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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.

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CHRISTMAS & HOLY INNOCENTS ACTIONS

Holidays Celebrated With Resistance

The spirited pace of resistance through 1983 was capped off by a number of spiritually based demonstrations across the country at the end of December. Advent, the Christmas season, is traditionally a time for Christians within the resistance movement to take action. The life-affirming message of Christ's birth is celebrated by confronting the face of death.

December 28, the Feast Day of the Holy Innocents, compliments Christmas as an occasion for year-end resistance. The date marks the time when King Herod, hearing of the birth of the Messiah, ordered that all male babes in the vicinity of Bethlehem be slaughtered. He rightly perceived that one of them, Jesus, was a threat to national security. Christian resisters today recall that historic infanticide with the warning that current nuclear policies threaten the death of hundreds of millions of innocents.

On our recent networking trip, we were

often asked, "Do you see a trend in sentencing--is it getting harsher?" Our answer is illustrated by the treatment of this season's resisters. There seems to be no real trend to point to. Judges are known to react sympathetically or with outright annoyance at being bothered with the pettiness of some charges. And sentencing seems capricious and arbitrary in many courts, with the same judge handing a year in jail to one person, and only a few days to another charged with the same act. For people who would risk arrest, the lesson is to never have expectations of anything but doing time, probably the max. You may be pleasantly surprised with the freedom to return and act again.

We also should note, that even when handed a one-year sentence, activists in this country are treated in a light-handed manner compared to the risks faced by peace and justice activists in the Soviet Union, Central America and elsewhere.

DRAPER LABS

Paul Hood, Colin Kerbawy and John Travers were arrested at Draper Laboratories in Cambridge, Massachusetts on December 28. All were released pending trial February 8, when they were convicted and sentenced to 30 days in jail, suspended on the condition of a promise not to return to Draper for two years. John agreed to the condition for the time being. Colin refused and is now in jail for 30 days. Paul Hood was sentenced to 30 days in jail plus \$100 fine. He refused to pay the fine and expects to serve an additional 34 days in jail.



Letters of support can be sent to Colin Kerbawy and Paul Hood at the Massachusetts Correctional Institute; Box 565; Billerica, MA. 01821.

PENTAGON

The editors joined well over 200 people who participated in all or part of the annual Pentagon protests sponsored by Jonah House from December 27-30. A total of 46 arrests were made during three days of protest.

Six people set out before dawn on December 28 to set the stage for the demonstration that followed later that morning. In large letters they spray-painted the words "Reagan-Herod" on the pillars of the River entrance. They were arrested and charged with depredation of property.

As the strategists of Armageddon and their helpers came to work later that morning, a large crowd met them at the door. In near freezing rain and drizzle we held banners, threw blood to mark the house of death and welcomed workers with a mixture of angry cries and pleas for sanity, our babes in our arms and our bodies at times blocking their path. Songs were sang and a die-in held. Twenty-five were arrested that day and charged with blocking an entrance and depredation of property for throwing blood.

On the 29th, we gathered in the public concourse beneath the Pentagon for singing, theater and leafletting. We held signs proclaiming 1984--"War is Peace", "Ignorance is Strength". The children participated in a dramatic performance, liberating the adults and other victims from the lies of the nuclear state.

Returning to the entrances on December 30, after walking from the White House, the group welcomed workers to a vision of 1984 at the South entrance. Demonstrators greeted employees and walked them from the parking lot to the door, talking with them about the vision of the future their work contributes to. The spectre of death welcomed hundreds of mostly men and a few women over pools of blood and into the Pentagon.

At the River entrance, a more quiet and prayerful presence was made. Ashes were spilled as a warning of possible futures. After the morning shift was entombed in the five massive walls, the two groups joined at the River entrance doors, where bread was shared to conclude the demonstration.

Fifteen people were arrested that day at the South entrance for blocking the entrance, chaining the doors shut and pouring blood. Rich Miller and Martin Holladay, arrested for spray-painting two days earlier, and Tom Joyce, who had blockaded on the 28th, were arrested again and this time held in custody. Tom Joyce was convicted the next week of blocking and served 22 days in jail. Martin Holladay and Rich Miller caught the aimless wrath of magistrate Elson who sentenced each to one year in jail, suspending six months of Martin's sentence.

Felton Davis, one of those arrested for spraypainting, refused to identify himself.

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- to keep publishing the only source for complete anti-nuclear civil disobedience and prisoner support information.
- your direct action/affinity group
- C.D. participants and supporters
- people attending nonviolence trainings

Blood Poured at GE

At the Vibrations Laboratory of the General Electric Space Center in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, space satellites are tested for their ability to withstand shock and vibration. Among the systems currently being tested is the Defense Satellite Communications System III (DSCS III). This system is designed to function as an integral communications link during and after protracted nuclear war.

Brandywine Peace Community has made GE a focus of their resistance for several years. On January 30, four members of the community continued the protests by climbing atop the Vibrations Laboratory. Once on top, Larry Pagnoni, Fred Phillipi, Jim Saltot and Bob Smith posted indictments of GE's work, and dropped a banner off the side of the building proclaiming "DSCS III is illegal and immoral--Choose Life". They also poured at least a dozen baby bottles full of human blood on massive test equipment which sits on the roof of the building.

The four were arrested on charges of criminal mischief, criminal trespass, disorderly conduct and criminal conspiracy, and held for the night on \$2500 bond. The following morning, all but Fred Phillipi bailed out--Fred remaining to carry their witness on in the jail, the other three going out to take care of other responsibilities and provide outside support for Fred.

On February 8, at a preliminary hearing, the judge reduced bond to personal recognizance, but Fred refused to cooperate. At this time he expects to remain in jail until trial, expected by this summer.



Letters of support can be sent to Fred Phillipi; Montgomery County Jail; 35 E. Airy St.; Norristown, PA 19401. Fred is reported to be in excellent spirits.

Resistance Reflections

Felice and Jack Cohen-Joppa, editors

We are back in Arizona now, personally broke and not certain of where we are going to be living. But we are fully inspired by who we have met and what we have observed over the last five months. Our own commitment to the struggle for a nuclear-free and just world has been enriched.

Inspiration comes from our increased awareness of the strength of the direct action movement nationwide. Where previously only a few scattered pockets of resistance activity could be noted, we now discovered that wherever we stopped and talked to people, we found those who recognized the stakes, and are responding with their lives. People who are willing to take the risks demanded--risks of jail, loss of friends or jobs or both, burn-out, separation from loved ones--and take these risks repeatedly, all the while devoting themselves as well to the support of others in their community with similar conviction.

The seeds have been scattered, and the struggle is alive in dozens more places than even one year ago. The movement is growing

with a wide diversity of symbols used--blood baby bottles, webs, dragons, ashes, doves, mother's milk and pictures of our children--and motives expressed--protect Mother Earth, obedience to God, reclaim the future for the seventh generation. We observed varying understandings of nonviolence and contrasting tactical approaches to direct action and dealing with the courts and jails afterwards. We plan to explore some of these differences in this space in the future. (People are invited to submit their own ideas and opinions on these subjects in writing--see below).

