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Rockwell/El Segundo

At a December 9 pretrial for sixty-nine people arrested last June 10 at the Rockwell International plant in El Segundo, California, no decision was made on how to proceed. The judge wanted to try a single representative of the group, with the results applying to all. The prosecutor wished to try a small group (four to five) with the results binding on all. The defendants held out for one mass trial with all participating, or sixty-nine separate trials. The case was moved to a new judge on January 7, who announced he will hear motions on January 20, including one to dismiss the charges because of selective arrest procedures.

As of January 11, Jeff Dietrich of the L.A. Catholic Worker House has been in jail, apparently as a result of his arrest in December of 1981. At that time, he and four others had dressed as Santa Claus and entered the Rockwell plant to distribute pens with the message "peace on earth" inscribed.

His current incarceration is the result of a confusing series of events plus an unwillingness of two judges involved to take responsibility for the case. As part of his probation for the Santa action, he was to report to the court on December 22, 1982. When he arrived, he was immediately taken into custody on a warrant issued two days prior, when the court thought he was to have appeared. By the end of the day, he was released and ordered to return in the morning. A check of the transcript showed that the court had erred and Jeff

had returned on the correct day. The matter was not settled the next day, however, because when he arrived his case file could not be found. He was told to appear again January 7. This he did, but in front of a new judge--the one now handling the case of the other sixty-nine. The judge placed him in custody again, apparently on the strength of the warrant.

When the warrant was shown to be in error, the judge shirked any responsibility. Because Jeff was representing himself, the judge refused to talk to an attorney who inquired on Jeff's behalf, and would only comment that sentence had been passed. Likewise, the original judge abandoned responsibility by saying it was now out of his hands.

Jail records indicate Jeff is being held pending a release date of May 3. Jeff is reported in good spirits. He would appreciate support letters being mailed to him in care of the Los Angeles Catholic Worker; 632 N. Britannia St.; Los Angeles, CA 90033, so as to avoid the attention lots of mail would bring him.



The L.A. Catholic Worker has begun a letter campaign to the judges involved, and need your pen to help. Please write a note asking for an explanation of Jeff's situation, and for someone to take responsibility for his imprisonment. Send your letters to Judge Roosevelt Robinson and Commissioner of Courts Ulysses Burns; Inglewood Municipal Court; Inglewood, CA 90301.

SAC Omaha

Eighteen people were arrested on December 28, the Feast of the Holy Innocents, as they entered Offutt Air Force Base in the annual protest sponsored by Strategies and Action for Conversion. After entering the base at its main gate, the group was given sixty seconds to leave the base. Bill Mutranowski, one of those arrested, writes:

"The demonstrators, however, were undeterred; a spokeswoman began reading aloud for base personnel the protesters' statement of purpose. Others in the group performed corresponding symbolic actions.

"Two thousand years ago, wise men coming from the East bore three gifts. Today, we are here to give our gifts to you. First, we give you clothes...' With that, two of the demonstrators stripped down to their underwear in the subzero wind-chill as a long list of costly and redundant military projects and weapons was recited. On their backs and chests were written in bold, black letters 'Clothe the Poor'. The action symbolized 'how needless military programs deprive the poor of their bare necessities'.

"Ashes were then spread on the base to represent 'the destruction of all life that the unleashing of SAC-controlled weapons would bring about'. The ashes also symbolized 'the need for repentance in light of this destructive potential'.

"Finally, gifts symbolic of life--seeds, flowers and bread--were offered to guards: 'These affirm our belief in the value of human life, and express our desire to see it continue.'"

The demonstrators were then arrested, and led or carried to a waiting bus. They were taken inside the base for processing, issued barring letters, and then released back at the gate two and one-half hours later.

Meanwhile, three other people scaled a fence in a remote section of the base, and got within 100 yards of one of the SAC airborne command posts. The three prayed and threw ashes as a sign of reconciliation and repentance, then left the base unobstructed. Base officials insisted later that security had not been breached.

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Two of those arrested had previously received barring letters and face up to six months in jail and a \$500 fine.

For information about future resistance at SAC/Omaha, contact the Des Moines Catholic Worker; Box 4551; Des Moines, IA 50333.

Livermore

Seven persons were arrested in December at Livermore Lab while leafletting workers at two entrances to the laboratory. Three of the group at one gate were cited for trespass. At another gate four people were arrested for failure to obey a police officer. Despite the fact that they were in an area open to the general public, they were told they could not leaflet without a permit. All seven were released on their own recognizance, and returned to court January 4 for arraignment. When they returned, they found themselves charged with an additional count of resisting arrest--although none had done so. Because not all had spoken with a lawyer, arraignment was postponed until January 13.

The prosecuting attorney has indicated he'd like to see stiff jail terms imposed, but the judge noted that because the accused had acted on their conscience, a stiff jail term would have no deterrent effect. The judge also noted that the case is clearly one about first amendment rights, because people not leafletting in the same area were not arrested.



