

NEWSLETTER

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A SUPPORT NETWORK FOR JAILED AND IMPRISONED ANTI-NUCLEAR ACTIVISTS

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Seabrook ~ Appeal to Reason

"My group, Appeal to Reason, has a modest immediate goal", wrote David Slesinger of Seabrook, New Hampshire, "We want a six by four foot space in the lobby of the education center of Seabrook Station, where we could talk with people and have literature available. This won't cost the company extra money. If their education were completely truthful, they would have little to fear from us. Besides, the cost of financing the \$1.5 million education center is already in the rate base, so the public is paying for it. Since there are many different opinions about nukes, it's unfair to make the public pay for only one side."

Appeal to Reason had made several attempts since early summer to accomplish this objective, using both face to face meetings with Public Service Company (PSC) officials and written correspondence. The group had also been legally leafletting and canvassing on this issue in different New Hampshire towns. They finally felt compelled to resort to civil (dis)obedience. Three members of Appeal to Reason distributed leaflets inside the lobbies of PSC offices on February 22 and were arrested. ➡

The following letter, received from Mary Tremblay, asks for letters to be written supporting the needs of the other women she is in jail with.

Dear Fellow No-Nukers,

I have been in Rockingham County House of Corrections for nearly three weeks for my second, consecutive act of civil disobedience against the PSC of New Hampshire. It took place on February 26, and I, along with David Slesinger, was sentenced to six months.

I lose sight of my purpose due to the isolation and the degrading conditions of this institution. I find the Correctional Officers to be people of minimal education and compassion. Small humiliations on a daily basis are quite effective in undermining one's self respect; if indeed there was any to begin with. Most of the women have been jailed before and are powerless against oppression of guards and officials. "You are here to be punished" seems to be the standard response to any of the complaints inmates may have regarding the countless day to day senseless trials. No type of counseling is provided and the only person who is here to confide in is a superficial, Protestant minister. I cannot believe that this is called a House of Corrections when no effort whatsoever is made to plant the smallest seed of betterment in the lawbreaking inmates. At this point, I am doing all I can to make contact with skilled people on the outside who would be willing to give workshops in Assertiveness Training, Nutrition, Art, Dance and various other fields of interest that may at least plant seeds of hope for improvement. When I asked why nothing was provided, I was told that there is no money for any programs and that this is only a short term institution. I don't consider six months to be all that short of a time.

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Barrett Stout, arrested at the PSC office in Nashua, pled guilty at his arraignment and was sentenced to ten days. Mary Tremblay, who leafletted the Portsmouth PSC office, and David Slesinger, who leafletted the Manchester PSC office, pled guilty also and were released with a suspended sentence. They both returned to their protest sites on February 26, and were again arrested. They pled guilty and were sentenced to six months in jail, which they are now serving. David is at Hillsboro County Jail; Goffstown, NH, and Mary at Rockingham County Jail; P.O. Box 339; Epping, NH 03042.

At this writing, Barrett Stout is out and doing full time support for the other two, and uncertain about repeating his action again. The three appreciate all support, and ask that written expressions of support be in the form of letters directed to the Public Service Company of New Hampshire; Elm Street; Manchester, NH, supporting their demand for an anti-nuclear/alternative energy literature table at the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant.

The Status of NNNPSC

Please note the new address! Subscription and information requests and donations should be sent to Box 1812; Madison, Wisconsin 53701, and news about action and jailings, publications and donations should be sent to Box 37; Tempe, Arizona, 85281. As noted in the last issue, production of the NNNPSC Newsletter is now taking place in Arizona--a bit behind the schedule we set for ourselves, but still firmly convinced of the importance of compiling and distributing comprehensive information about imprisoned anti-nuclear activists. We feel we have been successful in the first of our stated goals, which is to foster a wider public awareness of imprisoned resisters, at least through the movement press. Several publications we exchange with across the country now regularly make note of some or all of those people known to be presently incarcerated for their defense of our future. We cannot help but feel a connection between this growing interest in imprisoned activists and an increased incidence of direct action and civil (dis)obedience--few words can be more inspiring than those of the imprisoned resister. Judging from the encouraging mail we receive, the production of the NNNPSC Newsletter in itself has aided in this process.

After that pat on the back, we'd like to share some thoughts on the present status and possible future of NNNPSC. Production of this newsletter--the gathering, by mail and phone, of information, editing, typing, layout and mailing, plus related correspondence and maintaining a mailing list, etc.--has been the sole accomplishment so far of the few individuals involved. This is not for lack of desire or ideas about other ways to use this information--it is merely a result of the time and energy available. Initially, we thought of the "collective" part of

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Inside & Out

Plowshares Eight:

John Schuchardt was released on appeal bond in January.