Beyond the differences, the image of the whole is one of a wide-spread, leaderless and at times unconnected movement. Many who have now recognized what the present situation demands of their lives are new to any sort of political activity. This especially gives hope, and confirms the observation of Howard Zinn, a historian of popular resistance, who noted that during the movement to end the war in Vietnam, many found themselves doing things they would never have thought of doing

months, weeks or even days earlier.

We've observed that, anywhere there are a few, even a very few, people who share the feeling of the Greenham women--that we must find a place for our lives in the peace movement rather than a place for the peace movement in our lives--a campaign can be nurtured. The most striking example of this is perhaps the Tracks campaign, coordinated by the Ground Zero community in Washington state which has mobilized people in over 100 communities to begin responding with their lives to the trains carrying nuclear weapons and missile parts through their towns and cities. Beyond this campaign, we've found many seemingly conservative locales to be home to persistent protests.

The diversity of the movement provides newcomers with many models for nurturing local efforts. In addition to facilitating prisoner support, we see the Nuclear Resister continuing to help pull together the divergent thoughts of the movement and inspire this new energy.

ATTENTION WEST COAST READERS!

As a complement to our recent trip north and east, we would like to take a shorter networking trip up the west coast sometime late spring/early summer. We hope to meet with groups large and small to share our perspective and introduce more people to the Nuclear Resister, listen to what's going on locally and engage in discussion about where the movement goes from here.

Due to lack of funds, we have yet to make definite plans. But we are convinced that networking is essential, and are looking for people to arrange meetings with their affinity group, local peace/anti-nuclear organization, church group, whatever. Our needs are simple--a place to lay our heads for the night and modest travel expenses (such as gas and other car-related expenses) which we would provide for by passing the hat at the meeting and hawking peace paraphernalia.

If you would be interested in helping us meet activists in your area, please write and let us know.

READERS' CONTRIBUTIONS SOUGHT

Contributions are being sought for future publication in the Nuclear Resister on these and related subjects: jail experience, accounts of past times of resistance which offer a lesson for the movement of today, anecdotes, opinions, etc. In general, things which are interesting and raise our collective consciousness about where we are, how we got here, and where we go from here. We all have much to learn and to explore, to share and teach. Please keep writings fairly brief and concise. We will print them as space and appropriateness permits.

And as always, we welcome poetry, statements and graphics from people jailed past or present as a result of their anti-nuclear actions.

Our trusty old typewriter is broken. The last few issues have proved to be too much for it, we're afraid. The one we are using for this issue is rented, and that can become expensive. We very much need to purchase a new typewriter for the Nuclear Resister. Please, if you can afford to do so, send us money for this extremely important and necessary item. Make checks out to the Nuclear Resister; Box 37; Tempe AZ 85281, and note that it is for the typewriter fund. Thanks!



"He was released on his own recognizance. We're all out on our own recognizance, aren't we?"

THANKS

Very special thanks to Don, Lucy and Michael for letting the production of this issue invade their home. It is safe to say that this issue would not have been possible without their kind hospitality. Thanks also to members of our affinity group, who took time out of their very busy schedules to watch Cassidy while we wrote and typed this newsletter. He is approaching two years of age very quickly, and getting more active every day!

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USA vs. THOMAS

Since the summer of 1981, Thomas (known to the State as William Thomas) has maintained a vigil on Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House. In his words, his purpose there has been to "illustrate through my actions that the United States had reduced Equality to money, changed Justice to a professional game of semantics, and seriously abridged the Freedom for which many Americans believe nuclear protection is essential. I sought to demonstrate the degree to which the Sacred Ideals enshrined in the Declaration of Independence had degenerated due to the imposition of 'social order' by

in a running controversy with the Parks Department and other branches of government over the "legality" of his presence and the large wooden signs he has erected which illustrate his protest of nuclear America for all who pass by. His signs have repeatedly been confiscated and he has spent many nights in jail when he is not found sitting next to the signs or sleeping beneath them.

Recently, Thomas' signs were again confiscated, and he is facing six months in jail as the government continues to stifle his peaceful, public protest.



DECENT CIVILIZED PEOPLE
DO NOT NUKE FELLOW
HUMANS

(graphic from Thomas's sign)

Readers can support Thomas by sending donations to him c/o Gallant, 1440 N Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036. If interested, request a copy of "U.S.A. vs. Thomas", a 28-page booklet Thomas has prepared recording his protest.

"Being penniless in a society which traditionally demands money for expression, there is no other manner available to me for expression of my belief than through my body, my voice, and crude signs in a prominent place."

those who had interpreted the Constitution down through the years. A social order which thought it moral to murder in protection of the tiny sections of the Creator's Earth which social groups or individuals imagined to be their own. I possessed nothing but a pair of jeans, and a quilt a friend had given to me. I lived off what people threw away, because I wanted to illustrate that wealth lies in a man's mind, rather than in the things he believes he possesses."

Since that time, Thomas has been engaged

Lone Resister Targets MX Tests

In mid-December, Walter Dorrell entered the Vandenberg Air Force Base by himself to protest the testing of ICBM's which are launched from Vandenberg towards the Kwajalein atoll in the Pacific. After spray-painting slogans on a portion of an MX missile at the missile test building, he was arrested.

Walter has been held, pending trial on February 20, at Terminal Island federal prison. He plans to present a defense of necessity. If denied this defense, he intends, at last word, to begin a fast, demanding that the U.S. government negotiate directly with the Kwajalein people, not the Marshall Islands government, about use of their atoll as a testing range.



Because we do not know what will happen at his trial, please send notes of support to Walter Dorrell, c/o the Los Angeles Catholic Worker, 632 N. Britannia St.; Los Angeles, CA 90033. Folks there have been doing support for Walter since Ladon Sheats informed them Walter was being held at Terminal Island, where Ladon has been imprisoned.

Diablo Canyon Resistance Resumes

When complemented by effective public education and sustained legal intervention and protest, persistent nonviolent direct action has great power to influence the courts in their response to resistance. This is being illustrated during the on-going People's Emergency Response Plan at the site of the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant in San Luis Obispo, California. In the wake of a Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) decision allowing Pacific Gas and Electric to load nuclear fuel into the reactor, the call went out for the plan to begin on January 13. Since that time, at least 230 arrests have been made, including some people who have trespassed on the site more than once during the current protest.

Local judges in San Luis Obispo county have all disqualified themselves from hearing the cases, necessitating the use of judges brought in from other jurisdictions. Activists there believe that several years of on-going opposition to the plant has won the hearts and minds of these judges, or at least brought out their true feelings about the nuke to the point that they no longer feel able to act impartially when hearing the cases. Most of those arrested so far have pleaded no contest or guilty, receiving sentences of four days in jail. "Recyclers" who return for multiple arrests, and people who have a record of participation in civil disobedience at other California sites have been treated no differently. The courts apparently recognize the strong solidarity which exists among California resisters and have chosen not to challenge it with disparate sentencing.

*Blend into the wilderness surrounding Diablo,
Tour the hills around the site,
Visit the shore at Avila Beach,
Make your presence known in downtown SLO.*

Individuals and affinity groups wishing to participate in the People's Emergency Response Plan opposing the start-up of Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant are encouraged to contact the Diablo Project Office; 452 Higuera St.; San Luis Obispo, CA 93401; (805)543-6614.

