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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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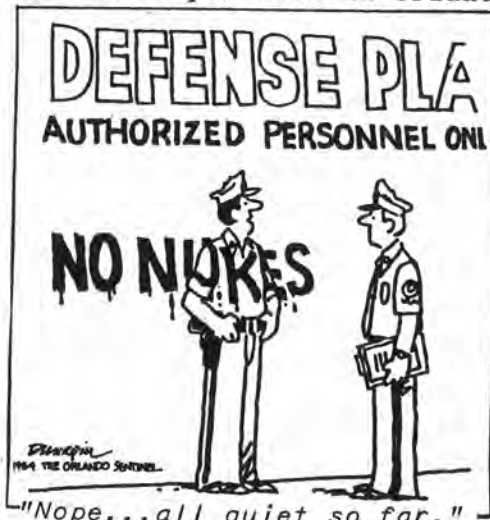
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Two Plowshares Groups Convicted & Jailed

The Pershing Plowshares--Per Herngren, Todd Kaplan, Tim Lietzke, Paul Magno, Sr. Anne Montgomery, Patrick O'Neill, Jim Perkins and Christin Schmidt--were tried and convicted in July, on federal charges stemming from their Easter/Passover disabling of Pershing II missile components at Martin Marietta Corporation in Orlando,



Florida. The conservative atmosphere of the state dominated the courtroom. In spite of much difficulty in speaking the truth of their witness, the defendants were able to speak of their concern for the human family, and their nonviolent, loving intentions. Objections to discussion of motive, international law, God's law and Pershing missiles were repeatedly sustained, with Judge Young ruling at one point that neither the Bible nor the concern for the future of the children was relevant. *continued top of next column*

Probation Revoked ~ Missourian Jailed

On April 20, Good Friday, companions of Shalom returned to Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri, a Titan missile base, for a religious service and civil disobedience. In the past, people crossing the line at Whiteman have received ban and bar letters. Again this spring, seven people walked over the line and received ban and bar letters. Before the demonstration even began, however, federal agents had descended upon a nearby park where folks meet before going to the base, and arrested George Mummert. George trespassed twice on the base in 1983, and had since refused to file regular probation reports. After his second trespass, George had been sentenced to five months and 29 days, suspended on two years probation. He was now sentenced to serve the original jail term.

While George is in jail the witness at Whiteman continues. On June 23, in celebration of the summer solstice, four people witnessed; one crossed the line and was barred for two years. On July 14, 22 people attended a Mimes for Peace witness, and five who crossed the line received the same barring letter. A walk from Bendix Corporation in Kansas City to Whiteman will mark Hiroshima and Nagasaki Days. For more information, contact companions of Shalom; Box 7588; Columbia, MO 65205.



George said it helps to receive mail, but that getting most of the mail delivered on his block is a little hard to deal with. Asked how he manages with that difficulty, which many jailed resisters share, he replied, "Walk very humbly". George Mummert #02564-045; Metropolitan Correctional Center; 71 West Van Buren St.; Chicago, IL 60605.

Trial was concluded in four days, and after 90 minutes of deliberation, the jury pronounced the eight guilty of depredation of government property and conspiracy. On July 26, all were sentenced to three years in jail for depredation, five years (suspended) for conspiracy plus five years probation after the completion of their jail term. The group was also ordered to pay \$23,000 restitution--the cost of the damaged weapons. State charges also pending were dropped the next day, and the eight remain in federal custody awaiting assignment to federal prisons.



The defendants first urge others to keep on living and speaking the truth. Letters of support can be sent to the group or individuals c/o Pershing Plowshares Support Committee; Box 585; Orlando, FL 32802.

Further north, and two months earlier, the Griffiss Plowshares had a slightly better opportunity to speak the truth. Federal Judge Howard Munson allowed evidence to be presented on a defense of necessity by ten expert witnesses in addition to the defendants themselves. The defendants were allowed to speak at length about their personal motivation. The judge denied the jury the right to consider a justification defense, but it was clear by the length of their deliberations and their verdict that the testimony had had a positive effect. The jury found Vern Rossman, Clare Grady, Liz McAlister, Karl Smith, Jackie Allen, Kathleen Rumpf and Dean Hammer guilty of conspiracy and destroying government property, but acquitted them of the most serious charge, sabotaging the national defense. This distinction indicated that the jury agreed with the defendants that the weapons damaged last Thanksgiving at Griffiss AFB--cruise missile launch systems--are not defensive weapons, but rather intended for a nuclear first-strike.

On July 16, sentence was imposed: three years for Dean Hammer, Liz McAlister, Vern Rossman and Karl Smith, and two years for Jackie Allen, Clare Grady and Kathleen Rumpf. Although the case is on appeal regarding international law and defense of necessity, all seven remain in jail, likewise awaiting assignment to federal prisons.

For her support action of pouring blood on corporate documents at a Martin Marietta stockholders meeting in Baltimore, Sunshine Appleby spent seven days in the Baltimore City Jail.



Letters can be written to the seven c/o Jonah House; 1933 Park Ave.; Baltimore, MD 21217. Letters will be forwarded.

Michigan Resisters Fast in Jail

The Christian celebration of Pentecost saw arrests in Michigan as resistance there continued undaunted. On Sunday, June 10, about 20 people vigiled outside the gates at Wurtsmith Air Force Base, a cruise missile deployment site. Seven people entered the base to hand out leaflets. Five of the seven were given ban and bar *continued on page 3*

G.E. Joes Refuse to Cooperate

Ernest Bromley, Thad Coffin and Rev. Maurice McCrackin failed to appear for trial on May 2 in Cincinnati, Ohio. The three men had been arrested April 17 at a General Electric plant producing B-1 bomber engines in Evandale, Ohio. They refused to cooperate with their arraignment, and had been ejected from jail and court without signing their release papers. Warrants were issued for their arrest, and on May 11, Rev. McCrackin was arrested and taken to jail. Ernest Bromley was picked up and jailed May 13. Trial was set for May 16, and Thad Coffin, wanting to make himself available for trial with his co-defendants, obliged police by presenting himself in front of the G.E. gate on May 15. He was arrested again, and taken to jail. Kevin McGee, who had been part of the original action April 17, was also taken into custody back at the City Hall, where he had come to observe deputies' treatment of Thad. Kevin was charged with probation violation and spent one night in jail with the three non-cooperators.

The next morning, at their trial, they were convicted and sentenced to seven days in jail, with credit for time served. McCrackin was released that day, and Bromley the next morning, May 17.

On May 28, Thad was convicted of the May 15 trespass, and sentenced on June 5 to 30 days in jail. He declined to cooperate and was wheeled from court in an office chair, then carried on a stretcher to jail. He began taking only water, and on June 21, 17 days into his fast, fainted in the visiting room of the jail. He was released at a special hearing the next day, and placed on unsupervised probation until September 1.

Kevin McGee, meanwhile, was sentenced on June 18 to three days in jail for violating the terms of his probation when he was arrested May 15.

The Ohio Nuclear Weapons Awareness Group, organizers of the actions, have been leafletting and picketing weekly at the G.E. plant since the beginning of June. For more information, contact Marion Bromley; 10208 Sylvan Ave.; Cincinnati, OH 45241.

One Year for Blood on Pentagon

On July 12, Jan Kuenning was sentenced to one year in federal prison for pouring her blood on a pillar of the Pentagon last Good Friday, and for blocking one of the entrances. She had refused an offer of probation, claiming she could not put her conscience on hold.

"It is my preference to go out and pour blood as soon as possible," Jan said, "for the Pentagon must be named again and again for the bloody charnel house that it is." The judge replied, in part, "You cannot express your views with blood. It is only your religious conviction that the Pentagon is murdering people." Jan answered, "Justice is no longer served by my remaining silent. This is blood that cannot be washed away in spite of repeated attempts by the Pentagon to wash those pillars. The harvest of the Pentagon is death...My sense of the injustice being done is what compels me to speak out."



Letters can be sent to Jan Kuenning; D.C. Jail; 1901 D St. SE; Washington, D.C. 20003.

Resistance Reflections

Felice and Jack Cohen-Joppa, editors

As we put the finishing touches on this issue, we are preparing to travel to South Dakota for the Nonviolence in Education and Action National Conference. This issue should reach subscribers during the time of year when we all are taking action to preserve the memory of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and remembering the victims of those acts who continue to suffer and die today. We hope this newsletter continues to inspire the hope that through our actions and support for one another, we will stave off the quick death of nuclear war and the slow poisoning of nuclear power, that we and our children may live in a brighter future.