Elmer Maas; Graterford SCI; Box 244; Graterford, PA 19426 (14-5 years)

Carl Kabat; transferred to Drawer R; Huntingdon, PA for his participation in a food strike with several hundred other prisoners protesting double-celling at Rockview SCI, where he had been held.

Washington D.C. Jail; 1901 D Street SE; Washington, D.C. 20003.

John Shiel (ten months)

Mike Miles (six months)

Carl Smith (six months)

All due out on April 18.

Ann and Jim Clune have been released after serving 30 and 60 days respectively for their December 28 action at the Pentagon.

Tina Lowe (Trident/Bangor protester-6 months); Unit 2; Box 1000; Pleasanton, CA 94566.

Rockwell

On February 10, at the Pittsburgh Hilton, the annual Rockwell International shareholders meeting was interrupted by the life-affirming chants and prayers of Vince Eirene, Liane Norman, Suzanne Polen, Molly Rush and John Schuchardt, who had entered the meeting to protest Rockwell's involvement with the B-1 bomber and other nuclear weapons and power work. They were arrested on numerous charges, including criminal conspiracy for Molly Rush and John Schuchardt. Outside, six of their supporters--Stacey Cleary, Lucy Geever, Kathy Jennings, Sandra Manpir, Karen Perking, and Thomas Taylor--were also arrested. All were released the same day, and returned to court on February 18 for what they thought was to be the pre-trial hearing guaranteed to all facing a jury trial, as their "crimes" warranted. At the hearing, all charges were reduced to disorderly conduct, which is a summary offense and one tried in front of a judge only in Pennsylvania. The prosecution was ready and waiting to go to "trial". The defendants agreed, and the railroading in front of the judge began. During questioning, it was discovered that the director of security for Rockwell had hired the Pittsburgh police for the day to supervise the hall, and had directed them as to when and who to arrest. John Schuchardt, who was conducting the questioning for the defendants, was then forbidden to inquire about how much the men in blue had been paid. The judge considered the men's price as irrelevant to the trial as well as the fact of their having been bought. Stacey Cleary and Lucy Geever were acquitted for lack of evidence, and the other nine found guilty. Vince Eirene and Kathy Jennings asked to be sentenced immediately and received thirty days or \$100 plus court costs. They elected to serve the time, and were released after ten days. On March 23, the other seven returned for sentencing. At that time, the judge amended all sentences to time served--in this case, one day. He remarked that at the trial, someone had left him with copies of a series of three articles by Jonathan Schell which appeared in the New Yorker, concerning the nuclear threat. The articles began to persuade him that those protesting were very sincere and perhaps even doing the right thing, and acting in a conscientious manner. He noted that they had still broken the law, but felt they warranted only a minimal sentence. His statements offered an unexpected note of encouragement to those present in the courtroom. Perhaps next time, the judge will refuse to even conduct the trial!

Livermore Lab Blockade

Eldred, a member of the Livermore Action Group and a planner and participant in the action at Livermore, sent us the following account of the action there and the lessons learned about jail solidarity:

"As each of us were arrested at one of the four gates at Livermore Weapons Lab--between 6:45 and 10 am on February 1--we were first handcuffed and then brought to an outdoor cage newly constructed for our action, on Lab property. We were to be held there for an initial booking and then transported to Santa Rita Rehabilitation Center (a jail for Alameda County).

"Booking proceeded very slowly and about half of the 170 arrestees were still in the cage, still handcuffed, still without having been offered food, and all of us becoming increasingly chilled as the sun went down around 6:00 pm.

"The first act of solidarity occurred when Dot Smith of Wolf Creek, Oregon proposed that we refuse further booking until we be permitted to speak with our legal team and be moved to adequate shelter. Consensus was quickly reached and we won our demands without much difficulty.

"Most of the following day was spent in deciding about arraignment. Up to this point none of us had had personal contact with the attorneys who had volunteered their services. Dan Ellsberg was especially concerned about this and felt that it was one aspect of the blockade preparation that had been neglected. He asked that we give consideration to the idea of his citing out (we had all refused to accept this when it was offered) and bringing back a team of experienced lawyers. After an extended discussion, it was agreed that solidarity was more important and the matter was dropped.

"Contact was finally made with the legal team by a delegation from each of the compounds in which we were being held. We learned that the attorneys were 100% behind our solidarity since it gave strength to their negotiations with the DA and Judge.