USS Georgia Protested

The commissioning of the Trident submarine "USS Georgia" was met by a crowd of over 400 protesters on Saturday, February 11. At the Electric Boat shipyards in Groton, Connecticut, 33 people were arrested for disorderly conduct as seven groups of people blocked busloads of people attending the official celebration. All those arrested were released and are scheduled to appear in court March 1.

The "USS Alabama" is scheduled to be commissioned in May. See Future Actions, page 7, for more information.

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He was held in protective custody at the D.C. jail. Trial was finally scheduled for January 30. When the Pentagon policeman failed to show, charges were dismissed and Felton was released. This arbitrary contrast in the treatment of different partners in the same act of resistance was further illuminated on February 3. In court that day, charges against most of the other participants were dismissed.

Of the cases not dismissed that day, Carrie Stearns, who requested a change of venue to her home town of Ithica, New York, was made to agree to serve a 30-day sentence when she faces a judge in Ithica. Cliff Lichter was convicted and sentenced to 30 days in jail (5 suspended) and one year probation. Tim Litzke and Pat O'Neil will be tried on February 17.



Letters of support can be sent to Martin Holladay, #12522-083, Federal Prison Camp; Box 1000, Lewisburg, PA 17837 and Rich Miller, Federal Prison; Danbury, CT.

HONEYWELL

About fifty people gathered in sub-zero weather outside the corporate offices of Honeywell in Minneapolis on December 28. Members of the Pax Christi affinity group took photos and other signs of children onto Honeywell property to decorate a tree there. Unable to complete their planned service before being arrested for trespass, the group concluded it in the police van as they were taken to jail. All were released later that day, and pleaded not guilty at a January 5 arraignment. Next court date for the group is April 18.

Also on the 28th in Minneapolis, six women entered the lobby of the federal building and unfurled a scroll containing pictures and symbols of children. They then poured their own blood on the scrolls, and vigiled while federal Judge Miles Lord made certain they were not arrested. After cleaning up some blood that had spilled on the floor, Judge Lord explained, "We have three rooms dedicated to recruiting their sons and they're welcome to the use of this lobby for their protest".

"Why I Do Not Identify Myself"

(from a letter by Felton Davis to Magistrate Elson)

I am not at all ashamed of who I am, or of my record of confrontation with the law. If federal officials have not already provided that information to the court, I will give it as soon as I am released, or as soon as I am satisfied that the point has been made and the rationale for temporary anonymity understood...

When we were arrested shortly after completing the slogan, I chose to withhold my name and became an anonymous prisoner of the United States. As the wheels of justice were set in motion, I took every opportunity to explain the value of such namelessness as a means of dramatizing this aspect of the world's plight. Like all the babies who were killed by the order of Herod, the future generations who would be deprived of their existence after a nuclear war are people whose names we cannot know. I wanted in some fashion to represent all these nameless people, who obviously cannot be brought before the court, yet have an immense claim which present law must recognize if it is to retain any legitimacy.

SAN DIEGO

A tree on the property of General Dynamics in San Diego was also decorated on December 28. A peace camp had earlier been at the same location, and police there to watch the demonstration were not inclined to make arrests. General Dynamics security chief Clarence Miller was noticeably upset, however, and ordered Bill Phipps, Leo Bennett-Cauchon and Joy Lundgren arrested. Leo pleaded no contest and received eight days of community service. Joy's trial date is to be set in March, and Bill faces trial for this and two previous arrests (June 20 and October 24) sometime in March.

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Inside & Out



(release date, if known, in parentheses)

Linda Ventimiglia #81023-202 (fall '84), Veritas Unit, Box 2000, Leestown, KY 40511.

Roy Bourgeois #10890-083 (Feb. '85), Federal Prison, Box 1000, Sandstone, MI 55072.

Larry Rosebaugh #11386-077 (fall '84), FCI LaTuna, Box 1000, Anthony, TX 88021.

Colin Kerbawy (March 10) and Paul Hood (mid-April), M.C.T., Box 565, Billerica, MA 01821.

Leonard Peltier #89673, Box 1000, Marion, IL 62959.

Kim Blacklock, Johanna Benschop and Carol McKenzie (mid-April), Ontario Jail, 74 Ontario St., Canandaigua, NY 14424.

Kate Champa, Judy Scheckel, Victoria Safford, Ann Welsh (March 10), Joan Ballas (February 22), Judy Beaumont and Sue Ann Shay (in March 23 & out April 22), Adult Correctional Institution, Women's Division, Box 8312, Cranston, RI 02920.

Walter Dorrell, c/o Los Angeles Catholic Worker, 632 N. Britannia St. Los Angeles, CA 90033.

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

Rich Miller (Dec. '84), Federal Prison, Danbury, CT.

Martin Holladay #12522-083 (June '84), Federal Prison Camp, Box 1000, Lewisburg, PA 17837.

Jean Holladay (early March '84), Box 99, Framingham, MA 01701.

RECENTLY RELEASED:

Christin Schmidt, Jim Perkins, Helen Woodson, Will Kerling, Frances Crowe, Tom Joyce, Ladon Sheats, Felton Davis, Tom Cordaro, Darrell Rupiper, Mary Stair, Clancey Dunnigan, Charles Meyers, Todd Mitchell, Laura Magnani, Anne Bucher and David Moody.

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

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KING'S BAY SUB BASE

King's Bay Sub Base in St. Mary's, Georgia is the site of a Poseidon submarine maintenance facility. The east coast Trident submarine base is also under construction there. On December 28, a prayer vigil and worship service was held at the entrance of the base to commemorate Herod's slaughter of the Holy Innocents. At the end of the worship, two people walked onto the base through the main entrance to pray for peace. Joseph Cohen, of Buena Vista, Georgia and Edwin Steiner, of Americus, Georgia, carrying pictures of children from many countries, were arrested on state charges of criminal trespass. Since the base has a policy of concurrent jurisdiction with federal and state officials, the government still has a right to file federal charges. The men accepted release on their own recognizance because the earliest arraignment date was mid-April, 1984.

For more information, contact Steve Clemens; Koinonia Farm; Rt. 2; Americus, GA 31709; (912)924-8429.

ROCKY FLATS

As Christmas fell on a Sunday, it coincided with a weekly vigil at Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant outside of Denver. About 35 people joined the circle of hope at the west gate that day. Gerry Hendry passed a star around the group that he had constructed with many people's pictures on it. A candle he had made was lit and placed in the middle of the circle. After some silent prayer and singing, Gerry stepped over the gate while supporters sang Christmas carols. Arrested for trespass, he was held overnight before being released on a \$500 bond.

He was found guilty at a trial in federal court in Denver on January 30 by Judge John Moore, and is currently free while awaiting sentencing within the next week or two. Gerry's housemates note that he can be supported by people witnessing "with their bodies at nuclear weapons plants, sites, corporate offices, etc."

From Gerry's statement to the court:

"Legitimacy and legality do not always walk hand in hand. Rocky Flats though still considered legal is illegitimate...Several years ago, (Federal) Judge Winner said that it was unreasonable to believe that an action of protest in the form of entry of Rocky Flats would cause the cessation of the plants operations. I maintain that if one jurist properly applied international law that I have been citing, which has precedence over these trespass statutes, the nuclear issue would be decided in its proper grounds, in its proper arena--the courts...Your honor, whether you find me guilty or not guilty, I am a free man. I have done my duty to God and my fellow peoples."