We recently returned from our second major networking trip this year, which took us up the west coast from San Diego to Vancouver, B.C., and then back to Arizona via Montana, Idaho and Utah. We are both quite fatigued and a bit burned out these days, a consequence of so much travel and so little time settled in a home environment of our own. Our plans now are to find and settle in a new home sometime in September, and then begin work on the next issue of the Nuclear Resister. We ask that friends and correspondents please keep us informed of actions and jailings at Box 37; Tempe, AZ 85281. Our mail will be forwarded wherever we move.

On this trip, we were able to share some of the perspectives, feelings and concerns of many of the people we met with. Many things were discussed: the importance of community, the value of nonviolence workshops as a community resource, disappointment at the deployment of Euromissiles, burn-out, prison, property destruction, spirituality...

A sense that some of the energy for supporting resistance was being diverted by the elections was often expressed. This view was balanced by the conviction that come next spring, it will be obvious that no matter who is elected, nuclear policies will not change unless we continue to resist, take risks, and challenge those policies in the streets. Historically, nonviolent campaigns have succeeded by being conscious of their appeal to people's hearts, and aware that once large numbers of citizens are moved, politicians must follow that lead.

We found resisters often making links between many issues. For example, between U.S. nuclear policy and our interventionist foreign policy in Central America, and to a lesser degree, the mideast and Pacific as well. More actions addressing both issues are occurring across the land.

The future of the movement, and where resistance goes from here was (and remains) a topic of much discussion. Faced with the realization that still only a small but growing number of people in the peace movement are willing to commit themselves to a campaign of sustained resistance, the question arises, how do we increase these numbers?

Most people we spoke with seemed to feel that the message of hope they carry is not well communicated through the media reports of their actions.

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.

Rather, it is the individual encounters with the authorities, bystanders, circle of friends, etc., during and after the actions, which best reach out to the public with that sense of hope. The lesson then is to act locally and act often, to increase this exposure.

We also listened to many personal, hopeful stories of different actions. These were particularly appreciated.

These topics, as with others which came up, were never fully explored. Time did not permit it, because we always had other towns to visit, more people to meet. And the people, in fact, were the best part of the trip for us. The opportunity to have met so many fine, committed folks this past year has been a rare one, and greatly appreciated. It has helped add a bit of personality to the letters and phone calls which make up the bulk of our connection with resisters and their

supporters across the country. We are thankful to all who helped arrange meetings in their communities, provided us with lodging and meals while we travelled, made donations to our work, and especially to the people who cared for Cassidy while we met with people.

A recognition from our midwestern U.S. networking trip of last fall, was reaffirmed--the reality of a growing network of resisters, spread out in towns and cities from coast to coast, connected by a commitment to life and hope for the future.

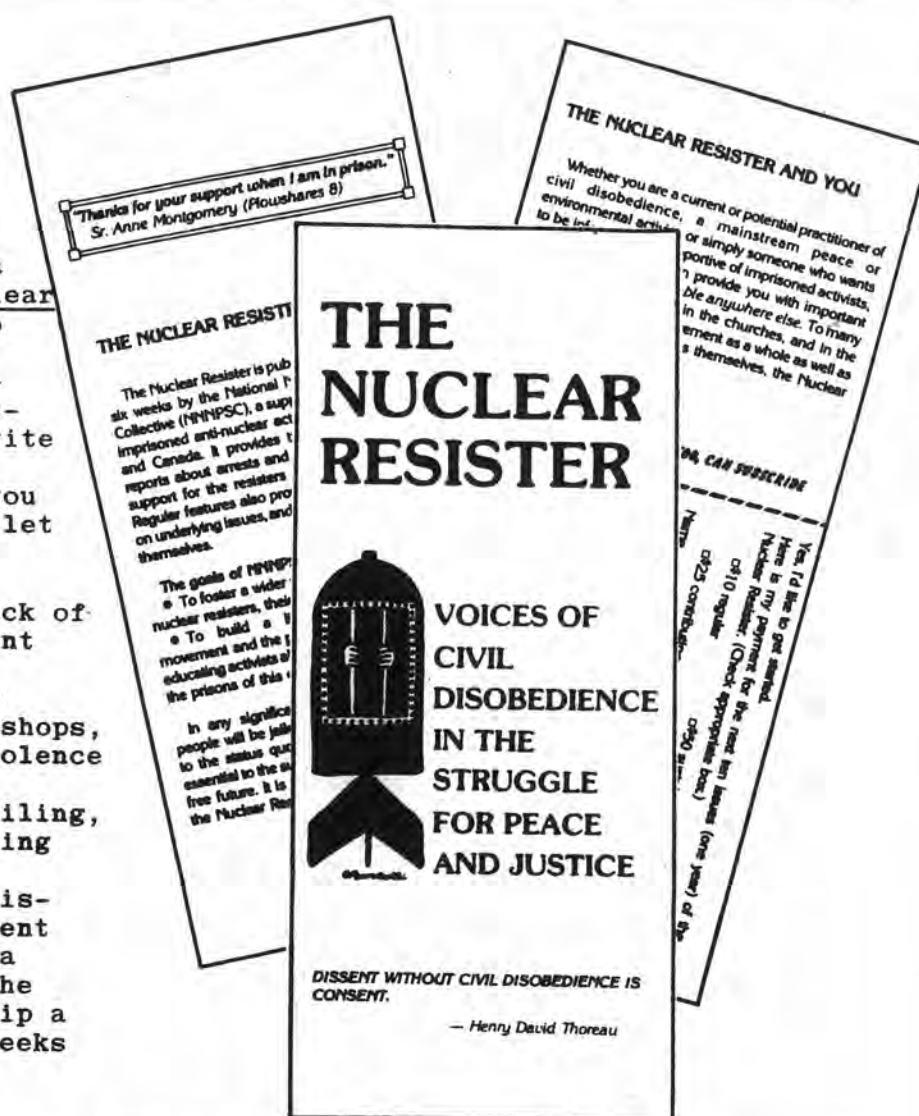
Special thanks this issue to Dan, Elaine and Naomi for letting us use their home as our office, and to Amy, Aggie, Bev and Cheryl for childcare. And finally, to TQ, who makes sure the mail follows us.

BROCHURE AVAILABLE

We have recently prepared a brochure which describes the Nuclear Resister and encourages people to subscribe as a way of keeping in touch with the growing civil disobedience movement and of supporting imprisoned resisters. We invite your help in distributing these brochures. We will gladly send you a bundle free on request, if you let us know how you can help. Some suggestions include:

- place them on the literature rack of your local peace center or movement group office.
- pass out or place on a table at demonstrations, conferences, workshops, civil disobedience actions, nonviolence trainings, etc.
- include in your group's next mailing, particularly mailings about upcoming civil disobedience actions.

Also, if you would like to distribute multiple copies of a current issue of the Nuclear Resister at a special event, let us know what the event is and when, and we will ship a bundle. Please allow up to two weeks delivery.



Slave Ship Alabama Launched

On May 19, the launch of the sixth Trident submarine, the USS Alabama, was met by 800 demonstrators at General Dynamics' Electric Boat shipyard in Groton, Connecticut. The theme of the demonstration was the connections between racism and militarism. Puppets, banners and a brass band helped set the mood. Guests of General Dynamics were greeted by a huge Trident banner labeled "Slave Ship Alabama", dangling black paper chains, symbolizing how we are all enslaved to the bomb.

Leaflets distributed noted that, "The racism ingrained in U.S. history is a disease which continues to affect our society... Just as Blacks in the South in the 50's and 60's declared their freedom from racism, today we declare our freedom from the threat of nuclear war. We are saying that we are still slaves--slaves to a military master who produces Bombs instead of Bread. We are saying we will be free."

Forty-two people were arrested in various acts of civil disobedience; some outside the shipyards, two people who gained entrance and held up banners and chanted, many more as they blocked buses and limos carrying politicians and officials to a post-launch party at a mansion on a local college campus. Two members of the Deep Knee affinity group managed to swim across the water to the mansion where they held up a banner and chanted "Trident is Death" before being arrested.

All arrested were charged with disorderly conduct--charges later dismissed, as has become the routine. Many expressed frustration with this routine and feel that stepped up resistance is called for to continue to challenge Electric Boat, the courts, and the resisters themselves.

