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Thousands Resist Euromissiles

Public awareness of the massive nonviolent anti-nuclear demonstrations which occurred around the globe between October 15 and 24 has been greatly limited by the headline-grabbing terrorism of bombings in Beirut and the U.S. led invasion of Grenada. These human tragedies and the patriotic fervor whipped up in their wake by the Reagan administration have helped to blind the American public. The media in this country is carefully avoiding full coverage of the hopeful resistance to nuclear weapons which poured out into the streets for ten days. Fortunately, headlines or not, protest and resistance on this continent and abroad shows no sign of diminishing. If anything, the resolve to confront United States militarism has only been strengthened by the senseless violence of the past month.



In the United States alone, demonstrations occurred in at least 200 dif-

ferent places in 46 states, and civil disobedience resulted in the arrest or legal barring of 1423 people at 20 different sites. These totals were arrived at without any typically large numbers of arrests occurring in California, Connecticut or Washington, D.C.

The numbers reflect a general trend towards smaller numbers of people acting locally at a larger number of locations. This is encouraging, for it indicates a spreading of roots. Like the value of numbers involved, however, this trend means little unless it is continued. Support for resistance and resisters must be nurtured on a national scale.

Following on this page and inside on pages 4 and 5 are accounts of the many other civil disobedience actions which occurred during this "hot autumn" of protest.

HONEYWELL/MINNEAPOLIS

In the October action resulting in the greatest number of arrests, 577 people were charged with criminal trespass as Minneapolis activists shut down the operations at the home office of Honeywell Corporation. Action began in the predawn hours as protesters gathered for an encirclement of the offices. Affinity groups then proceeded to block all accessible entrances to the plant, and for the entire business day prevented an estimated 95% of the Honeywell workforce from going to work.

The peaceful, somber nature of the action, dedicated to Honeywell Project member John Brechar who died this past summer, was marred at one point when police charged one group of demonstrators. Using mace and bodily assault, the police forcibly subdued several demonstrators who maintained their non-violent discipline despite the blatant assault. Honeywell Project members have viewed police and Honeywell videotapes of the incident and all agree that the police were not provoked but rather initiated and continued the violence themselves. Private talks between police and the Honeywell Project are in progress to help prevent such occurrences in the future.

Some of those arrested have been arraigned already, most pleading not guilty. Some first offenders who have pleaded guilty have received suspended 30-90 day sentences. Nine persons who

pleaded guilty following the April action at Honeywell and had received a "hanging" sentence have recently or are currently serving that time in jail. Eric Gravel, Sadie Green, Gloria Cushing and Polly Edmunds all served five days, and Ann Farrer has served ten. On November 10, three more women will go to jail to serve the following sentences--Karen Hanson, 10 days; Erica Bouza, 10 days; Moira Moga, 13 days. Maryanne Hamilton will begin serving five days on November 22. Some of the nine also pleaded guilty to the October 24 action, and their sentence reflects that as well.

Meanwhile, the Claim of Right defense, which won an acquittal for Honeywell defendants earlier this year, has been rejected by a state appellate court, and is now being considered on appeal by the Minnesota State Supreme Court.

The large turnout surprised organizers, who hope to nurture a commitment to continued resistance from all involved.



For more information, and to express support for those in jail, contact the Honeywell Project; 3255 Hennepin Ave. Room 101; Minneapolis, MN 55408; (612)827-5362 ex. 24.

PEASE AFB

Pease Air Force Base, a New Hampshire deployment site for nuclear weapons, was the site of a four hour long peaceful vigil on October 22. The vigil concluded as several affinity groups approached and crossed the boundary line at the entrance to the base, and 36 people were arrested. Charged with disorderly conduct, all were released on their own recognizance, including several who refused to identify themselves.

On November 2, the group was arraigned. Thirty-five people pleaded not guilty and a trial date was set for December 13. Diane Reinhardt pleaded no contest and was sentenced to 30 days in jail (suspended) plus \$100 fine. Diane refused to pay the fine, and began serving a 22 day sentence in lieu of the fine on November 7.

For more information, contact Action for a Nuclear Free Future; Box 1415, Portsmouth, NH 03801 (603)431-5942



Letters of support can be sent to Diane Reinhardt, Rockingham County House of Correction; Brentwood, NH. 1415; Portsmouth, NH 03801; (603)431-5942.

USS Jackson Commissioned ~ Six Jailed

The latest Trident submarine, re-named the USS Henry Jackson in honor of the deceased Senator from Washington who ardently supported the Trident program, was commissioned at the Electric Boat shipyards in Groton, Connecticut on October 15. About 800 people gathered for a vigil at the shipyards, which concluded with a mass die-in visible to those leaving the ceremonies. Thirty people who had tickets to the event were arrested when they were identified by security and sat down where they waited in line. Another 15 defied police barricades and blocked the sidewalk and were arrested. Two more were arrested as they blocked limos exiting the ceremony, and a final resister was taken into custody when his rowboat was surrounded by coast guard and Electric Boat security as he tried to row to the Trident. Forty-three people were released immediately. Five who refused to identify themselves were held two days until their arraignments

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WILLIAMS INTERNATIONAL/MICHIGAN

Considerable attention is being focused at the Walled Lake, Michigan factory of Williams International (WI), producer of nearly all of the small turbine engines powering cruise missiles. Last spring, WI requested and was granted an injunction forbidding certain protests and planning for resistance at Walled Lake. Judge James Thorburn, who issued the injunction, had already sent four people to jail for 30 days for contempt when, on October 21, three more resisters were brought before him on the same charge. Before sentencing them for contempt, however, the judge addressed the WI attorney. Thorburn told him, in no uncertain terms, not to bring anyone in before him on a contempt citation until WI could certify they had sought protection and were unsuccessful in getting it from the local sheriff, the national guard, or the President of the United States.

At about 7:00 am, as workers were arriving, John Zettner, Joe DuBois and Wendell Banks unfurled a 25' banner across the driveway to blockade entry. The banner condemned violence and announced "Christ lives--Disarm". They blocked traffic for ten minutes before

deputies arrested them and carried their limp bodies from the road. About 40 people vigiled in support nearby.

All three pleaded no contest, and affirmed that they would not promise not to re-enter or blockade WI. Judge Thorburn then sentenced them to serve 30 days for contempt, and await trial on the separate trespass charge. All are expected to be released by November 20.

Sponsors of a week of resistance at WI November 27-December 3 (see future actions for details), are uncertain how the Judge's scolding of the WI attorney will influence the prosecution of people arrested during the week. A precedent exists at Rocky Flats for local court systems refusing to deal with resisters and leave security concerns entirely to the federal government. Advance publication and invitation to illegal acts at WI are included in the prohibitions covered by his original injunction--issued at the request of WI--yet Covenant for Peace activists have not been charged with contempt.

Contact Covenant for Peace; Box 1831; E. Lansing, MI 48823 for more information.

Resistance Reflections

Felice and Jack Cohen-Joppa, editors

Our networking trip across the United States has been a very exciting, inspirational and educational experience. So far, we have met and talked with resisters and supporters in eleven cities, and are planning at least a dozen more gatherings in the next two months. We are thankful for the support we have, and proud of the networking we are able to continue because of it. Compiling this issue, with all of the October actions, was not an easy task, but the hopeful resistance chronicled here makes it worthwhile.

We have discovered that despite over 5000 people having been arrested this year opposing nuclear power and weapons, widespread awareness of the depth and breadth of resistance across the country is lacking outside of the circles of people involved. Awareness of local activity may be high in some places, but the picture of a growing national movement is not being projected by the major media.

