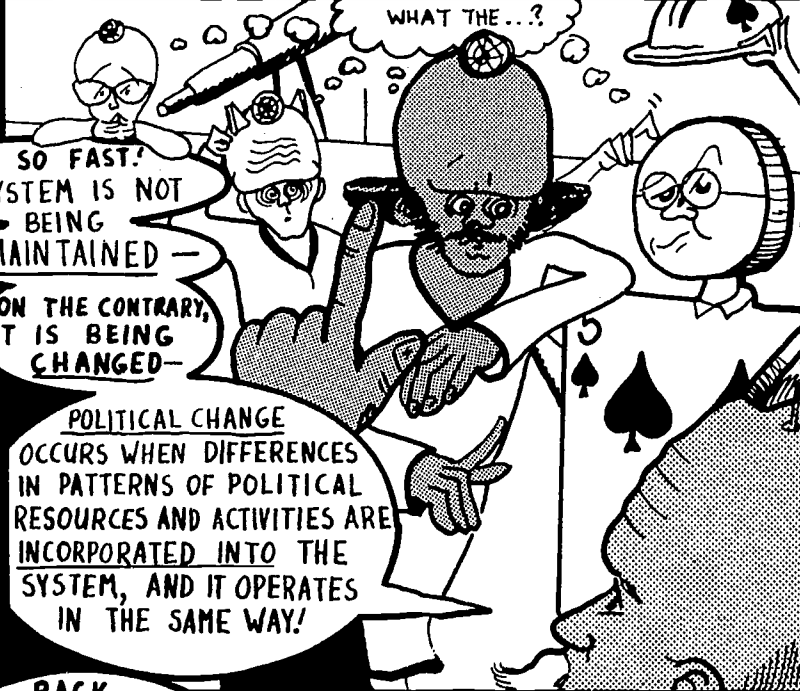
... CONTINUE TO OPERATE...

HEY! THAT'S MAINTENANCE!

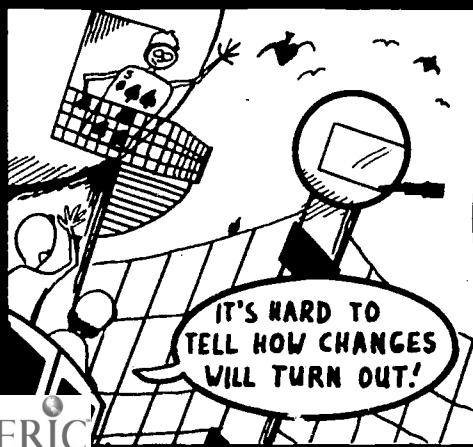
NOT SO FAST! THE SYSTEM IS NOT BEING MAINTAINED -

ON THE CONTRARY, IT IS BEING CHANGED -

POLITICAL CHANGE OCCURS WHEN DIFFERENCES IN PATTERNS OF POLITICAL RESOURCES AND ACTIVITIES ARE INCORPORATED INTO THE SYSTEM, AND IT OPERATES IN THE SAME WAY!



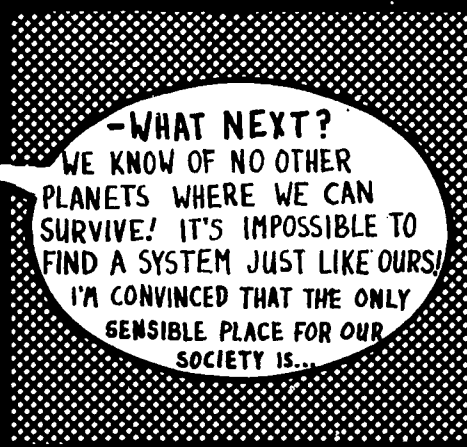
WHAT THE...?