Three days later, on May 22, Sunshine Appleby was arrested at Electric Boat after throwing blood on the steps of the administration building. Her statement read, "This is the blood of our children and ourselves spilled on the doorsteps of the Trident Death Factory. Our little planet is too small for enemies. We must stop planning each other's murder". Sunshine was held on \$100 bond for ten days until charges were dropped.

For more information on upcoming Trident resistance, contact the Coalition to Stop Trident; Box 235; Uncasville, CT 06382; (203)889-5337 or (203) 562-7935.

"Let Love Disarm Us All"

On July 14, Atlantic Life Community resisters Ellen Grady and Peter DeMott were married in Ithaca, New York. To commemorate the occasion, Felton Davis, out of jail with an itchy index finger and paint left over from repeated graffiti sojourns at the Pentagon and two New Jersey nuclear utilities, found a nice, dark, rust-colored wall in New York City. It happened to be on the Federal Building, near where over 300 people were arrested June 7 during an anti-intervention demonstration. Felton wrote in gloss-white "To Ellen and Peter; Happy Wedding Day! Let Love Disarm Us All." He wrote that he could see it from his window at the Manhattan Metropolitan Correctional Center, where he expected to spend one week on a charge of degradation of government property.

Congratulations and best wishes to Ellen and Peter!

Michigan (cont)

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letters, and the others, Sr. Ardeth Platte and Sr. Carol Gilbert, were charged with re-entry. Both were released that day and ordered to appear in federal court on August 6.

On June 11, ten more arrests were made at Williams International, manufacturer of turbine engines for the cruise missile. After blocking traffic into the plant for nearly 15 minutes, Sr. Marge Dewey, Rev. Carlon Foltz, Sr. Sheila Gainey, Mary Girard, Ken Grunow, Rev. Bill Kellerman, Patricia Mentzer, Joel Nigg, Tony Raffenaud and Jeff Schoonover-Higgins were taken before Oakland County Judge James Thorburn, who found them in contempt for violating his standing order forbidding such acts of conscience at Williams. Carlon Foltz was released then for medical reasons, and Joel Nigg was released when he said he had no immediate plans to return to Williams. Joel then told the judge he might return in the future, but Thorburn told him his status was set and no further statements would be heard.

The position of Judge Thorburn, in the Williams cases, has been to jail those resisters who refuse to violate their conscience with a promise not to return to Williams again. Later in the day, all but Carlon Foltz were arraigned in Walled Lake District Court on trespass charges.

On June 26, Sr. Marge Dewey, Ken Grunow, Tony Raffenaud and Jeff Schoonover-Higgins filed an appeal of the contempt charges. All but Dewey were then released on personal recognizance. Sr. Dewey refused to sign the release bond because it contained a promise not to violate the injunction while the appeal is pending.

On July 5, Sr. Sheila Gainey, Mary Girard, Rev. Bill Kellerman and Patricia Mentzer, who along with Sr. Dewey were the only ones remaining in jail, began a water only fast (Sr. Dewey, for health reasons, was taking some food). From their statement as the fast began:

"As we begin this fast our intentions are several: To focus our prayer once again on the nuclear arms race, cruise missile production, and the violence of our own lives; To allow us to identify with the hungry of the world, allowing us to experience to a much lesser degree their suffering; To purify and deepen our resolve to conscience; To call attention to the dangerous and pernicious abuse of civil contempt; To invite others to consider the call of their own consciences... We are held indefinitely until we pro-

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Women Demand Sperry Repay Society

Sperry Corporation, one of Minnesota's largest defense contractors, was visited at their St. Paul headquarters this past June 14 by ten women from the Minnesota Women's Peace Camp. The women were demanding that Sperry repay society the \$3.2 million that Justice Department accountants claim they filched from the taxpayer. Among other means, the company had falsified time cards on MX missile work, and overcharged the government \$350,000.

The ten were arrested after an hour in the lobby, and on July 25 convicted of trespass. Given a choice of a \$75 fine or a 1500 word essay on their goals and how the government should change, seven women wrote the essay, and three, refusing the sentence, spent four days in jail for contempt.

For more information, contact the Minnesota Women's Peace Camp; Box 16135; St. Paul, MN 55116; (612)825-8470.

Network News

The second semi-annual gathering of the Midwest Resistance Network will be held October 5-7 at St. Wenceslaus Church in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; 1230 5th St. SE. All Midwest resisters are encouraged to attend. An agenda will be set Saturday morning. For more information, contact Midwest Resistance Network; 1027 5th Ave.; Cedar Rapids, IA 52403; (319)362-9041.

mise not to return to Williams. This we cannot and will not do. Such a promise would bind our consciences and forswear the call of our God at whose urgings we pray to act. We also wish to make it clear that we are not fasting against Judge Thorburn, an act we would consider to be outside the bonds of Christian love... All this we do in hope for our community, the church and the future of humanity."

On July 16, after considerable public attention and pressure had been placed on Judge Thorburn, Williams International attorneys appeared in court and asked that the five be released, stating that Williams no longer considered them a threat to their company or to society. Thorburn then released the five.

MICHIGAN UPDATES:

Five persons jailed for contempt after a Passover/Good Friday trespass at Williams--Reverends Peter Dougherty and Carlon Foltz, Dan Lagrou, Sol Metz and Jim Smith--all served short, concurrent jail terms, after pleading guilty to the trespass charge, and were released May 10 while their contempt citation is being appealed.

Trials have recently begun for those arrested during a week of protest and resistance at Williams last

Religious Freedom Struggle Continues

Three prisoners undertook the Fast for Life on April 10 in response to the denial of religious liberty for inmates at Marion Federal Prison. Leonard Peltier, Standing Deer and Albert Garza, now at the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners in Springfield, Illinois, are taking nourishment only under threat of being force fed. The lockdown at Marion is still in effect, and the prison, despite official reassurances, is as tense as ever. In response to the demands of the men fasting, prison officials have agreed to allow prisoners' possession of religious articles in their cells, but continue to forbid inmates to meet and pray together, or to have contact visits with spiritual leaders from the outside. Religious visits for all Marion prisoners must still be conducted via telephone through plexiglass barriers.

The three men at Springfield began taking nourishment under protest in late May, after the courts refused to prohibit planned forced feeding--a procedure which can be life-threatening itself for a weakened or resistant faster. Leonard and Standing Deer suffered some digestive problems because solid foods were taken immediately. Al Garza is currently taking only a kosher liquid diet, arranged by his attorneys after he refused to take food or water for eight days in June. All three are otherwise reported in good health and spirits, although considerably thinner. Standing Deer's vision has returned as well. All

November 28-December 3. Readers may remember that they were charged with conspiracy as well as several other offenses. Judge Michael Batchik dismissed conspiracy charges against Greenham Common, England activist Jean Hutchinson, who had been plucked from the crowd of supporters. A jury of six then found co-defendants Crystal McCartney and Michael Hefflin not guilty of the charge. A week later, Ann Laurie, Tom Jones and Benita Mullens were found not guilty of obstructing traffic, and guilty of failure to obey a police officer. Judge Boyce had dropped the conspiracy charge prior to the trial.

Ken Berger and Pat Robertson were released from jail on May 10, following their Good Friday witness at Sawyer Air Force Base in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. They pleaded guilty that day and are awaiting a sentencing date. No action has been taken regarding possible state and federal probation violation as a result of Berger and Robertson's latest witness, and none is expected because probation terms have expired.

In June, Tom Lumpkin and Mary West were found guilty during a brief bench trial for their Easter trespass at Wurtsmith Air Force Base, and will be sentenced August 6.



three will cease taking nourishment again if they are returned to Marion, as long as religious practices and contacts continued to be restricted.

A date for Peltier's new court-mandated evidentiary hearing has still not been set. Trial Judge Paul Benson recently denied a motion to recuse himself from the case. This motion made note of remarks derogatory and prejudicial to Leonard the judge made during a talk given to North Dakota lawyers. His decision is being appealed, so a court date is not expected to be set until September or later.



SUPPORT ACTION

The religious practices demanded by the fasters are commonly accepted at all other federal prisons. Therefore, we urge that readers, particularly those of faith or with religious title, write letters in support of these demands to Warden Jerry Williford; U.S. Penitentiary; Box 1000; Marion, IL 62959, and Norman Carlson, Director; Federal Bureau of Prisons; 320 First St. NW; Washington, D.C. 20534.

