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Ash Wednesday

Pantex

Ash Wednesday saw the second and third acts of civil disobedience at the Pantex Nuclear Weapons Assembly Plant in Amarillo, Texas. In the morning, Christine Eirene, Kathy Jennings and Ladon Sheats scaled the fence and prayed for nearly three hours before being apprehended. They were arrested on charges of criminal trespass, and are being held after refusing to consider paying \$20,000 bonds each.

Later in the day, Scott Andress, a minister who lost his pulpit after supporting the first witness at Pantex two years ago, was arrested. He carried a lit candle as he stepped inside the gate, knelt and prayed. He, also, was charged with trespass and is being held until trial. Trials are expected to begin in mid-April for all four.



Those in jail after the action at Pantex, as well as those arrested at Rocky Flats, Goodyear Atomic enrichment plant and Trident/Bangor sub base feel overwhelmed by people's generosity in their offers of support, yet equally overwhelmed by the needs of fellow prisoners around them.

Imprisoned activists often find much of their time inside devoted to listening to other prisoners and helping them with their problems as much as possible. If you would like contact with those in need of letters, visits, legal fees or bail money, please drop our friends a line. Ladon, Christine and Kathy are at Box 11135, Amarillo, TX 79115 and Rev. Andress can be found at the Carson City Jail; Box 972; Panhandle, TX 79068.

Trident/Bangor

Shelley Douglass, Mary Gronden and Karol Schulkin walked down the railroad tracks into the Trident base at Bangor, Washington. On the way, they hung pictures of Hiroshima victims and quotations of peace and international law on railroad cars. They were arrested after walking about one and one-half miles, and released with ban and bar letters. They await arraignment in a few weeks.

Shelley, Mary and Karol are part of the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action, 5460 NW Westgate, Silverdale, WA 98383. Ground Zero is providing coordination for activists in communities along the route of rail shipments of missile motors (from Magma, Utah) and assembled warheads (from Amarillo, Texas) to the Bangor sub base. So far, the network has monitored at least one shipment of missile motors and one shipment of warheads over the entire route, and documented the passage with photos.

Contact Ground Zero at the above address for more information about their continuing nonviolent campaign against Trident/Bangor. Send a contribution and subscribe to their excellent newsletter, also titled Ground Zero. The latest issue contains accounts of the lives of several former base employees who have, for reasons of conscience, left their jobs.

Goodyear Atomic

The Goodyear Atomic uranium enrichment plant, in Piketown, Ohio, was the site of an Ash Wednesday religious witness, resulting in the arrest of Erny Davies, of Langsville, Ohio and Erin Salva of Mt. Vernon, Ohio. Both were released after twenty-four hours, and later received sentences of probation for their prayerful trespass.

Resistance Reflections

Felice and Jack Cohen-Joppa, Editors

Editing and publishing the Nuclear Resister gives us a unique perspective on certain aspects of anti-nuclear civil disobedience. One trend we've come to rely on when timing our publication dates is the greater incidence of non-violent direct action occurring on days of religious and secular significance. Thus, last issue reported on actions occurring around the Christmas season and on the Feast of the Holy Innocents. This issue reports on arrests in six parts of the country on Ash Wednesday. Secularly significant days include New Year's Day, Hiroshima and Nagasaki Day and the Fourth of July.

Another trend we observe is that non-violent direct action against the nuclear threat is increasing in frequency, involving for the most part fewer people at sites closer to their homes. This development is significant and hopeful, as it expresses the growth of grassroots resistance as part of a larger growing grassroots movement against nuclearism. We've observed that local media is much more receptive to covering local actions which the national media usually ignores. Local coverage can even, on occasion, provide sensitive consideration of the activists' motivations. When actions are local news, our concerns become part of the daily discourse of the community. Lives are thus touched and changed more effectively than by people hearing only on television of the arrest of hundreds somewhere else in the country. As a movement, we have much to gain by helping people in our own communities understand that our actions are part of larger national and international non-violent resistance. The Nuclear Resister, with your help, can aid in this regard, by bringing together in one place news of civil disobedience across this continent.

In most cases where arrests have occurred at new nuclear sites during the past year, regular vigils, picketing and leafletting have been ongoing for some time prior to the civil disobedience. Even if the regular presence starts with only one or a small handful of persons, it is from this regular, committed presence that a strong, functional human support system grows. Those taking part in regular presences at nuclear sites form a community of resistance, capable of providing the moral, financial and social support which enables members of the group to risk ar-

rest, jail, possible loss of employment and separation from loved ones. The public commitment of a few--to leaflet, to picket, to vigil or risk arrest can only inspire others to commit themselves to such action.

1983 will be a significant year for the movement. The deployment of Cruise and Pershing II missiles in Europe and the Pacific (the Tomohawk sea-launched Cruise missile), the selection of a basing mode and testing of the MX missile, intensified uranium development on native lands and a massive nationwide advertising campaign to win the public back over to the virtues of nuclear energy--all are planned for 1983. Activists all across Europe are planning for massive, non-violent civil disobedience to stop the deployment of the new missiles. Reading this issue, it seems that this may be the case here, as well. Note all the future actions listed on page 12.

NOTE TO READERS:

Civil disobedience in the anti-nuclear movement is the subject of the cover article in the April 1983 issue of the Progressive magazine. Author Sam Day, Jr. spent some time with us here in Arizona gathering material and further contacts for the story, which provides a good general account of civil disobedience within the movement for a much larger readership than the Nuclear Resister has. Read it yourself and then pass it along to a friend.

Our apologies for this issue being a few weeks late. There were a lot of new actions, and a lot of information to gather. In addition, we had been sick, our son has been teething, and our home (which doubles as a newsletter office and production area) was invaded by fleas--plus the usual demands on our time! Stay with us, though, because we are strongly committed to publishing regularly.