"Most of us were holding out for the positions taken by the blockaders prior to the action and outlined in the attached "Blockaders Recommendation". (Collective's note--Briefly, the recommendations were that mass arraignment be demanded; and that all would plead guilty or no contest if first, the sentence did not include a fine or probation, and second, that all participants be sentenced equally. If this was not agreed to, all planned to hold out for immediate jury trials.) Some felt that the Sheriff might be justified in ordering us to arraignment in groups of ten. Consensus, however, was not blocked and we held out for all to be arraigned together.

"Finally, came the news that our demand for mass arraignment was granted and the Judge would hold court in the recreation building on the prison grounds. What a thrill to experience the fruit of solidarity!

"In court, Judge Lewis announced that although he agreed with the DA that there should be both a fine and probation imposed, because of the unwillingness of the defendants to accept either, he would offer alternate public service as a means of securing benefit to the community. Most of us accepted this offer rather than additional jail time. (Collective's note: Twenty-nine people elected to serve five more days in jail instead of accepting community service.) We felt the Judge needed a goodwill response to counter the reactionary forces that are present in the community. He would be able to say that the community would be getting almost \$50,000 worth of work out of the demonstrators.

"We had the very good fortune of having a legal team who understood the dynamic of solidarity. For our

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WIPP Opponents Jailed

A New Mexico District Judge upheld, on January 20, the sentences of nineteen of twenty-one people arrested last Labor Day in a protest at the Department of Energy's Nuclear Waste Isolation Project (WIPP) near Carlsbad, New Mexico. Judge Donald Hallam affirmed the 30 day sentence /\$250 fine for all but two of those arrested, and offered to suspend 20 days of the sentence if the defendants agreed to pay the fine. Many were inclined not to pay the fine and serve extra jail time instead at the rate of \$5 per day, but the judge then threatened contempt citations and six months in jail for anyone who refused to pay the fine directly. All nineteen persons served seven days in jail before being released, and their fines were paid in part by generous contributions from supporters. Of the remaining two defendants, one, a free-lance writer covering the story, had his case severed from the rest, and another woman's sentence was suspended because she is pregnant.

Concord NWB Update

Clancey Dunigan and Sunshine Applebee, who were arrested December 28 (not January 28, as we mistakenly reported in our last issue) after climbing the fence at the Concord Naval Weapons Base near San Francisco, stood trial on February 18, charged with "willfully, unlawfully and maliciously entering to destroy property and commit injury". The jury deliberated for two days before announcing that it was unable to reach a verdict either way. Bob Russell, who was arrested at the same time, was due to be tried later, but because of the outcome of this trial, it is uncertain whether he will be brought to trial, or whether a retrial will occur for Clancey and Sunshine. For more information and to express support, please contact the Bartimaeus Community; 2118 8th Street; Berkeley, CA 94710; (415) 841-7121.

Rocky Flats Trial

Five religious activists arrested Christmas Day at the Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons plant near Denver, Colorado, were convicted on March 1 by Federal Judge Weinshienk. (see NNNPSC # 10) Peter Sprunger-Froese, Hedy Sawadsky, Jennifer Haines, Kris Selvig and Ann Zook had been charged with violating a year-old federal court injunction forbidding trespass at the plant. Their refusal to cooperate with the court had resulted in their being held in Denver County Jail from the day of their arrest until their trial. They presented no formal defense, and spoke to the court instead about the spiritual necessity of their actions.

Sentencing was immediate, with Ann Zook, Kris Selvig and Jennifer Haines sentenced to four months in jail plus one year probation. Because of previous offenses in the eyes of the court, Peter Sprunger-Froese and Hedy Sawadsky received sentences of six months in jail and one year probation. All sentences to jail were suspended and the six were released from custody after serving over two months while awaiting their trial.

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The other thing I find extremely disturbing is the inadequate diet provided. Raw fruit and vegetables are necessary for proper digestion and general health. I have studied preventative medicine for a number of years and recognize the diet here as instrumental in the development of diabetes, colon and heart ailments, constipation and gum diseases to name a few. I personally am having difficulty with regularity, nose bleeds, bleeding gums and daily headaches. It bothers me immensely that giving up my health must be part of my incarceration. I have asked about getting some fresh food, but have been told I must eat as everyone else does. The kitchen is in the County Nursing Home next door and those poor elderly people are fed the same dead food that we are. I find it entirely unexcusable that nurses and doctors continue to remain ignorant about the importance of nutrition. Pills are readily provided to deal with the ailments the inmates complain about. I refuse to get into the treatment of symptom syndrome. The meals are based on sugar, white flour, dead vegetables, meat, coffee, milk and canned fruit juice in the morning. That those in power can call this wholesome and nutritious food displays their ignorance and complete lack of concern. I must say that we did get a salad and fresh apples last week. I feel that food such as this must be provided on a consistent, daily basis.