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RESISTERS IN JAIL:

Per Herngren, Todd Kaplan, Tim Lietzke, Paul Magno, Sr. Anne Montgomery, Patrick O'Neill, Jim Perkins and Christin Schmidt, c/o Pershing Plowshares Support Committee, Box 585, Orlando, FL 32802.

Dean Hammer, Clare Grady, Vern Rossman, Liz McAllister, Jackie Allen, Karl Smith and Kathleen Rumpf, c/o Jonah House, 1933 Park Ave., Baltimore, MD 21217.

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.

Leonard Peltier #89673, U.S. Medical Unit for Federal Prisoners, Box 4000, Springfield, MO 65802.

George Mummert #02564-045, Metropolitan Correctional Center, 71 West Van Buren St., Chicago, IL 60605.

Jan Kuenning, D.C. Jail, 1901 D St. SE, Washington, D.C. 20003.

John Penley, c/o Merll Truesdale, 18 Bluff Rd., Columbia, SC 29201.

Julie Belmas and Ann Hansen, Prison for Women, Box 515, Kingston, Ontario CANADA.

Gerry Hannah, Matsqui Prison, Box 4000, Abbotsford, BC CANADA.

Doug Stewart and Brent Taylor, c/o Free the Five Defense Group, Box 48296, Bentall Station, Vancouver, B.C. V7X 1A1 CANADA.

RECENTLY OUT:

Larry Morlan, David Owen, Mark Scheu, Felton Davis, Phil Dancer, Peter Dougherty, James Smith, Daniel LaGrou, Carlon Foltz, Sol Metz, Ken Berger, Pat Robertson, Maggie Olson, Martin Holladay and Richard Miller.

Train Fails to Avoid Resistance

There are a limited number of train routes between the Pantex nuclear warhead assembly plant near Amarillo, Texas, and the Bangor submarine base on Washington's Puget Sound. And it seems that no matter which circuitous route is chosen for each successive shipment, word of the train's passing speeds along before it, and it is met by vigils, protest and resistance every step of the way.

The latest shipment of nukes left Amarillo early the week of July 22. Vigilants at Pantex noted its departure and began alerting the phone tree on up the line. This time, the train headed far into northern Montana before going west, but not without encountering, perhaps with some surprise, resistance in the conservative ranching community of Conrad. Conrad sits in the heart of missile country, where every few ranches down any road, fertile plains give way to buried terror--Minuteman II and III missiles, embraced by unwilling earth and rock, in underground fortresses looking quite innocent from above.

About 13 miles east of Conrad, the Silence One Silo (SOS) Peace Camp keeps watch near Silo R-29, and serves as summer home to a resistance campaign which seeks to silence this one silo as Montana's contribution to the beginning of the end of the arms race. On Thursday, July 26, peacecampers Mark Anderlik, Amy Schmitz, Karl Zanzig, Carol Bellin and Sue Silverberg met the White Train as it passed through the town of Conrad, and were arrested for trespass and jailed on \$500 bond. Bond was reduced to personal recognition on Monday, and the five were released pending the assignment of a trial date.

From Conrad, the train headed over the Continental Divide on the south boundary of Glacier National Park, and in Whitefish, west of the park, met nearly five dozen vigilants at about 4:30 Thursday afternoon. The scene was calm as a police line kept most of the vigilants away from the tracks where Mike Caldwell placed his body. After refusing a request by Burlington Northern officials to leave, Mike was removed from the tracks and released later at the police station, without being charged.

Two states later, in Spokane, Washington, over 160 people waited during the hours before midnight on Thursday when the train finally passed through town. Three men, Dave Soble and Dana Visali of Winthrop, and Walter Palman, were arrested about 45 minutes



before the train came, and cited for trespass before being released.

In Vancouver, Washington, across the Columbia River from Portland, a large group gathered on Friday morning to meet the train. Police in Vancouver, anticipating the demonstration, had already placed barricades at the site where a regular vigil is held by the tracks. Demonstrators moved a little further down the tracks, and when the train came through at 11:30, Friday morning, it was forced to stop for about a half-hour while police peacefully cleared 49 people from the tracks. The mood between police and vigilants was very friendly and cooperative, as were relations among the various groups of people from different communities and perspectives who joined in the protest.

The 49 were taken aboard nearby buses, where they were held while the train passed. Police then offered those arrested the option of being released there or taken to the station to be released, announcing that they did not intend to book them, but would only be issuing citations for blocking or delaying a train. After getting a guarantee that all would receive the same court date, the group was released on the citation with an August 1 court date. One man, Bill Hewitt, was taken into custody when he gave his name as "Maxey Flats", a notoriously leaky radioactive waste disposal site in his home state of Kentucky. Bill was charged with obstructing a police officer and later released on bail.

Later on Friday, the train reached its destination at Bangor, but not before 31 people were arrested there. As we go to press, authorities have not indicated what, if any, charges will be filed.

For more information on tracking the White Train, contact Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action; 16159 Clear Creek Rd.; Poulsbo, WA 98370; (206)692-7053.

Nuke-free Ontario!

The Campaign for a Nuclear-Free Ontario demonstrated at the offices of Ontario Hydro company on June 11, resulting in about 50 arrests for trespass. Three women were held overnight for refusing to identify themselves, and a fourth woman, Joanne Young, spent a week in jail before having charges dismissed and being released. Trials for the others are scheduled for August through October.

Two other people were arrested for breaching the peace during the court appearances the day after the action, and one of them, Abie Wiesfield, held for one week on non-payment of a fine from a previous civil disobedience conviction. Other minor harassment arrests are still being made in Toronto.

Nuclear Navy Opposed

Seven Portland peace activists stopped on a draw bridge above the Willamette River on June 7, in time to witness the arrival of a fleet of six Navy warships, including the guided missile cruiser USS Leahy, which is scheduled to receive nuclear-tipped cruise missiles soon. The activists were asked to leave so the bridge could be opened and the ships pass into the Portland dock area, but they refused and were arrested. An initial charge of disorderly conduct was later reduced to improper pedestrian use of a bridge, and the seven await a bench trial in August.

For more information, contact Norm Solomon; c/o Box 42430; Portland, OR 97242.

Women's Peace Camp Re-Opens

The Women's Encampment for a Future of Peace and Justice opened in July for a second season of community education and outreach, protest and resistance at the Seneca Army Depot near Romulus, New York. Seneca is a major nuclear weapons storage facility and transshipment point for nuclear weapons going to Europe.

At an opening ceremony at the Depot gates on July 14, about 100 people gathered to plant a rose bush, share matzoh, the bread of oppression, and the "water of life". Five women scaled the fence and were given ban and bar letters.

On Monday, July 16, the 39th anniversary of the first nuclear weapons test in Alamogordo, New Mexico, twelve women crossed the fence during a morning action. Later in the afternoon, women wove a large web and seven women wove themselves together before crawling under the main gate. At this point, a long-time counter-protester announced she was protesting the lack of security at the base and climbed under the fence behind the others. Altogether, 17 women received ban and bar letters, including the counter-protester, and two were cited for re-entry. Their trial is set for August 3.

Late in July, a college professor from Minnesota doing research on Matilda Jofflyn Gage, a 19th century feminist in the Seneca Falls area, dressed up as Gage and crawled under the depot fence. Sally Roesch-Wagner was released with a ban and bar letter.

Other major actions are planned at the encampment on August 6 and August 31. For information, contact the Women's Encampment for a Future of Peace and Justice; 5440 Route 96; Romulus, NY 14511; (607)869-5825.

Convention Protest Stifled

During the Democratic Convention, San Francisco police were keen to put a quick damper on any possible illegal activity during the many demonstrations planned outside the Moscone Center Convention Hall. They began by roping off a large area outside the hall, and demanding that all protest stay within those limits. The tone was then set with four arrests made on Thursday, July 12 before the convention started. Originally, the four arrested were charged with felonies, but two were later dropped to misdemeanors, and two dismissed entirely.

On Monday, July 16, the opening day of the convention, the "Corporate Warchests Tour" paraded through the financial district. Stopping at various offices, tour speakers detailed the involvements of the particular corporation in preparations for nuclear and conventional war. As the crowd sat in front of the Diamond Shamrock Corporation, listening to the speakers, the police quickly moved in, surrounded the crowd and placed them all under arrest. Claiming that organizers had deliberately staged the tour to draw police protection away from the convention, the police chief ordered that charges of "conspiracy to commit an infraction" be filed, as well as the infraction charge of obstructing a sidewalk. This gave a reason to ask for and receive \$2500 bail for all 89 people arrested. The next day a judge criticized the police tactics, ordered all 89 released, and dropped the conspiracy charge.