We are considering exchanging our mailing list with other movement publications, for purposes of increasing our circulation, and bringing in new subscription money, which we desperately need. Please let us know if you object to your name and address being given to like-minded periodicals, and we will make a note of it.

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Rocky Flats

The Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant continues to be the site of a persevering series of small actions stemming from a religious community of resistance that has continued to strengthen over the past five years.

Last Christmas night, Bob Carlsten entered via the west access road, placing a sheet over the official sign there before walking towards the plant. He was arrested before reaching the gate, and charged with trespass. His sign announced to the world that "Unto you this day a bomb is born, which shall kill all people". Bob was held until the following Monday, when he was released on his own recognizance. On February 14, a jury of twelve deliberated for eight minutes and found him guilty. Bob is out of jail now, awaiting a sentencing date.

After the weekly west-gate prayer service the following Sunday, January 2, Jennifer Haines affirmed her vow to return to Rocky Flats in 1983. She walked down the same access road towards the plant and was arrested for trespass. Supporter Al Zook writes that Jennifer spent Sunday night in jail. The magistrate released her and asked her to appear on Thursday, January 6. She did return, but was asked to return again the next Wednesday. She didn't return at that time, and wrote the magistrate a letter saying so. The federal marshalls picked her up about ten days later and she was jailed until her trial and sentencing on February 7. A twelve person jury found her guilty after she offered only a closing statement in her defense. The judge suspended a \$500 fine, on the condition that she not enter the plant for six months. Jennifer has been praying daily during Lent at the east (downwind) gate of Rocky Flats.

Finally, the morning of Ash Wednesday, February 16, Mary Sprunger-Froese, a member of the Bijou House community in Colorado Springs, and Patricia McCormick, a sister of Loretto from Denver, drove into the plant with the morning shift, without any identification. They parked their car and went to the fence surrounding the plutonium buildings, where they prayed and poured blood on crosses before being arrested. Upon inquiry, security personnel were told that Mary and Pat had gained such entry because "The Lord was with us". From their statement:

"We prayed for the victims of the arms race, especially those who suffer hunger, homelessness and betrayal. We prayed for our own repentance and for a change of heart in those who work at the plant, that we may all follow the way of peace.

"The blood we pour today is blood from several persons who are being affected both by the nuclear arms race and by conventional warfare. This cross section included persons who are unemployed, the elderly poor, refugees who are the victims of war, a farmer, blue-collar workers, social workers, a physician, a lawyer, a psychologist, an architect and a cancer victim. (We are painfully aware that the plutonium used at Rocky Flats contributes to cancer rates.) We live with the dread realization that the policies of the administration take us daily closer to a possible nuclear holocaust. Weapons for that holocaust are made at Rocky Flats.

"The crosses on which we poured this human blood bear the images of many human faces. Humanity may be faceless to those who plan wars and who talk of 'prevailing in a protracted nuclear conflict', but to us, humanity consists of individual human beings whose lives are precious."

Mary writes that she and Pat refused personal recognizance bonds "in solidarity with the poor, who aren't offered P.R., and also because I couldn't promise to return to court--I don't believe I'm accountable to the courts for my response to nuclear weapons, but to the Christian community. We will not present a defense". Trial for the two is set for April 18. Maximum penalty is a \$1000 fine. Mary and Pat are currently lodging at Denver County Jail; Box 1108; Denver, CO 80201.



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G.E./Pinellas

General Electric's Neutron Devices plant in Pinellas County, Florida, has been the scene of weekly protest vigils organized by members of Immanuel House, a Christian peace community. The plant is one of seven nationwide which manufactures neutron generators, a key triggering component for nuclear weapons. Last

Ash Wednesday (cont.)

October 14, Daniel Moore, and Martina and John Linnehan decided to physically impede that workday's manufacturing by preventing the worker's entry to the plant. They strung an elevator cable across one entrance, while supporters witnessed from across the road. The three were arrested after two employees intentionally rammed the cable, attempting to break through. All three were released pending a pre-trial hearing on March 10. On November 19, all three pled not guilty to charges of criminal mischief, aggravated assault, trespass, resisting without violence and unlawful assembly.

On Ash Wednesday, following a liturgy at the plant gates, Daniel Harford walked onto the property, knelt and prayed, and planted a cross. He was arrested and charged with trespass after a prayer. No arraignment has been set, but Harford expects to plead guilty and accept the consequences.

For more information about continuing protest at GE/Pinellas, and to express your support, please contact Immanuel House; 5600 68th St. North; St. Petersburg, FL 33709.

Silence one silo

The Silence One Silo campaign continued this winter with the arrests of two more resisters--one entering a Montana missile silo and the other praying at the front gates of Malstrom AFB, where the missile operators are based. On Christmas Day, 1982, Cheryl Wishneski entered the base after a candlelight vigil with six others outside base property. Cheryl was arrested for trespass, and held over the weekend. On Monday, December 27, she pleaded guilty and was sentenced to thirty days in jail. Cheryl was released on January 24, after serving time in two different jails.

On Ash Wednesday, Presbyterian Reverend John Worcester climbed the fence surrounding a Minuteman missile silo, and spent nearly an hour praying there before being arrested. Charged with trespass, he was held in jail until his trial on February 23, after refusing a \$500 bond. Worcester is a highly respected figure in his home town of Anaconda, Montana, active in civic affairs as well as earning the support and admiration of his congregation. A grand-

father and native son of Butte, the minister was granted a six-month leave of absence by his parish so he could act on his conscience, "for the children of the world". Worcester was convicted and sentenced to ninety days in jail, which he is now serving.