Hope lies, however, in the fact that most of the people we have met recognize that resistance requires not just a passing interest, but a lifetime commitment to taking risks for the future. Also encouraging is the fact that people have come to this commitment for a diversity of reasons. A sizable number are involved as an expression of religious faith. Many more are drawn to the movement because the depth of their commitment to social justice and/or ecological balance can find no other expression but via civil resistance. Feminist resisters respond to the kinship between the violence in women's lives and the violence of the bomb, among other things. The feminist view that the personal is political pervades the movement, heightening our awareness that political changes demand personal commitment and action.

Perhaps the clearest message we have to share as a result of our meetings is the immeasurable value of maintaining a regular presence at nuclear-related sites. Risking arrest is clearly not the important focus of a regular witness, but rather an almost inevitable outcome, planned or not. The importance of peace camps, weekly vigils, leafletting, billboarding, etc., lies in their persistence and high visibility. A regular witness enables trust to grow between the peacemaker and the workers and surrounding community. A common experience is that in time, more employees will take an offered leaflet or stop to chat. If others in the community can come to rely on your regular witness, they may be more willing to join you, or at least come and share their concerns.

For example, the River City Campaign has been holding weekly vigils and leafletting at the corporate offices of Rockwell and Westinghouse--both key corporations in the nuclear industry. Using this as a base for action, the Campaign has successfully invited numerous other groups--church peace committees, women's groups, etc.--to assume responsibility for successive weeks. These groups would, with the help of the River City group, plan their own program, invite their own members to participate in the vigil, and use the opportunity to link their immediate concerns to the disarmament work of the campaign.

Peacecamps, as a regular, continuous presence, are widely being appreciated by resistance groups and peaceworkers. Some are modeled after the well-known, two-year-old Greenham Common Women's Peace Camp in England. In that country, efforts are underway to establish camps at every U.S. military base in the nation. Other camps have sprung up spontaneously among wheatfields, deserts and northwoods.

Peacecamps cultivate a sense of community, among not only those living there, but supporters in the area who contribute to the overall effort. They have the ability to nurture the commitment of one's life to the cause of peace and justice. An example we are familiar with is the Tucson Peace Camp. When it was formed in June by three determined people, there was some opposition to the idea within the local peace movement, and initial lack of strong support once the camp was established. But these three people--soon joined by a few others--felt that if everyday men

and women were going to be entering Davis Monthan Air Force Base to learn how to maintain and fire ground-launched cruise missiles, someone should be there just as often to greet them, talk with them, hand them leaflets. Now, only four months later, nearly 60 people have been arrested at DM. The camp has served as a place for people to gather and talk, share ideas and spirit, build and live alternatives, and nurture seeds of resistance.

A letter from Susan James, one of the five women from the Puget Sound Women's Peace Camp who entered Boeing on September 27, illustrates that camp's value to their subsequent action:

"The prosecuting attorney expressed support for our action and our convictions. When we were arrested numerous police officers said it was really beautiful that we were acting on our beliefs, and said they were glad we were 'out there'. We believe this is due to the sustained (four month) presence of the peace camp in the community, our constant education about the non-violent nature of the camp, and the fact that we know many people in the community, including police."

"Resistance Reflections" in our last issue noted also the positive effect that a brief (two week) Mother's Peace Camp at Fairchild AFB in Washington had on the community there.

With new missiles in Europe, we all should examine the commitment in our own lives, and decide whether or not it is adequate in response to the growing dangers we all face on this planet.

Women Walk Into Boeing Talk With Workers

On September 27, five members of the Puget Sound Women's Peace Camp walked into the Boeing Cruise Missile Plant to talk to the workers. Susan James, Leslie Redtree, Kris Delaney, Tammy Jo Dunakin and Cynthia Nelson split up once inside the building. They talked to dozens of workers and each handed out individually written statements explaining their presence. After about 30 minutes, they were detained by Boeing guards and later arrested by Kent police.

The women were charged with criminal impersonation (for having a falsified Boeing employee badge) and criminal trespass, and released on their own recognizance. Their trial is on December 5, 6, and 7 in Auburn, Washington.

Susan James writes, "By walking into Boeing that fine afternoon just to talk, we five women broke through

Vigil Directory Planned; Contributions Needed

At the suggestion of a reader, the editors of the Nuclear Resister are assembling a directory of regular presences at nuclear-related sites. We believe that such presences are an essential means of support and nurturance for a growing resistance movement. This directory will be published as an insert to a future edition of the Nuclear Resister.

We ask that all readers please contribute to this listing by sending us information about any regular presence--daily, weekly, monthly or seasonally--at nuclear-related sites. Let us know the nature of the presence--peace camp, picketting, silent vigil, prayer service, leafletting, etc.--the frequency, time of day and place, plus an address and/or phone number for interested persons to contact if they wish to take part in the presence.

Please send this information as soon as possible to Box 37, Tempe, AZ 85281, as we hope to include a preliminary edition of the directory in the next issue of the Nuclear Resister.

the illusion of the Boeing Company's authority, of its promise to provide security for these bombs. Boeing's lack of security reveals that we cannot protect or be protected by nuclear weapons, really, in any stage of production or deployment. Nuclear weapons are protected by us--through our acceptance, our complicity and our inaction."

Letters supporting the actions of these women can be sent to Judge Phillips, Aukene District Court; 810 28th St. NE; Auburn, WA 98002. Letters protesting the air-launched cruise missile can be sent to T.A. Wilson, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer; The Boeing Company; P.O. Box 3707; Seattle, WA 98124. Finally, financial support should be sent to the Boeing Five Defense Fund, c/o Puget Sound Women's Peace Camp; 7604 S. 212; Kent, WA 98032.

How Do you Plead

- I plead that each of us realize the sacredness of all life on Earth.
- I plead that people realize they are powerful individually and collectively - This power gives us the responsibility of caring for the creation we share.
- I plead for our mother the Earth who we rape and destroy for selfish gains.
- I plead for the children who are innocent of the threat we cause to their future.
- I plead for the people who starve and die while we pour precious resources into death machines, which, if not stopped will bring about unprecedented horror and destruction to all life on Earth.

Leslie L. Redtree

Resister's Family Needs Support

Apologies for our error in the last issue regarding Brigitte Cooke and Helen Woodson's arraignment for their bloodpouring at the Air and Space Museum. A few lines seem to have gotten lost somewhere between typing and layout! It was actually Helen, and not Brigitte, who received the six months in jail.

Helen writes from the D.C. Jail, "If Brigitte got six months for pleading not guilty, the law's in worse shape than I thought! That would save time and effort though. Everyone arrested gets an automatic six months and Uncle Sam becomes an equal opportunity punisher."

Since Helen says it best, the following is reprinted from the September issue of her newsletter, Harvest of Justice (a jailhouse edition).

"We are, to put it bluntly, in financial straits. Some of you know that I am the single parent of a large family of adopted, mentally retarded children, eight of whom are still at home. The cost of providing expert babysitters during my absence is tremendous, and the usual support of the family at the poverty level must continue. We do not have the money to meet these expenses, not to mention the cost of publishing Harvest in its reduced form.

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on October 11. Charges of disorderly conduct and trespass were filed. Most pleaded not guilty. Judy Beaumont pleaded no contest and served a sentence of two weeks. She was kept company in jail by Elaine Martin, who pleaded guilty and served two weeks after refusing a fine and probation.

