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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.

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National No-Nukes Prison Support Collective

INFORMATION ABOUT AND SUPPORT FOR JAILED AND IMPRISONED ANTI-NUCLEAR ACTIVISTS

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Prisoners Fast for Religious Freedom

On April 10, Leonard Peltier, Standing Deer and Al Garza began a spiritual life fast in response to steadfast refusal by the Marion Federal Prison administration to allow them to practice their religion freely. Leonard, Standing Deer and other Native Americans at Marion are asking only for a regular use of a sweat lodge and to smoke sweetgrass and sage in the sacred pipe, as integral parts of their religious faith. Al Garza, a Sephardic Jew, is being denied proper religious diet and opportunity for other religious practice.

In a letter to the prison administration, Leonard stated, "The United States refuses to allow me to practice my religion in any form...knowing full well that they violate their own laws and constitution. I have been granted an evidentiary hearing (see below) and the next few months are the most important challenge I have ever faced because I am fighting for my freedom; I am fighting for justice in a country where justice for my People is nearly impossible to obtain. Against these impossible odds I can only win if I have the power of the Great Spirit fully in my life..My Religion is a fire burning in my heart, and the illegal denial leaves a disharmony that can only be remedied by a sacred life fast...I will eat absolutely no food until the prison officials remove the ban from practice of my religion".

Leonard, Standing Deer and Al Garza have been transferred to the Medical Unit for Federal Prisoners in Springfield, Missouri. Their attorneys have been granted a temporary restraining order against government attempts to force-feed the three. A hearing to extend this temporary order to a preliminary injunction will be held May 10. All three fasters are reported in good health.

Leonard has written, "This fast will also be in solidarity with all the peace movements and nuclear resisters in the world so that we can stop these madmen who rule the world from destroying our Mother Earth and our beloved children's future".

Meanwhile, the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals ordered an evidentiary hearing to determine if Peltier should receive a new trial, based on FBI ballistics test results which were kept from his defense team at the original trial.



SUPPORT ACTION

Concerning the fast, letters should be sent to the following people, demanding that Leonard Peltier, #89637-132, Standing Deer (aka Robert Wilson), #01499-164 and Rechaza Lorede Chingatu (Albert Garza), #49602-146 be allowed to practice their religion: Norm Carlson, Director; Bureau of Prisons; 320 First ST. NW; Washington, D.C. 20534; Jerry Williford, Warden; Federal Prison; Box 1000; Marion, IL 62959, Hon. Robert Kastenmeir; 2232 Rayburn House Office Building; Washington, D.C. 20515.

Concerning the evidentiary hearing, letters demanding justice and asking Judge Benson to give fair consideration to the new evidence when the hearing is scheduled should be sent to Judge Paul Benson; U.S. District Court; Old Federal Building Courthouse, Rm. 333; Fargo, ND 58102. Please send a copy of this letter to the Leonard Peltier Defense Committee; 2524 16th Ave. South; Seattle, WA 98144; (206)322-6261.

Finally, contact local spiritual leaders and clergy to inform them of the fast for religious freedom, and encourage their active support and letter writing.

HOLY WEEK Pershing Plowshares



On the morning of Easter/Passover, April 22, 1984, two women and six men entered the Martin Marietta nuclear weapons facility in Orlando, Florida and participated in direct acts of disarmament on a missile launcher and several components of Pershing II missiles.

This was the eighth in a series of "Plowshares" actions, deriving their name from the biblical mandate of the prophet Isaiah: "They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again."

At 4:30 in the morning two groups entered the Martin Marietta grounds carrying bottles of their own blood, common household hammers and indictments charging Martin Marietta and the U.S. government with violations of International Law for the production of weapons of massive indiscriminate destruction and preparation for a war of aggression. Martin Marietta is where research, testing, evaluation and development of the Pershing II is conducted. One group poured blood over and hammered upon a missile launcher and hung a banner proclaiming "Pershing into Plowshares". The other group entered the Pershing Kit Warehouse where components for the Pershing II missile are stored awaiting shipping and assembly at the deployment site. Several crates of Pershing II components were opened. Blood was poured into these crates and the components were then rendered disabled with hammers. A banner was then hung reading in both English and Dutch "Violence Ends Where Love Begins".

All eight of the Pershing Plowshares remained at the scene, claiming responsibility for their actions. The eight were discovered, taken into custody and charged with two counts each of felony burglary, one count of felony criminal mischief and one count of felony possession of burglary tools. Bond was set at \$100,000 each.

A court order was issued prohibiting the men from talking with one another. The women were allowed this opportunity during meals and Eucharist, but later were not allowed to talk with one another during Eucharist. Authorities sowed confusion by informing supporters and resisters of different arraignment dates. After more than a week in jail, Christin Schmidt, Sister Anne Montgomery and Per Hergren (a Swiss national who speaks little English) were brought in front of Judge Rom Powell. He gave each different pre-trials and trial dates, and took into consideration a motion to consolidate their trials.

That same day, a Judge Thompson brought Paul Magno, Jr., Patrick O'Neill and Tod Kaplan into court. All had their hands chained behind their backs, and so could not read the charges against them as required by court pro-

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SAC/OMAHA

At the headquarters of the Strategic Air Command at Offut Air Force Base outside Omaha, 12 people crossed the line on Good Friday afternoon, following a 24-hour vigil, a prayer service and Stations of the Cross. Ten of the twelve were released with ban and bar letters. Robin Larson and Maggie Olson were turned over to the FBI when they refused to cooperate. Both were held in jail until Monday, April 23, when Robin pleaded guilty to trespass and Maggie guilty to violating a previous ban and bar letter. Robin was released on time served and sentenced to a year's probation; Maggie is currently serving 49 days in jail.



SUPPORT ACTION

Maggie would appreciate supportive letters be sent to her sons, aged 17 and 15, Gene Olson; 1337 6th Ave.; Des Moines, IA 50314 and Matt Olson; 6009 Rutland; Des Moines, IA 50311. Maggie is last reported at Douglas County Correctional Center B-8; 710 S. 17th St.; Omaha, NE 68102. Letters will also reach her c/o Box 4551; Des Moines, IA 50306.

WILLIAMS INT'L

Good Friday/Passover brought resistance to Michigan's upper and lower peninsula both. At Williams International, in Walled Lake, cruise missile engines are manufactured. On the upper peninsula, outside of Marquette, K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base will soon be home to a batch of air-launched cruise missiles.

James Smith, Daniel Lagrou, Peter Dougherty, Carfon Foltz and Sol Metz were arrested for contempt when they violated a standing injunction barring entry on the grounds of Williams International by protesters. All five pleaded guilty the day of their arrest, and were ordered jailed until they promise not to violate the injunction again. The five are appealing the contempt citation, but remain steadfast in their refusal to obey the injunction.

At Sawyer Air Force Base, Ken Berger and Pat Robertson splashed blood on the Strategic Air Command sign, then carried a cross onto the base and prayed. Both were jailed for violating probation from previous arrests at Sawyer. Arraignment on the new charges is scheduled for May 10. Pat and Ken had been offered release on their own recognition, but refused it in solidarity with the majority who are not offered a free release.

Also in Michigan on Good Friday, a witness at Wurtsmith Air Force Base resulted in several ban and bar letters being issued, and two people facing charges for re-entry.



SUPPORT ACTION

Letters supporting a person's right to demonstrate freely, and opposing the present injunction, are requested to Judge James Thorburn; Oakland County Circuit Court; 1200 N. Telegraph Rd.; Pontiac, MI 48053. Letters urging peaceful conversion should be sent to Sam Williams, President; Williams International; 2280 W. Maple Rd.; Walled Lake, MI 48088.

The five expect to be jailed until the contempt citation is dropped. Peter Dougherty; Oakland County Jail; Box 300; Pontiac, MI 48056. James Smith, Daniel LaGrou, Carfon Foltz and Sol Metz; Trustee Camp; Oakland County Jail; Box 300; Pontiac, MI 48056.

Ken Berger and Pat Robertson are at Marquette County Jail; Marquette, MI 49855 until May 29.