When I actually decided to do civil disobedience, I must admit that my concept of jails was entirely unrealistic. When I was arrested in Portsmouth the first time, I was treated with such respect and consideration that I assumed police and guards to be people of compassion and concern. I feel it is reasonable to be locked up for breaking the law, though it is a law that protects those who violate the rights of all the peoples of the earth. I do not find it all reasonable to be forced to submit to the authoritarian whims of guards or to be provided with starchy fillers for meals. Because I am writing on a daily basis to as many people as possible who share my concern, I fear that once the officials catch on, they will confine me even more. So I am pleading with anyone who can respond to write letters to the administrators of this institution to provide us with more humane treatment. The superintendent is John D. Courtney and the women's administrator is Patricia Donovan. Our address is P.O. Box 339, Epping, NH 03042. Please. All of us here need your help.

I want all people to recognize the danger the planet is in, to know that as of now, no future may exist for any of our children. These concerns, the very purpose of my being here, has become eclipsed by the looming inadequacies of this jail. I hope to hear from you soon.

Peace

MARY TREMBLAY
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EPPING, NH 03042

Groton Update

Charges have been dropped against Judy Beaumont, Christopher Grannis, Dean Hammer, Ann Montgomery and Elin Schade, who had been arrested last November after pouring blood and ashes upon a mural of the Trident Submarine at the offices of its builder, Electric Boat Company, in Groton, Connecticut. At a court appearance on January 28, prosecutors asked that the charges against these five of the six people arrested be dropped. Art Laffin's case was allowed to continue, and at this time he is still awaiting a date for his trial. Letters of support can be sent to him at the Covenant Peace Community; 66 Edgewood Ave.; New Haven, CT.

Lenten/Good Friday Actions

Nevada Test Site

Pentagon

The Franciscan Center of Las Vegas hosted a continuous Lenten vigil and presence at the Nevada nuclear weapons testing site near Mercury, which concluded on Good Friday as a procession of 125 people marched two and a half miles carrying a rope on which hung a black banner for each nuclear "device" tested there. Near the main gate, a "Litany of Injustice" was said, with prayers and testimony of those participating. At the end of the service, a group of eight women and eleven men separated themselves from the crowd. Three representatives of this smaller group approached the entrance and announced that they wanted to enter the site to pray and speak with the workers. The guard informed them that if they entered the gate they would be arrested.

The nineteen people, carrying a 3 foot wooden cross and a large banner which read "Convert Nevada Test Site", then walked away from the main gate and entered the site at another location. They were arrested at this point, and for a time there was some confusion over whether the area was under state or federal jurisdiction. Finally, the nineteen were taken 75 miles north to Beatty, Nevada, and booked on state trespassing charges, which carry a possible sentence of six months in jail and \$1000 fine. Since some of those arrested were from out of state, they quickly decided on solidarity in action so their demands might be met. Justice of the Peace Bill Sullivan voiced respect and admiration for their actions, and released them on their own recognizance, without even requiring their signature on the papers. Arraignment is scheduled for Wednesday, April 14. They intend to plead not guilty, and are hoping for a dismissal of charges on first amendment grounds. Letters supporting their action and stressing that the affairs occurring at the Nevada Test Site is what should truly be on trial may be sent to Justice of the Peace Bill Sullivan; Beatty, Nevada.

Mather AFB

Five people were arrested on Good Friday, April 9, as they blocked the gates of Mather Air Force Base near Sacramento, California, a Strategic Air Command Base which stores and deploys nuclear weapons in ever-ready B-52 bombers. The arrests of Chris Delaney, Thea Baker-Flagg, Barbara Weidner, Fatima Erickson, and Arnold Erickson topped off a forty day Lenten campaign at the base. Every weekday morning during Lent vigilers gathered in front of the base to greet the workers as they arrived for their jobs. On Saturday, April 3, over 300 people gathered at the State Capitol grounds in Sacramento for an ecumenical prayer service led by local religious leaders. After the service, over 150 people marched thirteen miles to the front gate of the base to conclude the service.