At a second court hearing on November 9, four men who pleaded no contest were sentenced to 30 days in jail. All other pending charges against the remaining 42 people were dismissed. Ron Krom, Peter Carmen and Mike Mather, students at the Yale Divinity School, and Rob Whiffen began serving their sentence immediately.



Letters of support can be sent to Ron Krom, Peter Carmen, Rob Whiffen and Mike Mather at Montville Correctional Center, Box 980, Uncasville, CT 06382.

Cactus Planted at Rocky Flats

On Sunday afternoon, October 9, Scott Gesner, member of the Mennonite Voluntary Service Unit in Arvada, Colorado, walked prayerfully into the Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant area near Denver, planted a cactus on the grounds, and was arrested. He is out on unsecured bond and faces trial before Federal Judge Zita Weinschenk, on a date to be set.

Scott presented the following statement to Rocky Flats officials:

"This cactus is a symbol of long-suffering love; humanity which survives the spiritual droughts of war and preparation for war. It is a living prayer for peace and justice in a world torn by ideological conflicts, hatred, nationalism and inequity; the symptoms of people's separation from higher powers and from each other. It is brought to this place in a spirit of hope; faith that death and inhumanity will be conquered through a commitment to love; faith that all people will recognize in time our common interests and roots as children of the same Parent."

FAMILY SUPPORT

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"Asking for donations is not easy for me, probably due to the accretions of the American way of life which still cling to my radical self--the 'each man for himself', rugged individualism syndrome. Yet, I will ask, driven not by need, but by the knowledge that we are the beloved community, that the children are not mine alone but a gift entrusted to us all and that my prison witness is not solitary but shared by all of you through your prayers, love and support.

"Friends have established a fund to receive contributions; any money that remains after my imprisonment will be divided among the Atlantic, Pacific and Mid-America Life Communities to be used solely for the assistance of imprisoned resisters and their families.

"Donations may be sent to the Prison Witness Support Fund; P.O. Box 1064; Madison, WI 53701. Thank you and God bless. -- Helen Woodson"

Helen reports that she is doing well. During her imprisonment, no mail will be opened at the Wisconsin address. All communications for Harvest of Justice should be sent c/o "Godmother", 1217 Boulevard, New Haven, CT 06511.

Please drop Helen a note of support at the D.C. Jail; 1901 D. St. SE; Washington, D.C. 20003.

Anti-missile Protests Greet West German President

President Carstens of West Germany was in the United States recently for a series of stops to commemorate 300 years of German-U.S. association. His visits were the target of protests wherever he stopped because of his government's willingness to accept cruise and Pershing II nuclear missiles there beginning this fall.

At an October 6 dinner for Carstens and Vice President Bush in Philadelphia, protesters leafletted inside and outside the hotel. The leaflet noted that the first Germans on this continent were pacifist Quakers and Mennonites fleeing religious persecution in their homeland--a far cry from the German-U.S. "friendship" of today which includes plans for the Euromissile deployment.

Inside, Thelma Stoudt and Donna Cooper, dressed in German costume and each carrying 30 helium balloons, entered the cocktail party before dinner. After making their way to the front of the ballroom, both released their balloons. As the balloons rose quickly to the third story ceiling, banners unfurled below proclaiming "Women say no to Euromissiles" and "Peace without Missiles". Neither woman was arrested. Later, seven other women entered

the hotel. They pulled out cloth and shawls which also said "Women say no to Euromissiles". Kneeling in a circle, the seven began wailing and chanting until Secret Service and hotel security arrested them. Charged with defiant trespass, conspiracy, failure to disperse and disruption of a meeting, the seven were held overnight before being released. All pleaded not guilty and will be tried November 25. The judge at their preliminary hearing was reported as very supportive, and remarked, "I know you are doing this for me and my children".

The actions were sponsored by the Philadelphia Women's Peace Encampment group. For more information, contact them c/o SANE at (215)848-4102.



Women of Faith

Eight Women of Faith cut through a chain at Electric Boat shipyards in Quonset Point, Rhode Island on October 3 to enter a storage yard where Trident II missile launch tubes are stored. The group attached copies of a legal indictment charging Electric Boat and the U.S. government with War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity in violation of the Nuremberg Principles and the 1977 Geneva Protocol on human rights. They spray-painted "Thou Shall Not Kill" and shadows of themselves on the tubes, and wove webs among many of the missile tubes. After about 45 minutes, the group moved into a well-lit area and were apprehended by Electric Boat security. Kate Champa, Joan Ballas, Frances Crowe, Judith Ann Scheckel, Victoria Safford, Sue Ann Shay, SND, Ann Welch, RSM, and Judith Beaumont, OSB were all charged with trespass and

malicious mischief and released that day.

While that group worked inside, supporters outside attempted to present the indictment to Electric Boat management. Failing this, the document was sent via certified mail to Electric Boat, and filed in court and with the state Attorney General.

The same day in Groton, Connecticut, 16 people were arrested at Electric Boat's main shipyards. Most knelt and prayed at the Administration building. All were charged with disorderly conduct and released unconditionally. Some of these charges have been since dismissed, and others await a pre-trial on November 9.

For more information on the Women of Faith action, contact Judy Beaumont or Sue Ann Shay; 83 Campfield Ave.; Hartford, CT 06114.

Inside & Out



Ken Dudek (10 days)
Kevin Kroll (10 days)
Kevin McGuire (20 days)
Steve Marsden (30 days)

All four begin their sentence November 28 c/o New Covenant Justice and Peace Center, 1717 IZard, Omaha, NE 68131.

Ron Krum, Peter Carmen, Rob Whiffen and Mike Mather (December 8), Montville Correctional Center, Box 980, Uncasville, CT 06382.

Helen Woodson (Feb. '84), D.C. Jail, 1901 D St. SE, Washington, D.C. 20003.

Diane Reinhardt (Nov. 29 '83), Rockingham County House of Correction, Brentwood, NH.

Will Kerling, c/o Silence One Silo, Box 9203, Missoula, MT 59807.

Leonard Peltier 89673-132, Box 1000, Marion, IL 62959.

Julie Belmas, Ann Hansen, Gerry Hannah, Doug Stewart and Brent Taylor, Oakalla Prison, Drawer 0, Burnaby, BC, V5H 3N4, CANADA.

Linda Ventimiglia #81023-020 (fall '84), Veritas Unit, Box 2000, Leestown, KY 40511.

Roy Bourgeois #10890-083 (Feb. '85), Federal Prison Camp, Box 33, Terre Haute, IN 47808.

Larry Rosebaugh #81020-020 (fall '84), U.S. Federal Prison, La Tuna, TX 88021.

Ladon Sheats (Jan. or Feb. '84), Box 7, San Pedro, CA 90731.

Kathy Jennings (Dec. 8, '83), Box A, Alderson, WV 24910.

RECENTLY RELEASED

Martina Linnehan, John Linnehan, Daniel Moore, Patrick Mulvehill, Moira Moga, Kris Selvig, James Richard Sauder

We have not confirmed it, but Arthur Bradley Goans is believed to have been released in October.

Many dozens more people have served from one to thirty days since the last issue of the Nuclear Resister.

October Days of Protest

EL SEGUNDO, CALIFORNIA

In southern California, the October 24 Coalition brought hundreds of people to the "heart of the arms race", El Segundo, California. Five major defense contractors and the Air Force Space Division were the targets of civil disobedience actions which began at 6:00 am.

At the U.S. Air Force Space Division, 29 members of the L.A. Catholic Worker community were arrested for blocking a public thoroughway.