Two days later, on Thursday, at least 80 more people were arrested in a similar situation. While many of those arrested were in jail Thursday night, several hundred people marched on the hall of justice. Police again swept through the crowd, this time arresting about 300 of the peaceful protesters.

As the convention came to a close, police hoped to have most of the charges dismissed, their purpose having been served in suppressing any larger demonstrations outside the officially designated protest area. Many of those arrested, however, desire to take their cases to court, to further expose the outlandish nature of the charges.

After the convention, protest moved up to Sonoma County, north of San Francisco, where the Bohemian Grove Club is located. Every year, for two weeks in July, the male political and corporate elite of the country gather to "cremate care" and reportedly escape for a time from the wrath they have brought upon the world. For several years, the "Bohos" have been met at the club by protesters demanding that they resurrect their care for the world. Most observers have noted that far from temporarily withdrawing from their pillage, most Bohos use the opportunity to meet together privately and informally to conspire for the acquisition of more profit and power.

This year, about fifty people were arrested on charges of trespass or blocking the road on July 22, as they attempted to keep these dangerous men confined to their campground and away from their seats of power. Police cleared away their blockade and released all within two hours, pending trial November 2.

Twin Actions Link Intervention & Nukes

Companion actions in Connecticut on May 30 linked nuclear and intervention issues. In Hartford, demonstrators blockaded and poured blood at a Colt Firearms factory which produces M-16s for use by the El Salvadoran army. No arrests were made. In Fairfield, at the corporate offices of General Electric, seven people were charged with disorderly conduct when they refused to leave and continued to leaflet passers-by. Charges were later dropped.

John Bach, one of the participants in the Hartford action, noted that Memorial Day was chosen for the actions because "we figured the best way to honor the nation's dead is to try and cease the killing."

For more information, contact the resisters at 66 Edgewood Av., New Haven, CT 06511.

Web Weavers Jailed

Fifty women and children marked May 24, International Women's Day of Nuclear Resistance, with a walk to the Sanders Associates plant in Nashua, New Hampshire, where they concluded a celebration by weaving 13 of the women within a web of life on the steps of the plant. Sanders has a joint contract with General Electric for the Army and Navy's Integrated Electronic Warfare Systems (INEWS), which protects tactical and strategic nuclear bombers on their missions.

The 13 women, members of the New Hampshire Womyn's Peace Network, were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and trespassing. They were taken into custody, stripped of shoes, glasses, jewelry and all but one layer of clothing before being arraigned in the garage of the police station from which the public and press were excluded. Objecting to the scene, the women held hands and turned their backs on the judge. Several hours later, they were released with a June 2 trial date. For ten hours until their release, supporters vigiled in the lobby of the police station.

At their trial, the women, defending themselves, insisted that the court wait while they formed a circle, discussed and reached consensus on various points. Disorderly conduct charges were dropped midway through the first day. While the many policemen in-

involved testified, the women repeatedly insisted that they be referred to as "women" and not "ladies" or "girls" as some witnesses did. The women were eventually convicted and served seven days in jail.

The women plan to initiate more direct action against weapons manufacturers in the future. For more information, contact the New Hampshire Womyn's Peace Network; Box 311; Concord, NH 03301.

WRITINGS FROM JAIL

THE INSIDE LINE

BEYOND BARS

*O Spirit of Life quicken
Disciples of truth-force
To dance the dreams
Of prophetic conspirators
Of ages past and to come.*

*Then to dare to loosen
Fear's dreadful grasp
Behind bars of injustice,
Projection of humanity's
soul-less
Despairing of one, holy
communion.*

*In paint chipped cages of
stone and metal
"Enemies", innocents, and
justice-seekers segregated
From the spirit-emptied masses
collaborating in death,
Herded and jammed as one,
Without intimacy,*

*There to create
A sign of love;
Community beyond bars.*

-Tim Lietzke

(Thanks to the Pershing Plowshares Newsletter.)

Good Friday at GTE

GTE Corporation in Westboro, Massachusetts, develops the Command, Control and Communications systems for the MX and Minuteman missiles. It has long been the site of regular prayer vigils and occasional arrests. On Good Friday, April 20, seven members of "Peace Witness at GTE" walked up the driveway toward the plant, where they invited workers to pray with them for peace. When the seven refused to leave immediately, they were arrested, charged with trespass and disorderly conduct, and then released.

At their trial May 30, Judge Tracy allowed the seven, representing themselves, to present a defense of necessity. They spoke of other peacemaking efforts they had engaged in, and of their faith in the power of prayer. The judge listened patiently and attentively, then found them guilty of trespass and not guilty of disorderly conduct. He put the case "on file" and declined to sentence them.

For more information about the on-going presence at GTE, contact Peace Witness at GTE; 21 Crown St.; Worcester, MA 01608; (617)756-1038.

Also on June 4, midwest activists joined together in an attempt to shut down the Rock Island Arsenal. The Arsenal is home of the Army's Armament, Munitions and Chemical Command, which manages inventory, assembly and transport for the army's conventional, nuclear and chemical arsenal.

Organized by Project Disarm, a coalition of midwestern groups, the call to "Shut Down the Arsenal" had a distinctly militant, although strictly nonviolent character. The army replied to pre-action publicity by spending over \$1 million on security fortifications, which left the Quad-cities area (Davenport and Bettendorf, Iowa and Rock Island and Moline, Illinois) bordering the arsenal looking like an armed camp. They closed the three bridges to the arsenal, which sits on an island in the middle of the Mississippi River. This act sealed off all federal property, forcing local police to make arrests.

Vancouver Five Sentenced

The five Canadian activists who had been charged with bombing the Litton plant near Toronto, where guidance systems for the cruise missile are manufactured, were convicted and sentenced following their first trial. Then, on June 4, Ann Hansen entered guilty pleas to all remaining charges against her, including the Litton bombing. She was sentenced on June 6 to life in prison. The next day, Brent Taylor and Doug Stewart engaged in some plea bargaining, the result being Doug's sentencing to six more years in prison and having Litton charges dropped, and Brent receiving 22 more years but still scheduled to face the Litton charges at a trial in Ontario later.

Julie Belmas and Gerry Hannah had actually entered into plea agreements during the course of the first trial, although a press blackout was placed on the details. Julie pleaded guilty to the remaining charges, including the Litton bombing, and was sentenced to 20 years. Gerry had had the Litton charges dropped in the agreement, and was subsequently sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Recent subscribers and new readers may wonder why we have reported on the actions of these imprisoned activists since they were first implicated in the Litton bombing. We quote from our "Resistance Reflections", (Nuclear Resister #17, June 6, 1983):

"The challenge, then, is how should the nonviolent resistance movement respond to violent acts of resistance by apparently sober and knowledgeable people in our midst. Some of the people engaged in nonviolent civil disobedience have no qualms about destroying property...but when destruction of property involves the use of a force (such as a bomb) which is beyond the immediate control of the resister--surely these are totally unsupportable because of the danger they pose to others in the event things go wrong. We recognize the violence of nuclearism and the system which supports it. We also recognize the seemingly 'quick solution' that a violent approach...offers to the overwhelming violence of the government and corporations. But for us, we can recognize only nonviolence as a sane, long-term strategy and as a way of life, as well.

"However, the nonviolent response to perpetrators of actions like the Litton bombing is to support them as prisoners, should they be jailed or imprisoned. The prison environment is a distillation of the violence our society is based on, and a nonviolent response to all prisoners is to offer whatever hope for peace and justice we can."



SUPPORT ACTION

Following sentencing, the five have been transferred to other prisons. Julie Belmas and Ann Hansen; Prison for Women; Box 515; Kingston, Ontario CANADA. Gerry Hannah; Matsqui Prison; Box 4000; Abbotsford, B.C. CANADA. Letters to Doug Stewart and Brent Taylor should be sent c/o Free the Five Defense Group; Box 48296; Bentall Station; Vancouver, B.C. V7X 1A1 CANADA. \$1 to the Defense Group will also get you a 40-page pamphlet, "Writings of the Five".

