

Groups battle warlike cartoons

By CHRIS CHAPMAN
Staff Writer

As the sadistic Communist menace threatens the safety of the free world, the brave U.S. Army makes a pact with the satanic forces of the underworld to defeat the Red hordes.

Although this may sound like the prelude to World War III, it is merely the plot of one episode of "The Inhumanoids," one of the three most violent cartoons on television along with "Photon" and "Centurions."

"Nothing remotely as violent has ever been produced in children's entertainment in the history of the world," said Thomas Radecki, research director at National Coalition on Television Violence.

Violence in children's television has become a heated issue in the age of Rambo, as the hours of war cartoons broadcast per week has increased from 1.5 hours in 1982 to 43 hours this year, according to statistics from the NCTV, a research organization headquartered in Champaign-Urbana, Ill.

NCTV statistics show that sales of war toys have increased 700 percent since 1982, and 11 of the 20 best-selling toys in America are war toys.

NCTV officials claim the psychological well-being of children may be threatened by exposure to war-related items.

"These cartoons, the toys ads and the toys themselves teach children that war is an exciting and patriotic game," Radecki said. "Instead of resisting evil with good, these cartoons teach a barbarian war philosophy of resisting evil with more evil."

Since 1957 researchers have conducted 42 studies on the effects of violent cartoons and war toys on children. Radecki said 39 of the studies have found at least some harmful effects.

Radecki said the problem with violent programming has increased to record levels.

An episode of "Centurions" featured nuclear and nerve gas weaponry. Radecki said this and the "Inhumanoid" episodes are the first

time children's television has featured nuclear weaponry and the underworld.

Radecki said NCTV has two main purposes. First, the organization seeks to place the Surgeon General's warning about violent programming on 30-second public service announcements to run during children's viewing hours. The warning reads, "Using violent and sexually degrading material to entertain has harmful unconscious effects on children and adults."

The other goal of NCTV is to prohibit cartoon companies from using violence in advertising directed at children. Radecki said NCTV is lobbying Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill., and other representatives to sponsor such legislation in Congress.

"We're sort of the research arm of the movement," Radecki said. "We're trying to get the Surgeon General's message out. We try to take the most reasonable steps in a democracy to deal with the problem."

The New England War Resister's

League of Norwich, Conn. is working with the problem of war toys at a local level.

Rick Gaumer, staffer with the league, said his group formed in July 1985 after an article appeared in Newsweek magazine about war toys and war cartoons.

The group has developed a packet that it distributes to groups in all 50 states and Canada which compiles studies on the effects of war toys.

"The packet has developed from a 15-page thing costing \$1.50 to a 50-to-60 page packet costing \$4.50. We've sold almost a thousand of them," Gaumer said.

The War Resister's League also lobbies toy manufacturers to end production of war toys. These efforts have been unproductive, said Gaumer.

"It's important to have a multi-level approach, to deal with manufacturers, parents, schools and even kids," he said. "We've been very successful at the micro-level, and that's important to have a chance at the macro-level."

U.S. may try suspect for '85 TWA hijacking

From Associated Press reports

FRANKFURT, West Germany — Police have arrested a suspect in the 1985 hijacking of a TWA jetliner to Beirut, the Frankfurt prosecutor's office said Thursday. The Lebanese man was carrying what authorities suspected were explosives.

In Washington, a Justice Department spokesman said the U.S. government will attempt to have the man brought to the United States and put on trial for air piracy.

The hijacking, which involved the murder of a U.S. Navy diver, was "one of the most despicable acts of international terrorism ever carried out against Americans and we would like to see him face the music," said Justice Department spokesman Patrick Korten.

Korten said that discussions were underway involving Richard Burt, the U.S. ambassador to Germany, "regarding the dispatch of this individual" to the United States to stand trial.

Arms talks continue

GENEVA — Nuclear arms talks between the superpowers resumed Thursday with a luncheon meeting between U.S.

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delegation head Max Kampelman and his new Soviet counterpart, Yuli Vorontsov.

The two delegation leaders met privately at Soviet request, instead of heading a meeting of all three top negotiators from each side, which normally marks the beginning of a round.

Highway surveillance successful

FAYETTEVILLE — An eight-month surveillance program on Interstate 95 that netted more than \$1.5 million in drug busts will continue because of its high success rate, officials said Thursday.

Lt. George Russ of N.C. Highway Patrol's district office in Fayetteville said 18 pounds of cocaine, 454 pounds of marijuana and 50 marijuana plants have been seized from 27 motorists using the interstate — a route investigators say is a drug pipeline from Florida to northern states.

Of the 27 people stopped, 24 were charged with drug law offenses, Russ said. Four have been convicted.

Unemployment rises throughout state

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N.C. unemployment rose by 0.3 percent overall from October to November, and remained constant through December, according to figures released by the Employment Securities Commission early this month.

Unemployment rates increased in 77 of the state's 100 counties, and the state's overall unemployment rose from 5.1 percent to 5.4 percent. The national unemployment rate is 6.6 percent.

Joe Richardson, a labor market analyst for the Employment Securities Commission, said nothing in particular had caused the state-wide rise in unemployment.

The influence of Research Triangle Park is one reason North Carolina's unemployment rates are lower than the nation's, Thomas Knesner, UNC professor of economics, said. There is a concentration of high-tech jobs which remain filled and lower the overall unemployment figures, he said.

"When a chemist loses his job, he has several other options, while a worker in a steel plant may have to re-train before he can find a new job," Knesner said.