A group of 30 interfaith peace activists went to various locations on the property of Northrup Corporation and held prayer services until 1:00 pm. No arrests were made.

At McDonnell Douglas, 15 women gathered to establish a brief women's peace camp in front of the offices, which were ironically closed in commemoration of October 24 as U.N. Disarmament Day. The women camped for the night, and greeted workers arriving the next day before breaking camp. No arrests were made here, either.

Consolidated Controls Corporation was the focus of leafletting and an

CHICAGO

In Chicago, the Disarm Now Action Group sponsored activities at seven different sites, each an integral part in the research for or production of nuclear weapon delivery systems. Demonstrations or leafletting occurred at all seven, with civil disobedience occurring at the headquarters of Motorola Corporation. Motorola denies current complicity in nuclear weapons related work, although they acknowledge previous work on testing devices for cruise and Pershing II missiles. Twenty-eight adults and one juvenile were arrested on trespass charges there for blockading the entrances or entering the offices. Two were released on \$100 bond, and the others on their own recognizance. All were free by late Monday evening.

On the previous Friday, October 21, Rich Hutchinson and Aaron Lisec were arrested and charged with trespass as they leafletted workers at Northrup Corporation in Rolling Meadows, site of a large civil disobedience action on June 20. Both were released later on \$50 bond. Trials for each action are scheduled on November 16 and 22, respectively.

For more information, contact DNA; 407 S. Dearborn #370, Chicago, IL 60605; (312)427-2533.

occupation of the lobby by members of the Nuclear Resistance Coalition. Eleven people were arrested.

Hughes Aircraft was the focus for a group of Orange County Citizens for National Security. The group leafletted and blocked the driveway on two occasions, resulting in the arrest of 20 people for blocking a thoroughway.

Last but not least, Unitarian ministers and laypeople disrupted activity in the entry plaza of Rockwell International for some time, and then blockaded the parking lot entrance. Eleven people were arrested.

In all a total of 71 people were arrested. Fifty refused release on their own recognizance and spent three days in jail, and all but seven of these pleaded no contest or guilty. They received a sentence of time served. One man ended up in jail an extra day because the court lost his records and so could not order his release. Most of the remaining people pleaded not guilty November 8 or plan to at arraignments on November 15.

For more information, contact the October 24 Coalition; 632 N. Britannia St.; Los Angeles, CA 90033; (213)267-8789.

MONTANA

On October 24, the Silence One Silo campaign in Montana continued their sustained effort to have one Montana missile silo disarmed. Thirty supporters gathered that day at missile silo R-29 to cheer on Nigel Cottier and Will Kerling as the two men, armed only with handfuls of wheat, scaled the fence and stood atop the silo doors. They were arrested nearly an hour after entering the site and charged with criminal trespass.

Will and Nigel were arraigned the same evening of their arrest. Will pleaded guilty and is being held in the Cascade County Jail pending sentencing on November 15. Nigel requested time to seek legal counsel, and will be arraigned November 15. He was released after three days in jail.



Letters of support for Nigel and Will can be sent to them c/o Silence One Silo; Box 9203; Missoula, MT 59807.

SAVANNAH RIVER PLANT

The Savannah River plant is home to five "production" reactors, three of which currently produce all of the fissile material used in U.S. nuclear weapons. On October 24, a blockade of the facility resulted in the arrests of 80 people on charges of failure to obey an officer, a state misdemeanor. Most of the group identified themselves, pled not guilty and were released immediately. Three women and one man pleaded guilty immediately and were fined \$110.25 or eleven days in jail. After serving five days each, they paid the remaining \$60 of their fine and were released. Ten women refused to identify themselves and were held in two county jails for fifteen days until November 8. On November 8, all were sentenced to eleven days in jail, and released for having served longer than that. Trial for the remaining 66 people has been scheduled for January 9.

Prior to the action and a legal rally which preceded it on October 22, a federal judge had issued an injunction on the grounds of "national security" which stated that federal charges could be laid against protesters arrested on state land. The Natural Guard, sponsors of the action, had intended to avoid federal charges, so appealed the injunction to the 4th circuit court of appeals in Baltimore. In an emergency action, the appeals court stayed imposition of the injunction on First Amendment grounds, pending a full hearing of arguments in February 1984.

For more information and to express support, contact the Natural Guard; 18 Bluff Road; Columbia, SC 29201; (803)254-9398.

LITTON/GRANT'S PASS

On October 24, 150 people marched to the Litton Systems plant in Grant's Pass, Oregon, protesting Litton's role in cruise missile production. Seven of the group attempted to enter the plant and make a citizens arrest of the management under the Nuremberg principles. They were arrested for trespass and released the same day on their own recognizance. All pleaded not guilty and are awaiting a trial date.

For more information, contact Peace House; Box 524; Ashland, OR 97520; (503)482-9625.

NEW MEXICO

Resistance grew in New Mexico as 50 people were arrested at two sites on October 24. At the Los Alamos laboratory, where the first nuclear weapons were designed and built, 35 people were arrested and taken into custody for several hours on charges of obstructing traffic and disobeying an officer. Eight were minors and were released without being charged. Seven of the adults were charged additionally with concealing their identity when they refused to give their real names. On this charge, six pleaded no contest and were fined \$100 each. The other pleaded not guilty and awaits trial. On the other charges, 24 people pleaded no contest, two were convicted by a judge and sentences of 30 days (25 suspended) and \$600 fines (\$450 suspended) plus one year probation were levied. All served the five days, and fines are being paid by the community of supporters, which raised the money while all were in jail. A group of women acting in solidarity with each other refused the conditions of the sentence unless the judge ordered the fine money go to a local alcohol recovery center and family counseling clinic.

In Albuquerque, at the Kirtland AFB, 15 persons were arrested for obstruction after blockading the main entrance. Thirteen people pleaded no contest and served one day in jail plus a \$15 fine. Les Donher and Dan Enright pleaded not guilty and are awaiting trial.

For more information about continuing New Mexico resistance, contact June Disarmament Coalition; 106 Girard SE; Room 121C; Albuquerque, NM 87106 or the Santa Fe Peace Coalition; Box 2652; Santa Fe, NM (nearer to Los Alamos).

PROTESTERS

BARRED FROM JAIL

Authorities in different locations demonstrated during the October actions some of the many ways at their disposal to discourage and dishearten protesters. At Rocky Flats, a lone arrestee was forcibly strip-searched where none had been before. Police in Minneapolis, with no clear provocation, maced and struck one group of protesters during an otherwise peaceful mass action. Second offender charges filed against some resisters at the Seneca Army Depot were eventually dropped. In Arizona, a part of the group was singled out for prosecution on federal charges.

In at least six instances, authorities made no arrests when expected. At Grand Forks AFB in North Dakota, seven persons sat in front of the main gate for an hour before leaving without incident. The group speculated that too much press coverage had "scared them off".

At Wurtsmith AFB in Michigan, seventeen people walked through a fence near a runway. They sat on the runway for about 20 minutes, praying and singing until security finally arrived, forming a ring of dogs, men and guns around the seventeen. After inviting the security troops to join in, the group continued singing, dancing and praying for another hour before being

issued ban and bar letters and removed from the base.

At the AVCO Systems Plant in Wilmington, Massachusetts, hundreds of people blockaded entrances in pouring rain for most of the day. Police repeatedly hauled resisters away from the entrances without making arrests, a tactic used also at AVCO on August 9.

At two of the six sites in El Segundo, California, where the October 24 Coalition had planned civil disobedience, no arrests were made.

