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## INDOCHINA

In the past few weeks it has become crystal clear that there is a new situation in Indochina. The advances by liberation forces in both Vietnam and Cambodia are central to the change. In Cambodia the pressure on Phnom Penh is being sustained and intensified, with rocket attacks on the airport causing several stoppages of the US airlift. Sihanouk has issued a number of statements reaffirming the absolute refusal of the National United Front to negotiate or compromise in any way with the Lon Nol regime.

Last night on the national TV news there was a special report on the situation of refugees in Phon Penh, showing the cardboard shacks some of them live in, and the streets where many of them have no ~~refuge~~ <sup>shelter</sup>. While the report was couched in the kind of so-called human interest terms used by the US media, and therefore did not pin the blame for the horrible poverty and misery directly on Lon Nol and the United States, it was nevertheless very moving. One of the shacks was partially built from Coca Cola boxes. The report showed how people, coming <sup>to</sup> the city from a ~~peasant~~ peasant life in the countryside, and with no food or means of livelihood, had been <sup>ripping</sup> ~~digging~~ up the sidewalks in order to plant tiny vegetable plots on them to help them try to survive.

The unity of liberation forces in Cambodia is stronger now than it has ever been. Victory is closer than ever before. Many foreigners have left the capital, and the National United Front has urged all foreign embassies to leave. And at the same time as the struggle mounts in Cambodia, the people of Vietnam are bringing in spring with a whole new series of victories.

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PROTESTS CONTINUED THIS WEEK AT THE LEAMINGTON HOTEL, HOME OF BIRD AIR. BIRD AIR IS THE MERCENARY COMPANY WHICH IS ILLEGALLY FLYING US AIR FORCE PLANES, MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND ADVISORS INTO CAMBODIA. THURSDAY, DESPITE POURING RAIN A SMALL GROUP OF MILITANT PICKETS CHANTED <sup>in</sup> ~~AND~~ PROTESTED.... LARGE NUMBERS OF OAKLAND POLICE WERE ON HAND. ~~TO SEE THAT THE PICKETS DIDN'T GET INTO THE HOTEL.~~ THE PICKET, SPONSORED BY VVAW/WSO AND THE PRAIRIE FIRE DISTRIBUTING COMMITTEE WILL CONTINUE ON THURS., MARCH 26 AND THURS., MARCH 27 FROM NOON TO ONE PM IN FRONT OF THE LEAMINGTON HOTEL, 19th AND FRANKLIN STS., IN OAKLAND.

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William

BIRD, OWNER OF THE LEAMINGTON HOTEL AND BIRD AIR STATED, "THE AIR FORCE IS USING BIRD AIR TO GET AROUND THE CONGRESSIONAL BAN ON US MILITARY INVOLVEMENT." THE BIRD AIR LIFT IS ONE EXAMPLE OF THE DIRTY TRICKS USED BY THE US GOVERNMENT TO VIOLATE THE PARIS PEACE AGREEMENT WHICH FORBIDS ANY FORM OF US MILITARY ACTIVITY IN CAMBODIA (ARTICLE 20, SECTION B).

THE PROTEST PICKET LINES AT BIRD AIR ARE INTENDED TO CONTINUE PUBLIC FOCUS ON BIRD AIR ACTIVITIES. ~~It will be held Thurs., Mar. 26 at 1:00 PM from noon to one at the Leamington Hotel, 19th and Franklin Sts., Oakland.~~ AND TO BUILD FOR A MASSIVE DEMONSTRATION THAT WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 29. THE DEMONSTRATION MARCH ON THE 29 WILL PROCEED FROM LAKE MERITT TO THE LEAMINGTON HOTEL, THE MARCH WILL DEMAND

Leamington Hotel, 19th and Franklin Sts., Oakland.

END ALL AID TO THIEU & LON NOL!

IMPLEMENT THE PEACE AGREEMENT!

FREE ALL SOUTH VIETNAMESE POLITICAL PRISONERS!

UNIVERSAL, UNCONDITIONAL AMNISTY FOR WAR RESISTERS!

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*In Vietnam*

~~URGENT~~ ~~INDOCHINA~~ ~~CITY~~

*PRG*

~~SAIGON~~, ~~MARCH 15 (SATURDAY)~~, ~~REUTER~~ -- THE ~~VIET CONG~~ SAID TODAY THEY HAVE TAKEN COMPLETE CONTROL OF THE STRATEGIC CENTRAL HIGHLANDS PROVINCIAL CAPITAL OF BAN ME THUOT. ~~THUOT.~~

COLONEL VO DONG GIANG, DEPUTY HEAD OF THE ~~VIET CONG~~ *PRG* DELEGATION ~~SAID~~ ~~GOVERNMENT~~ ~~PLANES~~ HAVE BEEN CARRYING OUT HEAVY BOMBING AND STRAFING RAIDS ON THE CITY.