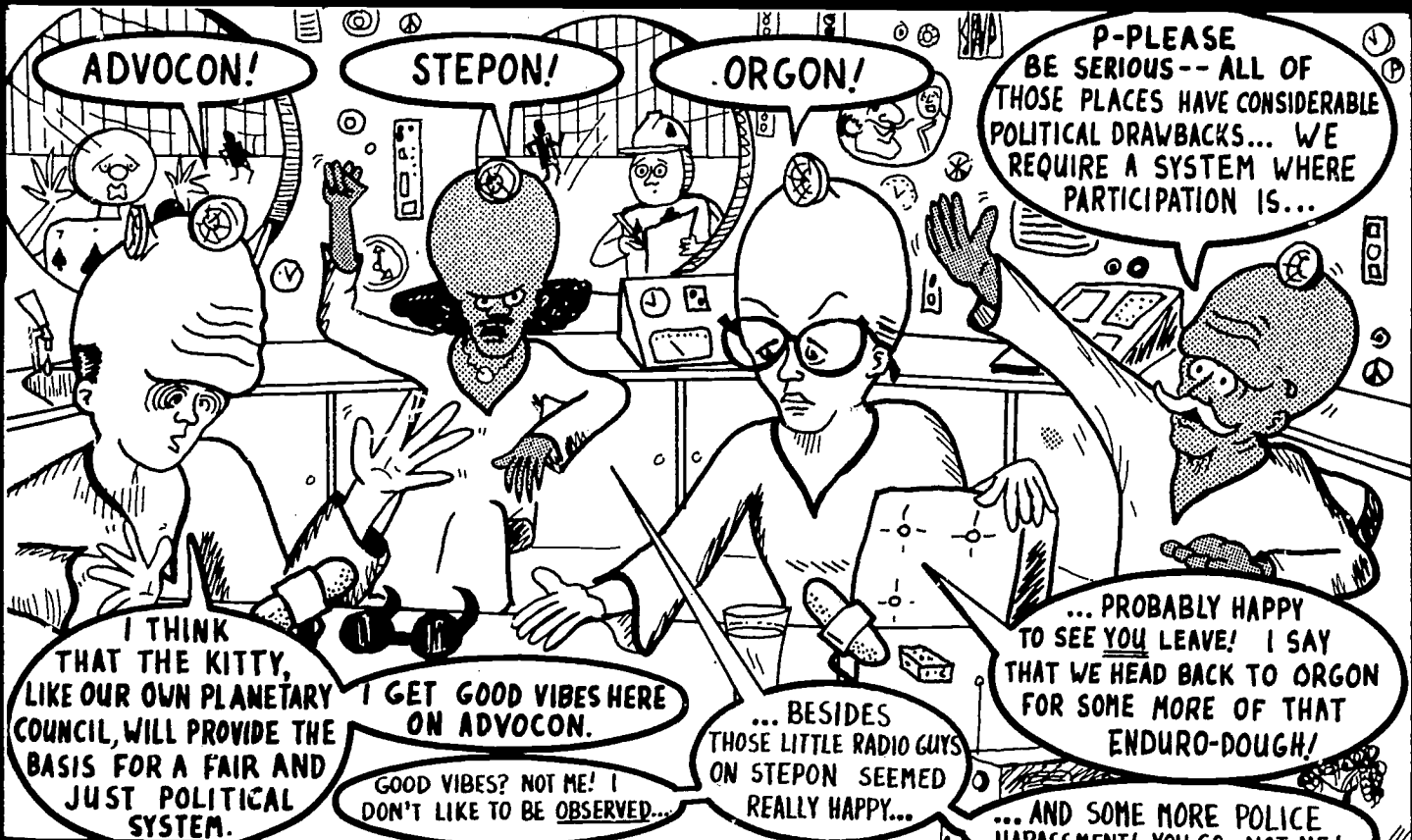
IT'S HARD TO TELL HOW CHANGES WILL TURN OUT!



BACK AT THE CITRON...



-WHAT NEXT? WE KNOW OF NO OTHER PLANETS WHERE WE CAN SURVIVE! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND A SYSTEM JUST LIKE OURS! I'M CONVINCED THAT THE ONLY SENSIBLE PLACE FOR OUR SOCIETY IS...



ADVOCON!

STEPON!

ORGON!

P-PLEASE BE SERIOUS-- ALL OF THOSE PLACES HAVE CONSIDERABLE POLITICAL DRAWBACKS... WE REQUIRE A SYSTEM WHERE PARTICIPATION IS...

I THINK THAT THE KITTY, LIKE OUR OWN PLANETARY COUNCIL, WILL PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR A FAIR AND JUST POLITICAL SYSTEM.