Finally, it is asked that supporters "continue resisting!"

Resistance Reflections

Felice and Jack Cohen-Joppa, editors

The essay by Helen Woodson in our last issue drew a mixed bag of replies. We expect this piece by Vince Eirene will, also.

As radical Catholics, Helen's and Vince's thoughts on the subject of suffering illustrate a view shared by only some resisters. A tangible difference exists between their view and others we have heard expressed. Vince quotes Martin Luther King's expression of the Christian view. Offering a different view, reader Brook Shoenfield wrote, "I cannot agree that we all must suffer greatly...I have no illusions that suffering results whenever change is sought by resistance, but I reject the notion that I am guilty and that guilt can be assuaged by my pain or suffering. I reject any simple answer to whatever my complicity in the arms race may be, or that I can make it better by suffering."

Regardless of the motives, the suffering Vince speaks of taking on as our own hints at the kind of prisoner solidarity and support work all resisters should pursue. As resisters, we can use our situation and privilege to learn about the human abuse that occurs in our prisons. When in jail we can work to apply ourselves to nonviolent struggle to secure humane treatment, frequent visits, adequate diet and freedom of religion for the benefit of all prisoners. Jails are powerful places to witness the fundamental injustice and violence of our nuclear culture. And to aid its victims.

The Easter season is laden with the notion of redemptive suffering. Perhaps this explains, in part, why this issue is overflowing with news of recent resistance.

ITINERARY

Here it is! Our West Coast Networking Itinerary! We would love to meet you--please also invite nuclear resisters and affinity groups in your area. Together, we can strengthen this national resistance network. You can call or write the contacts listed for more information as to time and location of the meetings.

SAN DIEGO, Tuesday, May 22 and Wednesday, May 23. Contact Bill Phipps & Leo Cauchon (619)231-8020.
LOS ANGELES, Friday, May 25. Contact Catherine Morris (213) 267-8789.
SAN LUIS OBISPO, Tuesday, May 29. Contact Diablo Project Office (805)543-6614.
SANTA CRUZ, Wednesday, May 30. Contact Crystal, Rabbit, Paul or Jane (408)462-4524.
SAN FRANCISCO, Friday, June 1. Contact Urban Stonehenge (415)641-4095.
BERKELEY, Saturday, June 2. Contact Darla & Terry Messman-Rucker (415)548-0450.
STOCKTON, Sunday, June 3. Contact John Morearty (209)464-3326.
SACRAMENTO, Tuesday, June 5. Contact Chris and Dan Delaney (916)447-3785.
NEVADA CITY, Thursday, June 7. Contact Karen Saffire (916)265-9312.
SANTA ROSA, Friday, June 8. Contact Larry Ferlazzo or Linda Rayner (707) 526-4177.
LAYTONVILLE, Sunday, June 10. Contact Greg or Sydney (707)984-8258.
GARBERVILLE, Monday, June 11. Contact Kathy Eppling (707)923-9960 (w).
ASHLAND, Wednesday, June 13. Contact Dot Fisher-Smith (503)482-5065.
BANDON, Thursday, June 14. Contact Veda News, Box 802, Bandon, OR 97411.
EUGENE, Friday, June 15. Contact David Oaks (503)485-0091.
PORTLAND, Saturday, June 16. Contact Johnny Baranski (503)288-1888.
SEATTLE, Sunday, June 17. Contact Allyson Hunter (206)583-0497.
POULSBORO, Wednesday, June 20. Contact Ground Zero (206)692-7053.
VANCOUVER, Friday or Saturday, June 22 or 23. Contact Bill Horne, c/o Trident Action Group, 104-1955 West 4th Ave., Vancouver, B.C. V6J 1M7.
MONTANA, Monday or Tuesday, June 25 or 26. Silence One Silo Peace Camp, maybe Great Falls or Missoula, also. Contact Species Life House (406)549-9449.

No stops have been scheduled yet for Idaho or Utah, although we plan to contact groups in Pocatello and possibly Salt Lake City.

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THIS ISSUE...

There are over 30 new actions in this issue, and over 30 nuclear resisters in jail! It's not easy being an editor--we've had to decide how to fit all this inspiring information on these eight pages. First to go were poems and announcements. Then we decided to leave out "The Inside Line--Writings from Jail" this time, choosing instead to intersperse writings from resisters throughout the articles. We trust that you, too, find hope in the sheer volume of nonviolent resistance reported in this issue.

NEXT ISSUE...

Our plans call for us to return to Arizona the first or second week of July. We anticipate our next issue will be printed towards the end of July. Therefore, correspondents and local contacts note: PLEASE, it is important to send your action reports to us as soon as possible after the action. This way we will know, upon our return, where arrests have occurred, and who to contact for complete information for the next issue. Please continue to send reports of arrests and jailings to Box 37, Tempe, AZ 85281. (If necessary, mail marked "URGENT" will be forwarded to us on the road.)

We realize that during these times of widespread resistance, 10 or 11 weeks is a long gap between issues for effective prisoner support, etc. However, we are personally very fatigued, and do not want to publish the next issue while traveling. That proved to be extremely difficult and tiring on our last trip. Also, we need time to evaluate our networking trip and plan for our immediate future. Not to mention, time for some serious fundraising--something our schedule has not permitted much of, but without which we can no longer continue to publish.

For the past year, we have not kept steady employment or income, nor paid rent for a place of our own to live. (The past nine issues of the Nuclear Resister have been put together in eight different locations!) We have instead devoted ourselves to education and networking on behalf of the Nuclear Resister, because we believe that it is very important work. During this time, we have relied on the enormous generosity of friends and family for occasional work, food and housing. We are planning to move from Tempe this fall and establish a more stable home environment where we can better raise our son and continue our work for his, and for all the children's, future. We hope to live in community with others.

The support of your thoughts, prayers, kind words, and yes, your donations, as always, is very much appreciated. ♥

Unless otherwise indicated, the views expressed on these pages are those of the author and not of the Nuclear Resister or the National No-Nukes Prison Support Collective.

Readers are invited to submit short essays (200-800 words) for possible publication on these and other related subjects: jail experience, historical accounts and lessons from past resistance experience, opinion on issues resisters face, reflections on where we are and where we go from here. Essays will be printed as space and appropriateness permits.

Submissions of poetry, court statements, leaflets and original graphics and drawings from resisters jailed past or present are also invited.

All submissions will remain in our files, unless accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope for their return.

To facilitate reporting to us on local arrests and jailings, we have available upon request "Action and Jail Report Forms", an open-ended, self-explanatory questionnaire designed to provide us with the basic information we need to report on the action. The completeness and depth of coverage we provide is entirely dependent upon the volume and quality of information provided by our readers. Please help us by using these forms as the basis for your reports.

More Reflections

"...They will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my names sake. This will be a time to bear testimony. Settle it in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how to answer; for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict." Luke 21:12-19

Recently, a friend of mine was picked up on trumped up charges at an anti-nuclear weapons related multinational campaign. The charges were clearly unwarranted and the procedure, illegal. A flyer was sent out asking people to write the judge asking him to dismiss the case. The letter writing campaign worked. He was released.

Many times I have been in the holding tanks in the Public Safety Building in downtown Pittsburgh awaiting arraignment after doing civil disobedience at Rockwell's corporate headquarters. We would wait what seemed an eternity. When we were finally brought out for arraignment and the door was opened into the courtroom my heart would leap at the sight of a roomful of supporters and reporters.

Bail was posted. Fines were paid. Promises were made. But, as we left, often having been the only white people brought before the magistrate, I would look into the faces of the others who had not been insulated from the wrath of the legal system by a room full of supporters, media coverage, and cash for fines and bail. These people were defenseless and vulnerable.