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~~INDOCHINA - CITY 2 SAIGON~~ *HE SAID*

~~THOUSANDS OF GOVERNMENT TROOPS, INCLUDING MANY OFFICERS, HAD BEEN CAPTURED AND QUANTITIES OF EQUIPMENT SEIZED OR DESTROYED. COLONEL GIANG SAID.~~

HE SAID SAIGON WAS STILL SENDING MORE TROOPS INTO THE AREA AROUND THE CITY ~~THE BIGGEST IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS~~ WHICH ~~INDICATES THE (SOUTH VIETNAMESE PRESIDENT NGUYEN VAN) THIEU CLIQUE HAS FAILED TO DRAW A GOOD LESSON FROM ITS FAILURES IN BAN ME THUOT.~~

*THUOT*

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~~INDOCHINA - CITY 3 SAIGON~~

*representatives  
liberal forces*

OTHER ~~VIET CONG~~ OFFICERS TOLD REPORTERS THAT RESIDENTS OF BAN ME THUOT HAD AIDED THE ~~VIET CONG~~ IN TAKING THE CITY.

COLONEL GIANG SAID THE ~~VIET CONG~~ WERE ~~VS~~ FIGHTING TO FORCE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1973 PARIS PEACE ACCORDS. ~~HE~~ DEMANDED AN END TO ~~VS~~ AN INTERVENTION, THE OVERTHROW OF ~~THIEU~~ THIEU AND HIS REPLACEMENT BY AN ADMINISTRATION WILLING TO IMPLEMENT THE PEACE AGREEMENT. ~~HE~~

~~REUTER 2302~~

*Other*  
~~A large number of~~ important and strategic Saigon outposts have been liberated,  
~~including the provincial capital of Tay Ninh.~~ ~~XXX~~ Today an outpost near  
the major city of Tay Ninh was liberated, the fourth such outpost taken in the  
area in the last two days. Heavy fighting is reported on many fronts, ~~in~~  
~~Vietnam.~~ A police post outside the city of Kontum was attacked today,  
and the Pleiku airfield, from where the Saigon regime has launched many of  
their brutal bombing raids against Provisional Revolutionary Government ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~  
~~administrative~~  
~~administrative~~ areas, has been hit by numerous rocket attacks.

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The Saigon police shot and killed a reporter for the French Press agency last night. The reporter, Paul Leandri, was ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ questioned by police in regard to the reports he has been sending out about the victories of liberation forces at the provincial capital of Ben Me Thuot. **BOAT** Saigon police said he came to the police headquarters, and was angry, insulted the police and at one point got up and left, but when he got his car started police opened fire, and one of the bullets killed him. The French government has made a strong protest. The murder was discovered when a French consulate official came to check on the reporter's whereabouts.

There are hundreds of thousands of political prisoners in the southern part of Vietnam, jailed and tortured by Thieu for their defense of peace. ~~THEY~~  
~~AND MANY OTHERS ARE BEING HELD IN CONFINEMENT AND TORTURE BY THE THIEU REGIME~~ In the last months, a massive movement of opposition to Thieu has unfolded in many cities, and both the PRG and many other groups have called for the overthrow of the Thieu regime. The new situation in Vietnam stems from this popular movement against Thieu and from the continued insistence of the PRG that US involvement and interference must be ended and the Paris Agreement on Vietnam truly implemented.

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In the United States, the ~~XXXXXXXX~~ it looks like Congress will not swallow the Ford and Kissinger ~~line~~ <sup>line</sup>, and will turn down supplemental ~~XXX~~ US aid for the Indochinese puppet regimes. There's still a possibility of a last-minute compromise and a smaller amount being appropriated, and of course there is also the question coming up of US aid for the next fiscal year, as the current one ends on June 30th. A Gallup poll showed about 80% of those surveyed <sup>are</sup> against US aid to Thieu + Lon Nol. Defeat / of US aid to Thieu + Lon Nol would be a common victory for both the people of Indochina + the peoples of the United States.