In Madison, Wisconsin, a noon rally of 200 people demanded that First Wisconsin Bank divest itself of holdings in companies making first strike nuclear weapons systems. Following the rally, eleven people entered the bank lobby. Inside, they unfurled a banner proclaiming "In the name of peace and for the sake of the earth we ask, no more investments in nuclear weapons". They sang and passed out leaflets for four hours. No arrests were made by closing time, and the group left. Their message, however, remained in the polished stone floor after the banner was removed, apparently transferred by some unexplained chemical reaction.

As at Wurtsmith, AVCO and Grand Forks, activists in Madison intend to continue their protests, arrests or not.

October Days of Protest

PICATINNY ARSENAL

Felton Davis observed the October 24 International Day by re-entering Picatinny Arsenal and being arrested once again for trespassing. Arraigned the same day in federal court in Newark, he pled not guilty, trial was scheduled for December 13, and he was released on his own recognizance.

The arsenal is run by the Army but employs about 6,000 civilians. It provided detonators to the AEC for the Manhattan Project, and has been engaged in a full range of nuclear and non-nuclear weapons research since then.

Writes Davis: "Think globally and act locally" is an idea which deserves to be taken literally. Picatinny is a mere eight miles from where I live, and when they test-fire blank 15mm howitzers (pieces of artillery capable of firing conventional, chemical or nuclear ammunition), the boom rattles my windows. The house shakes and I say to myself, 'Yes, that's a limited nuclear war in preparation over there.'"



GENERAL DYNAMICS CONVAIR PLANT

On October 24, a group of 21 people brought together by the Ballast Point Organizing Project were arrested for trespass as they attempted to deliver a letter to the management of the General Dynamics Convair plant in San Diego. The Convair plant is involved in cruise missile production, and the letter asked that management hold a community meeting to discuss General Dynamics role in the arms race and the possibility of peaceful conversion. Thirteen of those arrested were released quickly on citation, while six refused to identify themselves and were held along with two others who were held for violating their probation from previous actions. All eight were released the next day. Arraignment for all 21 will be on November 28.

For more information, contact the Ballast Point Organizing Project; c/o CEAN; Box 33686; San Diego, CA 92103; (619)275-1162.

PENTAGON

A series of protests at the Pentagon on October 24 resulted in 26 persons being arrested on a variety of charges. Among the group were several German nationals. Ten persons charged with degradation of property appeared in court on November 4. Marsha Timmel and Teresa O'Rourke pleaded guilty and were fined--Teresa refusing a \$10 fine and Marsha receiving one year of unsupervised probation plus a suspended \$50 fine. George Veasey, who had recently served six days for non-payment of a fine following the Nagasaki Day actions at the Pentagon, Kathleen Myers, Jan Kuening and Diedre Cochran pleaded not guilty, were tried and convicted by a magistrate who gave them suspended fines and one year of unsupervised probation. Andrea Primdahl and Jim Perkins face trial on November 18, and Louis DeBenedette and Dan Smith return to court on December 16, along with Lucy Duff and Anna Marie Borgman, who were charged with blocking access.

John Sheil, Anna Glatt, Ann Bloom, Bill Dorfer and Joan Bowland appear in court November 18 for blocking access. Appearing in court on December 2 on the same charge are Cliff Newman, Ed Riley, Cal Robertson, Franz Hohmann, Frank Doetler, Jean Roman and Tom Joseph. Kathy Hohanadel and Paul Schreiber are also charged with blocking access, and have court dates scheduled in January.

See page 8 for information on keeping up with civil disobedience in the Washington, D.C. area.

SENECA ARMY DEPOT

Building on the actions of the Women's Encampment for a Future of Peace and Justice, upstate New York activists turned out in large numbers for International Days of Protest at the Seneca Army Depot near Romulus. On October 22 a legal rally was held at Sampson State Park, across the highway from the depot. The rally attracted about 8000 people. Two days later, hundreds gathered at the depot for civil disobedience actions aimed at shutting down Depot operations for the day.

Following is an account of the action taken from the report of Carrie Stearns, one of the local organizers. The blockade began at 6:00 am with the five major gates to the depot blocked with 50 or more people each. By 7:00 am it became clear that workers were finding their way into the depot via other gates so affinity groups spread out. By 9:00 am, all 13 gates were blocked but no arrests were occurring. Some groups then scaled the fence to carry out other contingency plans such as blocking the inside perimeter road, blocking the air strip and leafletting Army housing on the base.

Officials began making arrests, and continued to all day long, opening up some gates but leaving others blocked by making no arrests there. By 4:00 pm, 380 people had been arrested and all were being held outside in "dog pens". Acting to prevent people returning to the blockade, depot officials delayed processing until late afternoon, and then processed slowly, taking only small groups inside at a time. Everyone received ban and bar letters initially, but those who were either recognized as multiple offenders or organizers were separated.

By 11:00 pm, about 47 women and one man were still being held in this category. Efforts to maintain some sort of group solidarity were thwarted as officials released about half the group without being charged, and charged 22 people with re-entry of a military base. The last six people were not released until about 12:30 am. All re-entry charges were dropped by the government at an arraignment on November 3.

Small actions may continue throughout late November and December at Seneca. For more information, contact Carrie Stearns; 109 Drew Rd.; Ithaca, NY 14850.

ROCKY FLATS

In the first action of the Sustained Resistance campaign at Rocky Flats, Jay Hamburger was arrested for trespass at the west gate of Rocky Flats on October 24. Plant officials and the government were anticipating the beginning of the campaign, and have noticeably increased visible perimeter security since the October days of protest began. Jay was taken to a holding cell in the federal court house. There he was subjected to what another Rocky Flats veteran described as unusual for Flats arrestees held there. Federal marshalls demanded that he strip for a search. When he refused to remove his clothing, they threatened a beating. Jay consented to remove all but his underwear. When he refused to remove his underwear, he was thrown against the wall roughly and his underwear was ripped from his body. Jay was eventually released the same day on his own recognizance, but has been ordered to report weekly to the probation office. At his arraignment November 1 Jay entered a not guilty plea.

For more information, contact the Committee for Sustained Resistance; Box 1542; Arvada, CO 80001. Groups or individuals interested in joining in Sustained Resistance at Rocky Flats are invited to contact the Committee, which in addition to coordinating the schedule for the campaign, will provide cooking facilities and floor space for sleeping bags for those coming from beyond the Denver area. All participating are expected to be committed to nonviolence.

DAVIS MONTHAN AFB

As the small, adaptable peace camp outside the gates of Davis Monthan AFB in Tucson, Arizona entered its fifth month, activists from across the state gathered there on October 22 for a legal rally and civil disobedience action targeting the cruise operators' school at the base. The strong focus for the Arizona peace movement provided by the camp was evident in the numbers and spirit of the action.

About 400 people gathered that morning for the rally. Later, groups of people began climbing over the fence, carrying symbols of life. A few crossed the white line at the gate. Fifty-one people were arrested, 36 on state trespass charges and 15 on federal charges. Peacecampers and at least one prominent local organizer (not a peace-camper) constituted the group charged in federal court. Included among those taken into custody was two-month old Cory Cruz, who rode in a baby carrier on her father's chest--his symbol of life. Soldiers took care of Cory while her father, Robert Cruz, was being processed.

Most of those charged in state cases pleaded no contest and received a probation requirement to write to a U.S. and Soviet official about nuclear issues. Those facing federal charges pleaded not guilty, and face trial on December 6 or 27.