On Good Friday, over 100 people were present for communion and a service at the main gate, before the five "crossed the line" and were arrested. At the site, all were offered the possibility of a citation release if they promised to return to court, and all refused. At the jail they were all offered release on bail, and rejected that option as well, content to sit in jail if that was what the authorities would want to guarantee their presence in court. At their arraignment on Monday, April 12, all five pled no contest, and were sentenced to time served (four days) plus one year probation.

April 9, Good Friday, brought several anti-nuclear weapons protests from members of religious communities across the country. At the Pentagon, seven people--Brigitte Cooke, Father Gordon Judd, Roger Ludwig, Moira Moga, Harry Murray, Pat O'Neal and Marsha Timmel--were arrested as they poured blood on pillars outside the entrance and on the concourse inside the building. All were charged with a misdemeanor and face up to one year in jail. They were released on their own recognizance and will be facing trial soon. For more information and to express support, please contact Jonah House; 1933 Park Avenue; Baltimore, MD.

GTE-Sylvania

A GTE-Sylvania Corporation plant in Westboro, Massachusetts was the site of another Good Friday action. About fifty people vigiled in front of the plant in a contemporary Christian service of prayers and readings. At the end of the vigil, six members of the group, Tom Lewis, Louis Doughton, Scott Duffy, Raymond Demers, Margaret Farren and Celis Jessa-Ivy, all of whom work at the Mustard Seed Catholic Worker House in Woster, Massachusetts, walked onto the property of GTE with a Pascal (Easter) Candle, as a symbol of bringing light into darkness. The six knelt and prayed when they were stopped by security personnel. They were arrested for trespass immediately, and all but Louis refused bond and were held for the weekend. They were then released on Monday, April 12, on their own recognizance. Trial is set for May 11. GTE-Sylvania's plant in Westboro has a 3.25 million dollar contract with the government for research and development of the major command and control systems for the MX missile system--what the vigilers refer to as the "eyes, ears and heart" of the MX.

Riverside Research

A Good Friday action at the Riverside Research Center in New York City, where research on laser beam weapons and refinements planned for MX and Cruise missiles is done, resulted in the arrests of sixteen people. Five were charged with criminal mischief for throwing blood, and eleven were charged with trespass. All were released by that evening, and a trial date was set for June 1. It was mentioned to us that no one has ever been brought to trial for past actions at Riverside, apparently due to Riverside's desire not to have its work so widely publicized.

G.E. five

William Hartman, Janice Hill, Roger Ludwig, Robert M. Smith and Thelma Stoudt entered the General Electric Re-entry Division Headquarters in Philadelphia on October 29, and poured blood on a locked door and hallway of the restricted area. (see NNNPSC # 9 & 10) Facing a maximum penalty of 51 years imprisonment, the five went to trial on March 15, 1982 at Philadelphia City Hall. Their charges were dropped at the trial's opening! Perhaps General Electric didn't desire any more adverse publicity and refused to cooperate with prosecution?

Congratulations to all of the successful support work. Actions against G.E. will still continue, no doubt. For more information, contact Brandywine Peace Community; 51 Barren Road; Media, PA 19063; (215) 565-0247.

Cruise Missile Opposition

The twenty-three people arrested last November 11 as they nonviolently blocked the gates of the Litton Systems Canada Ltd. plant in Rexdale, Ontario, are scheduled to go on trial beginning April 14 in Provincial Court, Etobicoke, Ontario. Litton Systems has contracts with the United States War Department to produce a total of 407 guidance systems for Cruise Missiles. The twenty-three were charged with trespass and face a possible fine of \$1000 each plus \$1000 damages.

The Cruise Missile Conversion Project, together with the Coalition for Direct Action at Litton, continued their efforts to bring an end to the weapons work at Litton with another direct action on Thursday, April 8, and a legal demonstration the following day attended by over 2000 people. On Thursday, five waves of resisters successfully blockaded the entrance to the plant for five hours. In all, thirty-four people were arrested and charged with trespass before being released. One man, Abie Weisfeld, was released after an early morning arrest in time to return and join the last group of blockaders, many of whom poured their own blood on the driveway entrance. Abie was arrested for obstruction this time, and held in jail for two days before being released on his own recognizance. Trial for the thirty-four is scheduled to begin May 10. To express your support and for more information, please contact the Cruise Missile Conversion Project; 630 Bathurst Street; Toronto, Ontario; Canada M5S 2R4.