Letters supporting these seven leafletters can be sent to Judge John Lewis; Livermore-Pleasanton Municipal Court; Livermore, CA. One defendant noted that the prosecutor seemed very inexperienced in such cases, and perhaps not fully aware of the nature of the actions nor the work that is actually done at Livermore. Letters directed to John Jay; Assistant District Attorney; Livermore-Pleasanton Municipal Court; Livermore, CA might help him to understand the implications of the trial. Finally, the group arrested would appreciate letters

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supporting their action be sent directly to the Lawrence Livermore Nuclear Weapons Laboratory; Livermore, CA.

Sawyer AFB

Sr. Margaret Dewey, Ken Berger and Matthew Goodheart were sentenced November 30 on trespass charges from last Good Friday's prayer service at Sawyer Air Force Base, a Strategic Air Command post near Marquette, Michigan. All received sentences of 45 days, suspended with eighteen months of unsupervised probation. Any violation of the probation will result in them serving the 45 days plus any additional sentence.

As noted in our last issue, a sunrise candlelight prayer service at the base, marking the beginning of the Advent season, resulted in the arrest of two people, and the issuance of ban and bar letters to two others. James Smit and Angela McCabe received barring letters and were released. Pat Robertson and Barbara Lester were jailed overnight, and arraigned on trespassing charges the next day. Both pled no contest, and a pre-sentencing investigation was ordered. Both were offered personal recognizance release, but only Barbara agreed to sign. She was released, and Pat was held for three more days until she, too, signed the release forms.



Pre-sentencing reports have been completed, and the two women are awaiting their sentencing. Letters supporting their efforts to bring a prayer for peace to the base should be sent to U.S. Magistrate John Weber; 148 W. Washington; Marquette, MI 49855 and to Ass't. U.S. Attorney Edith Landman; c/o U.S. Attorney; Grand Rapids, MI.

Thanks to Nancy & Joe for making this issue possible!

Trident/Groton

FEMINISTS AGAINST TRIDENT

On New Year's Eve, three women of Feminists Against Trident entered the shipyard and spray painted "Trident Equals Omnicide" and "Death Factory" on the side of the engineering building there. Four other women providing support for the three were arrested as they drove away from the shipyard, and charged with the "crime". The three escaped arrest. Arraignment for those arrested in error is scheduled for January 21.

TRIDENT NEIN UPDATE

Bill Hartman was released from jail on December 17, Vincent Kay was released on December 23, and James Cunningham on December 9, all after completing their sentences for the Trident Nein action last July 5. Only George Veasey and Sr. Anne Montgomery remain in jail at this writing. George is expected to be released early in April, and Anne should be out sometime in February.

Art Laffin, Sr. Judy Beaumont, Tim Quinn and Anne Bennis face a preliminary hearing in mid-January on their failure to pay restitution for damage done during the action. Hartman, Kay and Cunningham will also face such a hearing eventually.

Please write George Veasey; Cheshire Correctional Camp; 900 Milldale Road; Cheshire, CT 06410 and Sr. Anne Montgomery; Women's Prison; 199 W. Main St., Niantic, CT 06357.

ELECTION DAY UPDATE

Six persons arrested on Election Day as they attempted to lock Electric Boat management out of the building have been ordered to return to court January 18. The state has never carried through with prosecuting those arrested at Electric Boat for lock-outs.

PLOWSHARES #4 UPDATE

In a surprise move, the Plowshares #4 defendants were released December 22 on a "Promise to appear" at their trial.

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Trident

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scheduled for the first week in March. The Plowshares #4 group--Jean Holladay, Roger Ludwig, Ellen Grady, John Grady, Marsha Timmel, Peter DeMott and Elmer Maas--entered the Electric Boat shipyards on November 14 to pour their blood and beat their hammers upon Trident submarine missile silos and other parts. They take their name to show that their act continues a series of concrete religiously motivated acts of disarmament, following the Plowshares Eight (September, 1980), Peter DeMott's sub-bashing (December, 1980), and the Trident Nein action (July, 1982).

Many factors led to their release. The seven were pressing for their right to meet as co-defendants, and jail personnel were balking at the extra work involved. The women began non-cooperating with the "body cavity" (gynecological) search. Ellen Grady spent her last two weeks of prison in solitary and others would have joined her eventually. Finally, increased public awareness of resisters in jail during the holiday season influenced their release.

Pre-trial motions of discovery and preserving the evidence have been granted. The Trident Nein/Plowshares #4 Support Committee; Box 411; New Haven, CT 06502 is working to set up an office/household in the New London area for support work during the trial. Financial support for this purpose will be especially appreciated.



thoughtful consideration to similar actions against first strike nuclear weaponry.

...and nonviolent
action is mightier
still.



GTE Westboro

A Holy Innocents Peace Witness at GTE resulted in the arrest of six people for trespass, after they poured their own blood in the sign of the cross, "as a sobering sign of First Strike Death. Blood is also a symbol of life and hope. We offer our own and friends' as a sign of the power of life over the uncontrolled arms race and development of first strike weapons, designed to destroy humanity in the name of defense, sanctioned by legality."

