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*Since 1980, we've
strived to provide
comprehensive re-
porting on anti-
nuclear civil dis-
obedience in the
United States,
with an emphasis
on providing sup-
port for women and
men jailed for
these actions.*

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**Who we are,
what we do**

The Nuclear Resister is published about every six weeks to help support jailed and imprisoned anti-nuclear activists. We encourage active support for these people, primarily by asking readers to write letters of support to those behind bars, and when desired, letters supporting resisters to industry officials, judges and prosecutors.

The National No-Nukes Prison Support Collective was founded in 1980. As stated then, our goals are:
--to foster a wider public awareness of imprisoned nuclear resisters, their motivations and their actions.
--to build a link between the anti-nuclear movement and the prison movement, with the aim of educating anti-nuclear activists about the daily destruction of lives in the prisons of this country.

We believe that in any significant movement for social change, many committed individuals are imprisoned. Behind bars, they are physically isolated from their supporters and their own resistance activity is limited. We believe that support for the imprisoned activist is essential to the success of the movement for a nuclear-free future.

Our information comes from a variety of sources--movement publications, the resisters themselves and local activists. We are deeply indebted to all who send us information. Please help by sharing information about actions with us.



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NEWSLETTER
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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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Silo Pruning Hooks Clip Minuteman Missile

In the early morning hours of November 12, Missile Silo N5 near Kansas City, Missouri, yielded to the proddings of the activists' 90 pound compressor driven jackhammer. In the space of an hour, four Catholic resisters had placed the silo out of commission with sledge, household and jack-hammers, and their own blood.

The Silo Pruning Hooks--Ojibway activist Larry Cloud Morgan, Oblate priests Paul and Carl Kabat, and mother, editor of *Harvest of Justice* (and dear friend) Helen Dery Woodson were arrested and held without bond under recently enacted anti-terrorist laws. A grand jury heard the government's evidence, and on November 29, charges of destruction of government property, destruction of national defense material, conspiracy and trespass were filed against the four. A bond hearing is scheduled for December 3, although if bond is set, the four will not likely post it now.



SUPPORT ACTION

Much needed donations to the Silo Pruning Hooks defense should be sent to Prison Witness Support Fund; c/o Gaudete Peace and Justice Center; 634 Spruce St.; Madison, WI 53715. Letters of support can be sent to the four c/o the same address.

"Our country's carpet bombing of Dresden and the nuclear destruction of Hiroshima and Nagasaki have prepared us to accept the preparation for mass murder done in our name. Like the German people who accepted the legality of the holocaust, we by our lack of continuous clear public actions accept the possibility of the final idolatry.

"I am celebrating my silver anniversary of the priesthood by beginning the disarmament of one missile silo; I invite you to do the same with the other 1048. 'Choose life that you and your children may live' by breaking the laws that protect the nuclear idols of our time."

--Fr. Carl Kabat, O.M.I.

"Much will be expected from one to whom much has been given, and it is in gratitude for the gifts of my large family and my faith that I act today. Yet, this is not an easy step for any parent of young children. The risks--lengthy separation from my family, physical danger, misunderstanding--fill me with fear. I can only speak the truth with my life, that above all else, we owe our children a safe and peaceful world in which to grow up.

"In faith, the call to Divine Obedience transcends personal pain or fear. It speaks of great hope, hope that we as brothers and sisters in the beloved community can become peacemakers no matter what the sacrifice. It is in this hope that I act here today, because ultimately, I can do no less."

--Helen Dery Woodson

"Today we are at the Portage of Peace. Our journey must turn away from wrong and killing. We must look to the Grandfathers for guidance and stop at all costs these Mountains of death that will end all life as we have known.

"We must walk instead the path of good and sharing with all our relatives. All creatures, all hills and the warmth of the desert must once again be pure."

-- Larry Cloud Morgan

"After more than 25 years in the priesthood and over 15 years of justice and peace ministry centered in the state of Minnesota trying to express connections between the various concerns and issues of oppression, I have decided it is time for me to make an obvious confrontation with crisis."

-- Fr. Paul Kabat, O.M.I.

Whitefeather of the
Ojibway,
Grandson of Loonsfoot
and Red Bird Woman

with

Fr. Carl Kabat, O.M.I.
Fr. Paul Kabat, O.M.I.
Helen Dery Woodson



In The Name of the Native American People

I ask the government of the United States of America, so called by the great-great grandchildren of immigrants who came to my land 492 winters past, to take from our Mother the Earth these machines of fire that destroy earth and human life throughout the lands of all people. I act today, as the Old Ones have said I must, to take our stand, to make our land calm once again.

The trees must remain green, the waters must be crystal, the sands are to be pure and warm once again.

The sage and sweet grass, where the deer and elk lay their heads, must once more be safe and soft for them. Where the children shall walk and grow must be peaceful and warm; no bad shall they hear, and only good things their eyes shall see.

The circle we form which knows no color and knows no end, as our feet touch our Mother the Earth, shall not feel the hurt and destruction of fire.

The winds are pure, and the Grandfathers have told us the time is now when peace must come from the North Wind, where the Old Ones have gone and only they, with the Great Spirit, know what is tomorrow.

Larry Cloud Morgan

Fr. Paul Kabat, O.M.I.

Helen Dery Woodson

Fr. Carl Kabat, O.M.I.

HARVEST OF HOPE

Trident II Plowshares

(From Jonah House)

"Amid the babel of campaign politicians, ersatz peace moves, and election confusion, the tenth Plowshares was enacted at 4 a.m. October 1, by the Trident II Plowshares at Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corporation, Quonset, Rhode Island. Jean Holladay, Leo Schiff, John Pendleton, Frank Panopoulos and Bill Boston entered the mammoth yard, damaged six Trident II tubes, poured their blood and hung two banners: 'HARVEST OF HOPE: SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES!' and 'TRIDENT: HARVEST OF DEATH!'"