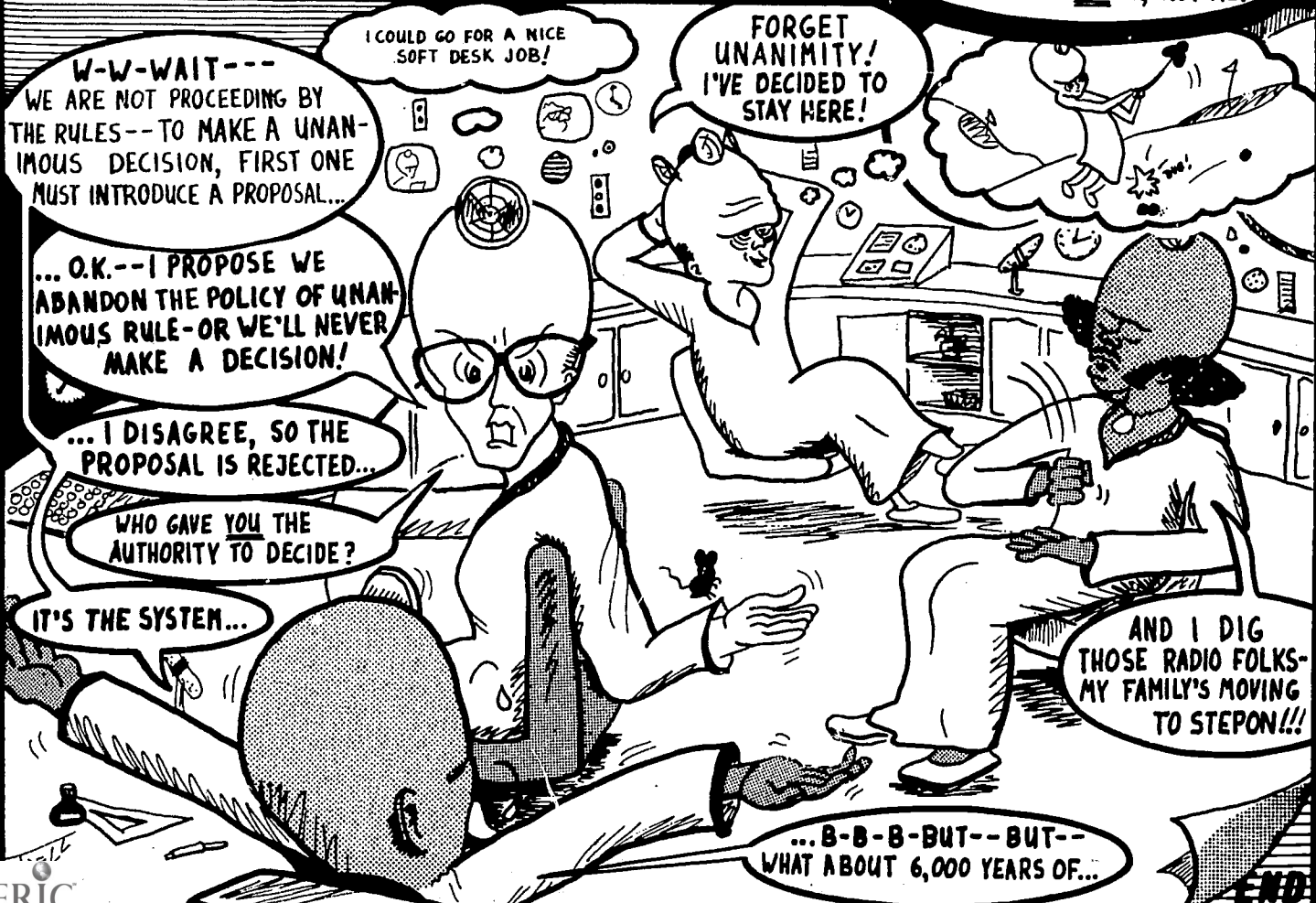
I GET GOOD VIBES HERE ON ADVOCON.

GOOD VIBES? NOT ME! I DON'T LIKE TO BE OBSERVED...

... BESIDES THOSE LITTLE RADIO GUYS ON STEPON SEEMED REALLY HAPPY...

... PROBABLY HAPPY TO SEE YOU LEAVE! I SAY THAT WE HEAD BACK TO ORGON FOR SOME MORE OF THAT ENDURO-DOUGH!

... AND SOME MORE POLICE HARASSMENT! YOU GO, NOT ME!



W-W-WAIT--- WE ARE NOT PROCEEDING BY THE RULES-- TO MAKE A UNANIMOUS DECISION, FIRST ONE MUST INTRODUCE A PROPOSAL...

I COULD GO FOR A NICE SOFT DESK JOB!

FORGET UNANIMITY! I'VE DECIDED TO STAY HERE!

... O.K.-- I PROPOSE WE ABANDON THE POLICY OF UNANIMOUS RULE-- OR WE'LL NEVER MAKE A DECISION!

... I DISAGREE, SO THE PROPOSAL IS REJECTED...

WHO GAVE YOU THE AUTHORITY TO DECIDE?

IT'S THE SYSTEM...

AND I DIG THOSE RADIO FOLKS-- MY FAMILY'S MOVING TO STEPON!!!

... B-B-B-BUT-- BUT-- WHAT ABOUT 6,000 YEARS OF...

END



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