VITRO LABS

At Vitro Laboratories in the Maryland suburbs of Washington, D.C. four persons were arrested for trespass after they strung a banner proclaiming "Love One Another--Don't Build Bombs!" across the driveway. Scott Duffy, Paul Magno, Claire Schaeffer and Carl Siciliano are to stand trial on March 12.

ELECTRIC BOAT/GROTON

In Groton, Connecticut, about fifty members of the Santa Claus Liberation Front descended upon the Electric Boat shipyards, where General Dynamics builds the Trident submarines. Nineteen people, dressed as Santa and his elves, delivered thousands of lumps of coal to the administration building. They were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. Charges were later all dropped.

NEW MEXICO

Sixteen persons joined in a Celebration of Life/Witness for Peace at the National Atomic Museum in Albuquerque, New Mexico on Christmas Eve. They gathered around the bomb named "Little Boy", a replica of the one dropped on Hiroshima in 1945 and covered the bomb with photographs of Japanese, Soviet and American children. An infant Jesus statue was hung on the museum sign over the bomb which read, "Little Boy 1945".

The ecumenical celebration was interrupted when security guards were alerted as the group sang, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing." Military police were called to arrest the group as guards pulled photos from the bomb and grabbed a camera from one participant. The museum entrance was locked and the group detained as the security guards attempted to contact the Commander of Kirtland Air Force Base for instructions. While detained, the group completed the statements, prayers and Christmas carols concluding with a statement of community affirmation. The Commander determined there were no grounds for arrest, and the group was released. The Baby Jesus figure remained unnoticed by the guards and continued to hang on the museum sign as the group departed.

A similar protest occurred at the Atomic Museum in Los Alamos, New Mexico on January 7. Dana Visalli of Santa Fe helped some children tape pictures of Russian and American children on a replica of the atomic bomb, "Little Boy". Dana then read a statement and the protest concluded without incident.



UPDATES

Seneca Women Get 89 Days for Mischief

Continuing resistance in upstate New York at the Seneca Army Depot and in the nearby town of Geneva also demonstrate that trends in sentencing are impossible to pinpoint, and arbitrary decisions by the judges involved is usually the determining factor. Most of the women and men arrested at the Seneca Army Depot during ten days of resistance in December were tried during January in Rochester, New York. All received \$50 fines and three months probation. Two women carried \$100 worth of food into the courtroom for donation to a local food bank as payment of their fine, while others have publically refused to pay the fines and vow to continue resistance. No action has yet been taken against these or women from previous actions who have refused to pay fines. At least one woman still awaits trial in March for a December action at the depot.

The sentence given to three women arrested on December 8 outside the military recruitment headquarters in Geneva provides a sharp contrast. Kim Blacklock, Johanna Benschop and Carol McKenzie had plastered the windows with anti-war stickers and painted slogans on them as well. Charged with criminal mischief, the three were convicted and on January 18, sentenced to pay a \$40 fine and \$16 restitution. When the women refused the fine, and then refused to perform community service, the judge ordered them jailed for 89 days. All are appealing the sentence but are still in jail, taking only liquids to protest the separation of Kim from the other women.

While waiting to visit with the three, one woman was arrested outside the jail on a trumped-up charge of disorderly conduct, when she refused a police officer's order to leave the vicinity. She was not jailed, and is expecting the charges to be dismissed.



Letters of support should be sent to Johanna Benschop, Kim Blacklock and Carol McKenzie; Ontario Jail; 74 Ontario St.; Canandaigua, NY 14424.

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.

WRITINGS FROM JAIL

THE INSIDE LINE

January 19, 1984

Greetings friends,

It was really nice to receive the messages for a "happy new year" from the participants in the Feast of the Holy Innocents Pentagon protest. Thanks a lot for your caring and support and solidarity. I hope things are going well for you.

It is always a good feeling to read The Nuclear Resister and through it sense the width of the resistance to the war machine. I pray that the number of people engaging in nonviolent resistance grows many-fold again in this coming year.

We are going to be involved in the courts for up to another two years at the rate our trials are progressing. It is a long, slow, essentially torturous process that almost forces one to plead guilty just to avoid the wear and tear. Our first trial has gone four months now, and is expected to last another four. Thus far we have lost every important legal argument, so things are looking pretty bad.

I've been reading some Gandhi lately

and have been very impressed by much in his writings. Especially in the area of moral dedication and the willingness to endure self-sacrifice. Obviously, he understood the need for committed activists and a sense of total community effort. As yet, most people in the movement here still see the world in terms of themselves first, rather than the social responsibilities of the struggle first. There is still a very long way to go before people here are able to put the struggle into the foremost priority of their lives, before the security of their "personal thing" (whatever it may be--job, school, career, a nice house which they don't want to lose by going to jail, etc., etc.). The examples of the many people willingly going to jail over the past 5-10 years are but the first sprouts of a garden of resistance which must grow from the desires for survival, life and love which so many people are now expressing.

In solidarity and resistance,
Brent Taylor

[Brent Taylor is one of the Vancouver 5--eds.]



UPDATES

AVCO Plowshares Guilty

The AVCO Plowshares were convicted on December 16 on charges of trespass and wanton destruction. Agnes Bauerlein, Jean Holladay, Mary Lyons, Macy Morse, Frank Panopoulos, John Pendleton and John Schuchardt were immediately taken to jail after receiving a sentence of 2½ months for wanton destruction and 30 days for trespass. Defendants with previous records were ordered to serve the terms consecutively, the rest to serve concurrently.

All were out on appeal later in the day. The trial was the first in the state of Massachusetts in which a fully prepared defense of justification was heard. The judge denied the defense after hearing the evidence, a ruling now being appealed.

On December 20, John Pendleton and Jean Holladay returned to AVCO to pray, in violation of the terms of their release. Both were taken into custody to serve their sentences. John was released on February 6, having served concurrent terms, and Jean expects to be out in early March.



Letters of support can be sent to Jean Holladay; Box 99; Framington, MA 01701.

Three Jailed for Train Blockade

Following a two day trial at the end of January, Lisa Morrow, Joyce Sundin, John Williams and Don Whitman faced trial in Kitsap County, Washington on January 31, for blocking the path of a train carrying Trident missile motors as it entered the Bangor submarine base last November 7. The charge against Don Whitman was dropped, and the other three were convicted of "blocking a legally operated train". The group disputed the fact that it was indeed legal to transport genocidal weapons delivery systems through our communities. The three refused to pay a \$300 fine and were ordered jailed for twelve days (\$25 a day) in the Kitsap County Jail.

Williams International Joes Prepare Trials

In Michigan, 51 people still await trial on numerous charges, including conspiracy, stemming from the week of protest and resistance at Williams International in Walled Lake last November 28 - December 3. Several different legal strategies are being pursued, and all defendants are spending the month of February involved in pre-trial motion hearings. Actual trial dates have been postponed until questions are resolved concerning the disqualification of judges in the Walled Lake courts.