The five were held until an October 24 bail reduction hearing, when they were released on their own recognizance. A pre-trial hearing on charges of trespass, possession of burglary tools and malicious mischief is scheduled for December 3.

From their statement:

"The gap between dream and reality has never been wider. We yearn for peace, yet prepare for nuclear war. Our desires must become our deeds. As the prophet Isaiah said:

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SPERRY SOFTWARE PAIR Judge Cops On Plea for Nuclear Sanity

It was a curious twist. Often the sympathetic judge feels obliged to cloak his true feelings about the Bomb in the armour of the Law--"It's not important how I feel". Federal Judge Miles Lord, presiding over the trial of the Sperry Software Pair, wooed the press and movement liberals from trial through sentencing with emphatic, personal, touching, sometimes almost poetic pleas for nuclear sanity; in the end only to abdicate his responsibilities as a federal judge to uphold the Constitution. As Barb Katt, one of the Pair, noted in her sentencing statement, his silence on the subject of International Law was a political statement in itself. Despite delivering an easy sentence (six months in jail, suspended, plus six months probation), Judge Lord served the war machine well by ignoring the touchy subject of International Law as it applies to nuclear weapons manufacture and personal responsibility.

"It was our one in a million chance to see a precedent set", said John LaForge, the other defendant, after the trial. "The myth of the justice system dies hard."

The morning of August 10, Barb Katt and John LaForge had entered a building of the Sperry Defense Systems Division in Eagan, Minnesota, and carried out an act of nonviolent disarmament. Would-be Yuppies, in suits with briefcases, the pair perhaps appeared to employees as inspectors. They entered the building and found the room of prototype computers intended for use on Trident guidance systems. Workers seemed unaware while the pair opened a briefcase, unfurled a banner proclaiming "Violence Ends Where Love Begins" and set about with hammers and blood the urgent work at hand.

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From the Editors

This issue comes late for many reasons--making a final decision on where to move, moving, looking for a place to live, finding work, unpacking... Since four months has elapsed, we needed to make this issue bigger than usual, just to fit all the news!

Postage costs will be almost double, and printing more as well. And as we go to press, we're still a few dollars shy of what we'll need to get it out. Such a situation has become too common, and although new subscriptions are coming in regularly, it is not at the rate needed to pay for much more than each successive issue. This lack of funds contributed to the lateness of this issue, as well.

How can you help? SUBSCRIBE!! If you are already a subscriber, please consider giving a gift subscription to relatives and friends (see back page). Donations make up the difference between expenses and subscription income, so we are grateful for any, large or small. REGULAR DONATIONS--monthly or quarterly pledges--are especially honored. Anything over \$50 is tax deductible, if made out to the Progressive Foundation/Nuclear Resister. We have again been submitting grant proposals to foundations. Although our needs are modest compared to many organizations, we are striking out (so far) at this fund-raising route. If you know of foundations or individuals willing to consider making a substantial donation towards our work, please let us know--we can provide a proposal and supporting information.

We plan to publish the next issue in January. Please keep us informed of new actions and updates!

Resistance Reflections

Felice and Jack Cohen-Joppa, editors

The evening of November 6, many people were sitting around the tube, lamenting what had been obvious for months but only then became reality--four more years. It was comforting for some to realize, that regardless of who won that night, resistance would continue.

Although the number of arrests to date this year (about 2800) does not approach last year's total, the number of actions themselves has increased by about 15% (135 to date, 1984). Resistance has been part of the political climate at many more sites this year than ever before (at least 80 sites total this year). Once again, as last year, more frequent acts of resistance over a broader terrain point to a spreading of roots. The decline in numbers arrested is attributed to fewer mass actions (none in 1984 involved the arrest of over 300 participants), particularly in California, as among other things, the elections sapped organizing energy.

Statistics don't show that many actions involved significant risks, and as risks taken increase, so too have some sentences. We in the peace movement are now called upon even more to give the kind of support the women and men inside ask of us. The task of the Nuclear Resister is to share with you what our friends inside ask by way of support. Cards and letters are only the beginning!

The fact that many actions noted in these pages occurred after the elections indicates that many were well aware that who we voted for mattered much less than the fact that we continue acting as if our lives, and not just our votes, are what really matters.

The Silo Pruning Hooks, ELFBusters and Disarm Now Action Group in Chicago all took action within the first week following Reagan's re-election.

There was also more encouraging news lately about a defendant's right to speak to the jury about motivations involved in their civil disobedience. Jurors in several recent trials have sought loopholes to bring in acquittals. In Vancouver, Washington, jurors were frustrated when informed, after finding White Train blockaders guilty, of the concept of jury nullification (see articles page 9) by which they could have ignored the judge's instructions and voted not guilty.

A jury in Burlington, Vermont, hearing the case of 44 people who had occupied the offices of Senator Robert Stafford for four days last spring listened to expert and lay testimony on a defense of necessity. The defendants claimed their action in trying to meet with their senator was necessary to fight the greater crime of U.S. interference in the affairs of Central American nations. In his charge to the jury, Vermont District Court Judge Frank Mahady outlined the necessity defense, and also pointed out various international statutes that forbid a country to interfere in the internal affairs of another nation. After an hour of deliberations, the jury returned an innocent verdict!

Thanks

After a long search, we are now settled at home, living in Ukiah, California. We moved in on Election Day, November 6. We are extremely grateful to the people here in Ukiah who have helped us in so many ways. It would have been very difficult without them! We plan to stay put for quite awhile, so please make note of our new address--The Nuclear Resister, P.O. Box 1503, Ukiah, CA 95482. Our phone number is (707)463-0137.