Four persons, Karen Raymond, Rhea Miller, Brian Flagg and Winnie Hall face an additional charge of violating previously issued ban and bar letters.

For more information and to express support, contact the Tucson Peace Camp; c/o Casa Maria; 401 E. 26th St.; Tucson, AZ 85713.

SAN FRANCISCO

The Livermore Action Group sponsored protests in the financial district in San Francisco on October 24, emphasizing, as did activists in Madison, Wisconsin, the important role played by financial institutions in our country's military policy.

A total of 60 people were arrested on infraction charges of trespass and obstruction during the day. Twenty-three stayed in jail for three days before pleading no contest, and receiving a sentence of time served. The remainder cited out and received different arraignment dates, mostly on November 29. Two persons were charged additionally with resisting arrest, and given a pre-trial court date of November 10. The District Attorney is offering to discharge most cases pending a refiling within one year if a plea of guilty or no contest is entered.

For more information, contact the Livermore Action Group; 3126 Shattuck Ave.; Berkeley, CA 94705.

PITTSBURGH

Pittsburghers gathered in front of the Federal Building on October 20 for street theatre, song and speeches denouncing the planned deployment of the new Euromissiles. Following the demonstration outside, most of the crowd entered the lobby for more singing while a banner was unfurled stating "Pershing II and Cruise--Not In Our Name". After about an hour eight people sat in vigil on the floor of the lobby. Eventually, the eight were arrested, along with a supporter who was grabbed when he objected to the rough handling the others were receiving.

Suzanne Polen, Cary Lund, Maria Green, Beth Kinney, Rosamond Lincoln, Don Fisher, Jim Hanneken, Chris Rebstock and Mark Glasgow were charged with failure to disperse, disorderly conduct, conspiracy and defiant trespass. All were released after several hours.

At their first hearing on October 28, witnesses for the prosecution failed to show. At a second hearing November 4, described by Cary Lund as "farcical" in front of a "supercilious" magistrate, all nine were cajoled into accepting 30-day suspended jail terms.

For more information on future resistance in Pittsburgh, contact the River City Campaign; c/o Thomas Merton Center; 1111 E. Carson; Pittsburgh, PA 15203.

UPDATES

ELF Charges Dropped: Returning Resisters Assaulted

Disorderly conduct charges were dropped against 12 people who had participated in a blockade of the Navy's Project ELF facility in Northern Wisconsin on September 4. In response, members of Citizens Against Trident/ELF (CATE) returned to the site on the morning of October 3, to dialogue with the workers and, in the event all could not be persuaded to quit their work, again blockade the site entrance.

Police arrived at the same time as the demonstrators and some press people, but after a short stay, left the area. The group attempted a dialogue with some workers, but without provocation were met with repeated verbal and physical violence. One employee, after first stopping his car about 20' from some demonstrators, suddenly gunned his engine and raced forward, striking two people up onto his hood and forcing a third under the car before stopping. Others were physically thrown out of the gate atop one another, and pushed around by a forklift as they sat in the driveway peacefully blockading. No arrests of protesters were made, nor did they press charges against violent workers. CATE's newsletter notes, "The next time we felt as if we should not threaten civil disobedience but rather give a dialogue a better chance to develop before inviting the workers

Mail Order Justice

Three Chicago area residents received trespassing summonses in the mail recently, after leafletting at Northrup in Rolling Meadows, Illinois. Neil Dunaetz and Danny Rochman are to be arraigned on December 1. The third person's charges were dropped when her arresting officer failed to appear in court on October 31.

Following an August 9 action at the Electric Boat facilities at QUONSET POINT, RHODE ISLAND, Joyce Katzberg and Bill Boston are expecting to be tried on charges of disorderly conduct and malicious mischief on December 6... Six persons arrested at QUONSET POINT last April 15 were found guilty in early November. Sentencing for the six is scheduled for November 15... In the aftermath of this summer's civil disobedience at SENECA ARMY DEPOT, four women are going to trial on November 21 for re-entry onto the depot. Also, 16 women have signed a letter to the magistrate hearing most of the cases announcing that they will not pay their fines or comply with probation requirements. Action for nonpayment of fines is not expected until December or later... Two of five women from the Women's Encampment for a Future of Peace and Justice go on trial in WASHINGTON, D.C. on November 15. The five had been arrested on August 27 after sleeping in Lafayette Park, opposite the White House. They had camped there with the intent to deliver a message to President Reagan about disarmament... Of the six persons arrested last August 9 at a GENERAL DYNAMICS in SAN DIEGO, five appeared in court on November 7. Terry Bennett-Cauchon and Rosie Busby pleaded no contest and were sentenced to two days of community service plus six months probation. Bill Phipps, David Owen and Barbara Owen were convicted and will be sentenced on November 16. Art Casey's trial is scheduled for November 11... Brian Burch, victim of numerous harassment arrests in Toronto this year, who participated in the Fast for Life for 40 days, recently wrote: "One of the officers from 52 Division, a police division that has laid all but one of the charges against me, came over during the course of the speak out to say he was glad I was off the fast and to express a change in his attitude towards us in the peace movement as a result of the fast. I was not aware of how great the power of a fast as a tool for reconciliation was until then"... Federal trespass charges pending against Karen Raymond, Rhea Miller and Brian Plagg for refusing to move the

to join us in further attempts to shut the facility down. Once again, we did promise to return."

For more information about future actions at the Wisconsin test facility, and "alternative survey" activity, contact CATE; Box 364; Webster, WI 54893.

Toronto Update

In Toronto, 14 people arrested at the Queen's Park Peace Camp on June 30 were found guilty and sentenced to pay a \$200 fine. The verdict is being appealed. Angela Brown and Bert Keser are to stand trial December 13 on charges laid against them for choosing a certain march route last summer. Ken Deyarmond will be tried in mid-December on five counts resulting from his being attacked and subdued without cause during a public welcome for Prime Minister Thatcher. Finally, to conclude this status summary of Toronto harassment arrests, Brian Burch and Diane Savard will be tried separately on charges stemming from a flagpole chaining incident last summer. Brian faces charges of assaulting a police officer and trespass on December 15, and Diane's trial on a trespass charge will be at a later date.

The Against Cruise Testing Coalition (ACT); 112 Danforth Ave.; Toronto, Ontario M4K 1W1; (416)461-7003 is still requesting that letters defending the right to free speech and demanding an end to the harassment arrests of ACT and other peace activists be sent to: Roy McMurty, Attorney General of Ontario; Queen's Park; Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A2 and Jack Ackroyd, Chief of Police; 590 Jarvis St.; Toronto, Ontario, CANADA. Please send copies of any such letters to ACT.