Some defendants are raising numerous legal questions at the pre-trials, including a challenge to the prosecutor's use of undercover infiltrators and a raid on the church where protesters had gathered for the week. Other defendants, including the members of the Covenant for Peace community which organized the protest, are raising fewer legal issues, preferring to keep the focus on Williams International and the production of cruise missile engines there. Members of Covenant for Peace issued a statement concerning the approach they intend to bring to their trial, which is currently scheduled for March 13. Among other points, the group states:

"In speaking truth as clearly as possible, we are prepared to face sizable jail sentences as a logical consequence of challenging the injustice of the arms race and law enforcement system...Our goal is not to win arguments in court. The truth that we strive to proclaim will be its own indictment of imperial power, having a potential to reach the minds and hearts of judges, attorneys, jurors and the public...It is not our intent to take advantage of technical legal ploys in order to escape prosecution. That would betray our purpose...We will not use arguments that would convince a judge or jury that we are 'harmless' or 'no real danger to law and order', thereby conveying a plea for 'toleration' by the jury."

In another development, the civil liberties committee of the Michigan State Bar has accused the Oakland County Prosecutor of "vindictive reaction, overkill and possibly,

Women of Faith Go to Jail

Women participating in last October's Women of Faith action at the Quonset Point Rhode Island facility of Electric Boat have all been convicted of trespass and injury to another's property, and sent to jail. On January 5, Frances Crowe and Joan Ballas were each sentenced to six months in jail, five months suspended, plus about \$16 restitution payments and five months probation. Joan was released about two weeks later to attend her elderly father's birthday celebration, and Frances was released on February 5, at the end of her sentence. Presidential candidate Jesse Jackson picked her up at the prison upon her release and accompanied her to a rally.

Kate Champa, Judy Beaumont, Sue Ann Shay, Judy Scheckel, Victoria Safford and Ann Welsh were tried beginning January 26. On February 10, the six women received sentences of six months in jail (five suspended), a \$25 fine and five months probation. Kate Champa was fined an additional \$125 or 20 hours community service for a previous action, and Judy Beaumont and Judy Scheckel were fined \$100 on a contempt citation for refusing during the trial to identify the driver of the vehicle that took them to the shipyards.



Letters of support can be sent to Kate Champa, Judy Scheckel, Victoria Safford, Ann Welsh and Joan Ballas at the Adult Correctional Institution; Women's Division; Box 8312; Cranston, RI 02920. Joan re-entered the same day as the others to serve a remaining 12 days on her sentence. Judy Beaumont and Sue Ann Shay will begin serving on March 23, after their shared directorship of a women's center is concluded.



Canadian Activist Seeks Support

Toronto political activist Ken Deyarmond was charged last September 27 with three counts of assaulting police, one count of threatening to assault British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, and one count of possession of marijuana. At the time of his arrest, Ken was not carrying any weapon. He is 5'3" tall, and tells in a statement what happened:

"I was pushed from behind into police constable Dusko Markovic (badge #3495) who then shoved me onto the sidewalk...On the threatened assault (charge), the police say I lunged at her (Thatcher); that is a lie and fabrication. I did not lunge at Margaret Thatcher, as such an act would be akin to committing suicide. I am not guilty!...With respect to the pot charge, I have this to say: I do not smoke pot! If I did, I sure would not take it to a demonstration as such an item is an invitation for an arrest. Any person who is politically conscious knows what I mean..."

Ken was convicted of the pot charge in January and given one year probation plus 75 hours of community service. A date for his other trials is to be set February 10. Requests for more information and financial support should be sent to Ken Deyarmond Defense Committee; c/o David Barbarash; 1504-240 Wellesley St. SE; Toronto, Ontario CANADA M4X 1G5.

Update Files



On January 19, Erica Enzer was sentenced to serve 20 days in jail for her part in the backcountry action at VANDENBERG AFB in June of 1983. Erica's prosecution had been delayed because she had seriously suffered from exposure to the elements during the attempt to halt the first MX test launch. She is now out of jail, having served the time in Santa Barbara County Jail. Most of those who were arrested during the action have still not been prosecuted, and although the few who were convicted served up to 60 days in jail, these remaining cases have apparently "disappeared" to avoid bringing further embarrassment or attention to the success of the action...Trial for nine Vermont residents arrested at PEASE AIR FORCE BASE in NEW HAMPSHIRE last fall has been postponed until March 18. Several other participants in the action who also pleaded not guilty expect to be tried during the same court session...Jim Perkins served five days in jail in December for non-payment of a PENTAGON protest fine. Louis de Benedette will be tried February 17 for his October 24 arrest at the Pentagon...Trial for five Arizona activists arrested outside the MOTOROLA GOVERNMENT ELECTRONICS DIVISION PLANT in SCOTTS-DALE, ARIZONA, scheduled for February 15, has been postponed until March 7...Eleven students arrested at the ST. LOUIS headquarters of GENERAL DYNAMICS pleaded not guilty and are awaiting a trial date in circuit court...Pat Coy, a St. Louis college chaplain and member of the local Catholic Worker community serving poor and homeless on the city's north side, received a supportive letter recently. His recent conviction for trespass at GENERAL DYNAMICS is on appeal, and the court reporter was very moved by his sentencing statement. She sent a letter enclosed with the transcript of his trial, noting "There will be no charge for this. God bless you in your work. I too wanted to do what you were doing on the north side, but could figure no way to do that and support my son, and here I am. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you and bless you"... Trial for a group of eleven people arrested April 1, 1983 at LIVERMORE has been continued until March 5. Another trial of a small group arrested last June 20 is currently in progress...About half a dozen people who pleaded not guilty to trespass at MOTOROLA in CHICAGO on October 24 are scheduled for trial in late February. Two support people from that action, arrested unintentionally, were found guilty, fined and put on probation. Neil Dunaetz and Danny Rochman were convicted on a mailed summons, and sentenced to probation for a leafletting incident...For acts of resistance at the ELECTRIC BOAT facility in QUONSET POINT, RHODE ISLAND last August, Sam Rose and Joyce Katzberg were recently sentenced. On January 4, Sam accepted a sentence of 20 hours of community service, and Joyce was sentenced on January 12 to a total of \$375 fines, 18 months probation and \$5 payment to Electric Boat in restitution. For the same action, David Shorr, Karen Topakian, Adam Morris and Christin Schmidt were sentenced to \$125 fine, 20 hours of community service and six months probation. Christin refused the fine and community service, and was sentenced to jail to work it off. She stayed until January 31, when she paid the remainder of her fine so she could make a court date in Washington, D.C....No action has yet been taken against participants in the November 22 Walk-on at the GE SPACE CENTER in VALLEY FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA who have refused to pay fines or appear in court. Some of those fined turned themselves in after the thirty day limit had expired and were given an additional thirty days to pay...A pre-trial denial of motions concerning defenses of necessity and international law is being appealed before trial begins for seven people arrested last October at the LITTON SYSTEMS PLANT in GRANTS PASS, OREGON...Sanderson Beck and Glafko Sikelianos were bailed out of jail in Los Angeles last December 14, while they await a hearing on an appeal of their jail sentence of six months for participation in the EL SEGUNDO, CALIFORNIA series of actions on October 24. Within a couple of days, both men were again in jail, this time serving 14 of a 21 day sentence for refusing three years of probation as punishment for participation in a blockade at Pt. Magu Pacific Missile Test Center on June 20.