This issue, thanks go to the people who helped by caring for Cassidy while we worked. Especially Dave and Lisa, who came all the way from Sacramento to play with Cassidy on Thanksgiving Day weekend. Thanks to Mary, who helped with lay-out. And many thanks to the hard-working person who keeps our mailing list up-to-date.

We would also like to express our gratitude for the tremendous response we received regarding our search for a home and community. Many people wrote with kind, supportive offers, which we appreciated, even though we couldn't accept them all.

While we're at it, we'd like to thank the many people who have provided us with support over our past year and a half of travel and transition. It was wonderful to meet you, speak with you, stay with you and share your table.

And we can't forget the people who have subscribed and donated--you make it possible for us to keep publishing--THANK YOU!!

In Minnesota, the state supreme court upheld the right of protesters to plead the "claim of right" defense in cases of arrest at Honeywell and Sperry. "Claim of right" is a rather obscure Minnesota legal principle, which the court determined gives prosecutors the burden of proof to show defendants had no right to be on the premises in cases of trespass. The opinion also then states that such proof is usually determined by property law, and prosecutors normally need only to prove Honeywell and Sperry did not give permission for defendants to be on the property. But it left the decision as to whether this was sufficient proof up to the jury, and not the trial judge in a pre-trial hearing.

These all seem hopeful signs because if the system has any redeeming feature at all, it is in the possibility for defendants to talk to the jurors. Although often not one's peers, juries are an assortment of folks who may never have known it possible to take action against nuclear despair, or even why we should. Hearts and minds can and have been won as they occupy a jury box.

As we look into four more years, it is clear that nonviolent direct action, including civil disobedience, is the tactic of choice for many progressive movements. We document the increased nuclear resistance on these pages, but cannot begin to adequately report on the experiments in truth being conducted regularly by anti-intervention, environmental, women's, anti-apartheid, animal liberation and other social justice activists in the United States.

More Reflections

FROM "A Meditation from the D.C. Central Cell Block on the Eve of the Elections" by Art Laffin 11-4-84

Central Cell Block: cockroaches parade endlessly to and fro.
Like the prisoners, their fate is unknown.
Unlike their human counterparts, they seem at one with their surroundings.
Graffiti and etchings of victims past adorn these filthy stain-filled 7 by 5 ft. cells.
Metal cots, crookedly suspended from a wall, serves as a bunk for two--just barely.
Stale, suffocating air, hovers throughout.
The menu: leftover baloney sandwiches and dry donuts.
Amidst the glitter and pomp of the Imperial city, I'm humbled and privileged to be among the outcasts.
Privileged to join with the cockroaches and captives and experience a healthy portion of the best of the worst that the "Injustice" system has to offer.

Yesterday, some 75 of us were arrested at the White (Blight) House.
Now, we enjoy the status of being criminals for peace.
Our crime: voting with our lives for peace and a just society.
We prayed on the Blight House lawn; held signs in a 60 ft. "restricted" area in view of the Emperor; and blockaded Pennsylvania Avenue.
What better way to proclaim the TRUTH than to engage in such hope-filled acts in resistance to Reagan's reign of terror!
IF NOT NOW, WHEN?! IF NOT US, WHO?!

Unless otherwise noted, 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.

We invite submission of short essays or letters (200-800 words) on jail experiences, historical accounts, and lessons of past resistance, opinion on issues resisters face, etc. We'll print as space and appropriateness permits. Poetry, court statements, original graphics, drawings and leaflets from resisters past and present are also invited. All submissions will remain in our files, unless accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope for their return.

KEEP US INFORMED!!

ACTION & JAIL REPORT FORMS are available on request. These open-ended, self-explanatory forms give us the basic information we need to report on an action. The quality of our coverage of a particular action or campaign is entirely dependent upon the volume and quality of information provided by our readers. You can help us by using these forms as a guide.

SPREAD THE WORD!!

An attractive brochure describing the Nuclear Resister and encouraging people to subscribe is available upon request. You can help us by including them in any bulk mailing you do or distributing them at conferences, workshops, CD trainings, actions, etc. They are also essential to the well-stocked movement literature rack. Let us know how many you need, and allow three weeks for delivery.

We do wish, however, to share with you here one possible future for nuclear resistance, as revealed in a draft proposal prepared for this year's Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign annual convention (copies of which should be available for review in all local freeze offices).

The proposal was written by a task force authorized at last year's Freeze convention. It is intended as a vehicle to start further discussion. The proposal outlines a public, year-long campaign of escalating legislative lobbying coupled with legal protest, tax resistance and civil disobedience, aimed at bringing about a nuclear freeze either via legislative action (if response to the pressure of the campaign) or nonviolent direct action in the form of a continuous occupation of the Nevada Test Site, thus preventing testing.

A key question being asked by the task force in offering the proposed plan of action is "does the movement have the depth of commitment at this time necessary to carry such a campaign through to a successful conclusion?" From our perspective, the movement includes dozens of small groups of people scattered wide across the land who do possess a clarity of vision and radical commitment that could be brought together on a national scale.

If the Freeze should now or in the next year adopt a direct action proposal of any sort, we trust that local freeze organizers, as well as the national staff, will have the foresight to incorporate the experiences of the last decade of nuclear resisters before settling on a plan of action.

Joyous
Winter Solstice

Happy
Hanukah

Merry Christmas



&
A Peace-filled
New Year

OPERATION URGENT FURY II

Naval Training Center Invaded

"Sailors know that there are alternatives to the blind obedience they are taught here," reflected Rev. Bob Bossie, after the week of public protest and "unscheduled, disruptive actions" against the Great Lakes Naval Training Center north of Chicago had concluded.