S.A.C. Omaha Trial

Six nuclear weapons protesters were found guilty and a seventh acquitted following a two-day trial that ended March 16, 1982 in Omaha, Nebraska. All seven had been charged with violation of "ban and bar" letters received for participation in prior protests at the Offut Air Force Base. District Magistrate Richard Peck heard testimony from the seven persons who were arrested during a December 28, 1981 nonviolent witness at the base which headquarters for the U.S. Strategic Air Command (SAC) and the Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff (JSTPS).

The December action involved twenty people who walked onto the SAC base in an attempt to bring a message of non-aggression to the Target Planning Staff, asking that they stop targeting non-combatants.

Found guilty were: Brent VanDerlinden, Wayne Siebleman, Nancy LaMusca, Barb Katt, John LaForge and Kristen Layng. The seventh defendant, Bill Baisinger, was found not guilty, after the issuance of the original "ban and bar" was found to have been unwarranted. The other remaining defendants, Joyce Glenn and Frank Cardello, pled no contest and will be sentenced later.

The six found guilty had proceeded to trial to support their claim of justification on the basis of self-defense. They introduced evidence regarding the immediate danger of radiation and the threat of nuclear war, U.S. violation of international law with respect to nuclear weaponry, and the necessity of their action. Judge Peck ruled the evidence not applicable to his decision.

Sentencing has been postponed for several months pending a pre-sentence investigation of each of the defendants. The six face a maximum sentence of six months in jail, a \$500 fine, or both. Only Brent Vanderlinden is expected to receive jail time, because he has received four "ban and bar" letters.

Titan Missile Protest

Last October 7, James Sauder of Jeanerette, Louisiana, scaled the fence surrounding a Titan II missile silo near Conway, Arkansas. After about thirty minutes of performing Catholic rituals and prayer, he was arrested for trespass and subsequently convicted and placed on probation. In mid-February, Sauder and a handful of supporters continued the protest against the missile site by walking around the perimeter of the site with a crucifix. At that time, he declined to approach the fence after being told he would be arrested again should he do so.

(The information above came from a wire service report in our local newspaper. Readers who can provide more information or place us in touch with James are asked to do so, so that we may provide further information about his actions and direct your support to him.)

Bemidji

Three Bemidji, Minnesota residents were arrested January 28 during a "die-in" on the Bemidji State University campus, as a protest against the Sperry Univac Corporation for its involvement with nuclear weapons development. Sperry representatives were on campus to participate in BSU's Employer Career Day.

Barbara Katt, John LaForge and Patricia King were among about twenty-five people who "died" in front of Sperry Univac's booth. The three read aloud a prepared statement which outlined specific Sperry contracts for a variety of nuclear weapons control systems, and asked job hunters to consider the ethical consequences of a twenty-megaton nuclear attack on Bemidji, during which the three who were arrested poured bottles of their own blood on pamphlets at the Sperry booth. The entire group then sprawled on the ground in mock death, as the speaker described the gruesome details of nuclear warfare.

The three were charged with interference with use of public space--an ordinance drawn up in the late 60's to counter anti-war demonstrators. Interestingly, the three are the first people to be charged with violating the law, and prosecutors are said to be having difficulty building a credible case. Arraignment on the charges is set for April 18, at which time a trial date will be set. All are currently out of jail.

D.C. Update

Tom Joyce, arrested with Jerry Berrigan and Chris Redding for degradation of government property on December 30 in front of the Pentagon, was released January 29. Federal prosecutors had offered him a sentence of time served if he agreed to plead guilty. Tom refused the deal, saying he could not in conscience plead guilty, and again asking for a jury trial. On January 29, his charges were dropped. Thirty days, no conviction.

Chris Redding appeared in front of a Federal judge on February 8. He was found guilty and received a suspended jail sentence plus a \$30 fine. He told the judge he would not pay the fine. The judge called Chris back in front of the bench and changed the fine to \$30 worth of community service.

Jerry Berrigan, in order to have his case moved to Syracuse, New York, where he lives, had to enter a guilty plea. He was sentenced March 31 to 90 days in jail, which he will begin serving on May 10.

Theresa Guisti, in jail since her arrest at the Pentagon December 28, was released on April 13 from the federal prison in Lexington, Kentucky, where she had spent the last thirty days.

Future Actions

Rocky Flats Peace Revival

Religious activists opposing the production of nuclear weapons at Rocky Flats, Colorado, will be gathering in a "Peace Revival", July 19-24 at a site near the plant. They will retreat to a camp in the foothills of the Rockies, very near the plant, and plan direct action against the factory of death. If you want to participate or desire more information, please contact Peace Revival; 5927 Miller Street; Arvada, CO 80004.