Update Files



TUCSON PEACE CAMP on September 3 have been dropped... Six persons convicted in the blockade last June of a train carrying Trident missile motors through ELMA, WASHINGTON, have now been given until March 2, 1984 to pay their fine... Still no trial date set for non-violent bushwhackers who delayed last June's MX launch at VANDENBERG AFB in CALIFORNIA... A hearing on non-payment of fines by six who entered the property of VITRO LABS in SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND is scheduled for November 18. Seven day sentences are anticipated. Call (202)722-4481 for more information... Gordon Judd, Marietta Jaeger, Mel Hall and Deb Choley have been released after serving sentences of 30 days imposed for contempt of court following their violation of an injunction forbidding certain forms of protest at WILLIAMS INTERNATIONAL in WALLED LAKE, MICHIGAN. They still await trial for an additional trespassing charge from the Nagasaki Day action... Kate O'Neal, arrested last summer with five others at a MONTANA missile silo, is seeking to have the charges dismissed... Trial for six people arrested last August 9 at the GENERAL DYNAMICS CONVAIR PLANT in SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA is scheduled to begin November 7, 1983... Dan Enright and Les Donher were convicted on October 28 of trespass at KIRTLAND AFB near ALBUQUERQUE last June 20. The judge listened to a defense of necessity and then found both men guilty. They were sentenced to 30 days in jail and a \$200 fine. Both are free pending appeal of the conviction... Five persons arrested last April 18 at the NEVADA TEST SITE were found guilty in October of being a public nuisance. The judge

SAC Resisters Jailed

Six people were sentenced on November 8 for being second and third time violators of ban and bar letters issued regularly to persons trespassing at the Strategic Air Command headquarters at Offutt AFB near Omaha. Jean Peterson, a 67 year old great-grandmother, served a one hour sentence. Sr. Marian Klotterman was sentenced to one year of probation. Don Dudek and Kevin Kroll each received ten days in jail. Kevin McGuire received a 20 day sentence and Steve Marsden got 30 days in jail. All are to begin serving their sentences on November 28. Several other people face similar sentences on November 15.



SUPPORT ACTION

For more information, and to express support for those in jail after November 28, contact Jackie Kelly, c/o New Covenant Justice and Peace Center; 1717 Izard; Omaha, NE 68131 (402)345-0539.

Nukespeak Barred in Court

Two of the five people arrested last January 17 for blockading the doors to the office of the president of General Dynamics in Clayton, Missouri, began their trials on September 19. Pat Coy and Rich Williams were prepared to present a defense under International Law, complete with expert witnesses. Prosecutors made two motions which the judge sustained. The first motion asked that the defendants not be permitted to make a defense under International Law, and the other forbid the use of the words "nuclear war", "nuclear weapons", "nuclear freeze", "war" and "defense budget". Pat and Rich told the judge they could not cooperate with these restrictions except to make a closing statement. Both were found guilty, and sentenced on continued on page 7

listened to 4½ hours of necessity defense testimony before making his decision. All were fined \$100 each, which they expect to pay... The first in a series of trials for the Vancouver 5 has begun in VANCOUVER. Jury selection lasted three weeks, following two weeks of hearings on pre-trial motions. Currently, arguments are being heard about the admissibility of wiretap evidence, with actual testimony not expected to begin until late November or December. Meanwhile, all five remain in custody... Ten people charged with obstruction during a June 20 action at the PT. MAGU NAVAL STATION in CALIFORNIA faced trial in front of a magistrate in early November. All were convicted on November 8 and sentenced to three years probation. Seven have accepted the probation. Three are refusing it and expect to receive a jail sentence at a hearing on December 9... Charges have all been dropped against six persons arrested at RIVERSIDE RESEARCH in NEW YORK CITY on September 14. The six had acted in support of the Fast for Life... Trials for 16 people arrested August 9 at the LITTON SYSTEMS PLANT in REXDALE, ONTARIO, have begun. The prosecution refused motions to try the group as a whole, so on October 17, when the first two were scheduled for trial, ten defendants took the stand to testify. Since then, two per week have been tried, but have not cooperated with their trial. So far, eight persons have been tried and convicted, and sentenced to fines of \$100-\$300 and up to one year probation. Most are planning not to pay, but action against them for non-payment is not expected in the near future. Eight more await trial in the next four weeks... Only eight or nine people remain to be tried for trespass last June 5 at the SHOREHAM, LONG ISLAND nuclear power plant. Adjournments and dismissals continue to be the norm in these cases... Three people arrested June 20 at NORTHROP/CHICAGO were acquitted in October when Northrup witnesses could not prove the three had trespassed and disagreed in their testimony on other points... Jim Smit was sentenced and served seven days in the Marquette County Jail for his trespass at the K.I. Sawyer AFB in Michigan.

UPDATES

"Celebrations of Hope" for AVCO Trial

The seven individuals who entered AVCO Systems Division of Wilmington, Massachusetts on July 14 will appear for trial in District Court, Lowell, Massachusetts beginning Tuesday, December 6 at 10:00 am. The jury trial of Agnes Bauerlein, Jean Holladay, Mary Lyons, Macy Morse, Frank Panopoulos, John Pendleton and John Schuchardt is expected to take two weeks.

A defense based on International Law, U.S. Constitutional and Massachusetts common law will be presented, and feature many expert witnesses. All supporters are invited to attend the trial and "Celebrations of Hope" scheduled every evening of the trial at 8:00 pm at St. Peter's Convent; 2 Highland St.; Lowell, MA. These celebrations will feature speakers including the expert witnesses, films and musicians.

A beautiful poster entitled "The Cry of the People" and containing the text of the indictment against AVCO delivered by the seven, is available for a donation from their support community, Centerpeace; 55 High St.; West Medford, MA 02156; (617)488-0376. For more information on the "Celebrations of Hope", contact Centerpeace.

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November 7 to 30 days in jail (suspended) plus one year probation and \$100 fine. Rich plans to pay the fine and Pat does not. Pat expects a hearing at the end of one month on his refusal to pay.

For more information and to express support, contact St. Louis Clergy and Laity Concerned; 3753 Pine Blvd.; St. Louis, MO 63108; (314)535-2252.

If you are in need of more information or a contact address about the actions updated on these pages, please write to us and we will provide it.

Peace Ranch Buyer Sought

The Silence One Silo campaign is currently seeking a person or persons interested in purchasing the ranch of Dave and Lavonne Hastings. The ranch surrounds missile silo R-29 which has been the focus of the disarmament effort. The Hastings, sympathetic supporters of the peace movement, have reached retirement age and want to see their old 440 acre homestead dedicated as a base for year-round disarmament work. The Hastings would like to sell by the end of the year, and the Silence One Silo campaign is prepared to sign a lease with the new owners, perhaps with the option to buy, for operation of a self-supporting peace encampment and farm to be opened in the spring of 1984. Current asking price is \$400,000, which includes all buildings and the irrigated wheat and barley ranch.

For more information, please contact Bryan Black, Mark Anderlick or Karl Zanzig at the Species Life Community; 401 E. Spruce St.; Missoula, MT 59802; (406)549-9449.

Peace Elves vs. Star Wars

On Sunday, October 9, two banners were placed on 20-foot dirt piles at the core of the construction area at CSCC, Consolidated Space Operations Center, 20 miles east of Colorado Springs. Appealing to workers from Schmidt-Tiago, the contractor for CSCC, the banners began: "We know you are creative construction workers and need jobs..." One banner concluded: "But this job-contract means destruction through space wars. Please stop now and build for peace." The other banner stated, "CSCC jobs drain resources from many of God's children who go without food, housing and medical care. Please stop now and work for basic human needs." The banners were signed, "Local Peace Elves".

On Monday morning, October 17, as workers entered the CSCC site, peace elves reversed the "U.S. Property--

No Trespassing" signs and posted 28 new signs designed and painted by the local peace community. At noon that day the signs marked the perimeter, evidently still unnoticed by CSCC personnel. Signmakers hope the neighboring ranchers passing by have read the new signs.

As part of Space Command, CSCC will be "the centerpiece of military space operations", according to General James Hartinger, Commander of Space Command. The local newspaper touts Space Command as a "major step toward Colorado Springs becoming the nation's military space capital". Weekly vigils with peace banners are held at the Chidlaw Building, the office headquarters of Space Command and NORAD. For vigil schedule, contact Pikes Peak Justice and Peace Commission; 235 E. Fountain Blvd.; Colorado Springs, CO.