At the end of September, "Operation Urgent Fury II" (after the code name for the invasion of Grenada) had been announced by the Disarm Now Action Group (DNA) and other Chicago area peace organizations. Since then, activists had entered the Navy's largest training facility frequently, leafletting sailors and leaving behind graffiti. Rallies and public forums were held, and canvassing of North Chicago neighborhoods had begun, all part of a process intended to last beyond the "Week

of Resistance" November 6-13, when the major protests occurred.

"The week after the elections was chosen to make a point," explained Bossie, an Air Force veteran and spokesperson for DNA, "We want to emphasize that whoever is elected will make little difference to the military buildup that is already underway. No one in office is going to turn around our policy of militarization and intervention."

Five members and supporters of DNA were arrested and released early in the week on various charges. On Tuesday, November 13, over 200 people gathered to leaflet and disrupt arriving sailors and employees. Twenty-two people were detained on charges of mob action, obstruction of traffic and resisting arrest.

All were released the same day except one man who refused to cooperate. He was held for several days. Pretrial for John Doe is January 30, 1985. For the others, pretrial is set for November 30.

For more information, please contact Disarm Now Action Group; 407 S. Dearborn Rm. 370; Chicago, IL 60605; (312)427-2533.

A similar action occurred at Ft. Lewis, Washington on October 25, to mark the anniversary of the invasion of Grenada. The protest, organized by the newly formed North West Direct Action Network, a loose affiliation of several direct action groups in the region, targeted Ft. Lewis because it is home to the Green Beret and Ranger forces used during the invasion. Over 30 arrests were made, but charges were all later dropped.

Saying NO to Star Wars

During September, there were two actions stressing our moral obligation to stop the militarization of space--which Reagan claims is our moral obligation to develop.

On September 18, Esther Kisamore and Peter Sprunger-Froese entered the Consolidated Space Operations Center (CSOC) outside Colorado Springs, Colorado. The CSOC is "the centerpiece of military space operations", its commander boasts. They carried a banner reading, "There is SPACE for everyone unless we MILITARIZE it". Both were charged with trespass. Esther's plea was "for the safety of the children, the preservation of the planet, and to confront the system that escalates the nuclear arms race into space". Peter's plea was "for the closing of CSOC".

They refused to post the \$200 bond and remained in jail. On October 2, a jury found them guilty, and they were finally released from jail following sentencing on October 19. They had made it clear to the judge they would not accept probation, fines or community service, yet the judge sentenced them to a bit of each before adjourning court.

For more information, contact Mary Sprunger-Froese; 235 E. Fountain Blvd.; Colorado Springs, CO 80903; (303)471-3405.

In Santa Rosa, California, on September 6, two members of the Sonoma County Life Community climbed up on the roof of one of the Optical Coating Laboratories buildings and unfurled a banner reading "NO STAR WARS". Optical Coating manufactures components for laser weapons. Elaine W. Schwartz and Larry Perlazzo displayed the banner for an hour before they were arrested on trespassing charges. They were released that day on their own recognizance.

They were sentenced to probation, which Larry, who is now doing community organizing out of the county, accepted. Elaine refused the probation, and spent five days in jail. For more information, contact Sonoma County Life Community; P.O. Box 3391; Santa Rosa, CA 95402.

Sharing Fund

From time to time, it is clear to us that some jailed resisters need financial support for their families while they are inside. With more folks going to jail for longer terms, this need will become greater.

We are pleased to announce that the Peacemaker's Sharing Fund has been re-activated especially for this purpose. The Peacemaker's have been active participants and supporters of nonviolent struggle for peace and justice since the end of WWII. During this time, their journal, *The Peacemaker* (Box 627; Garberville, CA 95482) has been a quiet stalwart of the movement, and provided the most complete information on jailed conscientious objectors available during the Vietnam War era. The Sharing Fund was an important part of their work then, assisting many families.

If you have ever desired to help support the material needs of resister's families, please give generously to the fund. Send donations and inquiries to Louella Wooley; 2439 King St.; Denver, CO 80211.

The Thin Red Line

(reprinted from *Harvest of Justice*, September/October 1984)

On September 2, Kevin McGuire, who has trespassed at SAC, Omaha 18 times with only two prosecutions, knelt again on base property. A guard approached, said he had been on duty only a week and expressed his delight at meeting a protester in the flesh. McGuire was cordially dumped off the base, and everyone seemed pleased that things had gone so smoothly. Then something stirred in Kevin's memory.

In highschool, he had read *The Thin Red Line*, a war novel by James Jones, whose title refers to the line between normalcy and insanity. In ignoring the message of resisters and treating a witness as entertainment, had the SAC personnel perhaps crossed the line? And, more important, in accepting the comfortable status quo, enjoying the "smoothness" of the process and relaxing into an easy comradeship in which the issue of nuclear war becomes nothing more than a polite difference of opinion, had resisters come close to the edge?

"I wanted to, at least symbolically, remind the people that work there that this is madness." So, on September 9, Jean Peterson, Richard Flamer and McGuire entered SAC property, and McGuire poured a gallon of red paint across the road and held a banner reading, "Do Not Cross Red Line Into SAC Madness".

Flamer and Peterson pled not guilty to destruction of property and will be tried November 9. McGuire pled guilty to re-entry and destruction, and, on October 3, was sentenced to six months in prison.

Responding to Magistrate Richard Peck, who likened the act to the painting of swastikas on synagogue doors, McGuire said, "I used to think of myself as a radical, but not anymore. What I'm doing is just garden-variety Christianity. It is inconceivable that SAC exists. We, as Christians, must take responsibility and pay the price".

Peck asked if McGuire is angry at SAC's refusal to heed his message, and Kevin described the intense feeling of peace in praying at the base. "I'm not as angry as I used to be, but I'm also not as angry as I should be."



[At last word, Kevin was in a holding cell at Leavenworth, expecting transfer to another prison after refusing a work assignment building new prison cells. Letters of support can be sent to Kevin McGuire, c/o 4216 Grant; Omaha, NE 68111--eds.]