Three Mile Island

General Public Utilities, owners of the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant, have petitioned the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for permission to restart reactor Unit 1, which was undamaged by the March 28, 1979 accident there. Many groups in the area of the plant have joined together in a "Stop the Restart" campaign, a final effort to influence the NRC decision through conventional political channels. In the event that these legalistic channels fail, members of the March 28 Coalition are organizing for non-violent direct action at TMI to prevent the restart. If you or your group is interested in participating in or supporting the action, please contact March 28 Coalition; P.O. Box 481; Harrisburg, PA.

Shoreham

In the fall of 1982, the Shoreham nuclear power plant, under construction on Long Island, New York, will be the site of a large encampment and teach-in, building towards a mass civil (dis)obedience action in the spring of 1983. For more information, please contact SHAD Alliance; 339 Lafayette Street; New York, NY 10012.

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part, at any given time when a guard ordered us to do something, we were able to say we were not ready to do that yet. What a great feeling, but we did have to guard against arrogance.

"Yes, we did give in on the question of the NOT GUILTY pleas. I hope next time we will hold out for this because I think it vital to make out a formal, if brief, case for the defense of necessity. To present the idea that allowing the Lab to continue with its weapons invention constitutes a far greater danger than our sitting down in the roadway.

"But in any case, I believe it is incumbent upon those who will be engaged in mass civil (dis)obedience in the future to study what happened at Livermore, which was unique in that the defendants shared with the authorities in determining their sentence. Total mass arraignment is essential. If the court attempts to determine matters without proper consultation with the defendants then resort to the affinity-spokes procedure is in order even if we have to return to jail again and again.

"When you have solidarity--even with much smaller numbers--you can always say to yourself and others "Don't Panic" because you are not alone."

UN SSD II

On Monday, June 14, a nonviolent civil (dis)obedience action will be held during the U.N. Special Session on Disarmament in New York City. The action will blockade the U.N. Missions of five major nuclear powers. Nonviolence training is required. For more information contact June 14 C.D. Campaign; 339 Lafayette Street; New York City, NY 10012; (212) 777-4737.

Mobe to Save the Heartland

The Mobilization to Save the Heartland is a coordinated series of significant events from Kansas, Nebraska and through to Illinois scheduled from August to October of 1982, confronting the issues of war, poverty and racism in the heartland of this country. Rallies, marches, conferences, forums and civil (dis)obedience will focus on issues of nuclear weapons policy, nuclear power, death penalty and prison reform, agribusiness and the draft, and how they all affect the heartland. For more information, please contact Mobilization to Save the Heartland; 962 Warder; St. Louis, MO 63130; (314) 726-4662.

Livermore Lab

The Livermore Action Group is organizing for another blockade of the lab on June 21, following a June 19 rally and march to Livermore. For more information contact Livermore Action Group; 2110 1/2 Ashby Avenue; Berkeley, CA 94705; (415) 841-7994 or (415) 644-2028.

Hall of Shame

On March 22, over 1000 people gathered in San Francisco's Financial District to raise public awareness of how corporate investments mandate the continuation of nuclear technology. The day started with political theater, music, rituals, and information tables. Afterwards, tour guides led participants, media and curious observers on a "Hall of Shame" tour, pausing briefly at corporations involved in the nuclear industry, to explain their role.

During the afternoon, affinity groups did many different actions. Fifty people disrupted business at Wells Fargo Bank for fifteen minutes as they spoke with workers and customers. One person was arrested at Pacific Gas and Electric and three were arrested at Union Carbide, charged with refusing to leave a business when asked. Since this charge is an infraction, they were quickly in and out of jail. They were given a \$60 fine, which they didn't pay, and they got credit for time served.

SORRY

Just a short note to all of those who have written and not yet received a response. Please accept sincere apologies for lack of correspondence, as we get settled in the southwest. Also, this is a great time for us to express deep gratitude to those who have contacted us and sent information on actions. Thank you!

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NNNPSC to be the mailing list--those who send us information and with whom we share it and engage in supportive letter writing.

It didn't take long before the task of semi-regular newsletter production and maintaining efficient and personal correspondence became formidable for the very few people responsible for it. Serious efforts at fundraising, at improving the quality of support letters generated by the "collective", at getting more people more actively involved in the work, and working at our other major goal--to build links between the anti-nuclear movement and prison movement--all quickly took a back seat to the primary tasks of newsletter production and necessary correspondence.