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Examples for Judges to Follow

Two judges in the southwest have recently shown the way for other sympathetic judges who wish to express support for nuclear resisters. In Albuquerque, Judge Patricia Madrid took a few tentative steps in the right direction following the trial of Les Donher and Dan Enright arrested at Kirtland Air Force Base last October 24. During the bench trial, Judge Madrid heard full testimony from the two men about their motivations. After rendering a guilty verdict, the judge noted that she believes civil disobedience is necessary in our society, and that nukes are the most important issue of the day. She sentenced the two men to 50 hours of community service at a shelter for victims of child abuse.

In Tucson, on February 10, Rev. John Peterson of Tempe appeared in county court to face charges resulting from trespass at Davis Monthan Air Force Base on October 24. Upon entering the courtroom, Judge E. Girard remarked, "Don't get up, please, stay seated". After disposing of a few other cases on her docket, she called Rev. Peterson and his lawyers to the bench, and announced, "I'm going to disqualify myself from this case. I'm an anti-nuclear activist myself and must withdraw". Judge Girard suggested John find another judge, and revealed that her daughter had been arrested previously at the Palo Verde nuclear power plant in Arizona. Another judge was found who dismissed charges when the arresting officer failed to appear.

We are now waiting for news of judges who make such statements, dismiss the charges and join the defendants on a return to the site to declare nuclear weapons illegal.



BLASTS FROM THE PAST

In 1979, Michael Pehle was arrested during a large civil disobedience action at the Palo Verde nuclear power plant under construction west of Phoenix, Arizona. He refused to pay a fine imposed on him at the time, and lost an appeal of the guilty verdict some time later. By that time, Michael had moved out of the state and had no intention of paying the fine.

On February 7, while driving through Flagstaff, Arizona, Michael was stopped and given a warning for driving too fast through a school zone. A few minutes after being sent on his way, the policeman pulled him over again, this time to arrest him on an outstanding warrant for refusal to pay a fine. Michael spent two nights in jail before being released on bond, and will appear in court to be arraigned on February 15.

Bail Money Kept As Fine

The Savannah River Plant remains a topic of much public discussion, after 70 people were found guilty of trespass at the South Carolina bomb factory. Twenty-two people who had spent ten days in jail after their arrest were sentenced to time served. The rest had their \$110 bail money kept as payment of a fine.

Since then a Department of Energy (DOE) engineer has testified about leaks at the plant, and the government is re-arguing for an injunction against the Natural Guard and others from trespassing at the plant. As part of the injunction process, the government has asked the Natural Guard to give their mailing list to the court and answer questions concerning who they associate with and where their money comes from. The group is refusing to comply. In addition, the government is making arguments for a class action suit against the Natural Guard.

LETTERS

[The following two letters, from Edward Habbrouk (in prison for draft registration resistance) and Roy Bourgeois (in prison for his Ft. Benning, Georgia actions) are in response to a sheet of paper they received, filled with notes of support. The notes were written (to many other imprisoned resisters as well) by folks gathered at St. Stephens Church in Washington, D.C. at the end of the year, commemorating the Feast of the Holy Innocents and ushering in 1984 with actions at the Pentagon. Since we were at the gathering, we volunteered to mail the huge letters off to people at various prisons around the United States and Canada. We'd like to share these replies with you--eds.]

Dear Friends,

I was moved to get greetings from so many from St. Stephens at Christmas. I'm sure all are scattered now, but this is as much as I can do (since almost none gave addresses) to return my gratitude. I hope you'll pass the word along to whoever you see from that community.

You may be entertained that the mail room (which opens everything) bounced your letter to the "counselor" (as much a euphemism as the Victorian use of "mud" for "horseshit" to describe city streets), who gave it to me only after quizzing me about my friends and

sternly warning me that I mustn't try to put it up on my wall! It did seem to give him a first glimpse of a community of which I'm still part even while largely cut off.

Communally,
Edward

My dear friends,

Thanks so much for your kind words of support.

I've been transferred to the federal prison in Sandstone, Minnesota and am doing fine. There are some 650 inmates here, each with their own story, their own struggle.

I'm teaching English to some of the Hispanic brothers and learning more Spanish in the process. Still have lots of time for reading and reflection. I've come to see prison as a unique place to seek God on a deeper level, and to clarify one's thoughts.

It's become so clear that what our country is doing in Central America is wrong and causing so much suffering to the poor.

Let each of us continue to pray and work-for-peace. I want you to know that you give me hope and renewed strength in the struggle. Do keep up the important work you are doing.

In love and solidarity,
Roy Bourgeois

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Three other El Segundo participants were in court recently. Colleen Ashly and Abby Kirk pleaded out with a sentence of time served. Jack Nounan was convicted of obstruction by a jury and sentenced to 30 days (suspended), a \$200 fine and one year probation. He will be returning to court to refuse the sentence, and expects to serve 30 days in jail...Charges against Liane Norman and Molly Rush from an action at ROCKWELL in PITTSBURGH last April were dismissed after the jury had been selected in early February...Sentencing for five members of the Puget Sound Women's Peace Camp, convicted of trespass and criminal impersonation for their visit to the BOEING CRUISE MISSILE ASSEMBLY PLANT in KENT, WASHINGTON, have had their sentencing postponed until February 27...Nine women from the Minnesota Women's Peace Camp in St. Paul were tried on January 31 on charges of disorderly conduct. The nine had been arrested on November 9 following an action at the ST. PAUL FEDERAL BUILDING in support of the Greenham women's suit against the U.S. government which had been filed that day in New York. All were sentenced to perform 30 hours of community service and write letters to the editors of local newspapers to share their concerns with the wider community. Twenty-one other women, arrested over three days in December as they attempted to re-establish the peace camp on SPERRY-UNIVAC property, will be tried on trespass charges on February 21. Following that series of arrests, the women moved the camp site to a strip of state-owned land across the street from Sperry. After state threats to shut down the camp because it contained illegal wooden-frame structures, the women re-established the camp on New Year's Day with a tipi and long-house. The presence continues to be maintained despite a very harsh winter in the Twin Cities. Support can be sent to the peace camp c/o Women Against Military Madness; 3255 Hennepin Ave. South; Minn-

neapolis, MN 55408...Nigel Cottier was found guilty in December of trespass on the Romeo 29 Missile Silo as part of the Silence One Silo Campaign in MONTANA. He was sentenced January 20 to serve six months in jail, but is currently free on appeal...Trials for many people arrested last November at LITTON SYSTEMS in ONTARIO will begin in mid-February and extend until early April, when French language trials will be held for participants who came from Quebec. Joanne Young, convicted in November after fasting nearly two weeks in jail, is still awaiting sentencing. Her sentencing has been delayed pending a decision by the Canadian Supreme Court on a challenge to the legality of cruise testing in Canada. A ruling that the government's decision to permit cruise testing does violate the Canadian constitution could possibly invalidate her conviction and the arrests of hundreds in Canada. Brian Burch was acquitted on charges of assault dating back to his arrest with Diane Savard last summer, when they attempted to chain themselves to a flagpole during a Canadian Independence Day celebration. Trespass charges against both were dismissed. Jack Savage, Stephanie Coe and Jonathan Levetto were convicted of trespassing and fined \$100 each for chaining themselves inside the "War Memorial Chapel" at the CANADIAN PARLIAMENT...Hearings on pre-trial motions for the GRIFFISS PLOWSHARES defendants have been postponed until March 5...Five persons arrested December 10 for trespass at GRIFFISS AIR FORCE BASE have filed for a dismissal of the trespass charges as well as the disorderly conduct charges against three of the five. A hearing is scheduled for February 16. Four persons charged with blocking the gate to the base on December 12 were fined, and Karen Bettle, a supporter arrested as she drove away from the site, served one day in jail for refusing to pay her fine. A second support person was also arrested on the site, but charges were dropped on testimony that the person was pushed over the line. Richard Bowers, who had been arrested leafletting at the base last August 15, was