We're unable to give his jail address, but letters of support sent in care of the Nuclear Resister; Box 37; Tempe, AZ 85281 will be forwarded to him as soon as possible.

the late summer sun-
not afraid to dance on rolls
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Johnny Bar

LaSalle

Kathy Allen, one of the LaSalle 14 arrested at the Chicago nuclear power plant of that name last June 26, was tried and convicted of trespass on December 13. At her trial, she noted her motive in participating in the blockade was "to protect my neighbors, my children and future generations." She was sentenced on February 16 to one week in jail plus \$310 in fines and court costs. Kathy was released after two days on an appeal bond. The trial judge had refused to allow her a defense of necessity.

Mike Koplow, another defendant, pled no contest and is currently serving a thirty-day sentence at the Ottawa Correctional Center; 707 Etna Road; Ottawa, IL 61350. Mike's harsh sentence is due to a previous conviction for anti-nuclear actions and an "unrepentant" attitude. He is due to be released March 23. One and possibly two others are expected to go on trial April 4.



Members of the LaSalle 14 feel that Mike's sentencing was excessive and unnecessary, considering his no contest plea. Letters protesting the sentencing and supporting the actions of the other defendants facing trial can be sent to Judge Fred Wagner; Ottawa Government Complex; 707 Etna Rd.; Ottawa, IL 61350.

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Vandenberg AFB

Although Congress had suspended some of the missile's funds, and the army had cancelled the first test launch of the MX, organizers of the blockade at the Vandenberg AFB in Lompoc, California continued with their plans last January 24. By the end of the action, over 210 people had been arrested, most as they took part in repeated blockades of the base entrance. Around twenty-eight people were arrested inside the base, where they had made their way through the backcountry on foot in the rain to the site of two Minuteman missile silos.

The backcountry action was significant in several respects. Although base security filled the backcountry group on still, video and movie cameras, and reportedly even assisted as the group wove the gates of the silo shut with yarn, cloth streamers, flowers and sacred objects, the Air Force has refused to acknowledge that any protesters made such a presence inside the base. The Truth and Dare Cluster, participants in the backcountry action, wrote:

"As individuals who recognize how dangerously near to disaster we are, we feel we have to do everything within our power to call attention to the day-to-day growth of militarism in this country. We feel that people no longer want our earth to be used to hold death machines and went there to reclaim the land and to reinstitute life-giving forces... Our group chose to protest at the Minuteman missile silos, because although the MX missile appears to be delayed, the Minuteman missiles are being retro-fitted with individually targeted warheads. We protest this escalation of U.S. nuclear weaponry and the apparent goal of first-strike capability.

"We brought a coconut onto the base to remind us of our sisters and brothers in the Marshall Islands who have been displaced from their homes because of missile testing from Vandenberg AFB. As the U.S. still needs land in Micronesia for target sites, 8000 Marshallese continue to live on an island of only sixty-six acres. Not only do these islanders live in forced unsanitary conditions, but they have been guinea pigs for nuclear testing since the mid-1940's..."

Most of the people arrested were issued barring letters only, ordering them to stay off base. An article in It's About Times (February-March '83) noted: "Apparently at random, thirty-seven of the blockers were singled out and arraigned

before a magistrate on federal charges. Although they had committed the same 'crimes' as the people who were released, the thirty-seven were given a harsher punishment: a \$100 fine or probation until they had completed twenty hours of community service. The nine people who refused to take either option were sentenced to three days in jail. Although the punishment was relatively mild, it may imply that the government is testing the idea of discouraging civil disobedience by coming down hard on a few 'representative' protesters, rather than giving everyone the usual few days in jail."

One other person was also held, and continues to be held as we go to press. Arthur Brad Goans is being held on an extradition warrant from Texas. During the routine check of those arrested, Brad's name turned up with an outstanding warrant for failure to pay a fine as part of his probation for an old Texas conviction. Despite attempts by Brad's California public defender to negotiate a settlement with Texas prosecutors to allow Brad's family to pay the fine, Brad is still due to be extradited next week.



Please drop a note of support and encouragement to Brad Goans at Santa Barbara County Jail; 4436 Calle Real; Santa Barbara, CA.

If your letter is returned, please send it to us at The Nuclear Resister, and we will see that it is forwarded to him in Texas.

OPINION



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Trident/Groton

TRIDENT NEIN

On February 2, Judge Hendel sentenced Judy Beaumont, Art Laffin, Anne Bennis and Tim Quinn to serve the remainder of their previously suspended one year sentence in prison. The four had refused to pay \$1386.67 each to Electric Boat as restitution for the "damages" they caused. The four stated again for the court that they could not comply with the restitution order for three reasons:

- 1) We believe that our act of disarmament against Trident was morally and legally justified. Although we are convicted, we continue to claim we are innocent under divine and international law.
- 2) Due to the fact that we all live on subsistence incomes as an expression of our convictions--as an act of solidarity with the poor, we cannot afford such a payment.
- 3) We wholeheartedly believe that if any restitution is to be made, it should be made by the Navy and Electric Boat to the poor whose needs go unmet because of the billions of dollars spent on Trident and the insidious military build-up of our government. The Reagan administration will roughly spend on the military budget in one second what the court is ordering us to pay in restitution."

Following the restitution hearing, George Veasey was given a hearing on reduction in sentence. His sentence was reduced to one year with no probation, and he is expected to be released about April 1. Anne Montgomery was released on February 9, but still faces a hearing for failure to pay restitution. Bill Hartman, Vincent Kay and James Cunningham expect to receive the remainder of their suspended sentences in a hearing March 10 on their failure to pay restitution.