Arrested and released the same day were Reverend James Connolly, Scott Duffy, Margaret Farren, Theresa Guisti, Tom Lewis and Carol Markarian. They will represent themselves at a trial scheduled sometime this month. From their statement:

"We are here today at GTE Corporation's Strategic Systems Division to announce the Good News that life is sacred and that we cannot stand by in silence while the slaughter of the human community is being planned in our own backyard, through the research and development of the MX-C3 and the C3I systems in Westboro, Massachusetts.

"We enter the darkness of GTE where the Command- Communications- Control (C3) Systems for the First Strike are being created; literally the Eyes, Ears and the Heart of the technology for the nuclear holocaust."

For further information and to express support, contact MX Peace Witness; The Mustard Seed; 93 Piedmont St.; Worcester, MA 01609.

Honeywell Project

The Honeywell Project has been picketing the corporate offices of Honeywell in Minneapolis for over one year. They have presented a list of four demands to Honeywell management, asking them to stop all research and development on both conventional and nuclear weapons systems, retrain their employees for conversion of their work to non-military areas, and give \$1,000,000 to aid victims of Honeywell-manufactured cluster bombs in Lebanon and Indochina. Their protest moved into active resistance on November 4, as thirty-six people--part of a larger demonstration of over 500 people-- occupied an employee's

entrance to the factory. Honeywell officials declined to move against the protesters, who camped in the unheated hallway for the night.

As the morning shift arrived the next day, police began arresting the thirty-six people, including two independent video journalists. Charged with misdemeanor trespass, the group was released after six hours on their own recognizance until their arraignments.

On December 8, thirty-two people pled not guilty, and were given a trial date of February 22, 1983. Judy Hewitt, Greg Klave and Richard Peterson pled guilty the next day and were sentenced to ten hours of community service and a fine of \$5 court costs. Then, on December 22, Moirra Moga pled guilty and received a sentence of two hours of community service.

In a related action, seven women and one man were arrested outside the federal building in Minneapolis on December 29. They poured blood on the building and sidewalk during a prayer service commemorating the Feast of the Holy Innocents. All declined to pay a fine levied for the offense, and will return to court later.

For more information and to express your support, contact Honeywell Project; 3255 Hennepin Ave. S Rm. 101; Minneapolis, MN 55408; (612) 827-5363 ext. 24.



Mather AFB

Peace activists in the Sacramento, California area have been vigilling each Friday in front of Mather Air Force Base, home of a B-52 wing of the Strategic Air Command and their usual complement of nuclear weapons. On December 10, during the morning rush of traffic into the base, six people stepped out into the road, two by two, holding their signs and blockading traffic. Diane and Tom Imhoff, Barbara Hirshkowitz, Dan Delaney, Dale Crandall-Bear and Ella Lively were all peacefully arrested and charged with blocking traffic. All six refused a citation-release, and remained in jail until December 14 when they were arraigned. All pled no contest, and were released on a sentence of time served.

For more information on the continuing presence and future C.D. plans at Mather Air Force Base, please contact the Sacramento Catholic Worker; 619 12th St.; Sacramento, CA 95814; (916) 447-3785.

Delaware River

In Bucks County, Pennsylvania, some sixty people were arrested on Tuesday, January 11 as they attempted to stop the start of construction on the most significant water diversion project in the east today. Of all the major eastern waterways, the Delaware River is considered closest to its original state, suffering less pollution than most and until now lacking any diversion projects.

A major beneficiary of the proposed diversion would be the Limerick Nuclear Power plant, under construction near Philadelphia. Environmental concerns, rather than specifically anti-nuclear concerns, apparently motivated most of those arrested. The previous day an injunction had been issued prohibiting interference with the start of construction. In our next issue we'll have more information about this action.

Pentagon

A presence at the Pentagon during the last week of 1982 was sponsored again by Jonah House, a Christian resistance community in Baltimore. James Cunningham writes of this year's action (taken from Year One, the Jonah House newsletter).

"At a faith sharing meeting during our stay, Marcia Timmel, poverty worker and member of the Plowshares #4, summed it all up when she said, 'I saw that my duty to the poor was to protect them with my whole life. Handing out soup and shelter just wasn't enough'.

"In the pre-dawn hours of the Feast Day of the Holy Innocents a group of nervous stalwarts drove up to the River Entrance and spray-painted the names REAGAN-HEROD on the granite pillars. No one was arrested.

"A couple of hours later the rest of the group arrived at the entrance to see the appropriate handiwork. We handed out leaflets calling Herod the 'patron saint of the national security state' and asked 'can you continue to support a worldwide madness which will spend on this day alone \$1.44 billion for military purposes, while in that same time period over 40,000 children will die of starvation.' We planted some twenty crosses in the parade ground commemorating the dead caused by militarism. Tom Joyce of Toronto and John Pendleton of Boston were arrested for pouring blood on the steps and Nancy Bellon of Hagerstown, Maryland was arrested for pouring ashes. A die-in and blockade of the entrances ensued and no one was arrested. We chanted and sang for an hour or so and returned to St. Stephen's.

