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With the indictments of Ollie North, John Poindexter, Richard Secord and Albert Hakim, people in Washington are now speculating as to how it will all come out. Here are some theories:

President Reagan will pardon Ollie North and John Poindexter because they both worked for him. But he will do nothing for Secord and Hakim because they were not team players.

The President will not pardon anybody because they didn't commit any crimes. And even if they did, Reagan was watching

old movies and didn't know about it.

Sen. Bob Dole, in one last desperate move for the Republican nomination, will announce that if he is elected President he will pardon Vice President George Bush.

Bush will retort that his resume shows he doesn't need a pardon because he won Texas.

Pat Robertson will proclaim that if he is elected President he will sign a divine forgiveness order for the four defendants, which has double the value of a pardon.

It is predicted that Ollie

North will pardon his shredding machine and the people who used it without his permission.

Ollie's lawyer will announce that he is calling President Reagan, Prime Minister Shamir and the Ayatollah Khomeini as defense witnesses in the trial.

Gen. Secord's lawyer will ask the Sultan of Brunei to open up a defense fund for his client in a Swiss bank account.

President Reagan will announce he is giving a blanket pardon to Ed Meese. This way the President won't have to be bothered with issuing a new one every day.

Northwest Airlines will

announce at the beginning of the trial they will not pardon Poindexter if he keeps smoking his pipe in the courtroom.

During the trial the prosecution will ask Hakim where the money is. He will say he doesn't know anything about the money. His only concern in the Contra affair was to see that Ollie North had good fencing for his house.

At some point the Department of Agriculture will be asked to rule if Ollie North's lawyer Brendan Sullivan is a potted plant. If they decide he is, the President will give him a pardon.

The chances of a new

Democratic President pardoning the "Gang of Four" are about the same as Nancy Reagan pardoning her stepson Michael Reagan. For this reason most of the defendants are rooting for a Republican to win in 1988, just in case Ronald Reagan doesn't sign their pardons.

There is no doubt that the pardoning will be a big campaign issue. Where you stand will test your patriotism. If you are in favor of a fair trial and a not-guilty verdict from the jury you are a good American.

If you pray for a guilty verdict you are stomping on the American flag in

your high heels.

The question keeps cropping up as to what happens if the trial drags along and Bush, after being elected President, is called as a witness in the case.

The answer is that Bush, depending on his testimony, might have to pardon himself. While this could have political repercussions it is nothing compared to having Mr. Bush testify what he knew about Irangate and when he knew it. Those in the know in Washington have always maintained that if Nixon had paid more attention to pardons than he did to cover-ups, he might never have had to resign.

Letters to the Editor Cont'd

Dear Editor:

On the subject of the annual demonstrations conducted nationally honoring World Week for Laboratory Animals for the purpose of conveying our message to the public — I would like to say that it is often the case that our message does not get expressed.

Vivisection is such a multi-faceted industry and there are so many interpretations of all the various factions and there is so much propaganda that it is extremely difficult to get our

message expressed.

PAVE, for example, is not an "animal rights" group. If anything, we are a people rights group. Our message is this: Animal research is scientific fraud. It is killing people and it going to be outlawed.

Vivisection is one of the biggest, if not the biggest pork barrel in all history. It is a multi-million dollar international industry. It is not science.

Results from "experiments" and "testing" conducted on non-human

animals are misleading when applied to the human animal. This, of course, means suffering and/or death to the human animal. One example (we have thousands) is Eralden which was introduced on the market after seven years of intensive animal testing, caused damages to the eyesight or the digestive tract and 18 deaths. But, where the profit motive is involved — who cares?

Ethical treatment of animals and the defense of

animals has nothing to do with vivisection. These issues have been of no consequence for hundreds of years and are certainly of no consequence now. We, of the New Anti-Vivisection movement do not waste our valuable time talking about animal rights. When we consider the plight of the lab animal, the rodeo animal, the racing dogs and the live lures used to train them, the bull in the bullring, the fighting dog in the pit, the baby calf in the crate etc. etc. etc. it is evi-

dent to us that animals do not have rights. To say that animals have rights is like saying the hungry people in the world have food. We can say that animals should have rights and hungry people should have food but how effective would that be?

We anti-vivisectionists are at war with the pro-vivisectionist. If we are to win this war we need a good general with a good strategy. Anyone wanting to help outlaw vivisection and thus make a better world must realize that there is no margin for error. We need to do our homework. We must be knowledgeable. We must be able to see the whole picture. We cannot allow ourselves to be intimidated by the monstrous foe we are facing.

The vivisection likes to label us "animal lovers" in an effort to discredit us.

PAVE and other organizations that we are aligned with does not play into their hands by appearing in public with our pets.

As for regulation of vivisection — the vivisection has no respect for the law. Regulation laws cannot be enforced. Vivisectionists are famous for disregarding the guidelines. Regulation only serves to sedate the public while it perpetuates vivisection and animal suffering.

Our movement is growing and we suggest to new people that they read *Naked Empress* by Hans Ruesch, probably the best non-fiction book ever written and *Slaughter of the Innocent* also by Hans Ruesch the only text book there is on the subject of the vivisection industry.

Do you want to know the truth about vivisection?

We are all victims.

Veronica McPhelan



I'll give you one more chance to read the **Yellin' Rebel**

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