By the end of the day, 104 people had been arrested in three different cities. The 40 people arrested in Rock Island had their charges eventually dropped. In Moline, the 30 people arrested were fined a total of \$52.50. In Davenport, 34 people were arrested. Five who pleaded not guilty will be tried individually in August and September. Two people served jail terms of five and 15 days, and the rest were fined \$100, which only one person paid. For more information, contact Project Disarm, c/o Disarm Now Action Group; 407 S. Dearborn #370; Chicago, IL 60605.

Two weeks later, at the AVCO Systems plant in Wilmington, Massachusetts, another mass action took place, organized by the N.E. Campaign to Stop the Euromissiles. Local and company officials had tried to prevent the protest through various legal means, but were unsuccessful. On June 18, 71 people were arrested as they climbed over and

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Residents Reject TMI Restart

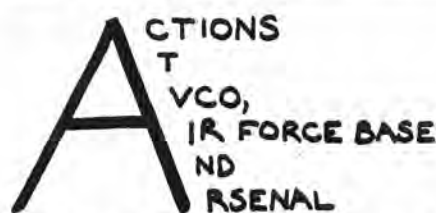
On May 18, 1982, residents in the area of the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant voted over 2-1 in a non-binding referendum to oppose the restart of the undamaged half of the two-reactor plant. Utility officials have paid no heed to community opinion. On the second anniversary of the vote, about 200 area residents emphasized their opposition with a march on the plant.

In small groups, a total of 51 people using banners and their bodies blockaded the main bridge leading to the plant. Plant owners obtained a restraining order against the protest and then arrested each group. Those arrested were described as very representative of the community rather than veteran activists.

All of those arrested were out on their own recognizance the same day. About 30 paid a \$68.50 fine, while the others appeared before a local magistrate in small groups over the next month. All were convicted, except the final group of five. This group made very poignant appeals to the magistrate's conscience, and noted their belief that the danger posed by the re-start justified the actions they took. The magistrate, by this time, having heard the many pleas of previous defendants, and perhaps touched by a cumulative effect, threw up his hands and proclaimed, "I don't know if this is going to help matters or confuse matters, but...Not guilty". With no further comment, he stood and walked out of the courtroom.

Twelve people arrested on May 18, 1983 during a similar blockade will finally go to trial on August 6. Expert testimony on a defense of justification is expected.

For more information, contact the May 18th Mobilization; 315 Peffer St.; Harrisburg, PA 17102.



At Griffiss Air Force Base near Rome, New York, a week of educational forums and community outreach actions was capped by mass civil disobedience blocking all five entrances to the base on June 4. Griffiss is a deployment site for air-launched cruise missiles. Seventy-nine people were arrested, most given ban and bar letters and charged with disorderly conduct or trespassing. Fines of \$50 and \$100 were handed down in most cases, and usually refused, although no further action has been taken. Seven people charged with re-entry are scheduled for trial in federal court in September.

UPDATES

Prosecutors Balk at Justification Trial

Prosecutors in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania ended up declining to prosecute a potentially significant case recently, rather than risk exposing unwitting jurors to the truth about the resisters' motives. The Rooftop Peacemakers are a group of four men who last January 30 climbed atop a six-story test facility at the General Electric Space Center in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. From the top of the building, they draped a banner proclaiming "DSCS III is Illegal and Immoral--Choose Life" and poured blood down the outside wall. DSCS III is a satellite communications system to coordinate nuclear war fighting plans being produced at G.E.

The four faced multiple charges, and were due to be the first civil disobedience case heard in the same jurisdiction as the Plowshares Eight, since the appeal of the Eight had been granted and the right to a justification defense upheld. Three days before the scheduled July 16 trial, prosecutors moved to suspend the defendants right to a speedy trial (within 180 days) so that prosecution could be postponed pending a Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruling on the Plowshares Eight appeal. Observers were surprised to enter the courtroom and find Judge Samuel Salus, the Plowshares Eight trial judge who had denied their presentation of a justification defense, hearing this new motion. After hearing arguments, he denied the prosecution's motion, saying that the defendant's right to a speedy trial could not be so easily denied. The defendants had likened the prosecution's motion, which anticipated a Supreme Court reversal of the Plowshares Eight appeal victory, to the defendants making a motion that the trial be delayed until the legislature changes the trespass laws to favor acts of civil disobedience.

After hearing the ruling by Salus, the prosecution decided not to proceed with their case, claiming that they did not want to go through a trial involving a justification defense when its use might be overruled by the

Pennsylvania Supreme Court anyway. The Supreme Court decision on the Plowshares Eight appeal is expected to be as much as a year away.

Updating other civil disobedience at the G.E. Space Center, no action has been taken against people given trespass citations last November 22 or March 27.

Penley Sentenced for Bond-jumping

Facing two trials before a hostile federal judge and an indefinite sentence for felony criminal contempt, John Penley pleaded guilty last April 27 to bond jumping charges in return for a dismissal of two possible contempt citations. John was convicted of federal trespass for an action at the Savannah River Plant two years ago, refused to cooperate with his pre-sentencing investigation, and then disappeared. He was arrested last February by federal agents as he returned to the United States after spending the last six months in Nicaragua.

At his sentencing July 25, John was allowed to speak at length about his actions, and he called for mass demonstrations in September to oppose the restart of the L-reactor (plutonium production) at the plant. He was sentenced to ten months in jail and a \$2000 fine. John has also signed an agreement with the government to pay back the bond money forfeited when he disappeared.



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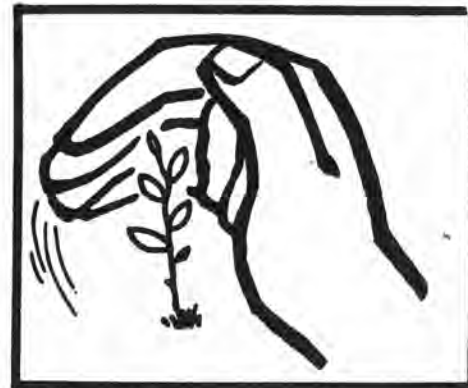
John is due to be transferred soon. Meanwhile, letters of support can be sent to John Penley, c/o Merll Truesdale; 18 Bluff Rd.; Columbia, SC 29201.

Rocky Flats Update

Seven people arrested last Palm Sunday at the Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant outside of Denver were convicted of trespass in federal court on June 6. The seven all claimed religious freedom as they conducted their own defense before Judge Zita Weinshienk. One of the group, Rev. Peter Ediger, attempted to call "the spirit of the Creator" as his only witness, and requested that Weinshienk declare five minutes of silence because "the witness I'm calling on speaks best in silence". Citing the constitutional separation of church and state, Weinshienk denied the motion.

Ediger, Sr. Anna Koop, Marge Roberts, Bill Sulzman, Shirley Whiteside and Al Zook returned to court on June 25, where they were fined \$300 each. Jennifer Haines, the seventh resister, did not attend, and a warrant was issued for her arrest. The following day, she was picked up and sent to jail for five days for contempt, and fined \$300 also.

The seven were given 30 days to pay the fine, and all have indicated they probably will not pay it. Meanwhile, the court is holding their bond money in escrow, although one magistrate told them the bond money would not be held to pay the fine.