sentenced to pay a \$250 fine, which he planned to do...Two women arrested at PRECISION CAST PARTS in PORTLAND, OREGON on December 3 pleaded no contest on December 15 and were sentenced to 40 hours community service plus one-year probation. Martha Odum, who had told the judge she was not guilty of anything, has asked that letters be submitted by her supporters as a "friend of the court" brief. To show support for her contention, letters should bear her case number: 83-11939H. Address them to Clerk of the District Court; Clackamas County Courthouse; Oregon City, OR 97045...Updating several recent actions at ROCKY FLATS, Scott Gesner was fined \$500 and is working it off by performing 100 hours of community service. Jay Hamburger was found guilty by a jury for his October 24 action, issued a suspended fine and ordered to do 100 hours of community service as his sentence. Jack Gibson has been ordered to perform an additional 100 hours of community service in lieu of paying a fine imposed on him. Sue Anderson is paying her fine and performing community service as her sentence...Trial for 17 people arrested at GENERAL DYNAMICS in SAN DIEGO on October 24 is scheduled to begin March 5...People charged in county court for actions at DAVIS MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE in November and December have consistently been sentenced to write letters to U.S. and Soviet officials concerning the arms race. In federal court, several sentences of community service have been handed down, but as yet no jail time. Four other Davis Monthan resisters were convicted in federal court on February 10 and sentenced to perform community service. Three others will be sentenced on February 27...Over a period of three days in late January, all charges were dismissed against about 70 people arrested protesting a missile technology conference in BOSTON last December 12. A sympathetic judge went through the motions of hearing a few minutes of prosecution testimony before dismissing all defendants and expressing respect for their cause. Two juveniles who were tried earlier in January received sentences of 30 days probation.

FUTURE ACTIONS

CHICAGO

A legal rally is planned for March 8 to commemorate International Women's Day and protest nuclear arms at I.B.M. Corporation in Chicago. An all-women's civil disobedience action will occur at an unannounced location in the Chicago area in conjunction with the legal action. For more information, contact Disarm Now Action Group/ Women's Day Action; 407 S. Dearborn #307; Chicago, IL 60605; (312)427-2533.

WOMEN'S PEACE CAMP AT PROJECT ELF

The Women's Peace Presence to Stop Project ELF will open in northern Wisconsin on May 28, 1984. Project ELF (Extra Low Frequency) is the U.S. Navy's first strike one-way transmitter for the Trident nuclear submarine fleet. More information can be obtained by contacting Women's Peace Presence to Stop Project ELF; National Media Web; 1016 N. 9th St.; Milwaukee, WI 53233; (414)272-7457.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

The Freeze Reagan/Bush Coalition are planning activities during the Republican National Convention, to be held in Dallas, Texas August 20-23, 1984. Creative nonviolent civil disobedience will be part of the actions. For more information, contact Freeze Reagan/Bush Coalition; P.O. Box 392; Canal Street Station; NY, NY 10013; (212)533-5028.

VANDENBERG AFB

The Vandenberg Action Coalition is making preparations for legal protest and civil disobedience protesting the missile and military space shuttle tests which originate from the base. For more information, contact the Vandenberg Action Coalition, c/o LAG; 3126 Shattuck Ave.; Berkeley, CA 94705.

HONEYWELL

A legal demonstration is being planned for the shareholders meeting of the Honeywell Corporation in Minneapolis on April 26. The next day, April 27, civil disobedience is planned. For more information, contact the Honeywell Project; 3255 Hennepin Ave.; Minneapolis, MN 55408.

ALMOST A FUTURE ACTION

The New England Campaign to Stop the Euromissiles, which organized resistance to a missile technology conference in Boston last December, thought they had another target. The Technical Marketing Society of America conducts yearly conferences on "Electronics Warfare" in Boston and Washington, D.C. This year, the Boston conference was scheduled for February 15 and 16. Organizers prepared a flyer announcing protest and resistance scheduled at the conference, and urged readers to call the hotel and express concern that they should host such a conference. Hotel lawyers were asked by management to look into the contract with the conference sponsors, and were able to cancel the booking. One of the hotel's lawyers told the Campaign that the Marketing Society had informed him they would no longer hold conferences in Boston, and would go to Washington because "we don't have trouble there".

An Appeal From Jonah House

"Dear Sisters and Brothers,

"Jonah House has never sent out an appeal. Many friends have been extraordinarily open handed in sending money, but we have never put in the mail a formal appeal. Now we do, so it must be an urgent matter.

"How many of us know a mother of eight adopted handicapped children now spending a second substantial sentence for divine/civil obedience? I would guess not many.

"But now we have one--Helen Woodson. Helen is a woman of many parts--editor of the excellent "Harvest of Justice", poet, local resister (Madison, Wisconsin) and national resister (Washington, D.C.). She possesses a curious, peculiar attitude toward the diabolical orgy most call the nuclear arms race--That parents ought to defend children from the tender ministrations of modern Herods like Reagan and his 38,000 warheads. So twice she carried her anguish to Washington to put blood where it belonged--on the portals of the Blight House, and on

SENTRY FOR PEACE

A sentry at the door to Armageddon's planners
1984 Pentagon Presence

You are invited to join others vigiling for the oppressed, the victims of the bomb; standing as sentries for peace at the Pentagon. Help us create a consistent presence Monday through Friday, 6 a.m.-6 p.m. (legal holidays excluded). Hoping and praying throughout 1984 that good will triumph over evil, and willing to commit our lives to see that it does, we seek to form a chain of continuity to keep watch, to pray, to optionally fast and to represent the voiceless victims of the Pentagon.

By our presence, we hope to soften the hearts of our sisters and brothers, the Pentagon employees, and to thereby effect the beginning of the end of the arms race. Through this year-long presence, we hope to share our belief in the power of love and nonviolence; we believe, as Dr. Martin Luther King did, that "humanity must choose between nonviolence and extinction".

Hospitality will be provided for those coming from outside of the D.C. area. If you wish to make a commitment for one or several days of presence at the Pentagon during 1984, contact Jonah House; 1933 Park Ave.; Baltimore, MD 21217; (301)669-6265.

USS ALABAMA

At the commissioning of the "USS Georgia", the chief of police in Groton, Connecticut told protest leaders that the "USS Alabama" is scheduled to be commissioned in May. He then asked if he could meet with them soon, in anticipation of continued protest. For more information about civil disobedience planned that day, contact the War Resister's League; Box 1093; Norwich, CT 06360; (203) 889-5337.