FEMINISTS AGAINST TRIDENT

Charges have been dropped against the four women supporters mistakenly charged in the New Year's Eve Feminists Against Trident action. (see The Nuclear Resister #14)

PLOWSHARES #4

The trial of the Plowshares #4 group, who entered Electric Boat last November 14 and damaged the USS Georgia and other Trident components in a storage yard, has been postponed until April 5 and a new judge assigned. A "firm" date had been set for early March, and supporters feel the sudden change was intended to impede the momentum of support activities underway, and keep the defendants off balance.



The Trident Nein/Plowshares #4 Support Committee; Box 411; New Haven, CT 06502; (203) 562-7935, has been handling the commissary

needs of the defendants while they remain in prison. This amounts to \$20 per month, for each defendant, unless there are special circumstances requiring more. They also pay for most of the outgoing calls from prison. They are asking concerned and interested supporters to assume the responsibility of paying for the commissary needs of one defendant for either one month, at \$20, or on a regular monthly basis for the time that it is needed. Please send such contributions to the support committee, and they will forward them to folks inside. Prison addresses at this time: Anne Bennis and Judy Beaumont; Niantic Women's Prison; 199 W. Main St.; Niantic, CT 06357. Art Laffin and Tim Quinn; Montville Correctional Center; Box 1000; Uncasville, CT 06382.

WINCON

The Winter Convention on Aerospace and Electronics, known as WINCON, is held each February in the Los Angeles area. This annual show of sophisticated nuclear and conventional weapons systems was disrupted this year when, on February 9, forty-seven people were arrested at the El Toro Marine Corps Air Station main gate while blocking the road approaching the gate. Thirty-five of the forty-seven arrested refused release on their own recognizance, choosing to remain in jail until their arraignment. The next morning, thirty-four people pled guilty, were sentenced to two days and released that afternoon. Sanderson Beck pled not guilty, and has not yet been given a trial date. The remaining twelve have not yet entered pleas.

University of California Berkeley

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All ninety-five were held overnight in Santa Rita County Jail, and arraigned the next day. Ninety pled no contest and were sentenced to time served. The remaining five pled not guilty, and are scheduled for trial on March 2.

Santa Barbara

In a related action the same day, about one hundred people occupied an administration building on the campus of the University of California/Santa Barbara. Occupiers were not asked to leave until the building closed for the day. Fifty-six refused to leave at that time and were cited for trespassing and released with an order to reappear in court at a later date.

Honeywell Project

Thirty people who had pled not guilty to trespass charges for the November 5 action at Honeywell corporate headquarters in Minneapolis, have been convicted. Their trial judge was considered by all to be very thoughtful and considerate, and even complimented the protesters on their adherence to Gandhi's spirit in their action. Still, on February 23, he sentenced each to twenty hours of community service or a donation of \$100 worth of food or cash to a local food bank. One woman, Sr. Gabriel Herbers, is due to be tried on March 15, and two independent video people who were arrested while documenting the action, have appealed their conviction to the judge.

Following up on their refusal to pay \$10 fine, seven of eight persons arrested just December 29 as they poured their own blood outside the Federal Building in St. Paul pled guilty on February 3. Writes

Abigail Jensen, one of their supporters, "The IRS, which has offices in the building, was the target of their non-violent act of civil disobedience rejecting the use of our federal tax dollars for nuclear weapons...Seven of the civil disobedients pleaded guilty and were sentenced by U.S. Magistrate Floyd Boline. Nancy Anderson, Laura McConoughy, Barbara Mishler, Sr., Carol Neuburger and Patrick Mulvehill were fined \$30. Upon refusing to pay the fines, they were sentenced to fifteen days in jail. Margaret Pharris, after refusing to pay her \$30 fine, was sentenced to twenty days under a work release program. Maira Moga, having been convicted before of a similar act at the Pentagon, was sentenced to twenty days after refusing payment of a \$40 fine. Sr. Gabriel Herbers, the eighth defendant, is scheduled to be tried later." All defendants were released three days early, with credit for "good time".

See Future Actions, page 12 for information and an address of The Honeywell Project, organizers of the November 5 action.

The Honeywell Project would appreciate letters urging Honeywell to abandon military contracts and pay \$1 million restitution to victims of Honeywell-made cluster bombs in Lebanon. Mail to Edson Spencer, Honeywell Corporation Headquarters, Honeywell Plaza, Minneapolis, MN 55408.

Concord NWS

In an action underscoring the way the threat of nuclear destruction is used to promote United States foreign policy objectives, 2000 people gathered on Saturday, January 29 near the Concord Naval Weapons Station for a rally protesting shipment from Concord of arms to El Salvador and nuclear shipments from there to other parts of the world. One hundred and sixty-nine people in the crowd blocked the front gate to the base and were arrested. Most were released by early the next morning, and seventy-six of them were jailed until late that night. The last three people were released from custody on Monday.

The initial misdemeanor charges were later reduced to an infraction--obstructing a thoroughfare--and all but five of those arrested accepted a sentence of time served. The five are hoping for a trial to raise public awareness of the operations of the Weapons Station. For more information about future actions at Concord, contact the Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador, 3410 19th St., San Francisco, CA 94110.

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The initial misdemeanor charges were later reduced to an infraction--obstructing a thoroughfare--and all but five of those arrested accepted a sentence of time served. The five are hoping for a trial to raise public awareness of the operations of the Weapons Station. For more information about future actions at Concord, contact the Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador, 3410 19th St., San Francisco, CA 94110.

Delaware River

The Delaware River is the last major waterway in the eastern part of the United States that flows unimpeded into the sea. Construction has begun, however, on a major water diversion project near New Hope, Pennsylvania, which will bring Delaware River water to the Philadelphia area. Eventually, it will also serve as the major source of cooling water for the Limerick Nuclear Power Plant, under construction near the town of Limerick, Pennsylvania.