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And so it seems as if the situation in Indochina is reaching a very important stage, maybe even a milestone, like in that beautiful poem by Ho Chi Minh, about a guidepost or marker along the side of the road, and the poem speaks<sup>as well</sup> to the role that Vietnam has played in the world, its called a milestone.

poem

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Music + ~~Hobby~~ Vietnamese women <sup>(11)</sup>  
(Hilly Near Album)

VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA ARE BACK ON THE FRONT PAGES. DEMANDS MOUNT TO  
L END ALL AID TO THIEU AND LON NOL.

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THIS COMING SATURDAY, MARCH 22, THERE WILL BE A MASS MARCH AND RALLY TO DEMAND AN END TO ALL AID TO THIEU AND LON NOL, IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIETNAM, THE RELEASE OF ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS IN SOUTH VIETNAM, UNIVERSAL AND UNCONDITIONAL AMNESTY FOR WAR RESISTERS.

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THE MARCH WILL LEAVE FROM DOLORES PARK AT 10 AM SO BE THERE BY 9:30.

IT WILL THEN MOVE THROUGH THE MISSION AND DOWNTOWN TO UNION SQUARE FOR

✓ A NOON RALLY, FEATURING SPEAKERS FROM THE UNION OF VIETNAMESE IN THE US, VVAW/WSQ,  
THE FARMWORKERS, CASA, AND JANE FONDA... AND ENTERTAINMENT, INCLUDING,  
HOLLY NEAR.....

N THIS COMING SATURDAY, MARCH 22rd, MASS MARCH FROM DOLORES PARK AT 10 AM TO UNION SQUARE (FOR A NOON RALLY). COME AND SHOW YOUR OPPOSITION TO THE CONTINUED US INVOLVEMENT IN INDOCHINA....A WAY TO MAKE OUR VOICES HEARD...

MUSIC \*\*\*\*\*

~~HOLLY N. AB \*\*\*\*\* NO MORE ENCLISE~~

~~or Vietnam will win~~

Viet women music

Amidst the victories in Indochina, the news here at home has again been flying hot and heavy. Sometimes its hard to keep pace with all that's happening, as political events here move in their back and forth, up and down way, against the backdrop of the deepending depression. Speaking of the economy, ~~MINNEN~~ and keeping pace with events, did you hear what happened with the new American Motors model called the Pacer. Well, apparently its been selling relatively well given the huge decline in auto sales, but, yesterday it was announced that all Pacers that have been sold are being recalled because they may have faulty gas lines which are extremely dangerous and could cause engine fire. Which about sums up where the US economy is at, a headlong rush for profits at the expense of human safety and values.

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Safety. Shelter. The papers are filled with details of alleged connections that have been responsible for insuring the safety and shelter of the SIA. Rumors about indictments for harboring fugitives. Grand juries reported meeting in Pennsylvania and San Francisco. If you've seen the papers or TV you know the various names that have come up--Jack Scott, a sports coach ~~known~~ well known for his progressive ideas and actions, ~~known~~ against racism and sexism in sports, who tried to get Tommy Smith to replace him as ~~known~~ head coach at Oberlin. Tommy Smith was one of the Black athletes at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City who ~~raised~~ raised his fist in the black power salute. Scott is now wanted by the FBI. He and Micky McGee, who are married are ~~allegedly~~ reported to have been connected to the rental of a Pennsylvania farm ~~allegedly~~ allegedly used for harboring the fugitives. Then there's Wendy Yoshimura, a Japanese woman who was born in a California concentration camp during World War 2, wanted in connection with a Berkeley arms cache, and now said to ~~allegedly~~ be with the SIA members being sought. And, making big headlines, radical basketball superstar Bill Walton, who's been questioned by the FBI, ~~and he attended the SQ 6 hearing, and whose lawyer, Charles Garry, says does not know anything.~~ Walton's political ideas are well known, and while in college he took part in militant anti war demonstrations, and he attended the SQ-6 hearing yesterday. But before we go any further with all of this, let's stop and think for a minute. The papers have been filled with all these details. The hunt is on. The reports have been detailed with many names, and the ~~media~~ media is jumping on each one like a vulture pounces on meat, while the FBI appears like a bloodhound on a lynching party. For all these supposed details, no publically indictments have been issued, no trials have been held.... ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ its what might be called prejudicial pre-trial publicity at the very least, and the main purpose its serving is to renew the sensationalism that the authorities perhaps hope will aid in their hunt.



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Insert - Poems - W.U.O.