Martin Luther King once said: unmerited suffering is redemptive. Jesus remained virtually silent when confronted with false accusations by religious and governmental authority. How can we hope to experience the power of powerlessness if we have prepared a sophisticated legal defense that insulates us from the punishment reserved for those without funds for bail and lawyers. The doors to the unseen cosmic redemption might never be opened if we are unwilling to fully and experimentally give ourselves to unwarranted abuse. If we are publicly crying out for an end to this society's suicidal nuclear defense, shouldn't our personal lives exemplify the vulnerability we're calling people to? Standing defenseless before the power of the state would demonstrate to the world our solidarity with the poor--especially if we directed our media and legal work to our fellow prisoners who have needs far beyond our own.

My experiments with peacemaking have led to this point of re-evaluation of how I want to engage the courts. As with any experiment, further investigation is called for. At this point in my search into peacemaking, I am convinced that "to not meditate beforehand how to answer" when taken before the authorities means just what it says. Resurrection comes only by way of the cross. And if we find ourselves the victim of trumped up charges, we are in good company.

Vincent Scotti Eirene
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(Feedback is welcomed)

THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

To all of you who contributed to the Prison Witness Support Fund, I would like to express my great appreciation. Thanks to you and others who took up the appeal, we were able to pay the bills in full.

Eight healthy, thriving children welcomed their Mom home. It's good to be back, although the times will undoubtedly send me forth once again soon.

Your generosity will never be forgotten. May God bless you all.

In peace,
Helen Woodson

HOLY WEEK (CONT.)

SENECA ARMY DEPOT

Early Good Friday morning, Phil Dancer, on probation for previous conviction on re-entry charges, climbed the fence into the Seneca Army Depot. While inside, he threw blood on the control tower at the air-strip and piled sandbags at the end of the runway before being arrested and charged with re-entry and depredation of government property. He was held in jail on \$5000 bond until Tuesday, when he appeared in front of the district court judge for a probation violation hearing. Phil was then sentenced to three months in jail. He still faces trial for the other two charges.

Later in the day, ten participants in a service prepared by Catholics Against Nuclear Arms climbed the fence at the Depot. All but one received ban and bar letters and were released. Mark Carver was charged with re-entry and is free awaiting a June trial.



Letters of support can be sent to Phil Dancer; Monroe County Jail; Room 3ME10; 150 S. Plymouth Ave.; Rochester, NY 14614.

NEVADA TEST SITE

"We are here to witness the teaching of Jesus that sacrificial love overcomes death."

The Third Lenten Desert Experience (LDE) took place from April 1 to April 30. This spring vigil at the gates of the Nevada Test Site included prayer, fasting, silent meditation and nonviolent direct action, underlined by a reverence for all creation.

More than 620 nuclear weapons have been set off at the test site since the 1350-square-mile facility, 65 miles northwest of Las Vegas, opened in January 1951. The Lenten Desert Experience is calling for an immediate test moratorium. LDE organizers point to the legal obligation of the United States and the Soviet Union to pursue a comprehensive test ban treaty under the 1963 Partial Test Ban Treaty.

Seventy-two people were arrested during actions which began on Tax Day, April 16, and extended through the Easter weekend to April 27. Varied charges included trespass, pedestrian in roadway and unlawful assembly for actions, some of which involved the burning of a tax form and dollar bill, blocking the road to the test site with a sign which read "Closed for Conversion" and dismantling the rope barricade which surrounded the legal demonstration area.

The district attorney decided not to file charges against the protesters.

GE Space Center

Continuing the witness at the General Electric Space Center in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, Annette Faltot and Rev. Vernon Schmidt were arrested March 27 as they tried to serve communion and leaflet the workers at the lobby entrance to the plant. Both were released on citation, and have heard nothing else from the court. The G.E. Space Center is working on, among other items, DSCS III, a satellite system for maintaining command and control of nuclear forces during and after the final war.

NETWORK NEWS

On April 6-8, over 100 people from upstate New York, southern Ontario and elsewhere gathered in Syracuse to share information and ideas about nonviolent direct action. Workshops and strategy sessions covered such topics as jail time, responses to U.S. intervention, group process, confronting authority, feminism and nonviolence, long term direct action campaigns, etc. Plans were laid for another regional meeting during the summer to work out plans for continued networking. For more information, contact Andy Mager; 100 Trinity Place; Syracuse, NY 13210; (315)472-7010.

The address noted in our last issue for the Midwest Resistance Network has been changed. The new address is Midwest Resistance Network; 1027 5th Ave. SE; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; (319)362-9041.

PERSHING PLOWSHARES (CON'T)

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cedure. Paul refused to participate, so all were given 24 hours to read the charges in their cells. Pre-trial conference was then set for July 15, trial July 16.

Tim Lietzke and Jim Perkins were brought before still another judge, who inquired of the prosecution about the unusually high bond. Bond in their case was reduced to \$5000.

On May 3, Judge Powell took all cases on his own docket and was considering consolidation. Also on May 3, a Federal Grand Jury filed charges of felony depredation of government property and felony conspiracy. These charges alone carry a maximum sentence of 15 years in jail. True to the best advice for dealing with Grand Jury inquiries, the eight declined to testify when asked if they wanted to talk to the Grand Jury.

In Federal Court on May 4, Judge Deitrich deferred arraignment until after the eight had had a chance to talk together with an attorney—a right forbidden them at the county jail. Deitrich issued an order allowing this to happen.



All are currently in jail, refusing to post bond. Letters supporting their motion for consolidation and their right to meet together to prepare for trial are requested, and should be sent to Judge Rom Powell; 65 E. Central; Orlando, FL 32802. Letters can be sent to the women at the Orlando County Jail; 2424 33rd St.; Orlando, FL 32809, and to the men in the Orange County Jail; Box 1440; Orlando, FL 32801. Further information can be obtained from Pershing Plowshares; Box 585; Orlando, FL 32802.

In support of the Pershing Plowshares, three people attended a Martin Marietta shareholders meeting in Baltimore on April 26. The three stood and read an indictment of Martin for their war crimes and crimes against humanity. Sunshine Appleby, one of the three, was arrested when she poured blood on financial records and business documents relating to Martin's military contracts. Her trial is scheduled for May 25. The others were escorted out without arrest.

Plowshares Statement

We act in faith in a time when the Doomsday Clock stands at three minutes to midnight, in a time of fear, desparation, violence; a violence concretized in the Pershing nuclear sword that, pointed at the heart of the Russian people, intensifies the cycle of threat, deployment, counter-threat on both sides. This nuclear threat holds all people hostage: the people of Germany, the first to die in a "limited nuclear war"; the poor everywhere, victims now of the poor everywhere, victims now of the \$256 billion we spend this year on the arms race, of the \$4.6 million spent on just one Pershing.

In a time of the militarization of thought, of oppressive silences and twisted words that call the Pershing—offensive in speed, range, accuracy—a "defensive" weapon, we decry these realities with the symbols of hammers and blood; we express our desire to repent of the deeper violence that "secures" power and property while it bankrupts the spirit of a nation pledged to a welcome for the world's oppressed and to life, liberty and happiness for all.

In choosing to disarm our own fear and to say No to one weapon at its source, we celebrate the renewal of life; we choose the way of love that we and our children may live.

TAMPA

At a newly built General Dynamics Trident design facility in Tampa, Florida, 25 persons of all faiths gathered on Good Friday afternoon. After celebration, prayer and sharing, Dan Harford and Dan Moore walked towards the building carrying a banner reading "General Dynamics is nailing our world to a nuclear cross". Both were charged with trespass when they refused to leave, and released that day.

At their arraignment on May 14, Dan Moore will plead no contest and expects a jail sentence due to a previous conviction for civil disobedience in Florida. Dan Harford, also a repeater, will ask for a bench trial at that time.

For more information or to support either man if they are jailed, contact Bea Moore; 1630 2nd St. South; St. Petersburg, FL 33705; (813)821-3523.

Inside & Out



James Perkins, Tim Lietzke, Tod Kaplan, Per Herngren, Paul Magno, Jr. and Patrick O'Neil, Orange County Jail, Box 1440, Orlando, FL 32801.

Peter Dougherty, Oakland County Jail, Box 300, Pontiac, MI 48056.

James Smith, Daniel LaGrou, Carlon Foltz and Sol Metz, Trustee Camp, Oakland County Jail, Box 300, Pontiac, MI 48056.