On January 10, the day construction was to begin on the diversion project, sixty-four people violated a restraining order issued by a local judge and blocked the bulldozers from clearing the land. They were detained for a time, and then given a summons to appear in court on January 25. At that time, Judge Garb, who had issued the restraining order, asked each one to show cause why they should not be held in contempt. The following day, one hundred and twenty-nine people were arrested and released with the same summonses, including twelve who were being arrested for the second time. These twelve were required to post \$100 bail, which was done for them by Del-Aware, a local citizen's group engaged in legal opposition to the diversion project.

A spokeswoman for Del-Aware noted that some of those arrested are not opposed to nuclear power. For many though, the fact that a major share of the water will be used to cool the Limerick plant was a major factor in their decision to risk arrest to prevent construction of the project.

At the contempt hearing, Judge Garb allowed each defendant to make a statement, and then asked for a verbal agreement from each that they would not violate his order again. All but Bonnie McCormick agreed. Bonnie was held for about twenty-four hours in the Bucks County Prison, before being ordered released by Federal Judge Cavanaugh. Cavanaugh ruled that local judge Garb did not have the authority to jail her. That same day, after McCormick was ordered released, Judge Garb announced he would not grant an injunction sought by project opponents to stop construction.

As of early March, trees had been cleared from the land at the project site, two cranes were on site and a bridge for contractors was being built across the canal which follows the river. An appli-

cation to blast in the river has been made to the Pennsylvania Fish Commission, and opponents hope to delay approval for that. For more information, contact Del-Aware, 44D S. Main St.; New Hope, PA 18938.

Litton

Police reaction and media hysteria following the October 14 bombing at Litton Systems plant near Toronto has these past few months overshadowed activity in the courts regarding the civilly disobedient. A concerted attempt is being made by the Canadian government and major media to link local peace groups and activists to the violent activities of the group "Direct Action" which claimed responsibility for the bombing.

During an eight day period in December, police harassed local groups and activists. They took one local activist in for twelve hours, questioning him about a recent trip to Czechoslovakia last summer and threatening to charge him in the bombing. They raided the offices of and seized files from the Cruise Missile Conversion Project (CMCP), the Alliance for Non-Violent Action, and World Emergency, a Trent University group, and also raided the home of four CMCP activists, questioning and searching for four hours. Then again on January 4, they questioned or tried to question two other CMCP members.

The effects of these actions were summed up well by a writer for the Trent University student newspaper: "It put 'Litton Protesters' in the same newscasts as 'Soviets', 'Litton bombing' and 'Direct Action', much as the Toronto Sun has been doing...It disrupted one peace group very effectively and sullied their name in the local community. It terrorized one peace activist and ensured that his trial for a charge relating to nonviolent protest will be a major political and ideological affair having little to do with his alleged crime. And it served notice to peace groups all across Ontario: We can get warrants, we can come and take you away in the middle of the night, and we can go through your private offices with impunity. It said: speak out if you want, but be prepared to deal with us and answer our questions when we come knocking."

Meanwhile, police in British Columbia have apprehended five people and charged them with the bombing of an energy project there by a group that also called itself Direct Action, and linked

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the five to the Litton bombing as well.

In the courts, Jack Kern of the CMCP was tried on February 15, and found guilty of blockading Litton last November 11. His sentence was a \$150 fine or thirty days in jail and one year probation. Jack is currently free. Trial dates for the remaining fifty-plus cases have not been set, pending a decision on a defense request that Judge Joseph Addison be taken off the case.



Because of the judge's bias against them, defendants have asked that he be removed from the case. Letters urging this action should be directed to Roy McMurty, Attorney General of Ontario, Queen's Park, Toronto, ONT M5S 2C6.

(Self Portrait)

Oh, that butterfly
just beyond the prison fence
in a spider web!

Johnny Baranski

Chicago

Kathy Zanio and Gretchen Noll, members of Milwaukee's Casa Maria Catholic Worker community, greeted President Reagan in Chicago recently, and for the nature of their actions were arrested and spent a night in jail before being released. They were protesting our nations nuclear war policies.

G.E./Valley Forge

Brandywine Peace Community's Thanksgiving, 1982 vigil in front of the G.E. Space Center in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, resulted in the arrest of Beth Centz, Peggy Hasbrouck, Janice Hill and Peggy McGuire. They had knelt in a circle, read from the bible and prayed by the main entrance to G.E. property. They are presently free awaiting a trial date. Five people convicted of trespass for the blockade of the main doorway entrance at the Space Center on August 24, 1982, have filed an appeal and are currently awaiting a court date. See "Future Actions" on page 12 for more information about G.E. Space Center and continuing resistance there.

General Dynamics

Clayton, Missouri, near St. Louis, is the home of the corporate offices of General Dynamics Corporation, the largest arms contractor in the country. For five years, the St. Louis chapter of Clergy and Laity Concerned (CALC) has engaged in protest of General Dynamic's military involvement. The group notes that "over the years, General Dynamics has been manifestly unresponsive to our requests for dialogue regarding their involvement in the perpetuation of the arms race. Although we remain open to dialogue, and in fact fervently hope for it, we no longer tie our protests to requests for public meetings with General Dynamics. Their lack of interest towards us will only be turned around by an enlightened public and work force, one which refuses to work for its own annihilation."

As moral encouragement to this hoped for refusal, four members of CALC entered the building and attempted to block two doors leading to the offices of the president of General Dynamics. Marta Donovan, Mike McIntyre, Janet McKennis and Al Sprehe were arrested and charged with trespass. One person pled guilty, and was sentenced to two years probation plus seventy-two hours of community service. Trial for the others has been set for April 13.