"We arrived at the River Entrance early Thursday morning. Some twenty or more people began blocking the one door being used by workers and another door hastily opened. As the police tried to figure out what to do next, blood was poured on one column and into the doorways of three entrances. None of the blood pourers were arrested. As this was going on others began erecting a shantytown in the parade ground. Adding to the hub-bub were eight or so people pushing an abandoned car down the ramp to the parade

ground. The car was spray painted with the words: 'This is the home the Pentagon built.' A sign was erected in front of the three make-shift dwellings proclaiming that this place was 'The Last Resort'.

"Police arrested the blockers, handcuffing them in groups of threes and dragging the first person in the string. This resulted in handcuffs biting into the wrists and numbing our hands for hours. It was an unusually tense scene and a couple of people were hurt but there was no sacrifice of nonviolent spirit.

"Sixteen blockaders were arrested and taken to the security office inside. The police left us in a room by ourselves. A phone stood on the table so Karl Smith began calling people at random to announce that the Pentagon was closed today because of the war crimes being planned and everybody should go home. Some of the responses were so hilarious that Karl could not go on without breaking into laughter. John Shiel got on the phone next and called the wire services."

None of those arrested were jailed. All are free pending arraignments in February and March.

For more information about this and other actions sponsored by Jonah House, please contact Jonah House; 1933 Park Ave.; Baltimore, MD 21217.



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Arkansas Silo

Thanks to a reader and Richard himself, we have re-established contact with James Richard Sauder. In early October, he was extradited from jail in Missouri to Arkansas, where he faced Magistrate Robert Faulkner. His arrest last spring at a Missouri missile silo (see NNNPSC #12) was determined by the judge to be in violation of parole for his arrest at a silo in Arkansas in October, 1981.

In a written statement and words to the court, he asserted he was not the criminal, but rather the court was because it refused to honor God's prohibition on killing, and stood in violation of international law which prohibits both commission of and preparations for genocide. He then noted the racist nature of this country. He asked how a Christian people can enslave others, as we did to the Blacks and commit genocide, as we did to the Indians (*And still do - ed.*). He also questioned how we can claim to be Christian and prepare for a global, genocidal holocaust. He noted parallels between America of the 80's and Germany of the 30's--racism, delusions of grandeur and world domination, arming to the teeth while the economy collapses, building gas chambers then and something more destructive of life now, nuclear missiles. He closed indicating his desires for global peace and racial harmony. The judge replied sternly with a sentence of five months and twenty-nine days in prison, and the admonishment, "I hope I never see you appear before me in this court again." Richard expects to be released during the first week in April.



Send letters of support to James Richard Sauder; 16734-009; Box 7000; Texarkana, TX 75501.

A PLOWSHARES HAIKU for James Sauder

Fine spring weather --
silent Titan missile silos
butterflies emerge

Johnny Baranski



Litton

At their trial December 6, Tom Joyce, Eric King and Len Desroches were acquitted by the judge of charges stemming from a November 11 action at the Litton Systems plant near Toronto. Litton manufactures Cruise missile parts at the plant. David Collins, who, along with the other three, had been held in jail since the action, was found guilty of obstructing a police officer. He was given ninety days to pay a fine of \$200, or face jail for one month.

A trial date for the remainder of the sixty-one people arrested on November 11 has been set for mid-February.

Meanwhile, on the heels of the political bombing at the Litton plant last October, police in the last month have been raiding homes and offices of people involved in the civil disobedience campaign of the Cruise Missile Conversion Project. According to the police, they are only going after those people who might have information about the bombing. Local activists say the bombing is just being used as an excuse to harrass those involved in the growing civil disobedience campaign. They point to increased media coverage of the police point-of-view as another indication that there is an organized campaign to discredit and intimidate activists involved in non-violent direct action against the plant. The Cruise Missile Conversion Project has been busy responding to police charges and implications, and continues to organize non-violent resistance to the Cruise Missile work carried out at the plant.

For more information, please contact the Cruise Missile Conversion Project; 730 Bathurst St.; Toronto, Canada M5S 2R4 (416) 532-6720.

Rocky flats

A more detailed report of the sentencing of Sisters Pat Mahoney and Marie Nord for their action at Rocky Flats arrived just after we published our last issue. Before sentencing the two to five years (four and one-half suspended), Judge Zita Weinshienk explained that she knew the defendants needed no rehabilitation or punishment, and that they themselves would not be deterred from future civil disobedience. But she did feel that others could be deterred from future acts if she sentenced them stiffly. From the gallery, Rev. Peter Ediger, one of the first arrested at Rocky Flats in 1978, boomed "NO!"