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Another of the poems ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ is called Venom 2, which we're going to read:

Venom II

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Poems from the Weather Underground. This is a song about someone else who was often underground, the great Chilean poet Pablo Neruda, who died just after the coup. Several times in his life he was hunted by authorities, and that's what this song is about. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Music - Neruda

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An attempted counter-revolutionary coup was thwarted this past week in Portugal, ~~but~~ the worker and army mobilization against former officials and big businessmen implicated in the coup attempt has given rise to a new upsurge in the process that's been going on in Portugal since the overthrow of the fascist regime. ~~XXX~~  
~~XX~~ There was a mass demonstration to commemorate a young soldier killed in a bombing of an army barracks, demanding new transformations in Portuguese society, and the execution of those involved in the coup attempt. The Portuguese government has now nationalized the banks, and there are reports that widespread agrarian reform is planned. KPFA received this report, relayed from Portugal through Italy ~~and~~ by Herb Festoff, on recent events in Portugal. Although the phone-line quality is poor, the mass upsurge in Portugal comes through ~~loud and clear~~, and we thought you'd be interested in hearing some if it.

INSERT PORTUGAL

There's no doubt that the US government and the NATO hierarchy are concerned about the leftward shift in Portugal, and this most recent coup attempt will probably not be the last. There have been consistent reports of CIA involvement there. Former President, General Antonio de Spínola, was involved in the coup attempt and he split -- now taking asylum in Brazil, and admitting publically that he was involved. de Spínola, former head of colonialist forces in Africa, is only one of many ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ militarymen and businessmen who, in collusion with NATO and the United States see the move of the Portuguese people toward democracy as a threat to their interests and to what they see as European security. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ All the exposures in the past few weeks about CIA involvement in foreign assassinations, and domestic ones, are a ~~great~~ reminder that the Empire's police apparatus stops at nothing in attempting to turn back the tide of popular struggle around the world and inside the United States. ~~the~~

Two US officials, Nathaniel Davis and Harry Slaughterman, both ill-famed for their involvement in fascist coups in Latin America, were confirmed in appointments relating to Africa, despite protest by many groups, including the Congressional Black caucus. ~~THIS MAY BE AN INDICATION OF~~ CIA involvement in Africa is likely to be even further increased due to the recent victories there, victories which in fact touched off the changes in Portugal.

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Thousands of students rallied in the national university in Mexico city yesterday in a demonstration protesting the appearance of Mexican president Luis Echeverria. Organizers of the demonstration blame Echeverria for the murder of students at ~~the university~~ during interior demonstrations in 1968. Echeverria was ~~the~~ minister in charge of security in 1968 when Mexican troops under his command opened fire on a student rally, killing over 50 demonstrators and wounding hundreds. Echeverria's return to the university was met by the smashing of windows ~~and~~ and barrages of rocks and bottles....gunfire and rioting broke out after he fled the campus... several demonstrators were injured by gunfire. Earlier this week students ~~were~~ were killed and wounded during protests at several other universities throughout Mexico.

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the chicano liberation front issued a cōmmunique this week taking credit for the bombing of safeway offices in san jose, del monte offices in san francisco, a bank of america in union city, and a wells fargo bank in piedmont....the communique reads in part

Cuban  
Music

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On ~~THIS~~ MONDAY, 45 WOMEN AND CHILDREN FROM THE AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT STAGED  
 A SIT-IN ~~PROTEST~~ AT THE FBI OFFICE IN RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA, *The 7 children are* PROTESTING  
 THE MANY VIOLENT INCIDENTS DIRECTED AGAINST NATIVE AMERICANS THAT ~~HAVE~~  
~~TAKEN~~ *are taking* PLACE ON THE *Pine Ridge* RESERVATION ~~XXXXX~~ *are* AND DEMANDING TO SEE *both FBI &* BUREAU OF INDIAN  
 AFFAIRS OFFICIALS. DELLA CONROY OF AIM DESCRIBES THEIR DEMANDS....

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Nat. Amer. Women's & Childrens Demo.

Della Conroy - AIM

3-10 (tape)

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N ON THE SECOND DAY OF THE SIT-IN MADONNA GILBERT OF AIM, CONTINUES TO  
PRESS FOR MEETING WITH FBI AND BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS OFFICIALS.  
SHE TOO STRESSES THE BEATINGS AND HARRASSMENTS THAT CONTINUE TO OCCUR  
WITHOUT INVESTIGATION OR ARRESTS AND SAYS, ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT CLEAR  
WHAT FURTHER ACTION WILL BE TAKEN, THAT AIM WON'T LET UP.