Update Files



Eight persons arrested at MATHER AIR FORCE BASE outside SACRAMENTO on Good Friday, including six "Grandmothers for Peace", pleaded no contest or guilty on May 11 and were sentenced to community service. The probation department reportedly was deluged with phone calls from agencies "begging" to have one of the grandmothers assigned to their office to fulfill the sentence...Cees Hoefnagels, Cathleen Posey, Dr. Edith Rasell and Helen Watts were permitted to present testimony about the dangers of nuclear war and first-strike weapons during their May trial for blocking the path of the White Train as it went through NAMPA, IDAHO last February. The judge denied a prosecution motion to suppress such testimony, but granted a motion to deny international law as a defense. In their defense, Dr. Rasell told the judge that it was reasonable "to expect to end and reverse the nuclear arms build-up through campaigns which include...civil disobedience". The four were convicted and fined \$100 plus \$14.50 court costs. Hoefnagels paid the fine because his parents from Holland were in town, but the other three refused and were jailed for 24 hours... Charges have been dropped against 13 people arrested after blockading the office doorway of the Supervisor of Shipbuilding at the ELECTRIC BOAT COMPANY in GROTON, CONNECTICUT, following a Stations of the Cross service there last Good Friday...Sanderson Beck and Glafko Sikelianos, free while appealing a six-month jail sentence (resulting from their participation in actions at various EL SEGUNDO military contractors last October 24) got an interesting

statement from the court recently. The court told them their sentence would be stayed for three months, providing they were not convicted of any other offenses in the same jurisdiction during that time. The sentence would then be stayed indefinitely, on the condition that they not hold a press conference to talk about the whole affair...Seven people arrested at the LITTON PLANT in GRANTS PASS, OREGON last October were convicted during a re-trial, and are appealing a sentence of fines and probation. Two people convicted of trespass at Litton June 20, 1983, have paid a \$75 fine imposed. None of the others have paid their fines, nor have they been sought after for payment. One man, Mike Burke, turned himself in for non-payment this past June, was taken before another judge, fined an additional \$75 which he refused to pay, and spent three days in jail...Mary Ann McGivern and Chuck Gunther pleaded guilty in July to charges of trespass at the corporate headquarters of GENERAL DYNAMICS in ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI in May, 1983. Both received two years probation. Edgar Roberts, charged in the same action, will have a motion for dismissal heard on August 2...The "Deep Freeze Five", a name they gave themselves following their arrest March 9 in sub-zero weather at the FMC CORPORATION ORDINANCE PLANT in FRIDLEY, MINNESOTA, dropped their demands for a jury trial and accepted an agreement to have charges dismissed if they do not trespass in the county for the next year. Margaret Pharris-Clurett, Rev. Clifford Pine, Georgiann Hamlett, Robert Shoemaker and John Hand vow they and other members of Twin Cities Pax Christi will return to FMC, and have not ruled out more civil disobedience to call attention to FMC's work on cruise missile launch systems for the Navy...About 25 people arrested last April 16 at OECO CORPORATION in PORTLAND, are scheduled for trial on various charges in mid-August. OECO manufactures electrical components and spare parts for numerous nuclear and conventional weapons systems. Twenty-six people arrested later that day during a spontaneous occupation of the Reagan-Bush campaign office have had charges dismissed...

Felton Davis was released from the Morris County Jail on May 21, when the \$5000 bond was reduced to zero. He had been held following persistent graffiti reminders of the dangers of nuclear power, spray-painted on the headquarters of GENERAL PUBLIC UTILITIES (GPU) in PARSIPPANY, NEW JERSEY, and a subsidiary, JERSEY CENTRAL POWER AND LIGHT (JCP&L) in MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY. GPU is the owner of the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant. Later, after the Nuclear Regulatory Commission delayed a vote on the restart of Three Mile Island's Unit 1, Felton pleaded no contest to the Good Friday painting at JCP&L, and was sentenced to time served. The judge presiding over the GPU case seems to be content not bothering to take Felton to trial...Thirty-one people taken into custody at LIVERMORE WEAPONS LABORATORY on Good Friday have not had charges filed against them. Of the people arrested earlier that same week at SITE 300, a Lab property where conventional explosives used to detonate nuclear weapons are tested, four pleaded not guilty and expect to be tried in October or November. All others arrested there received sentences of time served plus writing letters to the Lab, or 16 hours community service or two days in jail. One person served the jail term... Charges were dismissed against nine persons arrested at DAVIS MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE in TUCSON on April 16. Military police involved in the arrest failed to appear in court. Meg Fox was fined \$250 for pouring blood on the white line at the gate to the base on Good Friday, and Sally Manshardt, her co-defendant, faces trial August 3. Several more members of the Cruise Resistance Coalition, who oppose the training of cruise missile operators at the base, have received sentences for various actions, including some of 200 hours community service and two years supervised pro-

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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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under a special snow fence AVCO had erected for the demonstration. Police and guard dogs waited on the other side. Asked why the police were not wearing their badges, their chief explained that they didn't want the badges to hurt the demonstrators, and "anyway, the demonstrators did not wear I.D. badges".

Trespass charges against 16 people were dismissed, and motions are to be heard in September to dismiss the other charges, also.

The New England Campaign to Stop the Euromissiles also helped organize an arms bazaar protest at Boston's Logan Airport Hilton Hotel on July 16. Forty-three persons were arrested on various charges. One man was jailed for three days until he gave his correct name to police. Some people have accepted fines, others are negotiating for community service and several individual trials will begin in September for those who pleaded not guilty.

For more information, contact the New England Campaign to Stop the Euromissiles; 2161 Massachusetts Ave.; Cambridge, MA 02146; (617)492-6446.

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bation. Jim Walsh was recently sentenced to one month in jail, suspended, plus one year of supervised probation. Jim also received a federal summons in the mail recently, charging him with trespass. Following an April 15 rally, he and at least two dozen others walked onto a parcel of federal land long given over to local demonstrators for rallies, and stayed for only a moment before leaving. None of the others were charged in the action, and authorities apparently just singled out the one organizer they could identify. Despite over a decade of rallies on the piece of land, Air Force officials had recently declared it off-limits, prompting the momentary walk-on. Jim's trial is August 10...Five persons arrested at AVCO SYSTEMS DIVISION in WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS during a celebration of Easter Mass have had their trial postponed until August 21. David Danielson and Sheila Parks, arrested for malicious destruction of property and trespass last December 28 at AVCO, were found guilty of trespass and given one month suspended jail terms. The other charge was dropped, because no property damage had occurred.

...Mark Carver, the first person arrested on a second charge of re-entry at the SENECA ARMY DEPOT, was tried and convicted in mid-June. He was sentenced to one year probation and six months in jail (suspended). Still, no action has been taken against the many people convicted at Seneca who have not paid fines...Brad Munns and Judy Brown, arrested last April 16 at MOTOROLA'S GOVERNMENT ELECTRONICS GROUP in SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA during a Tax Day protest, will be tried in municipal court on August 3...Joyce Katzberg returned to court in Washington County, Rhode Island on June 27, on charges stemming from two civil disobedience actions at ELECTRIC BOAT facilities in QUONSET POINT, RHODE ISLAND. Electric Boat builds the Trident submarine. Joyce had been ordered to pay \$5 restitution. At the June 27 appearance, her motions for release from restitution on grounds of conscience, and an accompanying motion to bar a third party from paying the fee, were denied. The case was continued to give Joyce a week to pay the fee or face a contempt citation. Joyce refused, and discovered on her return to court that the restitution had been taken from her bail money, which had been held for payment of the court costs. She was additionally sentenced to 60 hours community service at a local soup kitchen, and placed on 18 months supervised probation...Two women from the Minnesota Women's Peace Camp spent two days in jail recently for contempt of court, following their refusal to perform community service. They had been convicted as a result of an action at the ST. PAUL FEDERAL COURTHOUSE in support of Greenham women's suit against the U.S. government's decision to deploy cruise missiles. Women arrested outside of SPERRY last December have their

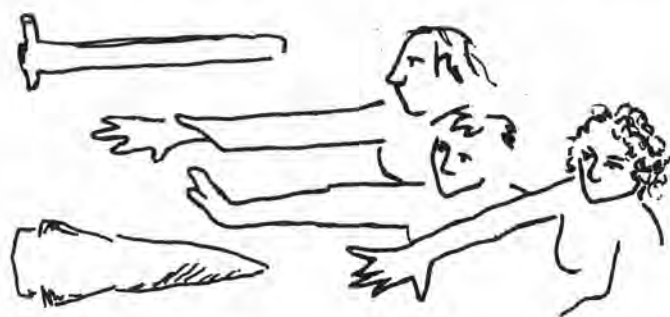
diablo canyon

"People Power Not Full Power" is a one-day civil disobedience action planned at the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant for Sunday, August 12. Although Diablo has already been tested at low power, the action is intended to remind regulatory agencies that public opposition to the granting of a full power license remains high. For more information, please contact Abalone Alliance/Diablo Project Office; 452 Higuera St.; San Luis Obispo, CA 93401; (805)543-6614.

savannah river peace camp

The Savannah River Peace Encampment opened July 1, near the Savannah River Plant in South Carolina. The encampment has weekend workshops scheduled through the end of August, and has a coed section as well as women-only space. Families and children are especially encouraged to stop by, whether you live in the area or are just passing through. August 17-19 is Children's Weekend, with special activities planned. Actions in September are anticipated in opposition to the re-start of the plant's L-reactor, a plutonium production reactor. For more information, contact the Savannah River Peace Camp; PO Box 1636; Aiken, S.C. 29802.

trials on hold until the "claim of right" defense appeal by the Honeywell Project is heard...Dr. Susan Mann and Tim Kearney pleaded guilty April 24 to their Easter trespass at MALSTROM AIR FORCE BASE in GREAT FALLS, MONTANA. Dr. Mann was sentenced to community service to low-income senior citizens and children, and Tim to community service in his home town of Helena. Fr. Joe Tobin, facing trial on July 27, changed his plea to guilty. He received a sentence of six months in jail, all but ten days suspended, plus the forfeiture of his \$350 bond as a fine. He is appealing the conviction.