Then again on January 17, Karin Tanquist, Tom Kaczmarz, Pat Coy, Ed Taylor and Rich Williams commemorated the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by attempting the same blockade and performing a skit on another floor of the corporate offices. They write, "Our decision to commit civil disobedience is rooted in personal and communal reflection. Dr. King enunciated the groundwork for our decision making when he said, 'Cowardice asks the question, "Is it safe?" Expediency asks the question, "Is it politic?" Vanity asks the question, "Is it popular?" but conscience asks the question "Is it right?" And there comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but one must take it because conscience says it is right.'"

Tom and Karin pled guilty and are out of jail awaiting assignment of a judge and trial date.

For more information about the continuing campaign at General Dynamics, and to express support, contact St. Louis Clergy and Laity Concerned; 3753 W. Pine Blvd.; St. Louis, MO 63108; (314) 533-3121.

UPDATES

SAC/Omaha

Father Carl Kabat, absent from the December 13 sentencing reported in our last issue, turned himself in and on January 24 was sentenced to six months in prison for violating a previous barring letter when he was arrested at SAC Omaha last August 9. Carl was held for about a month in Omaha, before being transferred to Pennsylvania.

Jim Dubert was transferred to Leavenworth to finish his sentence, and was due to be released by March 3. Barb Katt was released on February 11, from the federal prison in Ft. Worth, Texas, and is currently wanted in Minnesota on a warrant for probation violation stemming from an action protesting nuke industry job recruiters on the campus of Bemidji University. John LaForge is also facing the same charges upon his release from Leavenworth on March 9. Bill Douglas and John Hutchins are due out of Leavenworth in about a month, and Frank Cordaro should be out May 1.

John LaForge spent much of his time in Leavenworth in the hospital of the maximum security prison there, and not in the adjacent farm camp where the other men were. John refused the x-ray during the physical examination, and was being held in "protective custody".

All those currently in prison are serving sentences stemming from the August 9, 1982 c.d. action at Offut AFB near Omaha, Nebraska. Carl Kabat is at Allenwood Federal Prison, Box 1000, Dorm 8, Montgomery, PA 17752. Jim Dubert, Frank Cordaro, Bill Douglas and John Hutchins are at Box 1000, Leavenworth, KS 66048.

GTE/Westboro

Six persons arrested December 28 at the research facility of GTE corporation in Westboro, Massachusetts, were tried and convicted of trespass on January 27. They were sentenced January 28. Jim Connolly paid a fine of \$50. Carol Markarian served ten days after refusing to pay \$50 in court costs. The others were sentenced to thirty days each, and in the cases of Scott Duffy, Margaret Farren and Theresa Guisti a twenty-day suspension was offered if they would sign probation papers. Only Margaret signed and was released after serving only ten days. All are now free.

Rockwell/El Segundo

Proof positive of the persuasive power of mass letter writing came with the release February 4 of Jeff Dietrich. (see The Nuclear Resister #14) Jeff was released unexpectedly with a stay of the remainder of his six-month sentence. Over three hundred letters were received by the judge, demanding to know why Jeff was being held. The Los Angeles Catholic Worker, of which Jeff is a member, thanks all who wrote for their concern.

Picatinny

Felton Davis was released January 31 from federal custody, after serving the full ninety-day sentence given him for trespass at New Jersey's Picatinny Arsenal last May. He is refusing to cooperate with prison work programs, resulting in receiving no good time off his sentence. (See The Nuclear Resister #13)

In my prison cell-
I am happy for the worm
freed from the walnut

Johnny Baranski

Sawyer AFB

Pat Robertson and Barbara Lester, arrested last November 30 at Sawyer Air Force Base, near Marquette, Michigan, were sentenced January 21, 1983 to forty-five days in jail, suspended, and eighteen months unsupervised probation.

Correction--last issue we reported that Sr. Margaret Dewey, Ken Berger and Matthew Goodheart were sentenced for trespassing on Good Friday, 1982. In fact, they were sentenced for their arrests on August 9, Nagasaki Day.

Eklund Trial Blockade

Louis De Benedette is presently serving a thirty day sentence for his arrest October 27 at the federal courthouse in Des Moines, Iowa. He had pled guilty to the crime of blocking the entrance to the building where Gary Eklund was standing trial for draft registration refusal. Please write Louis at Polk County Jail; Des Moines, IA 50333.

UPDATES

Livermore

In Livermore-Lab actions during December, all part of the "Choose Life" spiritual witness there, seven men were arrested in pouring rain on December 21, and charged with obstructing traffic. They were part of a group which had been holding an all day vigil, and were arrested when they tried to enter the main gate. When stopped there, they spread out and blocked the roadway. Sam Tyson and Jim Higgs were sentenced to ten days and served seven in the Santa Rita County Jail. Dan Onorato, Jerry Esteves and Jake Kirihera cited out the day of their arrests and were released. Herman Van Diepen and Sandy Lawrence remained in jail overnight and were released on their own recognizance the next day. All the men pled not guilty, with Dan, Jake and Sandy later paying fines of \$210, and Jerry and Herman receiving sentences of community service, which they are presently carrying out.

In the last series of arrests during the twenty-three day witness at the base, seven people were arrested on December 28 as they walked in the south gate at the lab and knelt to pray. They carried with them quilted banners inscribed with the names of hundreds of children from California, the rest of the United States and Mexico. One woman cited out immediately on her own recognizance. The other six were charged with trespass and obstructing traffic. On the trespass charge, two received sentences of community service, two served ten days, and Chuck Whatford of the Catholic Worker Farm in Sheepranch, California and Thea Baker-Flagg of the Sacramento Catholic Worker community each served thirty days as guests of the state. On the obstruction charge, four members of the group accepted one year's probation, and Chuck and Thea pled not guilty.