*How Madonna Gilbert -*

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Insert - Madonna Gilbert  
ends with "We're not going to let up!"  
(tape of 3-11)

JOANN LITTLE WAS HOSPITALIZED WITH COMPLICATIONS FROM A THYROID CONDITION THIS WEEK. DOCTORS INDICATE THAT SHE WILL REQUIRE 60 DAYS OF TREATMENT AND DIRECTED HER ATTORNEYS NOT TO DISCUSS ~~THE~~<sup>her</sup> CASE WITH HER BECAUSE FURTHER EMOTIONAL STRAIN WOULD COMPLICATE HER THROID PROBLEM.

JOANN LITTLE IS CHARGED WITH KILLING A BEAUFORT COUNTY JAILER, WHO ENTERED HER CELL TO RAPE HER. ALTHOUGH SHE ACTED IN SELF DEFENCE SHE FACES A MANDATORY DEATH SENTENCE IF CONVICTED OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER.

LIKE INEZ GARCIA, THE CASE OF JOANN LITTLE RAISES THE ISSUE OF WOMEN'S RIGHT TO SELF DEFENCE, TO DEFEND HER SISTERS, TO DEFEND HER PERSON.

attorney william kunstler asked a state judge yesterday to order nelson rockakiller to testify about what he was officially told regarding the killing of guard william quinn during the attica prison rebellion in 1971. kumstler said that rockekiller has stated ~~sece~~ several times that quinn was ~~#####~~ killed when thrown from a prison window....this does not correspond with other facts brought out in the three week old trial of charlie joe pernascalese and dakegeweiah, ~~####~~ ~~two~~ native americans and former attica inmates <sup>and are</sup> ~~during the rebellion.~~ both brothers are ~~##~~ accused of murdering the guard....kunstler argued ~~#####~~ that rockekillers testimony could clear both men, but pointed out that "he also refused to come in 1971 to save lives... 43 lives." kunstler went on to say ~~####~~ "let him come now and do what he can for these two young men...if he is not afraid to sit in the witness chair." the judge hearing the motion is expected to rule next week....after the hearing kunstler ~~####~~ ~~#####~~ <sup>commented on</sup> the likelihood of rockekillers appearance

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Insert - Künstler

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ATTICA IS ALL OF US.....BECAME A REALITY AGAIN WHEN ABOUT 75 DEMONSTRATORS *at*  
*Univ. of Calif. in Davis campus*  
DEMANDED THAT THE \$3500 SPEAKING FEE INTENDED TO GO TO JOHN DEAN OF WATERGATE  
*instead*  
NOTORIETY BE SENT *to* THE ATTICA BROTHERS LEGAL DEFENSE FUND.

ONE OF THE ACTIVISTS STATED.....

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✓ OUR POINT IS THAT THE LEGAL SYSTEM FAVORS THE RICH AND POWERFUL. THE PEOPLE  
WITHOUT POWER WIND UP IN JAIL AND PEOPLE WITH POWER LIKE JOHN DEAN GO FREE.

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MUSIC

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mark

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MUSIC

In his prison poems, Ho Chi Minh writes:

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The wheel of nature turns without pause

After the rain good weather

In the wink of an eye the universe throws off its muddy clothes

For ten thousand miles the landscape spreads out like a beautiful brocade

✓

Light breezes, smiling flowers

High in the trees, amidst the sparkling leaves,

All the birds sing at once

People and animals rise up reborn

What could be more natural, after sorrow comes joy.....

There was some snow in the Bay Area this week....a real struggle of nature to  
 get us into spring again...<sup>this time around</sup>...the earth is turning into spring, growth, change,  
 seeds begin to stir, nature is revitalized, sunnier days....and lets hope that  
 as nature begins to see sunnier times, so too may people, who are after all a  
 part of nature, ~~so too may people, after the snow of oppression, also see sunnier~~  
~~times, ~~times~~~~ <sup>more forward</sup> through struggle, to our place in the sun.....

stevie wonder

Music. A Place In The Sun (47)  
Dr Wonder

fade & outro & up with  
music

~~article~~

You've been listening to Nothing is More Precious Than...heard every week at this time. In the coming months, Claude Marks will not be ~~working on the program~~ with many others ~~to Cuba~~ **to Cuba** working on the program, as he will be travelling, going ~~to~~ to do some construction work at a ~~place~~ **Socialist** place in the sun, ~~just off the US coast~~...a beautiful journey....

Nothing is More Precious Than can be heard every Saturday at ~~THIS TIME~~ 6 oclock. With Claude Marks, Camomile, Mark Schwartz and Lincoln Bergman, this is Nancy Barrett. Thanks for listening.

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