Both sisters urged Weinshienk to join the ranks of the courageous women who had gone before her by breaking ranks with the status quo. Sister Pat noted that were it not for the civil disobedience of the suffragettes, Weinshienk would not be a federal judge today. Therefore, she has an obligation to carry on the struggle of liberation at all levels, even in her court room.

Sister Marie told her that the law must serve the common good, and when it doesn't, it must be broken. "The law in this case protects the wrong people--it protects the white power elite. Hence the wrong people have been on trial here. One day, perhaps that will change."

Please write Sister Pat Mahoney; Box 1000; Pleasanton, CA 94566 and Sister Marie Nord, #15365-013; 3150 Horton Rd.; Ft. Worth, TX 76119.



Picatinny

Felton Davis III, turned himself in to federal authorities on November 3 to begin serving a sentence of three months for trespass at the Picatinny Arsenal in New Jersey. He has seen four different prisons in his brief stay as guest of the federal government. He spent his first twelve days in custody at the Metropolitan Correctional Center in N.Y.C., before being shipped off, shackled and handcuffed, to the federal prison in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. After spending two days in a holding cell in the basement of the main penitentiary, he was placed on the prison work camp.

He wrote: "Lots of luxuries if you don't mind a little slave labor. I was assigned work around the first week of December. On December 14, the anniversary of the ratification of the bill of rights, I submitted my resignation to the camp administration. On Friday the 17th, I was removed from the camp (minus all my stuff) and taken to the Northumberland County Prison in Sunbury, Pennsylvania. Spent almost a week there and then was brought back to New York on December 23... I will be released around the end of January without hardly having seen a moment's peace. But then, it was not a moment's peace I was after when I got arrested. I already had that. I want a bigger peace I can share with the rest of the world."

Notes of support can be sent to Felton Davis III, #04996-050; M.C.C.; 150 Park Row; New York City, N.Y. 10007.

SAC Omaha

On December 13, U.S. Magistrate Richard Peck found Frank Cordaro guilty of re-entering the SAC Headquarters on August 9, 1982 at Offut Air Force Base, after having previously received a barring letter. Already serving a six-month term for refusing to pay damages on a previous conviction, Frank now has two additional months to serve at Box 1000; Leavenworth, KS 66048.

Norman Searah, who was scheduled for trial the same day, had his case dismissed. The next day, Peck sentenced nine other demonstrators whose August 9 arrest violated previous barring letters. A warrant was issued for the arrest of Carl Kabat, who failed to show up for the hearing.

Janette Funaro, Richard Cleaver and Sister Joyce Horbach received probation. Rev. John Zeitler and Thomas Cordaro were sentenced to fifteen days. Fr. Darrel Rupiper was sentenced to thirty days, Barbara Katt and James Dubert, two months and John LaForge, three months. Zeitler was released January 3, the same day Tom Cordaro began to serve his sentence. Cordaro should be released by January 18. Darrell Rupiper is being held in Chicago, but will be released January 13. John LaForge has joined friends at Leavenworth (address above). He's due out in about two months.

Jim Dubert is currently at the Polk County Jail, Des Moines, Iowa, where he began serving his time January 3. Barb Katt, 11464-047; Women's General; 3150 Horton Rd.; Ft. Worth Correctional Institution; Ft. Worth, TX 76119, is serving two months.

Leonard Peltier

Leonard Peltier is certainly not alone among Native American activists currently imprisoned for their participation in the on-going struggle to protect what few lands the U.S. government has left in native hands. His case, however, is representative of the lengths to which the government will go to secure convictions against effective Native American activists. In at least three areas of the country (the Black Hills of South Dakota, the upper midwest and the Hopi and Navaho reservations in the southwest), the struggle to preserve Native American land rights is a struggle against the nuclear industry as well. Energy development companies are seeking, and in some cases succeeding, in opening more uranium mines on Indian land. Indeed, on the very day in 1975 when Leonard is accused of killing two FBI agents while the latter were laying siege on American Indian Movement activists and others on the Pine Ridge reservation in South Dakota, Pine Ridge tribal chairman Dickie Wilson was secretly and illegally signing away one-eighth of reservation land to the Department of Interior for coal and uranium development.

Recently, the Leonard Peltier Defense Committee was asking for letters to be written to Peltier trial Judge Paul Benson, of Fargo, North Dakota, supporting a request for a new trial. Despite new evidence of government misconduct contained in over 10,000 pages of recently released intelligence files, on December 30, 1982, Judge Benson outright denied the request and refused to disqualify himself from further consideration of the case.

Supporters note that public awareness of the case continues to increase. While the legal team reworks their strategy on the basis of Benson's decision, representatives of Leonard and the American Indian Movement will be appearing this month on the Niteline television show, and reporters from Sixty Minutes have begun to research a story. During the first week of December, supporters in Fargo sponsored a two-day public inquiry into the case. A panel of Fargo community leaders reviewed the evidence presented in the case,

and afterwards made a public statement supporting the bid for a new trial.