The arraignment of seven leafletters arrested at Livermore Labs on December 22, reported in the last issue, has not yet been scheduled, pending hearings on a motion by their attorney, Leonard Post, to have charges dismissed on First Amendment grounds.

The Choose Life Coalition notes that support can be provided by people "conceiving and carrying out actions of their own at their own neighborhood death factory. Civil disobedience is only one form of protest." Please see the Future Actions section for information on upcoming Choose

Life Coalition actions and contact addresses.

Pentagon

Of the sixteen people arrested December 30 at the Pentagon, five were convicted February 4 and given a \$10 suspended fine. Four others had their charges dropped on February 18 because the government witness couldn't make it. The remainder are scheduled for arraignment on March 4, except James Cunningham, who has been unable to make court dates in D.C. due to conflicting court dates in Connecticut.

Tom Joyce and John Pendleton, arrested with Nancy Bellon on December 29 at the Pentagon, were tried and convicted by a jury, and sentenced to two days in jail (suspended) plus six months probation and forty hours of community service. Nancy Bellon was tried separately, convicted and fined \$75. She refused to pay the fine and was jailed for several days before being released pending appeal.

In a related action, Karl Smith of Jonah House writes that, "One hundred and sixty-two people, including four children, were arrested for 'unlawful entry' in the Capitol rotunda, hours before Reagan gave the 'State of the Union' address January 20. One hundred and fifty-five people forfeited a \$10 bond; those cases are over. Seven of us refused and were held overnight. At arraignment the next afternoon, Sunshine Appleby, Roger Ludwig, John Shiel and John Francis pled not guilty; trial is tentatively set for late April. Frank Carver, Kathleen Rumpf and myself pled guilty and received sentences of sixty days (suspended), one year probation, one hundred hours community service. It seems we were not sentenced for the actual 'crime' but for refusing to pay the \$10."

Please check under "Future Actions" to learn about coming protests at the Pentagon.



Future Actions

Malstrom AFB

The 5th Annual Easter Peace Celebration will be held at the front gates of Malstrom AFB on April 3, 1983, in Great Falls, MT. Past years' actions have included civil disobedience. For more information, contact Gayle Sandholm, 538 University Av., Missoula, MT 59801 (406)728-2537.

G.E./Valley Forge

The Brandywine Peace Community is planning a "walk of conscience" to the General Electric Space Center in Valley Forge, PA, on April 5, 1983. Some participants will continue the walk onto G.E. property and risk arrest as they attempt to reclaim G.E. for peace. The date was chosen as one day after the anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who embodied a tradition of non-violent action on behalf of justice. The G.E. Space Center produces the Defense Satellite Communications System III, an integral part of nuclear war-fighting communications. For more information, contact the Brandywine Peace Community, 51 Barren Road, Media, PA 19063 (215)565-0247.



Diablo

The NRC keeps postponing a decision to grant a license for low-power testing of the Diablo Canyon nuclear power station. Thus, plans for a blockade and occupation of the site to prevent the test keep changing. Currently, plans are underway for a large rally and civil disobedience at the site of the reactor in mid-May. For more information, contact People Generating Energy/Diablo Project Office, 452 Higuera St., San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 (805)-543-8402.

Shoreham

On Saturday, February 26, anti-nuclear activists began a continuous vigil at the gates of the Shoreham Nuclear Power Plant, as part of an ongoing struggle to halt construction of the Long Island, New York nuke. A large demonstration is being planned for June 4 and 5, including civil disobedience. Please contact the Stop Shoreham Campaign, 333 Terry Rd., Hauppauge, NY 11788.

Honeywell

The Honeywell Project is sponsoring a blockade of the corporate headquarters of Honeywell in Minneapolis on Monday, April 18. An all-day retreat will be held for those who wish to participate. All those who want to participate will occur on April 17. Sleeping space will be available for out-of-towners who wish to come. For more information, contact the Honeywell Project, 3255 Hennepin Av. S. Room 101, Minneapolis, MN 55408 (612) 827-5362.

Livermore

Spirit Affinity Group will conduct an ecumenical worship service at the gates of Livermore Labs on Friday, April 1, following which several people plan civil disobedience. All denominations are invited to join with the group at the south main gate at 6:30 am that day. For more information about the action, please contact Darla and Terry Messman-Rucker, 2479 LeConte #1, Berkeley, CA 94709.

Rocky Flats

Signers of the Resolution to Resist are planning to initiate a series of civil disobedience actions at Rocky Flats this summer, despite their not having yet reached their goal of 1000 signers before the action begins. The action scenario calls for repeated actions by small groups of people, occurring every few days until all participants have been arrested. Sponsors hope to have a support community established in the Denver area for participants to gather and prepare for their action. For more information, please contact Resolution to Resist, Box 1542, Arvada, CO 80001.

Pentagon

Jonah House will be sponsoring actions at the Pentagon from March 30 to April 3 to commemorate the Easter holiday. For more information, contact Jonah House; 1933 Park Ave.; Baltimore, MD 21217; (301) 669-6265.

International Day of Nuclear Disarmament

The Livermore Action Group is serving as a clearinghouse for groups around the globe organizing to make June 20, 1983, an International Day of Nuclear Disarmament. Civil disobedience is being planned in some places, in addition to scores of vigils, rallies, marches, etc. For more information contact the Livermore Action Group; 3126 Shattuck Avenue; Berkeley, CA 94705.

Seneca Falls

A Women's Peace Camp is scheduled to begin at the Seneca Army Depot near Seneca Falls, New York in July. The camp is to be modeled after the Women's Peace Camp located outside Greenham Common AFB in England. Seneca Falls was the site of the first women's rights convention in 1848, and the Depot is a storage site for neutron bombs and the Pershing II missiles scheduled to be shipped to Europe, including Greenham Common, this fall. For more information, contact Women's International League for Peace and Freedom; 1213 Race St.; Philadelphia, PA 19107; (215) 563-7110.