Ken Berger and Pat Robertson (May 29), Marquette County Jail, Marquette, MI 49855.

John Penley #22170-004, Federal Custody, Richland County Detention Center, Cell-block 1-4, 1400 Huger St., Columbia, SC 29201.

Maggie Olson (June 8), Douglas County Correctional Center B-8, 710 S. 17th St., Omaha, NE 68102.

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

Larry Rosebaugh #11386-077 (Nov. 12, 1984), FCI LaTuna, Box 1000, Anthony, TX 88021.

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

Martin Holladay #12522-083 (late May '84), Federal Prison Camp, Pembroke Station, Danbury, CT 06810.

Richard Miller #12521-083 (late May '84), Federal Prison Camp, Pembroke Station, Danbury, CT 06810.

RECENTLY RELEASED:

Paul Hood, Judy Beaumont, Sue Ann Shay, Fred Philippi and Richard Sauder.

Larry Morlan, County Jail, 6104 County Drive, Disputana, VA 23842.

David Owen (mid-June '84), San Diego County Jail, 222 West C St., San Diego, CA 92101.

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

Mark Scheu (early June), St. Louis County Adult Correctional Institution, 18199 Chesterfield Airport Rd., Chesterfield, MO 63017.

Felton Davis III, Morris County Jail, Morristown, NJ 07960.

Phil Dancer (mid-July), Monroe County Jail, Room 3ME10, 150 S. Plymouth Ave., Rochester, NY 14614.

Anne Montgomery and Christin Schmidt, Orlando County Jail, 2424 33rd St., Orlando, FL 32809.

WAR TAX RESISTANCE

In the past few years, the number of war tax resisters had increased considerably, part of the increasing resistance on all fronts to the increasing militarization of American society. Protests occurred at hundreds of IRS and post offices and weapons related sites around the nation on April 15, 16 and 17. Most involved leafletting taxpayers as they deposited their returns, but several also included other acts of resistance which resulted in arrests. A few of these were also tied into Holy Week protests which are noted elsewhere in this issue.

ARIZONA

In addition to being Tax Day, Monday, April 16 was also the day children's author Theodore "Dr. Suess" Geisel received a special Pulitzer Prize for his decades of writing. Dr. Suess's latest title, "The Butter Battle Book" is an allegory of the nuclear arms race with an uncertain ending. It is also his first book to make the adult best-seller list.

On noon of that day, Brad Munns of Phoenix and Judy Brown of Flagstaff entered the Motorola Government Electronics Group Plant in Scottsdale, Arizona. They asked to see the general manager, J.R. Linnicome, to deliver a copy of "The Butter Battle Book" and their personal message to him. Linnicome's plant manufactures radar transponders for the Pershing II missile, as well as millions of dollars of other military products. Marshall Thomas, Motorola security chief, took the book and promised to give it to Linnicome. Brad and Judy told Mr. Thomas they'd wait just outside for confirmation the book had been delivered.

On the lawn in front of the main entrance, Judy and Brad took baby bottles filled with their own blood, knelt and poured blood over each other's hands. Employees on lunch break began to gather nearby. Supporters began distributing leaflets, and the two held out their bloodied hands repeating, "The blood is on our hands for paying taxes that buy weapons. The blood is on Motorola's hands for building these weapons. The blood is on our hands. We accept responsibility for the murderous work carried out here in our name, and we say 'NO MORE!'"

Both were jailed overnight before arraignment on trespass charges. Supporters gathered for a late evening vigil at the jail and some remained through the night. At the arraignment, both pleaded "for the children", the same plea entered by all six previous persons arrested at Motorola. A "not guilty" plea was entered for them by the judge. The two were then released pending a pre-trial hearing May 7.

Also in Arizona on April 16, nine people were cited for being pedestrians unduly delaying traffic as they blocked the roadway leading into the Davis Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson. All were released that day, and pleaded not guilty at their arraignment April 26. Trial was set for May 17 and 18.

PORTLAND

In Portland, the blockade of a local defense contractor coordinated by two groups, Northwest Action for Disarmament and Alert for Latin America, led into an unplanned occupation of the headquarters of the local Reagan/Bush campaign offices.

On the morning of April 16, about 150 people gathered at OECO Corporation, manufacturers of guidance equipment for MX, Trident and other nuclear missiles, as well as spare parts for Minuteman missiles and several military aircraft. From their perch atop one of the buildings, a few protesters unfurled banners with anti-nuclear and anti-intervention slogans. On the ground, police tried to avoid making arrests, repeatedly removing those who blocked the doors. Officers on horseback worked to keep supporters at bay and the prying eyes of the press from viewing the hair-pulling and arm-twisting used to clear the sidewalk. In all, 25 arrests were made for disorderly conduct, harassment, criminal trespass and tampering with animals. The last charge was lodged against two people who struggled from being crushed between a police horse and a parked car.

Early in the afternoon, the crowd moved on to Reagan/Bush headquarters, where they occupied the office and de-

manded to speak with the president by phone about the necessity for nuclear disarmament and non intervention in Central America. After a period of negotiation, 26 people were arrested when they refused to leave, half of them juveniles. Of the 51 people arrested, many refused to give their names or gave the names of Salvadoran death-squad victims. Nonetheless, all were released by early the next morning. A few of the group have pleaded no contest and received a sentence of time served. Most await various arraignment dates.



CINCINNATI

North of Cincinnati, on April 17, about 17 members of the Ohio Nuclear Weapons Awareness Group gathered at the gates of the General Electric plant in Evandale, where engines for the B-1 strategic bomber and for F-15 and F-16 fighter planes are manufactured. Five men and two women sat in the roadway for about two hours, singing, speaking, praying and reading documents about the nuclear arms race before being arrested and charged with criminal trespass.

The seven were held in jail until their arraignment the next day. Polly Brokaw and Laurie Rizzo pleaded no contest and refused fines of \$100 and \$50, respectively. Polly had a recent conviction for trespass at a nuclear processing plant in Fernald, Ohio. Both were then re-sentenced to ten and five days in jail, respectively. Polly was released April 19 when a supporter paid her fine, and Laurie was held until Monday, April 23, due to the jail's method of counting time served.

Ernest Bromley, Maurice McCrackin and Thad Coffin, who had non-cooperated with their arrest, were brought into court--Thad walking and Maurice and Ernest dragged in. When asked, all entered creative pleas; Ernest that "the people rise up and stop the arms race", Maurice that "we stop preparing to drop bombs around the world" and Thad "for humanity". All were ordered returned to lock-up until they were prepared to plead guilty, not guilty or no contest. Kevin McGee pleaded not guilty pending trial April 27, and was released on bond. Gary Skitt, the last of the seven, pleaded no contest, was found guilty and fined \$100.

Court was interrupted as the judge again called the cases of Bromley, Coffin and McCrackin. He announced he would not bring them back into court, and entered a not-guilty plea for each, then ordered them released. Court was interrupted again when court personnel informed the judge the three non-cooperators had refused to sign the release bond. After clearing his docket, the judge ordered them released whether they signed the bond or not. A trial date was later set for May 2, but none of the three were expected to attend voluntarily.

Kevin McGee was convicted April 27, by a judge sympathetic to the goal of disarmament but opposed to trespass as a means to achieve it. He was sentenced to a 30 day suspended jail term, \$100 plus court costs, 20 hours of community service and one year's probation.

LIVERMORE

The day after Tax Day was set for resistance at Livermore Labs in California. On April 17, 31 people were arrested. All but nine people were released with no charges being pressed--the nine refused to identify themselves and could not be identified by authorities. Eight gave their names after two nights in jail in return for a sentence of time served--one woman remained in jail two more nights before receiving a similar sentence.

For the next three days, April 18, 19 and 20, successive teams of two people were sent into the security zones surrounding Site 300, an annex to Livermore Labs where conventional explosives tests

are conducted, some related to nuclear weapons triggering systems. Testing at the site was partially disrupted by the action which resulted in the arrests of 20 people.