For more information about his case and supporting Leonard Peltier, contact the Leonard Peltier Defense Committee; Box 1492, Rapid City, SD 57709. Letters of support can also be sent to Leonard Peltier, 89673-132; Box 1000; Marion, IL 62959.

Inside & Out

The following is a list of nuclear resisters we know to be in jail or prison by the time you read this, and of those released since our last issue (November 30).

CURRENTLY IN:

Karl Zanzig, 00865-046B; Federal Prison
Camp; Box 2000; Lompoc, CA 93438
Mark Anderlik, 00864-046A; Federal Prison
Camp; Box 2000; Lompoc, CA 93438
John Hutchins; Box 1000; Leavenworth, KS 66048
Frank Cordaro; " "
Bill Douglas; " "
John LaForge; " "
Barb Katt, 11464-047; Women's General; 3150
Horton Rd.; Ft. Worth, TX 76119
Jim Dubert; Polk County Jail; Des Moines, IA
Richard Sauder, 16734-009; Box 7000; Texarkana, TX 75501
Pat Mahoney; Box 1000; Pleasanton, CA 94566
Marie Nord, 15365-013; Women's General; 3150
Horton Rd; Ft. Worth, TX 76119
Felton Davis III, 04996-050; Metropolitan
Correction Center; 150 Park Row; NYC, NY
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Leonard Peltier; Box 1000; Marion, IL
George Veasey; Cheshire Correctional Camp;
900 Milldale Rd.; Cheshire, CT 06410
Anne Montgomery; Women's Prison; 199 W.
Main St.; Niantic, CT 06357

RECENTLY OUT:

<u>Pat Runo</u>	<u>Eric King</u>
<u>Linda Greenwald</u>	<u>Len Desroches</u>
<u>Plowshares #4</u>	<u>David Collins</u>
<u>Bill Hartman</u>	<u>John Zeitler</u>
<u>Vincent Kay</u>	<u>Tom Cordaro</u>
<u>James Cunningham</u>	<u>Darrell Rupiper</u>
<u>Tom Joyce</u>	

Future Actions

Honeywell

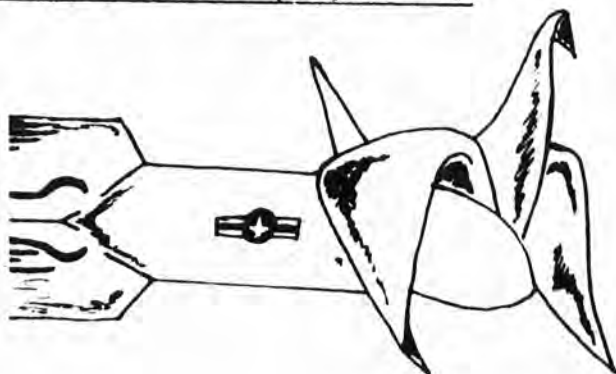
Minnesota activists are making plans for two months of cultural activity, film, theatre, poetry and music, building support for another civil disobedience at Honeywell again this spring. For more information, please contact the Honeywell Project; 3255 Hennepin Ave. S Rm. 101; Minneapolis, MN 55408.

MX Blockade

Although the test launch of the first MX missile has been postponed until March, plans are proceeding for a legal rally on January 23 at the launch site, at Vandenburg Air Force Base in Southern California, and a blockade January 24. For more information about this and plans for the March test launch, please contact the Livermore Action Group; 3126 Shattuck; Berkeley, CA 94703.

GE/Valley Forge

A blockade of the GE Space Division Headquarters at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, is being planned for April 5. For more information, contact the Brandywine Peace Community through Dean Snyder; Asbury Methodist Church; 3311 Chesnut St.; Philadelphia, PA 19104 (215)386-0724.



Rocky Flats

"In view of the short time we have to avert a nuclear holocaust, and to demonstrate the urgency which the situation demands, I am willing to risk arrest by taking part in non-violent civil disobedience at Rocky Flats, when I am notified that 1000 other people have signed this resolution".

If you are willing to sign this "Resolution to Resist", or would like more information about this future action, please contact Resolution to Resist; Box 1542; Arvada, CO 80001. The sponsors of the resolution plan to make some living accomodation available in the Denver area for participants to gather at for a couple of days prior to their trespass at Rocky Flats, as a space to build community with other participants and prepare for their action. Persons familiar with C.D. at Rocky Flats will be available at that time to provide information, non-violence training, rides from the bus station, legal follow-up, etc.

International Day of Nuclear Disarmament

Livermore Action Group has sent out a Call world-wide for an International Day of Nuclear Disarmament on June 20, 1983. L.A.G. proposes a week of nonviolent direct actions in locations all over the earth, leading up to the Summer Solstice in the Northern Hemisphere and Winter Solstice in the Southern Hemisphere.

Many groups have already agreed to participate. Any individual or group on the globe who would like more information, contact Livermore Action Group; 3126 Shattuck Ave.; Berkeley, CA 94705 (415) 644-3031.