Inside & Out



RESISTERS IN JAIL:

Kevin McGuire, c/o 4216 Grant, Omaha, NE 68111.

Felton Davis #04996-050, Lewisburg Prison Camp, Lewisburg, PA 17837.

Fr. Darrell Rupiper; MCC; 71 West Van Buren Street; Chicago, IL 60605.

Fr. Paul Kabat, Fr. Carl Kabat, Larry Cloud Morgan and Helen Woodson, c/o Gaudete Center, 634 Spruce St., Madison, WI 53715.

Dean Hammer #01267-052, Vern Rossman #01266-052, Jim Perkins #03825-018, Todd Kaplan #03828-018, Danbury Prison Camp, Pembroke Station, Danbury, CT 06810.

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

Julie Belmas, Doug Stewart, Brent Taylor, Ann Hansen and Gerry Hannah, c/o Free the Five Defense Group, P.O. Box 48296, Bentall Station, Vancouver, B.C. V7X 1A1 CANADA.

Jackie Allen #01265-052, Liz McAlister #01263-052, Kathleen Rumpf #01262-052, Clare Grady #01264-052, Sr. Anne Montgomery #03827-018 and Christin Schmidt #03826-018, Alderson Women's Prison, Box A, Alderson, WV 24910.

Karl Smith #01268-052 and Paul Magno #03829-018, Allenwood Federal Prison, Box 1000, Montgomery, PA 17752.

Per Hengren #03824-018, Danbury FCI, Danbury, CT 06810.

Tim Lietzke #03830-018, Petersburg FCI, Petersburg, VA 23804.

Patrick O'Neill #03831-018, FPC, Box 150160, Lakewood Station, Atlanta, GA 30315.

RECENTLY OUT:

Jan Kuenning, John Penley, George Mummert, Larry Rosebaugh, Roy Bourgeois and scores more who have served up to 90 days since we last published.

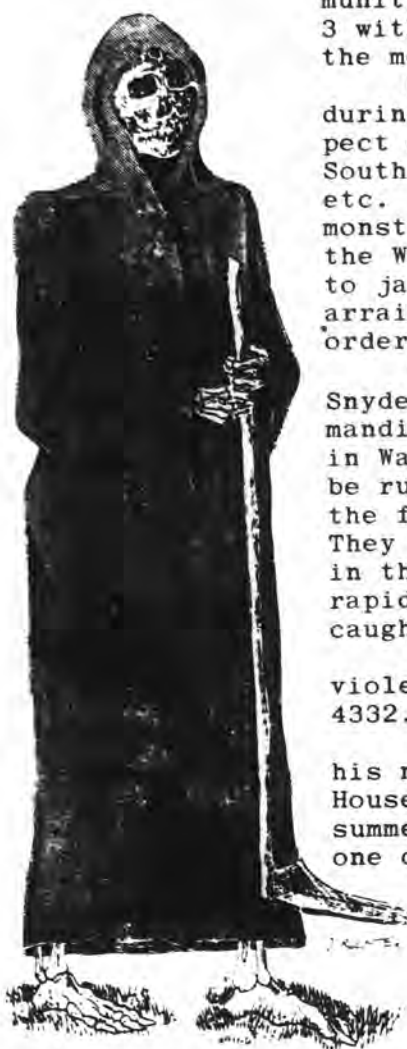
Harvest of Shame.

The Harvest of Shame, a month long campaign of civil disobedience and protest at the White House organized by the Community for Creative Nonviolence, concluded Saturday, November 3 with the arrest of 74 people, for a total of 226 arrests over the month.

Each weekday, civil disobedience either in front of or during the tour of the White House focused on a particular aspect of Reagan's administration--Central America, Middle East, South Africa, women's issues, labor, gay and lesbian, nukes, etc. Arrests occurred in three jurisdictions, whether one demonstrated on Pennsylvania Avenue on the sidewalk, in front of the White House or inside on the tour. No one was sentenced to jail, but many people spent from 1-3 nights in jail awaiting arraignment. Fines, suspended sentences and probation were the order of the day.

Coincidental with the Harvest of Shame, CCNV founder Mitch Snyder and community member Cliff Newman undertook a fast, demanding the government refurbish an abandoned building it owns in Washington, D.C. into a model center for the homeless, to be run by CCNV. Joined by others, nearing day 50 of the fast, the fasters were arrested on the White House lawn in the rain. They were left for hours and then held on a bus for eight hours in their wet clothes before being processed. Their health rapidly deteriorated, and after the national media finally caught the story, the President quickly agreed to CCNV's demands. For more information, contact Community for Creative Nonviolence; 1345 Euclid St. NW; Washington, D.C. 20009; (202)332-4332.

While the Harvest of Shame carried on for a month, Thomas, his new wife Ellen and friends continue the continuous White House vigil for peace Thomas began over three years ago. This summer Thomas received a sentence of two years probation for one of his many "camping" arrests.



Harvest of Hope

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They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. (Isaiah 2:4)



"The five of us come to Quonset Point, Rhode Island today to enflesh Isaiah's vision by engaging in a symbolic and real act of disarmament--hammering on Trident II missile tubes. Each missile tube is capable of launching the equivalent of 85 to 160 Hiroshima bombs. The total cost for the Trident II missile program is estimated at 44 billion dollars. When 40,000 children die each day in the poor countries from malnutrition such spending is outrageous and criminal.

"In this harvest season when those fortunate enough enjoy the bounty of the earth, we five can not but cry out indicating the peril our earth is in.

Out of their silver and gold, they have made idols which are doomed to destruction...They sow the wind, they will reap the whirlwind...Why have you planted inequity, reaped injustice, and eaten the produce, Lies? Because you trusted in chariots and your host of warriors! (Hosea 8:4,7; 10:13)

"It is not too late to change our situation. As our action shows, the missile tubes of death can be transformed into silos of life.