Silicon Valley

Another Women's Peace Camp is being planned by The Community Against Nuclear Extinction for this June. This one will be in the "Silicon Valley", an area south of San Francisco where many high-tech electronics firms are located and much current military research and development in this area takes place. For more information, contact CANE; Box 377; Palo Alto, CA 94302.

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

Air Force C.O.

Early in February, Airman First Class Martin Nichols was given an involuntary discharge from the Air Force. In the last issue we reported on his application for discharge as a conscientious objector to preparations for nuclear war.

Apparently due to the support his application was receiving, and the possibility of adverse publicity should they deal with it through regular channels, the Air Force chose to nip the budding attention the application generated. Martin was technically denied the opportunity to re-enlist, and then offered an honorable, involuntary discharge if he would drop his C.O. application. Since leaving the Air Force was his goal, he accepted the condition. He is to be officially discharged as of March 10, 1983, ostensibly due to over-staffing and the nearness of the scheduled end of his service.

We wish to thank all of you who wrote letters to the Secretary of the Air Force on Martin's behalf. We feel confident that the letters helped secure his discharge.

War Tax Resistance

The National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee (NWTRCC) has begun to provide materials and coordinated media coverage for public activities encouraging war tax resistance to take place between April 1 and April 15, Tax Day, 1983. For more information about how to organize a local action, or to join in with one already planned, contact NWTRCC; c/o Center on Law and Pacifism; Box 1584; Colorado Springs, CO 80901 or NWTRCC; c/o Conscience and Military Tax Campaign; 44 Bellhaven Road; Bellport, NY 11713.

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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 (January 14).

CURRENTLY IN:

Ladon Sheats, Box 11135; Amarillo, TX 79115
Christine Eirene, "
Kathy Jennings, "

Scott Address, Carson City Jail; Box 972; Panhandle, TX 79068

Mary Sprunger-Proese, Denver County Jail; Box 1108; Denver, CO 80201

Pat McCormick, Denver County Jail; Box 1108; Denver, CO 80201

Brad Goans, Santa Barbara County Jail; 4436 Calle Real; Santa Barbara, CA

Mike Koplow, Ottawa Correctional Center; 707 Etna Rd.; Ottawa, IL 61350--out on March 23, 1983

Louis DeBenedette, Polk County Jail; Des Moines, IA 50333

George Veasey, Cheshire Correctional Camp; 900 Milldale Rd.; Cheshire, CT 06410--out on April 1, 1983

Judy Beaumont, Niantic Women's Prison; 199 W. Main St.; Niantic, CT 06357--out in late 1983 (November or December)

Anne Bennis, Niantic Women's Prison; 199 W. Main St.; Niantic, CT 06357--out in late 1983

Art Laffin, Montville Correctional Center; Box 1000; Uncasville, CT 06382--out in late 1983

Tim Quinn, Montville Correctional Center; Box 1000; Uncasville, CT 06382--out in late 1983

Fr. Carl Kabat, Allenwood Federal Prison; Box 1000, Dorm 8; Montgomery, PA 17752 out in July, 1983

Frank Cordaro, Box 1000; Leavenworth, KS 66048--out on May 1, 1983

Bill Douglas, Box 1000; Leavenworth, KS 66048--out in April, 1983

John Hutchins, Box 1000; Leavenworth, KS 66048--out in April, 1983

Rev. John Worcester, c/o NNNPSC; Box 37; Tempe, AZ 85281--out in mid-May, 1983

Richard Sauder, 16734-009; Box 7000; Texarkana, TX 75501--out on March 22, 1983

Leonard Peltier, Box 1000; Marion, IL

Pat Mahoney, Box 1000; Pleasanton, CA 94566 out in late May, 1983

Marie Nord, 15365-013; Women's General; 3150 Horton Rd.; Ft. Worth, TX 76119--out on April 8, 1983

RECENTLY OUT:

Felton Davis--out on January 31, 1983

Jeff Dietrich--out on February 4, 1983

Anne Montgomery--out on February 9, 1983

Jim Dubert--out on March 3, 1983

John LaForge--out on March 9, 1983

Barb Katt--out on February 11, 1983

Mark Anderlik--out on January 24, 1983

Karl Zanzig--out on January 24, 1983

Dozens more began serving more than one night and have been released since our last issue.

Books

In my jail cell-
 a shrinking pencil point
 grows many flowers.

Johnny Baranski

Two recently published books describe, in different genres, the experience of the jailed nuclear resister. PENCIL FLOWERS jail haiku is the title of Johnny Baranski's latest book of poetry. Johnny's poems have graced our pages before, and in this issue you'll find some selections from this most recent work. Highly recommended, easy yet evocative reading. \$3 from Holmgangers Press, 95 Carson St., Shelter Cove, Whitethorn, CA 95489.

Reluctant Resister, scheduled for publication this month, is a collection of the letters of L.A. Catholic Worker Jeff Dietrich. Jeff wrote the letters while serving a six-month sentence in the L.A. County Jail for his part in a non-violent protest at the Military Arms Bazaar in October 1979. From Larry Holben's introduction:

"The journals and letters that make up this volume record a pilgrim at the point of crisis. They reveal a man reflecting upon action taken in the name of conviction and coming to new and deeper understanding of the meaning of that action and the consequences of accepting the role of prophet."

Jeff and fellow Worker Kent Hoffman were released after serving fifty-nine days, after public furor caused their judge to admit he'd erred and commute the unusually harsh sentence. The book is \$6.95 from Unicorn Press Inc., Box 3307, Greensboro, NC 27402.

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.



C. Barrett

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