Please send us information of any future actions desiring prior publicity.

Air Force C.O.

The editors of The Nuclear Resister have been corresponding with and supporting Airman First Class Martin Nichols, who on December 23, 1982, submitted an application for discharge as a conscientious objector. His application differed from most in that he based his request on a specific objection to nuclear war. Furthermore, his application is not based on religious grounds but rather on an ethical objection. Although the objection could be described as religiously held, it is not associated with a particular religious tradition.

For over a year, beginning while stationed in Germany, Nichols has worked to spark discussion on nuclear arms issues among military personnel. He is currently stationed at Ellsworth Air Force Base near Rapid City, South Dakota. Ellsworth is home to a Strategic Air Command operation, and Nichols has indicated that if asked to take any duty which he recognizes as directly related to or in support of S.A.C. operations there, he would refuse to do so.

Martin's application, if accepted,

REFLECTION AT THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT Karl Smith

(from Year One)

Let us consider for just a moment in our busy lives, the events that transpired on this spot exactly three weeks ago, a fellow human being, driven over the precipice by the race to nuclear apocalypse, gave America a message, a plea ignored for thirty-seven years, that is still not heard. The message is simply that we disarm or we dig our own graves. Why has this simple statement been ignored? It goes unheeded because we live in an empire that has monopolized violence, that has legalized the worst possible violence, namely, nuclear omnicide. As Bill Moyers astutely observed the following evening: "Norman Mayer's role-models were the super-powers."

would set a significant precedent, opening the doors for untold numbers of military personnel and draftees to claim C.O. status on objection to nuclear war alone.

Martin asks for our help in sending letters supporting his application to the Secretary of the Air Force; Washington, D.C., with a copy to Martin Nichols; 705 Taylor St.; Rapid City, SD 57701. He could also use stamps and donations to cover some legal fees and telephone bills he is accumulating. No action on his application is expected for several weeks.

manual for the anti-nuclear defendant



Get Up, Stand Up; manual for the anti-nuclear defendant, was prepared by the Abalone Alliance Legal Collective with the Diablo Canyon actions in mind, but functions as an introduction to trial procedures and strategies which is useful to other activities involving the risk of arrest. It particularly addresses those representing themselves, and seeking to use the trial as a forum for educating the public. Cost is \$4.00 (includes postage and handling in the U.S.) from Abalone Alliance Diablo Project Office; 452 Higuera St.; San Luis Obispo, CA 93401.

Fast for Life

"Dear Readers:

"We, the undersigned, wish to announce that we will begin an open-ended fast if the nuclear powers have not taken significant steps to halt the nuclear arms race by Hiroshima Day, August 6, 1983, steps including the renunciation of the decision to deploy Cruise and Pershing II missiles in Europe, and the freezing of all nuclear weapons.

"We believe that time is running out. The children are starving. The first strike weapons are being deployed. People devoted to peace and justice must act soon with the most effective nonviolent methods available to stop the madness. One such method is fasting. Gandhi considered fasting to be the most powerful method available to the Satyagrahi. We have chosen fasting not only because through fasting we will clarify the connection between the arms race and world hunger. By fasting we will identify with the millions who hunger as long as the arms race continues. We will call our fast a Fast for Life, a fast to affirm that all humanity has a right to live freed from the pain of hunger and the dread of holocaust."

Address inquiries to:
Fast for Life
942 Market St. #710
San Francisco, CA 94102 or
F-68480 Biederthal
France

In love and hope,
Solange Fernex
Dorothy Granada
Charles Gray

Fast for Life has received support from around the world. Last year it organized a successful relay fast around the U.N. Special Session on Disarmament, involving over fifty people, some fasting for the length of the session. The signers also note that, "Open ended fasts, because of the life risks involved, have a way of speeding up decision making, breaking stalemates and producing change. If we ever needed such speed, it is certainly now. The children are dying and

the thread that holds the Bomb is fraying...

"Considering the hunger of the world, we would prefer to start sooner, but we need to prepare for such a fast, to counsel with our loved ones and to strengthen our spirits. We also wish to allow sufficient time in order that others might prepare themselves to struggle for these goals by fasting with us in open-ended or more limited ways and by taking other actions such as offering personal support, financial support, writing letters, help with media, obtaining organizational support, demonstrations, work stoppages, civil disobedience, etc. We invite your help, counsel and participation."

Guide to Fasting

"A Guide to Political Fasting" is an excellent reference on the art and history of fasting for political purposes. Copies of this 24-page booklet are available for \$2.00 (cheap!!) from Nonviolent Tactics Development Project; 454 Willamette St.; Eugene, OR 97401.

Prison Ashram Project

The Prison Ashram Project publishes several pamphlets on spiritual development, which are sent to prisoners on request. For over seven years, the project has been helping prisoners organize non-denominational meditation and spiritual support groups in prison. Titles include "Karma" and "Meditation: Pure and Simple". Imprisoned activists may be interested in requesting the materials for themselves or to share with other prisoners they meet inside. To request materials write Prison Ashram Project; Route 1 Box 201-N; Durham, NC 27705. Tax exempt donations will also be gratefully received, to enable the project to continue providing this literature to prisoners free of charge.