"Judgement, by God, our children, and history will be in terms of how we love one another and care for the least ones in our society; the homeless, the hungry, the prisoners, the sick, the children, the victims of injustice and violence. It will not be in terms of military might or a high standard of living."

Sow integrity for yourselves, reap a harvest of kindness, break up your fallow ground; it is time to go seeking Yahweh, until Yahweh comes to rain salvation on you. (Hosea 10:12)

Donation, information requests and support can be sent to Trident II Plowshares Support; Box 3291; Wayland Square; Providence, RI 02906.

Sperry Software Pair (cont.)

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Soon workers began to notice and express alarm. The pair responded while they disarmed, explaining their act, assuring employees they meant no harm.

Arrested on charges of felony destruction of government property, the two were surprisingly released the same afternoon on personal recognizance.

Trial began in early October. The pair defended themselves, basing their case primarily upon international law and the indictment they had served on Sperry that day. Despite their pleadings, Judge Lord refused to read Article Six of the Constitution (regarding treaties signed by the U.S. as the "Supreme Law of the Land") in his charges to the jury. Barb and John were convicted and sentenced November 8.

For more information about the action and trial, contact Sperry Software Pair Support Committee; 4140 Vincent Ave. South; Minneapolis, MN 55410.

Following their arrest, we'd asked Barb and John if they cared to write anything about FBI interrogations. Their reply hit the nail on the head. "We've decided that writing about FBI interrogations would be a bit sensational. Suffice it to say that no one should ever under any circumstances say anything of any kind to the FBI. This rule may be hard to follow since they are very well trained in questioning. Nevertheless, 'I would like to see my attorney' is the extent to which resisters should converse with FBI people."

from J. LaForge's sentencing statement

"The government itself has chosen to ignore its own Constitution in this case. At Article VI, No. 2 it says international law supercedes all state and Constitutional rules.

"Sperry wouldn't admit to building modern crematoria. So it's our word against Sperry's and you know as well as anyone that Sperry's word isn't to be trusted. The company is corrupt and has lied to the government before. It has conspired to rob the taxpayers, and when its weapons are used it gets away with murder.

"We all know that hydrogen bombs cannot be used with either military practicality or ethical justification. We've banned not only the wanton burning of innocent people, but the planning of such an act. In human terms, then, nuclear weapons are useless and blasphemous and absurd. Building more, like the misuse of drugs or alcohol, is a form of chronic suicide.

"The insanity doesn't end here. The U.S. alone has ominously created 290,000 cubic meters of high level radioactive waste from the making of bombs that serve no purpose. Cancers of all kinds proliferate among our children, ourselves and our parents. 'Continue to contaminate your bed,' warned Chief Seattle 150 years ago, 'and you will one night suffocate in your own waste.'

Individually, we can do very little to keep this from happening. I wish your Honor to do what little you can to prevent an unimaginable crime, by declaring the relevancy of Art. VI and by refusing to punish us for our small attempt at saving ourselves and the world from meaningless genocidal atomic violence."

--John LaForge

from B. Katt's sentencing statement

"Most of us build prisons for ourselves and after we occupy them for a period of time we become accustomed to their walls and accept the false promise that we are incarcerated for life. As soon as that belief takes hold of us we abandon hope of ever doing more with our lives and of ever giving our dreams a chance to be fulfilled. We begin to suffer living deaths; one of a herd heading for destruction in a grey mass of mediocrity.

"In our act of disarmament, in all its preparations and what has come since, I have found a lifeline to hope, the resurrection of hope from a living death. I resist not only the nuclear arms race, but the spiritual darkness of futility and self-pity as well. Hope is alive in the courtroom today.

"By itself, our confrontation of the arms race will not change the world an inch in any direction. It will do nothing unless the judges, prosecutors, elected officials and corporate heads open their minds and their hearts. The means of transformation and the power to break the inertia of precedent and profit, must be generated by forces long dormant but still alive within them all. That is the change upon which the world depends.

"I imagine that you are torn by feeling bound by government policy and precedent and by feeling that something must be done to stop a spiraling arms race. I realize that in your position as a federal judge you may have to restrain yourself in matters of politics. But in the case of nuclear weapons, remaining silent is itself a political statement. It seems to me there are legitimate legal questions about international law, our constitution and nuclear weapons. Who can give better answers than a judge? That is not an easy position."

--Barb Katt

"I Think..."

I think I'll make

LAWS

Not to protect life

NO

To protect pro-per-ty

Not you not me...

PROPERTY.

I'll protect buildings

and cars and fences and

WALLS

kind of like the

Neutron Bomb.

Laws to protect

inanimate objects

from all those animate

Poor Folks

Laws to protect the FLAG,

and factories where they make

neutron bombs.

Laws to protect,

Not you,

Not me,

PROPERTY....

--Christopher Lyle LaForge

(reprinted from Northern Sun News)

Peace - Not War - in 1984

Sandia/Livermore

One rarely risks arrest without the support of family and friends. For the editors and our son, "doing support" meant washing dishes and making dinner for Bay area friends this past September 23. And, as often happens, we stayed up late trying to get to bed early so we could feel rested when the 2:00 a.m. wake-up call came. It came, we made coffee and joined a small caravan to Livermore.

After a short rendezvous, we drove to the Weapons Laboratory. Last minute preparations were made. Joined in a circle in the pre-dawn darkness with our four friends--Sunshine, Darla, Anne and Starhawk--and others, we rooted ourselves in for the opportunity at hand to speak and act truthfully on her behalf.

A couple of dozen of us walked down the road on the south side of the lab. Later that day, a series of actions at Livermore would result in the arrest of 107 people; the four women we walked with had a long-neglected target in mind.