A few have already been arraigned before Judge Orr, and the remainder will be arraigned in his court on May 9. Those already arraigned pleaded not guilty, were given an immediate bench trial and convicted. Showing some kind of sympathy, Orr sentenced each person to two days in jail and ordered them to write six letters to "those bastards at the Lab".

WISCONSIN

In Madison, Wisconsin, about 200 peace people blocked mail trucks from leaving the main post office with recently-mailed returns on the night of April 16. Police eventually cleared and dragged the crowd from the path of the trucks, arresting only one man who lunged back to grab hold of the departing truck and was dragged for about one block. Charges of disorderly conduct were later dismissed against the man, who suffered only scrapes.

Farther north, the day before, at the site of the Navy's deep-sea "ELF" communications antenna in the forest near Clam Lake, Wisconsin, life-affirming northwoods folks walked along the antenna lines to a meeting at the transmitter. The ELF (Extremely Low Frequency) transmitter and antenna system are designed to secretly, simultaneously signal deep-cruising nuclear submarines to the surface, where they would receive the command for a coordinated first strike attack.

Once at the transmitter site, the group circled, joined hands and spirits while confessing complicity in war preparations on Tax Day, and inviting ELF workers to join them in a Palm Sunday Celebration of Life. Bread was broken and shared. Some then affirmed their faith in the life-giving nature of the Earth and dramatized the need for new priorities by excavating the driveway in front of the main gate and planting trees.

Despite the tree planting, no arrests were made. The Navy and county sheriff have reportedly responded to the resister's efforts at reconciliation and decided not to arrest people if at all possible. Previous confrontations had been marred by police and Navy violence.

For further information about the above actions, the following groups can be contacted:

MOTOROLA--c/o the Nuclear Resister; Box 37; Tempe, AZ 85281.
DAVIS MONTHAN AFB--Rhea Miller; c/o Casa Maria; 401 E. 26th St.; Tucson, AZ 85713.
GE--Marion Bromley; 10208 Sylvan Ave.; Cincinnati, OH 45241.
PORTLAND--Northwest Action for Disarmament; Box 4212; Portland, OR 97208.
MADISON--Disarmament Now, c/o Peacemakers; 315 W. Gorham St.; Madison, WI 53703.
LIVERMORE--Livermore Action Group; 3126 Shattuck; Berkeley, CA 94705.
ELF--Citizens Against Trident/ELF; Box 364; Webster, WI 54893.

For information about groups involved in war tax resistance near you, contact the National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee; Box 2236; East Patchogue, NY 11772; (516)654-8227.

White Train Blocked in Memphis

The latest shipment of nuclear warheads left the Pantex plant during the first week of May, and headed east towards Charleston, South Carolina to be loaded aboard missile-carrying submarines there. Again, the train was met with protest in many cities through the south. In Memphis, on May 2, six persons who sat or knelt on the tracks were arrested to clear the way for the Death Train's passing--Randy Flower, Claire Hanrahan, Carol Carson and religious sisters Elizabeth Walters, Chris Gbrowski and Ginny King.

Randy was released after posting bond the same day. The five women were held overnight pending arraignment. All except Elizabeth Walters pleaded not guilty to trespass and will appear again in court on July 18. Elizabeth pleaded guilty, and was fined \$100 plus court costs. None are currently in jail.

General Dynamics Foes Jailed

Two more people arrested nearly one year ago on Peace Pentecost, May 23, 1983, at the offices of General Dynamics in St. Louis have concluded their trials. Representing herself, Clare Bussjaeger was convicted by a jury on April 4, and sentenced April 13 to 30 days in jail and \$200 fine. She was released in early May.

On April 6, Mark Scheu was also convicted after presenting his own defense to a jury. On May 4, he received a sentence of 30 days in jail and a \$300 fine.

Edgar Robert and Angio Gorman face late May trials for the same action.



SUPPORT ACTION

Letters of support can be sent to Mark Scheu; St. Louis County Adult Correctional Institution; 18199 Chesterfield Airport Rd.; Chesterfield, MO 63017.

Lenten Vigil Arrests at FMC

Five members of Twin Cities Pax Christi were arrested March 9 at the first of seven Lenten vigils they had organized at the Food Machinery Corporation (FMC). Despite the innocuous sounding name, FMC currently receives about 80% of its work from Navy contracts, including cruise missile launching systems for the big boats.

Following a short service at the gate of the plant, eleven people braved below-zero weather and processed around to where the Burlington Northern rail line enters the plant. Five persons were arrested as they knelt in prayer

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Persistent Graffiti Marks TMI Anniversary

Felton Davis writes:

"At 4 a.m. on March 28, five years to the hour after the narrowly avoided meltdown at Unit 2, I went to the headquarters of General Public Utilities in Parsippany and spray-painted four messages across the building, pillars and sidewalk--NO NUKES, KEEP TMI 1 SHUT DOWN, NO MORE NUCLEAR VICTIMS and LISTEN TO THE WIND.

"The last is a reference to Psalm 104:4, in which the Lord makes the wind into a messenger. Arrested and charged with felony mischief, I was held in the county jail in lieu of \$2000 bail. On Friday the 13th, the charge was reduced to a petty offense, the bail eliminated, and I stayed in jail refusing release on recognizance. On Thursday night, the 19th, I was brought, with no notice of any kind, before municipal judge Bernard Berkowitz in Parsippany. I presented orally a defense of justification based on New Jersey state law: "A person who knowingly or recklessly fails to take reasonable measures to prevent or mitigate widespread injury or damage commits a crime..." (NJS 2C:17-2) (This law, if taken seriously, would make felons out of the entire adult population of the state, outside a handful of SEA Alliance members.) Judge Berkowitz denied this defense, found me guilty and questioned me intensely with regard to sentence. When the alternatives were refused/ruled out and he ascertained that I had no money, no sizable possessions and no address (which is true), he ordered me exiled from New Jersey, "until the laws changed, or G.P.U. changes, or you change". Since I had been brought to court without notice, the only witnesses were a few Parsippany policemen (including the strictly brought up Catholic officer who arrested me, who was busy reading my Ezekiel-based statement in last month's *Harvest of Justice*, and was rather mystified by the proceedings). They had never seen an exiling (exile?) before, and they weren't sure whether their municipal judge was authorized to order it. I'm still not sure of that myself, but on with the story.

"Judge Berkowitz declined to specify how I was to get out of New Jersey, or how long I had to accomplish it, but he did say that if I was found anywhere in the state, a maximum sentence of six

Honeywell Takes Direct Action

Continued resistance in Minneapolis has brought a number of responses from the corporate headquarters of Honeywell, manufacturer of conventional and nuclear-related weapons components, including "cluster bombs" used in Indochina and Lebanon. On April 27, 256 people were arrested during the third mass civil disobedience action at the offices in the last year. In that time, Honeywell has begun building permanent and temporary fencing around the property in anticipation of each new action. They have hired public relations consultants to take a media offensive including full page ads in the local press and co-sponsorship of a public discussion series entitled "Prospects for Peacemaking: Rethinking National Security and Arms Control". And Honeywell chairman Ed Spencer is promoting his new essay, "A New Anti-Nuclear Strategy" which actually proposes to eliminate only "tactical" nuclear weapons.

At 5:30 a.m., April 27, about 600 people gathered near Honeywell for bonding and reflection before the action. At 6 a.m., affinity groups went to Honeywell and blocked the few remaining entrances in the temporary fencing. About 200 people were arrested in this manner, and the remainder were taken into custody when they didn't clear a sidewalk fast enough for police. Included in the later group was an attorney for the Honeywell Project (organizers of the protests) and a public defender.

Most of those arrested were charged with misdemeanor obstructing traffic and released. A small number without ID or from out of state were taken downtown to the courthouse before being released. One man, Jeff Leys, was jailed pending his May 7th trial when he refused bail. Another man, Jon Nelson (who had come from Seattle to participate in the ac-

tion because it had been dedicated to the late Ruth Youngdahl Nelson, a Minnesota peace activist and his mother), was found not guilty by a judge the day of the action. Jon stipulated to the facts, was asked if he had actually blocked workers, and answered no. In fact, most of the arrests were made before workers arrived at the plant.