...Three persons have received brief jail terms following their conviction of trespass at the NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION OFFICES in WALNUT CREEK, CALIFORNIA. Their action occurred on April 23, as a protest to the NRC licensing of Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant. Brook Stevens, Mary Klein and Susan (Katya Kamasaruk) Alexis were sentenced to 24 days in jail. They expect to be released from the Richmond, California Work Furlough facility by August 10...Tammy Dunakin, Susan James and Leslie Roundtree served 16 days in jail in July, after their refusal to pay a fine or do community service. They, along with two other women, had been convicted of trespass after walking into the BOEING CORPORATION'S KENT, WASHINGTON CRUISE MISSILE ASSEMBLY PLANT and talking with workers last September. The three fasted for the first five days of their sentence to demonstrate a concern for the hunger that would accompany nuclear war...Bill Phipps, facing trial for three acts of prayer at nuclear sites in the SAN DIEGO area in 1983 (once at BALLAST POINT SUBMARINE BASE and twice at a GENERAL DYNAMICS plant where assembled cruise missiles are stored) was convicted on May 9. In an unexpected contrast to earlier court appearances where he had been sentenced to six months in jail and then granted a re-trial, the judge sentenced him to 100 hours of community service...At RIVERSIDE RESEARCH in NEW YORK CITY, where many nuclear weapons systems are researched, people were arrested on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. As usual, citations issued were generally ignored and no penalty imposed...Four people who blocked a WHITE TRAIN shipment in MEMPHIS last May have pleaded guilty and been given a choice of fines or community service. Sr. Chris Gobrowski faces trial in September.

FUTURE ACTIONS

peace-not war-in '84

"Peace--Not War--in '84" is the theme of nationally coordinated, decentralized regional and local demonstrations and direct actions to be held during the weekend of September 22-24. These dates provide an opportunity for the peace movement to publicly demonstrate their concerns just prior to the elections, by challenging local military institutions and highlighting the "deadly connection" between military intervention and nuclear war. For more information on planning a local action in conjunction with these dates, contact Mobilization for Survival; 853 Broadway; Room 2109; New York, NY 10003; (212)533-0008. September 24 actions we are currently aware of--(please let us know if civil disobedience occurs in your community on this date)

...Mass action at GTE, Westboro, Massachusetts. Contact New England Campaign to Stop the Euromissiles; 2161 Massachusetts Avenue; Cambridge, MA 02146; (617)492-6446.

...Project ELF--Alternative Survey of the Michigan ELF site to be completed. Also, CD action at Wisconsin site on November 11. Contact CATE; Box 364; Webster, WI 54893; (715)866-8322 for more information on both actions.

...General Electric Space Center blockade. Contact Brandywine Peace Community; Box 81; Swarthmore, PA 19081; (215)544-1818.

...New Hampshire, location to be decided. Contact New Hampshire Womyn's Peace Network; Box 311; Concord, NH 03301.

not in our name

"Not In Our Name: Women's Resistance Action in Washington" is being planned by women in the northeast to take place Sunday and Monday, November 18 & 19, 1984. For more information, contact Not In Our Name, c/o Cambridge Women's Center; 46 Pleasant St.; Cambridge, MA 02139.

harvest of shame

The Community for Creative Non-violence in Washington, D.C. invites participation in a "Harvest of Shame" campaign of civil disobedience at the White House during the month of October. Help focus attention on the many forms of barbarity and abuse which the Reagan White House has brought to our land, from threatening nuclear annihilation to cutting subsidies for school lunch and breakfast programs. A final mass act of civil disobedience is scheduled for November 3. Food, housing and legal assistance or representation will be provided for those coming from out of town.

For more information, contact Harvest of Shame; 1345 Euclid St. NW; Washington, D.C. 20009; (202)332-4332.

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 to prisoners in federal and military
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 terviews, trains and authorizes visit-
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 tribution to their important work,
 contact Eric Corson, Program Secretary;
 PVS; 1501 Cherry St.; Philadelphia, PA
 19102; (215)241-7117.

...Nominations are being sought for
 the seventh annual Martin Luther King,
 Jr. Award which will be presented by
 the Fellowship of Reconciliation in
 January 1985, to a person or group in
 the United States making a significant
 contribution to the nonviolent struggle
 for a peaceful and just society.

Nominations should be submitted
 in the form of a typed letter, at
 least one but not more than four pages
 in length, describing the work for
 which the person or group is being
 nominated. Supporting material (such
 as newspaper clips, writings by the
 nominee) may also be included, but
 should not exceed three pages.

Send nominations to the Martin
 Luther King, Jr. Award; FOR; Box 271;
 Nyack, NY 10960 by October 1, 1984.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

...For the past eight years, the Al-
 ternatives to Violence Project, Inc.
 (AVP) has been conducting innovative
 programs to reduce the level of violent
 crime in society. Working primarily
 in prisons but also with groups of
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 tered women's shelters, the Project
 helps individuals realize that they
 possess the power to overcome violence
 within themselves and their environ-
 ment. They have worked with over 3000
 prisoners in 24 institutions in five
 states, and now wish to expand their
 efforts to other states and to juvenile
 offenders and neighborhood conflicts.
 For more information about their work
 or to make a donation to help meet
 their costs for program materials and
 coordination, contact AVP at 15 Ruther-
 ford Place; New York, NY 10003; (212)
 477-1067.

Editors of the Nuclear Resister
 (couple with a two-year-old son) seek
 a community, household or house in
 western United States. Need low-cost
 living arrangement in order to continue
 this full-time peace work. We are open
 to exchange or barter for low or free
 rent--will also caretake land. For
 more information, please contact Jack
 and Felice Cohen-Joppa; c/o The Nuclear
Resister; Box 37; Tempe, AZ 85281.

..."The Great Day of Peace" is a pro-
 posal being circulated by Species Life
 House, which picks up on a previous
 effort by the Livermore Action Group
 to establish the date of the summer
 solstice as an international peace day,
 when all communities can plan events
 and actions promoting peace on a known
 and settled date. For a copy of the
 text of this proposal, which the authors
 would very much appreciate comment on
 and broad discussion of, write Species
 Life; 401 E. Spruce; Missoula, MT 59802.

..."Sabotage and Resistance" is a
 thoughtful essay by Ulrich Bröckling,
 a German, written after last Decem-
 ber's Plowshares action which damaged
 a rocket transporter at the air base
 at Schwäbisch-Gmünd, Germany. He
 writes, "These actions...have led to
 a dialogue about sabotage as an ele-
 ment in a nonviolent (or otherwise)
 struggle against militarism. In this
 article, I offer a few basic thoughts
 on the matter; in a second part, I
 will suggest questions to be considered
 in a strategy/discussion in the move-
 ment". The article, which has been
 translated by Patrick Diehl of the
 Livermore Action Group, is well worth
 reading, although too long to reprint
 on these pages. To order a copy, send
 50¢ (stamps okay) to the Nuclear Re-
 sistor; Box 37; Tempe, AZ 85281, and
 ask for "Sabotage and Resistance".

...Alderson House, a hospitality com-
 munity providing lodging and meals for
 families and friends visiting women at
 the federal prison for women in Alder-
 son, West Virginia, was struck by an
 electrical fire on June 22. Fortunately,
 the fire was discovered before much
 damage was done, but most of the house
 is now without electricity, which has
 radically limited the amount of hos-
 pitality they are able to offer. Re-
 wiring and repair of fire damage will
 cost an estimated \$5000. The staff
 would appreciate any help those con-
 cerned can give--money is needed but
 they will also appreciate prayers.
 As a special treat, they are offering
 an 8X10 glossy photo of "Alderson
 House with Firetrucks" to anyone who
 sends a genuinely funny letter with
 their donation to Alderson House; Box
 509; Alderson, WV 24910.

Prisoner Desires Correspondence

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