Letters

Weare, NH
December 8, 1982

(We regret we cannot reproduce the following letter in the beautiful calligraphy in which it was penned)

Dear Editors,

Thank you very much for the informative, well formatted sample copy of your publication.

To say the least; you have introduced us to a much needed reality - That non-violent civil disobedience as direct acts of protest is not just rhetorical theory, but, is in fact a practised mean of change.

Maybe I should explain my situation, to relieve the rudimentary stigma from the above. This is Colorado's new-max; one modular pod of sixteen cages, in one lives a prisoner sentenced to death, another awaiting the same fate, all of us with records of violence, our backgrounds vary to the extremes of society, the repressive violent personality and structural dynamics of this warehouse caging system inhibits rationale for pacifism (e.g. the dominant are encouraged to dominate).

Given that, I realize a uniqueness here: Although each of us has expressed a wide range of opinions and feelings; from, "Non-violent civil disobedience is an elitist privileged means of expression" to "let's explore the possibilities of prayer and pacifism", all of us, to the man, supports and encourages your sense of conviction to such a necessary cause.

Without volumes of ink and paper, words fall far short of conveying the preponderance of this consensus. Some of these guys have or were on the verge of giving up on community and family, acting beyond traditional status quo.

The cause and the means deserve the reward of success, far reaching as it may be.

In Solidarity,

Carlos Henry, Box 700 #2580, Canon City, Colorado 81212

Dear NNNPSC:

In reply to Joffre Stewart, I agree there is a theoretical nonviolent alternative to prisons as a means of curbing crime. But when nuclear and draft resisters defend their own rights, property and income by calling upon the law, as we do, then society will not be much interested in our theory. In the same way, anarchists cannot expect their ideas to spread while they continue to accept money from the government.

Some day maybe we who hold a purified vision of life will get it together with a sustaining group. We should bring up our children in a culture where individuals don't have property or the power to control others, where all live by manual work. I can't see this happening except in some intentional way, like the Community of the Ark, in France.

Then we might hope our example would appeal to society with a strength that theories alone seem to lack.

Arthur Harvey



Prisoners Desiring Correspondence

The following prisoners have written, asking for correspondence from our readers. The need of the estimated 600,000 people in U.S. jail and prison cells for supportive outside contact is IMMENSE. Please help us make a small dent in this need by corresponding with a prisoner.

Alan Lee Miller, #8454; Box C; Waupun, WI 53963

Jay Perelman, #258138; Box 777; Monroe, WA 98272

Who we are, what we do

The Nuclear Resister is published about every six weeks by the National No-Nukes Prison Support Collective. (NNNPSC). NNNPSC is a support network for jailed and imprisoned anti-nuclear activists. Through The Nuclear Resister, we strive to provide comprehensive information about arrests and jailings of anti-nuclear activists around the United States and Canada. We encourage active support for these people, primarily by asking readers to write letters of support to those behind bars, and when desired, letters supporting resisters to judges, prosecutors and industry officials.

The goals of NNNPSC are:

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

We believe that in any significant movement for social change, many committed individuals are imprisoned. Behind bars, they are physically isolated from their supporters and their own resistance activity is limited. We believe that support for the imprisoned activist is essential to the success of the movement for a nuclear free future.

Our information comes from a variety of sources--movement publications, the resisters themselves and local activists. We are deeply indebted to all who send us information--please help by sharing information about actions with us.



I can keep NNNPSC informed of
local actions.

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Inside This Issue

As you may notice, there are a few more changes in our format with this issue. Notice first the "support action" graphic following some of the stories. Support for the imprisoned activist through letter writing has always been an activity we ask our readers to take part in--the graphic is there just to help draw your attention to each case, and persuade you to write a note of support.

We've also taken to listing in our IN & OUT section a full roster of those imprisoned currently, as well as a full list of folks who we know have been released.

A special thank-you to all who sent in information for this issue. We are slowly getting more detailed accounts of actions from contacts around the country. We like to quote straight from a local contact's account of an action, and a group or individual's statement, as space permits. We are now using a standard form for folks to follow when submitting information about

an action and how to support those involved. If you are submitting an account of an action, please ask us for a copy of this form so your story includes the pertinent information we want to share.

We had too little information and not enough time to track down by phone the details of actions at the GE plant in Pinellas, Florida and the sentencing of two people for trespass at the Rock Island, Illinois arsenal. Can any readers help us locate this information for our next issue?

One final reminder--we are now charging a subscription rate--a necessary fact of the continued life of the Nuclear Resister. If you have not sent a donation within the past year or so, we will be asking very soon that you subscribe, or you will be removed from our mailing list. You can avoid that possibility now by using the subscription coupon found on page 15! Please be generous--we need your financial support to keep publishing and increase our circulation.

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