FUTURE ACTIONS

REFUSE THE CRUISE

Local organizers across the U.S. and Canada are being encouraged to mobilize for "Refuse the Cruise--Canada/U.S. Solidarity Days" of protest and resistance, December 2 and 3. Legal rallies, pickets, vigils, civil disobedience, etc. are being planned to protest American deployment and Canadian complicity in testing and production of cruise missiles, as well as U.S. interventionism. People's Test Ban of Portland, Oregon, the national clearinghouse for information and organization of the international actions, reports that civil disobedience is being planned at the following sites: --Williams International/Walled Lake, Michigan. A full week, November 27-December 3, of witness and resistance at this cruise missile engine maker. Contact Covenant for Peace; Box 1831; E. Lansing, MI 48823, or phone Elizabeth Walters in Detroit at (313)822-2055. --Canadian-U.S. border. Illegal border crossing on December 2 followed by establishment of international peace camp on Canadian soil. Contact New Clear Vision of Oregon; 31 NW 21st #49; Portland, OR 97210; (503)222-5701. --Precision Cast Parts/Portland, Oregon. Civil disobedience is planned December 2 at this cruise contractor. Contact Refuse the Cruise Coalition; Box 4212; Portland, OR 97210; (503)222-7293. --Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station/California. A die-in December 3 and civil disobedience on December 5 will occur at this southern California nuclear weapons storage site. Contact Orange County Alliance for Survival; 654 N. Hariton; Orange, CA 92668; (213)431-3794.

Civil disobedience is also being considered in other places. People's Test Ban can provide handbills and a four-page tabloid newspaper "Fulfilling the Nuremberg Obligation" to help organize events at local cruise contractors or government and military institutions. For more information contact them at Box 42430; Portland, OR 97242; (503)227-5102.

NEW ENGLAND

Affinity-group based actions in opposition to Euromissile deployment are being planned by New England affinity groups for December. For more information on how to join in with these groups, please contact the Rhode Island Mobilization for Survival; Box 2534; Providence, RI 02906; (401)861-9552 or the Mobilization for Survival; 727 Massachusetts Ave.; Cambridge, MA 02139.

A MODEST PROPOSAL

Jonah House will once again sponsor an end-of-the-year series of actions at the Pentagon and in Washington, D.C. during the week immediately after Christmas. "A Modest Proposal" is also being circulated by the Atlantic Life Community for a continuous human presence at the Pentagon for the entire year of 1984, day and night, fair weather or foul--"fasting, praying, being a sentry for peace and justice". If you are interested in either of these actions, and particularly wish to make a commitment for one or several days of presence at the Pentagon in 1984, please contact Jonah House; 1933 Park Ave.; Baltimore, MD 21217; (301)669-6265.

Trial Turned "Town Meeting"

A September 26 trial for three persons representing themselves following their arrests at Livermore on June 20 took an interesting turn that surprised and even delighted the defendants.

Judge Ron Greenberg, sitting in the Livermore-Pleasanton Municipal court, offered the defendants a chance to air their views creatively before the public, in return for a plea of guilty or no contest. Paul Bloom, one of the defendants, sent a long account, edited here for lack of space.

In chamber (the Judge) said to us, "The reason you want a trial is to present your evidence to a jury, right?"

"Right."

"Maybe you can accomplish that without a trial," he mused, "Let's see if there's another way."

While about 50 potential jurors waited in the courtroom, the judge, defendants and prosecuting attorney debated the possibilities all morning long. At one o'clock, the judge explained the situation. There was to be no trial; there would be a hearing on sentencing instead. The defendants would be showing a film and presenting evidence. The jurors were free to leave but welcome to stay. "I urge you to stay if you can," he said, "I think you'll find it very interesting." A few people trickled out. Then the courtroom was quiet again. And packed. Incredibly, almost everyone had chosen to remain.

The sentencing hearing began with the prosecutor reminding people they

were free to leave. No one moved. He then argued for an additional sentence of six days in jail (in addition to 11 days already served) or a \$240 fine.

The defendants, in their turn, showed the Dr. Helen Caldicott film "If You Love This Planet". Following the film, which seemed to touch every one in the room, Judge Greenberg moderated a discussion from his film-viewing seat in the jury box. The defendants and audience shared their feelings, aired their agreements and sometimes angry disagreements, but all in an atmosphere of respect.

A town meeting of sorts went on for some time, concluding with a woman remarking that "I'm very happy to have my tax dollars used to pay for these proceedings, and to feed and shelter these people in jail, so that they may continue to protest".

The judge, in this process, had developed a model for using the courts to achieve communication between diverse elements in the community who obviously want to communicate with each other.

Anyone desiring a copy of Paul Bloom's entire account and reflections should write to him at 720 E. 20th #1; Oakland, CA 94606.

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D.C. CD News

Washington, D.C. and the Pentagon have been the sites for acts of non-violent resistance and civil disobedience, particularly during the Reagan administration. While the Nuclear Resister attempts to publish current accounts of those acts of resistance which are specifically anti-nuclear, we are unable to follow the numerous other actions which result in the arrest of persons protesting militarism in general and intervention abroad, the draft, James Watt, the neglect of the homeless, and the administration's poor performance on issues of minority and women's rights. Now, Paul Magno, Jr., of the Salem Resistance community in D.C., is planning to distribute monthly summaries of all such actions and their disposition in the courts to anyone who is interested in this vital information. Paul, the Salem community and folks at Jonah House in nearby Baltimore have together been faithful suppliers of most of the information we publish in the Nuclear Resister about D.C. area protests. If you are interested in receiving this regular summary of Washington resistance, please send a donation to cover postage and printing to Paul Magno, c/o Salem Resistance; Box 28081; Washington, D.C. 20005.

REMEMBER US THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

You can send the Nuclear Resister a holiday gift. We are in need. Even some stamps will be appreciated! Donations of over \$50 are tax-deductible, if sent to the Progressive Foundation; 315 W. Gorham; Madison, WI 53701, earmarked for the Nuclear Resister. Anything from \$1 on up will be lovingly received!

War Tax Resistance Ad

War tax resisters are encouraged to make their position publicly known, and by so doing, encourage others to war tax resistance, by contributing to the War Tax Resistance National Ad Campaign; 402 S. Glendale; Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Coordinator Don Broersma has prepared these ads for several years now, and with the contributions of donors placed them in local and national newspapers and magazines as funds permit. For a copy of the text of the ad, and to make contributions (\$5 recommended) and enter your name, write Don at the above address.

Prisoner Support Resource

Most prisoners, confined against their will, must rely on lawyers as their sole link to the courts and any hope for justice. In many cases, prisoners are prey to greedy and unscrupulous court-appointed attorneys, who show more concern for the payment they get from the court or the prisoner than for the justice the prisoner seeks.

United Prisoner Personnel International (UPPI) has prepared a scathing essay detailing such practices which is of interest to anyone trying to help a prisoner through the legal labyrinth. For a copy of the essay, "American Justice: ABC's of How It Really Works", send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to UPPI, c/o W.R. Sawyer, Arizona State Prison, Box B40424, Florence, AZ 85232.

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Who we are, what we do

The Nuclear Resister is published about every six weeks to help support jailed and imprisoned anti-nuclear activists. 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 industry officials, judges and prosecutors.

The National No-Nukes Prison Support Collective was founded in 1980. As stated then, our goals are:

- to foster a wider public awareness of imprisoned nuclear resisters, their motivations and their actions.
- 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.