As we approached it, the women crossed the street. Before unsuspecting guards could reach them, they poured four pints of blood upon the illuminated sign marking Sandia Laboratories.

From their statement:

"This will be the first act of civil disobedience conducted at Sandia Laboratories: we act today to expose the leading role this laboratory plays in escalating the nuclear arms race. Sandia Laboratory is a 'partner in crime' with Livermore National Laboratory in designing first-strike nuclear warheads in violation of international law.

"The designing and testing of nuclear weapons has been carried out far too long in silence and anonymity at Sandia. We act today to tear away the facade of anti-septic respectability from Sandia Labs and to expose its bloodstained work. We spill our blood to expose the fact that Sandia technicians are preparing the weapons of universal bloodshed.

"We spill our blood at Sandia Laboratories to plead with its employees to end their complicity in its nuclear crimes against the human family. We choose non-violent resistance in the hopes that others will be moved to acts of resistance to prevent the bloodshed of millions of children. A nurse removed blood from our bodies, and we carried it in baby bottles: this is a dramatic warning that the tax dollars which could be filling baby bottles with milk for hungry children are

being spent at Sandia to perfect weapons of indiscriminate death and bloodshed.

"As feminists, as peacemakers, and as mothers, we strive to free all people from the intolerable oppression of the nuclear arms race. We strive to create a world where children are free from the curse of nuclear holocaust."

Three of the women were released that day without being charged. Sunshine Appleby was held a few days for refusing to give her name, and is awaiting a trial date. Charges against others arrested the same day at Livermore have been dropped.

At Site 300, a Livermore testing ground for The Bomb's conventional explosives and other implements of destruction, nine activists were taken into custody, and charged with trespass. All pleaded guilty at first; three later changed their pleas and received sentences of two days community service. The others have had their trial joined with a group arrested at Site 300 last April, and go to court February 12, 1985.

GE/Pennsylvania

Workers arriving early at the General Electric Space Center in Pennsylvania on September 24 were greeted by about 100 people urging them to stop making, among other items, the DSCS III satellite, an integral part for "command and control" of a nuclear war. Twenty-five of the greeters had taken places in front of the three main entrances to the buildings, and were arrested. Cited for trespass, all were released that day.

On November 21, following a sub-zero all-night vigil, nine more persons were arrested as they carried a shanty-house onto GE property to emphasize their point that "people are homeless while GE feasts" to the tune of \$6 million per day in military contracts.

No further action has been taken against those arrested on either day.

Draper

The Boston area Mobilization for Survival heeded the call with a morning action at the Draper Nuclear Weapons Laboratory in Cambridge. Fifty-two people were arrested for trespass, including five who returned to the lab in the afternoon to blockade the doorway. Most of those arrested in the morning had been prevented from reaching the doors by police and chose to die-in in Draper's central courtyard. One man was held overnight, and all others were released the same day.

Most of those arrested have already been to trial, convicted, and sentenced to a small fine or community service. Three people have already refused that choice, and will spend three days in jail instead.

Madison

On September 24, Madison's Disarmament Now staged a demonstration and direct action at the University of Wisconsin's Army/Air Force ROTC headquarters. A rally was followed by a procession through campus, and grave digging on the front lawn of the ROTC building. Five persons were charged with criminal damage to property. A late December trial date has been set.

CONTACT ADDRESSES

For more information about the September 24 actions, please contact the following--

G.E. SPACE CENTER--Brandywine Peace Community, Box 81, Swarthmore, PA 19081.

GRAND FORKS AFB--Bemidji Friends for a Nonviolent World, 1517 America Ave., Bemidji, MN 56601.

SENECA ARMY DEPOT--Women's Encampment for a Future of Peace and Justice, 5540 Ft. 96, Romulus, NY 14541.

MADISON--Disarmament Now, 315 W. Gorham St., Madison, WI 53703.

SANDIA/LIVERMORE--Livermore Action Group, 3126 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, CA 94705.

DRAPER--Boston Mobilization for Survival, 727 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, MA, (617) 354-0008.



Steve Guarnaccia

Seneca

Army personnel couldn't find the key to unlock a gate at the Seneca Army Depot on September 24, so the women from the nearby peace camp blockading outside the gate were not arrested.

A bit of information from the legal collective at the Women's Encampment for A Future of Peace and Justice in Romulus, New York: They have reported confirming that military officials DO NOT have the authority to fingerprint demonstrators unless and until they are arrested AND their cases sent to court. In other words, people can legally refuse to give their fingerprints until they have been formally charged, and not just detained by military authorities.

Grand Forks

In the north country, the Bemidji, Minnesota, Friends for a Nonviolent World took their second annual peace walk to Grand Forks Air Force Base in North Dakota. The nine-day, 120 mile walk ended at the S.A.C. bomber base on September 23. Upon their arrival, walkers Patti King, Jim O'Sullivan, Janette Bendickson and Kevin Brown attempted to deliver a "Caution and Appeal to Personnel" to the Air Force Base, regarding their involvement in the violation of international law. All four were arrested for trespass. Patty and Jim served 30 day sentences from this and previously suspended terms, and Janette and Kevin received an 18 month deferment of sentence plus \$200 fine and court costs.