Arraignment dates have been set for late May, and most cases are expected to be continued after the summer. An appeals court decision is expected this summer on the "claim of right" defense, which has won the acquittal of some of those arrested last April at Honeywell. The courts continue to deal with each case individually, and now have about 600-700 separate trials scheduled, while they await the appeal decision!

For more information, contact the Honeywell Project; 3255 Hennepin Ave. Rm. 245; Minneapolis, MN 55408; (612) 827-6299.



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Nonviolent "Fugitive" Nabbed & Jailed

Two years ago, six persons were arrested as they entered the Savannah River Plant in South Carolina. All were convicted under provisions of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 and sentenced to pay \$1000 fine. John Penley, one of the six, disappeared after the judge ordered him to cooperate with a pre-sentencing investigation or face contempt of court charges. The \$1000 bond which had been posted for him was lost.

On February 17, John was arrested by federal agents at the Miami International Airport, as he returned to the United States from six months in Nicaragua. He spent the previous six months investigating U.S. actions against the people of Nicaragua, and taking photographs. The day before his arrest, he had spoken at a demonstration in front of the U.S. Embassy in Managua. John was held for two months in Miami before being extradited to South Carolina where he now awaits charges of interstate flight to avoid prosecution. He writes:

"Conditions here, as in all South Carolina jails, are very bad. I am currently organizing fellow prisoners to protest the starvation diets we are all on.

"This letter is a call for all resisters of nuclear madness to join me in solidarity at the Richland County Detention Center in Columbia, South Carolina.

"The Savannah River Plant is located near Aiken, South Carolina. There is a nice green lawn in front of the D.O.E. Administration building. This lawn is accessible by public road. A picnic on the Savannah River Plant property will cost \$1000 and a few months in the Richland County Detention Center. A picnic on the Savannah River Plant property may be a step in saving all life on our planet. Help stop United States nuclear weapons at the source. Join me. If you can't make it, please write."

Trial is scheduled to begin on June 4 in front of Federal Judge Charles Simons. Simons owned stock in DuPont (who runs the Savannah River Plant) until two days before John's first trial. At the original sentencing, Simons complained that the law did not allow him to jail those convicted as he would like to have done.



SUPPORT ACTION

For more information and to express support, write John Penley, 22170-004; Federal Custody; Richland County Detention Center; Cellblock 1-4; 1400 Huger St.; Columbia, SC 29201.



SUPPORT ACTION

You can also write to Felton Davis at Morris County Jail; Morristown, NJ 07960.

HOLY WEEK (CONT.)

MALSTROM AFB

The Sixth Annual Easter Peace Celebration at Malstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, Montana, attracted about 300 people on Easter Sunday. A spiritual service over two hours long included reflective readings, song and nuclear comedy. It ended with participants offering their thoughts and prayers, a breaking and sharing of bread and a final song. Those risking arrest then gathered in a circle, and, as the spirit moved them, crossed the line. As the circle of resisters outside the line diminished one-by-one, the crowd sang "Will the Circle Be Unbroken". Twenty-one people were arrested. Most pleaded guilty and received a sentence of 30 days, 25 suspended, and a \$100 fine. Sentences are being served on weekends in county jails where each person lives. Dr. Susan Mann, Father Joe Tobin and Tim Kearney pleaded not guilty or no contest, and posted bond for their release, in Kearney's case after spending a night in jail. Trial dates are unknown at this time.

For more information, contact Easter Peace Action; c/o Bob Weston; 514 Sherwood; Missoula, MT 59802.



CHICAGO

The Chicago Life Community has been vigiling at the headquarters of Morton Salt Co., now Morton Thiokol, on a weekly basis for five months. Morton Thiokol produces the propulsion system for the MX, Trident I & II, Poseidon and Minuteman missiles and operates three munitions plants that supply flares, artillery shells, etc. to Third World countries among others. During Lent, the community enacted a different Station of the Cross there each week connecting Morton Thiokol's role in the suffering and condemnation of Christ in our world today.

On Holy Thursday, in a vigil commemorating the betrayal of Christ and others, seven members of the community entered the building to pray there as 20 other members continued their prayer outside. Although repeatedly warned to leave, the seven maintained their sense of prayer until arrested 45 minutes later. They were released the next day on their own recognizance. Their leaflet read in part, "We come... to confront this madness in the strength and weakness of our faith. Not to do so would be to deepen our own complicity in this betrayal".

Chris Hannibal, Missy Myer, Dorothy Eber, Jean Gump, Neil Dunaetz, Kevin Coley and Bob Bossie were charged with criminal trespass and disorderly conduct. At their trial the group was permitted to testify about their motivations and the real issues in the case. They were found guilty and placed on three months supervision, "a slap on the hand", one of them noted.

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and refused to leave the tracks. Pax Christi chose the railroad tracks to draw attention to Burlington Northern's complicity in transporting the White Train through other parts of the country.

The five were charged with trespass and released. All pleaded not guilty, and face a pre-trial hearing on May 8.

For more information, contact Twin Cities Pax Christi; 1884 Randolph; St. Paul, MN 55105.

ROCKY FLATS

On Palm Sunday, April 15, seven of the regular Sunday vigilers at Rocky Flats stepped inside the west gate of the nuclear weapons plant near Denver. There, they joined hands across the gate with the rest of the group outside. A U.S. marshal arrested Shirley Whiteside, Bill Sulzman, Al Zook, Jennifer Haines, Anna Koop, Peter Ediger and Marge Roberts, and took them to Denver County Jail for the night, charged with trespass.

On Monday, Magistrate Royce Sickler set bond at \$500 each. Jennifer and Al refused to pay. The others were bonded out after two more days.

At their arraignment on April 26, Sickler entered not guilty pleas for everyone, without asking how they wanted to plea. Jennifer and Al were then released on personal recognizance, without even a verbal promise to appear.

A trial date has not yet been set.

The previous Tuesday, about a dozen people had blocked a train from entering the Rocky Flats plant. These trains usually remove nuclear waste produced at Rocky Flats for burial in Idaho. A woman identifying herself as Katya Narcoleptic was arrested and pleaded guilty before Magistrate Sickler. She was fined \$500, which she refused to pay, and was released the next day when the Magistrate acknowledged they would never get the money from her.

LIVERMORE LABS

The Lenten Peace Coalition conducted Good Friday services at Livermore Lab on the morning of April 20. Following the ecumenical service, 39 people were arrested. Eight persons gave their names and were released on citation. They are scheduled for arraignment May 11. The other 31 were forced out of jail after giving their names later in the day, and have yet to receive a summons or court date.

DAVIS MONTHAN AFB

At Davis Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, where cruise missile operators are trained, Sally Manshardt and Meg Fox, part of the Friday Morning Breakfast Club which regularly vigils and billboards at the base, were arrested on Good Friday. Both women dressed in black robes. Walking from opposite sides of the road to the center, the two then poured blood on the boundary line marking the entrance to the base. They then removed their robes to reveal colorful clothing, picked up a potted lily and cut tulips, and walked towards the cruise training buildings. Both women were arrested, cited for trespass and released to await their trial.

AVCO

At 3:30 a.m. Easter morning, a group of five members of the CenterPeace community, sponsors of a weekly vigil at the AVCO Systems Division in Wilmington, Massachusetts, slipped through a security fence near AVCO's Building #4 and celebrated Catholic Mass. AVCO makes essential parts of Pershing II, MX, cruise and submarine-launched missiles.

As they began taking communion, the five were spotted by AVCO security personnel making their rounds outside the fence. While security pondered how the five got inside and tried to get through the fence themselves, Mass was completed. Oblate Brother Dan Gagnon, Louise Cochran, Susan Alex, Father Robert Branconnier and David Morin-Specht were arrested and charged with trespassing. All five refused to pay \$20 bond, in solidarity with those who cannot afford such privilege, and were held overnight. At their arraignment Monday, the five pleaded not guilty. A pre-trial date of June 7 was set, and all were released on their own recognizance.