Currently, one of us is in Madison, continuing to answer inquiries directed to Box 1812, and handling the arduous task of keeping a mailing list straight. Two of us are in Arizona publishing the newsletter. Due to circumstances such as moving, involvement in local movement activities, and "straight" jobs, the issue in your hands runs regrettably late, and our correspondence this winter has been near nil. We intend to catch up on it all soon, but it is becoming clear that the work involved is too much for so few people, unless we find a way to devote more time to the task and less to the jobs which keep us housed and fed right now. A grant? A supportive community?

We would like to see a group of people somewhere assume the task of producing the newsletter, and ideally in a more decentralized manner. This would involve

receiving more precise and complete information on a regular basis from our key contacts in different areas around the country who now provide us with the information we publish. Perhaps there are people across the country who could be responsible for submitting complete, ready-to-print articles, covering actions in their area. Better coordination in this area will minimize the necessary editing and reportage we presently do, while maintaining the high standard of quality of information we strive for.

Don't be shy! If you are seriously willing to take on work involved with this Newsletter, or have any ideas, no matter how big or small, on how to effectively and efficiently decentralize the work involved with the Newsletter, please write us soon.

For anyone considering taking responsibility for production of the Newsletter, it would be invaluable, although perhaps not absolutely necessary, if you had some experience in writing, typing and layout, and could visit us here in Arizona while we produce an issue--to see what is involved and have time to discuss the approach we have taken to the work.

For ourselves, we do not want to "fade from the scene," but rather desire to free some time and energy to begin pursuit of other related projects--fundraising, broader exposure for the information gathered and working more with other prisoner support groups where possible. Responsibility for producing the Newsletter is not something we take lightly, and now we are in need of some solid help to continue it. If you or a group you work with are seriously interested in the task, please write and we can begin discussing what needs to be done. We'd love to hear from you!

Letters of support for people arrested at the Nevada Test Site/Lenten Action (see page 4) should be sent to Lenten Desert Experience; Franciscan Center; 704 W. McWilliams; Las Vegas, Nevada 89106; (702) 647--3610.

We welcome and encourage other publications to reprint the information in this newsletter. Just please remember to give credit to NNNPSC as the source.
Thanks!

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I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE NNNPSC NEWSLETTER

I CAN HELP COORDINATE SUPPORT ACTIVITY IN MY AREA

I CAN KEEP NNNPSC INFORMED OF LOCAL ANTI-NUCLEAR ACTIONS AND JAILINGS

I WOULD LIKE TO PLEDGE \$ _____ PER MONTH TO SUPPORT NNNPSC

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NNNPSC - Who we are, what we do

The National No-Nukes Prison Support Collective is a support network for jailed and imprisoned anti-nuclear activists. With information and funds provided by subscribers-members, we publish this Newsletter, which (we hope) provides comprehensive information about the arrests and jailing of anti-nuclear activists around the nation. People receiving the Newsletter are asked to write letters of support to those behind bars, and, when necessary, letters protesting the treatment and conditions of confinement to appropriate authorities.

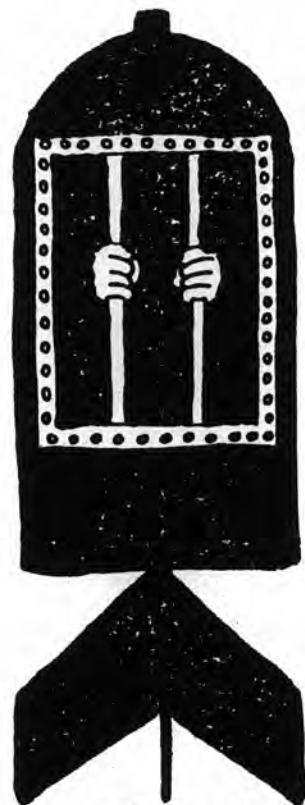
Our goals include:

- Fostering a wider public awareness of imprisoned nuclear resisters, their motivations and their actions, through both movement and straight media.
- To build a link between the anti-nuclear movement and the prison movement, with the aim of educating radioactivists about the daily destruction of lives in the prisons of this country.

In any significant movement for social change, many committed individuals are jailed or imprisoned. In jail, they are physically isolated from their supporters and their own resistance activity is limited. Support for the imprisoned activist is essential to the success of the movement for a nuclear-free future.

To continue this work, we need donations for postage, printing and a few long distance phone calls. The Newsletter is free, and all labor is volunteered. We just want to get the word out, and help others show their support.

If you are interested in active support of jailed resisters, primarily through letter-writing, please let us know. A coupon for this purpose is included inside.



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