UTAH NUKE DUMP

From Earth First! environmental journal: "Our spies warn us that the Department of Energy may try to slip into the Davis Canyon area next to Canyonlands National Park in Utah this November or December to begin test drilling for the nation's first high-level nuclear waste dump. Earth First! is pledged to confront the DOE to blockade any activity for the nuke dump near Canyonlands. We are watching. If you would like to participate in nonviolent direct action in Canyonlands or help in a support capacity, please contact Bob Phillips; PO Box 381; Moab, Utah 84532; (801)259-8353 or Spurs Jackson; PO Box 26221; Salt Lake City, Utah 84126; (801)355-2154.



NEVADA TEST SITE

From April 1-30, 1984, people of faith and good will shall gather daily at the gates of the Nevada Test Site (65 miles north of Las Vegas) for the third Lenten Desert Experience. This spring vigil is characterized by prayer and fasting, silent meditation and nonviolent direct action, underlined by reverence for all creation. For more information, contact the Lenten Desert Experience; Nevada Project Office; 704 W. McWilliams; Las Vegas, NV 89106; (702)647-3610.

SAC OMAHA

Civil disobedience is being planned as part of a Good Friday (April 20) demonstration at SAC, Omaha, Nebraska. For more information, contact Maggie Olson, Des Moines Catholic Worker; Box 4551; Des Moines, IA 50333; (515)243-0765.

PENTAGON

Resistance will return to the Pentagon again on Good Friday, April 20. For more information, contact Jonah House; 1933 Park Ave.; Baltimore, MD 21217; (301)669-6265.

PORTLAND

An April 16 civil disobedience action related to income tax and the military budget is being planned for a yet-to-be chosen site in the Portland, Oregon area. For more information, contact Northwest Action for Disarmament; Box 4202; Portland, OR 97208; (503)222-7293.

LIVERMORE

Another blockade of the Livermore Laboratory is being planned for April 17, as a tax-day related protest. For more information, contact the Livermore Action Group; 3126 Shattuck; Berkeley, CA 94705; (415)644-2028.

CALLAWAY

The Callaway nuclear power plant in Missouri is scheduled to go on line this spring. Civil disobedience is planned. Contact the Crawdad Alliance; Box 2041; St. Louis, MO 63158.

TMI

A major civil disobedience action is planned at Three Mile Island in March, since restart of the undamaged Unit 1 looks imminent. For more information, contact the TMI Public Interest Resource Center; 1037 Maclay St.; Harrisburg, PA 17103; (717)233-4241.

SUBSCRIPTION INFO

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Graciously in Peace,
The Folks at Jonah House"

[Helen is scheduled to be released as we go to press. Welcome out! She is still very much in need of this financial support--eds.]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

...There will be a meeting March 17 of representatives of all midwest resistance groups to form a midwest resistance coalition of support and cooperation. States to be included are Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri. For more information, midwest readers are urged to contact Tom Cordaro; Strategies and Actions for Conversion; 1560 Old Highway 30 West; Mt. Vernon, Iowa 52314.

...April 15, "Tax Day", falls on Palm Sunday this year. A group of people in western Missouri have recognized this day as PEACE PALM SUNDAY. They believe that people of faith have a unique opportunity to know one of "the things that make for peace" (Luke 19:42, RSV). They have compiled an information packet which contains peace-tax material, denominational statements and a Lenten Meditation based on passages from Luke. Send \$1.25 to Peace Palm Sunday Companions; P.O. Box 7588; Columbia, MO 65205.

...The Inmates Pen-Pal Service has just published its first directory of prisoners desiring correspondence. If you have never corresponded with people in prison, here is your chance to learn about the interests of many behind bars who would appreciate outside contact. Send a donation and ask for a copy of this newly-released directory to: I.P.S.; Box 152; Shawnee Mission, Kansas 66201.

ANTI-INTERVENTION NEWS?

As tensions grow in Central America, so does the incidence of nonviolent civil disobedience against United States policies in that area of the world. We have learned of actions across the country at congressional offices, federal buildings and military bases. Because our space and resources are limited, we rarely cover any actions that are not specifically anti-nuclear. Do any of our readers know of a publication which provides comprehensive coverage of direct action protesting U.S. intervention in Central America? If so, please let us know.

... ATTENTION! Women in the United States and Canada who have pieces of a Rainbow Dragon--Who are you? Where are you? Maybe the pieces can be connected! Write the Dragon; Box 37; Tempe, AZ 85281.

...A national Fast for Life two-day gathering is being considered in April, probably in the San Francisco Bay area, for purposes of sharing, planning and networking. For more information, contact the Fast for Life Resource Center; 4848 E. 14th St.; Oakland, CA 94601.

...Public Citizen's Critical Mass Energy Project has just released its fourth annual Nuclear Power Safety Report for 1983. The 34 page study, based on Nuclear Regulatory Commission data obtained through the Freedom of Information Act, provides detailed information for activists looking at nuclear safety in the U.S. Information on major mishaps, worker exposure to radiation, security threats, fines and emergency planning is included, along with a plant scorecard that lists the number of mishaps at each plant in the U.S., ranked according to cause. \$5 postpaid from Critical Mass; 215 Pennsylvania Avenue S.E.; Washington, D.C. 20003.

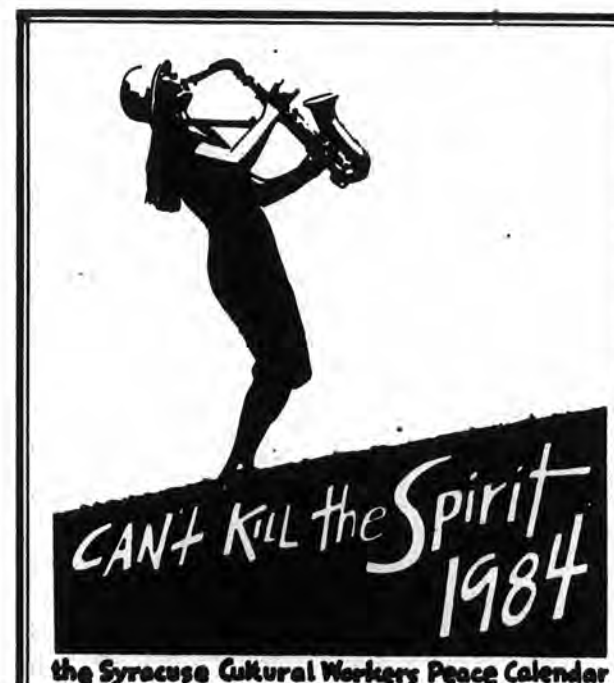
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A California Group to Establish Trust Between the US and USSR continues to monitor the situation of independent Russian peace activists who have been arrested, jailed and exiled to Siberia for such simple acts as attempting to attend trials of other members of the Moscow Group to Establish Trust Between the US and USSR. A recent report from Helsinki Watch (36 W. 44th St. Rm. 911; New York, NY 10036) notes that at least nine such "Trust Groups" exist in the USSR, and

membership exceeds 2000 people. Although not all letters get through to the peace activists themselves, resisters in this country are encouraged to write to our friends behind bars in Russia because all letters are at least noted by their government. For the names and addresses of activists to support and officials to file protests with, contact A California Group to Establish Trust Between the US and USSR; Box 693; Santa Cruz, CA 95060.



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