For more information, contact CenterPeace; 550 High St.; West Medford, MA 02156; (617)488-0376.

PENTAGON

Resisters gathered at the Pentagon again for Holy Week, but perhaps because so many veterans and new volunteers were busy elsewhere, only four people were arrested as they again splattered blood on the pillars of the House of Death. Jean Holladay, Frank Boteler, John Pendleton and Jan Kuenning were arrested and released on their own recognizance on Friday, April 20. Trial dates were set for May and June.

Update Files



Karl Smith recently served 30 days in the D.C. Jail following conviction for blockading the doors of the PENTAGON during last December's Holy Innocents actions. He was released May 4, and headed for trial in Syracuse, New York as one of the Griffiss Plowshares. Pat O'Neil was also convicted in early April for a similar blockade, and given a sentence of probation. Pat is currently in jail in Florida as one of the Pershing Plowshares (see story page 1) and was recently informed he is wanted by the feds in D.C. for probation violation...Five women arrested in CHICAGO during an anti-militarist demonstration on International Women's Day (March 8) have had their charges dropped. They had occupied a Marine Recruiting office...Brigitte Cooke, arrested last fall with Helen Woodson as they poured blood on nuclear missiles at the NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM, was sentenced January 23 to probation and payment of restitution...Despite legitimate concern that politically motivated transfers may move Larry Rosebaugh and Roy Bourgeois, the two men expect to finish out their sentences at the addresses noted on page 3 of this issue. Larry and Roy, along with Linda Ventimiglia, were jailed following their successful efforts to speak with Salvadoran soldiers training at FT. BENNING, GEORGIA. Larry writes, "My experience sitting in one place allows the flow of letters and correspondence I'd never manage on the streets."

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MATHER AFB

Authorities at Mather Air Force Base, outside of Sacramento, California, also had eight peaceful protesters arrested on Good Friday when they walked onto the Strategic Air Command B-52 base to pray. Seven women and one man were arrested and charged with trespass, then released. All plan to plead no contest or guilty at their arraignment on May 11. Six of the women represented Grandmothers for Peace, and five of the group have prior civil disobedience convictions on their record.

ELECTRIC BOAT

At the Electric Boat Shipyards in Groton, Connecticut, where the Trident Submarines are built, 13 people were arrested on Good Friday. They and their supporters had enacted a Stations of the Cross, and then those arrested blocked the doors to the offices of the Supervisor of Shipbuilding. All were released pending arraignment May 11.

MOORESTOWN, N.J.

At the RCA Plant in Moorestown, New Jersey, work is done on the Aegis air-sea defense system, a sophisticated radar and computer technology to help the Navy participate in a nuclear war. Franciscans from a hospitality house in Philadelphia have been vigiling there for the past eight months. On Thursday, April 19, the group arrived at RCA early to enact a Stations of the Cross ceremony, culminating with the pouring of blood and ashes at the entrance to the "Combat Systems Engineering Division". Rick Seiber, Pat Seiber and Tom Ennis were arrested and charged with trespass as they blocked the roadway. Friends held banners proclaiming "Peace Through Love" and "Make Music, not Weapons". The three had been arrested and sentenced to probation recently for a similar act, and on this occasion were tried and convicted, and sentenced by the same judge to 14 days in jail. All were released May 8.

In a group letter from jail, they write, "Conditions here are about average. It's mostly maximum security, dormitory style. The three of us are together and doing fine. As always, the poor far outnumber the non-poor. The stories of trumped up charges and long sentences are universal".

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.

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And a keen awareness develops that people across the U.S., as well as the universe, are becoming connected". Roy writes, "These are certainly critical times and our voices and actions are needed more than ever before. Please give my love to all the folks" ...No further action has been taken against any persons recently arrested or cited for crossing the line at the STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND near OMAHA, NEBRASKA... Walter Dorrell was released April 19 after being sentenced to time served (almost four months), plus five years probation and 200 hours of community service for each of the five years. He is appealing the sentence on issues raised by the Plowshares Eight appeal. Walter had been arrested in December spray-painting "Love your Enemies", "Kwajalein", "Ebeye" and a peace sign on an MX missile assembly building at VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE ...DIABLO CANYON NUCLEAR POWER PLANT in CALIFORNIA "went critical" recently, signalling an end to the People's Emergency Response Plan which had resulted in the arrest of 532 people since January. Towards the end, even multiple repeaters were only serving four day sentences after each offense, as visiting judges expressed their sympathy with the goal of stopping Diablo. While some locals are reportedly moving



from the area now that the plant is operating, most people's energy is high and the popular pressure will continue on legal and extra-legal fronts to close the nuke down...The Motorola Five, who had been charged with trespassing at the SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA Government Electronics Plant of the company, were sentenced on April 3 to a suspended fine and six months unsupervised probation. From a statement given at sentencing by LeRoy Mason, a retired clinical social worker: "There are those who would label the action as unpatriotic. I submit that patriotism does not necessarily consist in agreeing with one's government. I consider my action patriotic and my opposition to nuclear weapons an opposition of loyalty to a country for which I care deeply. We were found guilty of criminal trespass. The law as it is currently interpreted seems inadequate to bring justice to bear. The Nuremberg Decision apparently does not constitute a defense. To my mind its application to the manufacture and stockpiling of nuclear weapons is clear. The Nuremberg Decision decreed citizens have an obligation to take action to prevent a wrong from occurring"...Tom Farley, arrested for trespass at DRAPER LABS in CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS March 7, was convicted April 10 and served ten days in jail...Bill Phipps' retrial on several charges of trespass at a GENERAL DYNAMICS PLANT in SAN DIEGO was in progress as we went to press...Joseph Cohen and Edwin Steiner, arrested when they peacefully entered the KING'S BAY POSEIDON NUCLEAR SUBMARINE BASE in GEORGIA last December 28, have not yet been arraigned. Apparently, Georgia law allows the charge to be left hanging over their heads--arraignment can be scheduled at any time until the statute of limitations for the crime has expired...David Danielson and Sheila Parks, arrested at AVCO in MASSACHUSETTS last December 28, will be tried in Lowell District Court, 41 Hurd St., Lowell, Massachusetts beginning May 22. After one judge declined to hear the complicated issues presented by the case, a second judge is expected to make a ruling soon regarding the defendants offer of proof for a competing harms defense. Supporters living in the vicinity are asked to attend the trial... Two additional charges of felony criminal trespass have been laid against the Rooftop Peacemakers, four activists who had poured blood and un-

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Covenant for Peace members Pat Robertson and Ken Berger were each sentenced to a year's probation and \$110 in fines April 9 after pleading guilty to various charges stemming from protests at a missile parts plant last November and December.

The wife-and-husband pair helped organize a "Week of Witness and Resistance" at Williams International Corporation in Walled Lake, Michigan, where engines for cruise missiles are made. During the protest week, 51 people non-violently blockaded the plant entrance. Thousands more prayed, vigiled and sang before the white gates of the Williams compound.