The N.C. counties with the highest

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	%
Graham	2,070	1,510	560	27.1
Swain	5,290	4,370	920	17.4
Tyrrell	1,430	1,190	240	16.8
Hyde	2,180	1,890	290	13.3
Mecklenberg	248,070	236,840	11,230	4.5

Source: N.C. Dept. of Commerce

rates of unemployment include Graham at 27.1 percent, Swain at 17.4 percent, Tyrrell at 16.8 percent and Hyde at 13.3 percent.

Graham and Swain counties are located in the Appalachian Mountains. Hyde and Tyrrell are located on Pamlico Sound.

The statistics for these four counties were exaggerated by the small size of their labor force and population compared to other N.C. counties. Jim Nichols, a research analyst at the Department of Commerce, said.

Unemployment is high in the coastal counties because of a seasonal drop in tourism, and a lack of a major port for the fishermen, Earl Bradley, chief of labor resources at the Department of Commerce, said.

Tyrrell County relies primarily on

agriculture and jobs created by tourism in Dare County, while the fishing industry is more important to Hyde County, said J.D. Brickhouse, Tyrrell County administrator.

In the northwestern counties of Graham and Swain, unemployment is high because of a severe lack of industrialization, Bradley said.

Bradley said that the Department of Commerce tries to encourage companies to locate in these regions, but most businesses have certain requirements for operation that counties such as Graham and Swain can't offer.

"I'll bet dollars to doughnuts that 85 percent of our clients demand to be within 20 miles of a major highway or an airport," he said.

Graham County has only two major employers, Stanley Furniture

and American Uniform, a clothing factory, said Martha Atwell, county clerk.

Atwell said another reason unemployment is high is that many people are construction workers, who have a hard time finding work in the winter.

Linda Cable, the assistant administrator of Swain County, said that the closing of the Singer Furniture Manufacturing plant in February 1986 is largely responsible for Swain's high rate of unemployment.

Bradley said that in some states inducements are offered to companies to locate in underdeveloped areas, including tax breaks, subsidized utilities and free land. North Carolina law prohibits the use of these inducements.

Gov. Jim Martin is actively recruiting businesses to these counties, said Tim Pittman, Martin's press secretary.

Pittman said Martin's highway package should help bring industrialization to the area by funding road construction.

If tax breaks or advantages are offered to companies, he said, they must be paid for with taxpayers' money, and such advantages are unfair to businesses already located in the area.

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Speech on 'Star Wars' piques Congress's ire

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — Campaigning in Congress this week for a \$2 billion boost in Star Wars spending, Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger tantalized some lawmakers and alarmed others with hints that he favors deploying the shield against nuclear attack far earlier than originally envisioned.

President Reagan last August cautioned Star Wars boosters not to get "antsy," but Weinberger, responding to pressure from conservatives on Capitol Hill, said several times this week that he would like to see some elements of an anti-

missile defense deployed "just as soon as we can."

Since Reagan launched the Star Wars program in 1983, his aides have said the research was designed to allow officials to decide in the early 1990s whether to build and deploy an anti-missile shield. But Weinberger's remarks suggested that the cornerstone of the system could be put in place sooner.

"I am very fearful that the patience of the Congress is very thin," Sen. Dan Quayle, R-Ind., told Weinberger during a meeting of the Senate Armed Services Committee on Monday.

UNC system to teach how to make DOD deals

By LAURIE MARTIN
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North Carolina businesses that want to sell food to military installations or clothes to cadets can learn the logistics of selling to the government in upcoming seminars conducted by the UNC system.

UNC-system officials have received an \$80,000 Department of Defense contract for a program to teach businessmen how to compete for federal dollars in a \$20 billion non-munitions market.

"North Carolina doesn't sell as much to the federal government as other states of its size," said Ed Bishop, special assistant to the UNC provost.

"The University has a responsibil-

ity to the private sector to provide explanations on the ways of getting through government red tape," said Bishop. "It's a public service activity."

The government subsidizes similar educational programs in other states as well, Bishop said.

The seminars, which will begin Jan. 21 in Greenville, are open to anyone interested. Three other general seminars and nine topic-oriented seminars will be offered throughout the state over the next three months.

They will be administered by the UNC Small Business and Technology Development Center based in Raleigh.

Sanford



Margaret Sanford

100 counties of the state, she would go for him.

She said she considers herself a liberal thinker like her husband, and she discusses with him some of his political decisions.

"I sure did get my ideas to him about the campaign," she said.

But she admitted that her judgment was not always right, recalling that she disapproved of one of Sanford's advertisements which reacted to the "whiney woman" in Jim Broyhill's advertisement who complained about the food and medicine tax Sanford had implemented as governor over 20 years ago.

"I said, 'Oh Terry, you should never have said that — that was terrible.' But that was the turning point in the campaign. People really liked that," she said.

The Sanfords have two children, a daughter, 37, and a son, 34. Margaret Sanford said their daughter took an active role in Sanford's campaign.

Margaret Sanford said that although her husband's political duties did leave her a heavy burden of raising their family, she did not mind the responsibility.

"It wasn't something that bothered me," she said. "I didn't sit around and think, 'Oh, he's neglecting me.' I don't complain about his public life."

But she said that her husband's political responsibilities upset their son.

"He'd say, 'My daddy doesn't have time to take me to the Little League like everybody else's.' He had a patrolman taking him," she said.

But the children are now adults,

and Margaret Sanford is preparing for her new role as senator's wife, traveling between her Durham home and Washington apartment.

"I think once I get in (the new apartment) and have it all furnished, I'll like it," she said. "I'll probably stay up there more and more as I get used to it."

Margaret Sanford said her husband told her that if he did not win the senate contest, they would take a trip around the world or travel in their 44-foot sailboat.

But since he won the election, she said they rarely have time together for relaxation or a vacation, but they do enjoy spending time together sailing, gardening or cooking.



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