

Okay - So what is reggae anyway ?

(Earth News) - We all hear the word and dance to the music but reggae is still a bit of a mystery.

The primal, sensual rhythmic beat is a product of Jamaica and is rather a far cry from a former popular Jamaican

musical style - calypso. Instead of the easy going, halting and lazy rhythm of calypso, reggae is stronger and has a distinctive

and unique syncopation. It's certainly a beat you can't forget. One of the foremost promoters of reggae in this

country is Johnny Nash, who toured the Caribbean area and fell in love with the music. His hits "I Can See Clearly Now," "Hold Me", "Stir it Up" and His recent "Celebrate Life", are unmistakable reggae.

Another top musician involved heavily with reggae is Jimmy Cliff. His movie, "The Harder They Fall," a film about life in the slums of Jamaica, featured a strong reggae score. Both movie and music were hailed by critics. Right now, the Wailers, are probably the hottest reggae group, with reggae rhythms boogie-ing right off their record albums.

It's a hard sound to describe, but once you've heard it, it's a hard sound to forget. To start to get the feel of it, try rolling your head and shoulders, sort of tossing your head a the completion of every full cycle. (See how easy it is to get caught up in it?)

War resisters nominated for prize

(ENS) - Dr. Goerge Wald, the Nobel laureate, along with 315 other members of the American academic community, have officially nominated all American war resisters for the 1975 Nobel Peace Prize.

The nomination, made in the names of all draft dodgers, deserters, and resisters, has been forwarded to the selection committee in Stockholm.

The announcement of the nomination was made during a meeting of the families of 85 war resisters in Washington, D.C. That meeting was held to urge Congress to pass a bill approving universal and unconditional amnesty for all war resisters.

The meeting was highlighted by the surfacing of former Green Beret Gerry Condon, who went into exile six years ago. Condon was introduced by former Attorney General Ramsey Clark, whose name, ironically, appears on many of the indictments against the war resisters.



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