Berger and Robertson had been charged with obstructing the entrance to a place of employment; disturbing the peace; conspiracy to do these things; and littering.

furled banners from atop a building at the GENERAL ELECTRIC SPACE CENTER in VALLEY FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA, on the 36th anniversary of Gandhi's assassination. At their arraignment April 11, all four entered a plea "for the children". Fred Philippi was released from jail to prepare for trial with the others. No trial date has been set yet, but due to the so-far successful appeal of the Plowshares Eight conviction, the Rooftop Peacemakers trial could be very significant...Trial for the GRIFFISS PLOWSHARES begins May 14 in Syracuse, N.Y. Support activities are planned in conjunction with the trial. Contact Griffiss Plowshares, Box 199, Syracuse, N.Y. 13201, (315)424-1175...Still no action has been taken against women and men arrested at the SENECA ARMY DEPOT who refused to pay fines imposed as part of their sentence...TORONTO officials have dropped charges against Angela Browning and Burt Keser, who had led protest marches up the major street in town in defiance of a ban on such demonstrations. The city will allow marches, etc. for six months, to see if it hurts local businesses, the claimed reason for the ban. Len Desroches, Ruth McCarty and Peter Dundas will be tried in mid-August for actions at LITTON SYSTEMS/CANADA last November 18. Litton, with the financial backing of the Canadian government, makes cruise missile components. The president of the company recently claimed that peace protests at Litton were the reason his company was not invited to bid on a contract for guidance systems for advanced cruise models...Recent trials on federal charges of persons arrested at DAVIS MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE in TUCSON have resulted in lengthy probation and community service sentences. One judge handing down community service sentences has allowed resisters to work their hours with the American Friends Service Committee, Cruise Resistance Coalition, Nuclear Free State, Central American Refugee Project and other political and human service organizations...Of 15 people arrested at LITTON SYSTEMS PLANT in GRANTS PASS, OREGON last June 20, 12 didn't pay their fine. Warrants are out for their arrest in the county, but many were recently in court supporting other activists without incident. They had been attending the April 12 trial of seven persons arrested at Litton last October 24. David Oaks of Eugene was jailed overnight for contempt when he persisted in addressing the pertinent issues of necessity and International Law, defying the judge's prohibition of such testimony. The courtroom was cleared after supporters applauded and verbalized their feelings when the contempt citation was made. A mistrial was then declared, and a prosecution motion was granted for calling for separate trials. No new dates have yet been set...A trial date of May 16 has been set for four Idahoans who blocked the WHITE TRAIN last February 23... Three of five women peace campers sentenced to jail and fines or community service after walking into a KENT, WASHINGTON BOEING CRUISE MISSILE ASSEMBLY PLANT to talk with the workers have decided to refuse the community service and fine. They face the suspended six month sentence at a hearing in late May.

Before announcing the sentence, the judge said, "There is no doubt in my mind of your respect for life and your sincerity in what you did and what you stand for". But it's his job to enforce the laws, he said. He then meted out 20-day jail sentences to the couple, covered by time already served (on a civil charge arising from the same protests), and \$110 in fines for each. He also ordered the pair not to engage in similar protest activities during their year of probation.

After the proceeding, Robertson told a reporter that she did not feel she could "stand idly by" during a year of probation while the arms race continues unabated.

Meanwhile, May pre-trials have been set for 12 other defendants, with trials expected to begin thereafter.

PEACE CAMPERS APPEAL RIGHTS DENIAL; SEEK SUPPORT

Activists in Toronto have asked for financial support in their appeal of a conviction for demonstrating in a public park. Members of the Queen Park Peace Camp had been arrested for trespass June 29 when they refused to break camp. The judge had stated that protesters may not hide behind the veils of the Constitution, and that freedom of speech and assembly guaranteed in the Canadian Charter of Rights, do not apply to demonstrations. Demonstrations are not legal, only tolerated, he claimed. Donations to help with court costs of appealing this ruling should be sent to the Queen's Park Peace Camp Defense Fund; c/o Iler, Campbell and Associates; 136 Simcoe St. #201; Toronto, Ontario; CANADA M5H 3G4.

In other Canadian protests, activists on at least two occasions have been physically assaulted at regular public speakouts in downtown Toronto. Assault charges have been filed against a security guard working for a nearby shop, in one instance.

A potentially divisive incident occurred April 16, when five Communist Party/Canada members were arrested at the request of the Toronto Disarmament Network prior to public talks sponsored by the Network. Retired Rear Admiral Eugene Carroll was speaking about the need for nuclear disarmament, while the leafletters, who usually march alongside Network activists, were critical of Carroll's support for conventional arms build-up and Third World intervention.

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FUTURE ACTIONS

griffiss afb

A week of community education, leafletting and cultural events around Griffiss Air Force Base will be capped off by civil disobedience actions at the base on June 4 - 6. For more information, contact Carrie Stearns; c/o Griffiss Plowshares; Box 199; Syracuse, NY 13201.

rock island arsenal

Rock Island Arsenal, the U.S. Army's largest weapons-producing arsenal and home for the command center for nuclear and chemical war planning, sits on an island in the Mississippi River, between Illinois and Iowa. Project Disarm, a midwest coalition, is planning a mass direct action ("Nonviolent/Mobile/Effective") to shut down the arsenal on June 4. For more information, contact Pattie King; Box 4551; Des Moines, IA 50306.

avco

Civil disobedience and a peace camp are being planned at AVCO Systems in Wilmington, Massachusetts for the weekend of June 17. AVCO manufactures Euro-missile components and MX warheads. The actions are in solidarity with European resistance and protest planned for that weekend. For more information, contact the NE Campaign to Stop the Euromissiles; 2161 Massachusetts Ave.; Cambridge, MA 02140; (617)492-6446.

peace pentecost

Sojourners Peace Ministry and the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action are working together to coordinate vigils, prayers and civil disobedience on June 10, Peace Pentecost Sunday and the following work day, at bomb factories, military bases, research centers, defense contractors and towns along the tracks of the White Train. For information on activities being planned in your area, or to coordinate actions you plan with others on these days, contact Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action; 16159 Clear Creek Rd. NW; Poulsbo, WA 98370; (206)692-7053 (for White Train actions) or Sojourners Peace Ministry; Box 29272; Washington, D.C. 20017; (202)636-3637 (for other witnesses around the country).

uss alabama

Alabama natives and residents are urged to be among participants in civil disobedience planned during demonstrations at the commissioning of the USS Alabama in May, at the Electric Boat shipyards in Groton, Connecticut. For more information, contact War Resister's League; Box 1093; Norwich, CT 06360; (203)889-5337.

sac/omaha

Civil disobedience is planned at SAC Headquarters near Omaha on August 5. For information, contact Tom Cordaro; Midwest Resistance Network; 1027 5th Ave. SE; Cedar Rapids, IA 52403.

day of direct actions

On September 24, a Day of Direct Actions Against the Arms Race, local groups throughout the country are planning activities. This day of resistance is being coordinated by Mobilization for Survival; 853 Broadway; NY, NY 10003; (212)533-0008.

sentry for peace

The Sentry for Peace witness at the Pentagon continues strong, but people are needed for the summer months and beyond. Visiting Washington, D.C. this summer? Plan to include at least one full day of quiet vigil and fasting at the Pentagon while you are there, to continue this human presence at this place where death is planned. For out-of-towners, hospitality will be provided by St. Francis Catholic Worker Community. For more information and to make reservations, contact Sentry for Peace, c/o Salem Resistance; Box 28081; Washington, D.C. 20005; (202) 722-4481.

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.

Lockdown Report Available

The lockdown of the Federal Prison at Marion, Illinois continues. The People's Law Office in Chicago, which has been coordinating legal efforts on behalf of the Marion inmates, recently testified at Congressional hearings in Washington, D.C. A copy of their report to the inmates about the hearing, and the Office's "Updated Public Report About the Continuing Lockdown and Torture of Prisoners at Marion" are available from the Nuclear Resister for \$2 printing and mailing costs.

Letters urging Congress to demand an end to the lockdown, to conduct an independent investigation of the beatings and lockdown, and to convene hearings in Marion itself to hear testimony from the prisoners are needed. Send letters of concern to Hon. Robert Kastenmeier; 2137 Rayburn House Office Building; Washington, D.C. 20515, as well as to your local representatives and senators.

Finally, the People's Law Office has no funding and is in need of donations to support their work on behalf of Marion prisoners. Tax-exempt donations made out to Citizen's Alert, Inc. can be sent to the People's Law Office; 343 S. Dearborn St.; Rm. 1607; Chicago, IL 60604.

NATIVE SUPPORT NETWORK

Readers interested in writing letters to support other Native people's struggles for sovereignty and justice around the world are invited to contact the Indigenous People's Network (IPN); 3309 16th St. NW; Washington, D.C. 20010; (202)328-7744. This information, networking and support service has a proven record of directing support to Native peoples when they need it. It grew out of the efforts of the staff of Akwesasne Notes, an established journal of Native American thought and action.

IPN publishes regular and emergency bulletins--subscriptions are \$15 for individuals, \$25 for organizations. Please subscribe if you are a regular letter-writer.