WRITINGS FROM JAIL

THE INSIDE LINE

PEACE PRISONERS FAST

In response to the cry of the poor, the hungry, and the oppressed of the earth, we choose to set aside each first day of the month as a day of fasting, and we invite those beyond prison walls to join with us in this act of awakening conscience. We believe that in the cry of the oppressed God speaks to us, calling us to take personal and resolute action in resisting to the arms race, the cause of so much violence, starvation and contempt of life. Our hope is that those who read this appeal will join us in prayerful fasting and be moved to take the next steps of faith: 1) to build communities of prayer, study and searching out the will of God, 2) to personally and collectively respond to the needs of the oppressed and poor neighbor, and 3) to undertake acts of resistance to the "lawfulness" of nuclear destruction and to the systems of injustice which make possible their creation. As we share in this monthly day of fasting and prayer, reflecting on the vision of the peaceful, nonviolent world and repenting of our unfaithfulness in failing to embody that vision, "hungering" in the

desert for peace and challenging one another to the work that lies before each of us, may our commitment to act for justice and peace be renewed and strengthened. Please tell us of your own response to this call. Write to Jim Perkins #03825-018, Federal Prison Camp, Danbury, CT 06610.

(Thanks to Year One.)

Dean Hammer, Vern Rossman, Todd Kaplan, Jim Perkins



Hiroshima & Nagasaki Remembered As P

While the major media and much of the nation seemed to yawn between political conventions this summer, we discovered that resistance played a part in more Hiroshima/Nagasaki commemorations than ever before.

We didn't anticipate that this would be the case, but the spirit of this abundant outpouring of action was with us as we spent those days in retreat with 200 other nonviolent activists at the Non-violence in Education and Action conference, in the sacred Black Hills of South Dakota. As a group, on August 9, we had focused this energy on the placement of three large circles of stone against a grassy bluff, at the end of the main runway of Ellsworth Air Force Base. Clearly visible to the Strategic Air Command B-52's which take off and land day and night, the circles comprised an ecology symbol, a medicine wheel and a peace sign.

Following are brief accounts of the actions and arrests which occurred last August in the memory of the tragedies at Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Picatinny

From Felton Davis in jail, September 24:

"...I would send you a 'statement' but you all have been giving me far too much space in your newsletters, and I would rather be more of a footnote, and see more from, and about, the Plowshares prisoners."

[Eds. note: Well, Felton, Leo Schiff, awaiting trial for the Trident II Plowshares action (see page 1) responds best, as he wrote from jail, "First, I want to thank everyone for all the love and prayers you are sending. I gain much sustenance from all your care. I wish, though, that friends would not focus so much on our incarceration. The focus belongs on the weapons, and not on us. Our suffering is minor in comparison to the other prisoners. We are here living out our deepest beliefs, while others are here for shoplifting two bags of cookies or failure to raise \$150 bail". And besides, Felton, you write such a good story that we reprint the following.]

"I was arrested on August 6 and 9 at Picatinny, a leading center of Army weapons research. On the 6th, the authorities declined to prosecute, so the 'red substance' was hosed off the sign at the main entrance, and I was given a ride to the train station in nearby Dover, New Jersey. On the 9th I returned to paint the words 'Hiroshima, Nagasaki--Never Again' on one side of the sign and a large ambiguous shape on the other. Officer Sam Williams couldn't decide whether it was a mushroom cloud or a tree, and called the FBI. Agent Dick Wolmer arrived at dawn and joined criminal investigator Bill Garner and myself for scrambled eggs and toast at the arsenal employee's cafeteria. Wolmer, who wanted credit for the arrest, insisted on picking up the tab.

"From there we drove to the U.S. Attorney's office in Newark to see about an arraignment. When no prosecutor could be secured by noon we went downstairs to the federal employee's cafeteria and ordered grill cheese sandwiches. While we were eating, Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul Brickfield came over to the table and expressed some interest in the case. I told him to hurry up and sit down because Wolmer was paying, and we were having a good discussion about symbolism vs. vandalism.

"After lunch we walked across the street to the courthouse, and I was charged with trespassing and depredation of government property. Magistrate Donald Haneke offered me personal recognizance, but I refused to sign for it and he reluctantly ordered me held. I got back to M.C.C. around 7 pm, and the usual processing was waived due to my recent release from a previous incarceration. They sent me directly up to my old cell on the 7th floor, where my cellmate had a plate of beans and rice and hot coffee waiting for me."

Felton is currently serving a five month sentence for spray-painting disarmament wedding day greetings on the New York City Federal Building, concurrent with a six month sentence for the above actions. He is due out in February, 1985.

You can write to Felton Davis #04996-050; Lewisburg Prison Camp; Lewisburg, PA 17837

New York City

Four members of Greenpeace were arrested August 6 after climbing scaffolding now in place around the Statue of Liberty and hanging a giant banner reading "Give Me Liberty From Nuclear Weapons".

Three days later, Kairos Community and Catholic Peace Fellowship led people to the doors of Riverside Research Institute, a nuclear weapons research facility and think tank. Riverside is located, appropriately, in the heart of Manhattan's pornography district. Thirty-five people were arrested blockading or pouring blood during a day of leafletting, picketing and prayer in front of the offices. All were released with minor citations, and most, as usual, will refuse to go to court and likely have their charges dropped.

Seneca

"In Europe, railroad tracks led people into the death camps. Here at Seneca, tracks lead into the depot, also a death camp, because nuclear weapons are stored here...We walk down these tracks in a spirit of nonviolence and vulnerability carrying a sign which says 'No More Nagasaki's'."

So stated Mary Loehr, Dr. Hilda Clarke and a U.S. citizen representing a Nagasaki survivor, about their arrest at the Seneca Army Depot near Romulus, New York on August 9. In all during August, about 50 women entered the Depot and were apprehended. Seven women, charged with re-entry for this and other actions, served jail time. Dew B. Wilde served 15 days, and Jane Be, Judy Jones, Norma Lewis, Sophia West and Cassandra White all served 30 days in jail. Mary Loehr received 60 days after conviction for re-entry on September 10.

No more arrests have been reported at Seneca since August, and peace campers have lately been focusing on covert entry onto the base to leave messages for soldiers.

Florida

Pratt & Whitney Aircraft in Palm Beach County, Florida, manufactures aircraft engines for the B-52 bomber and other warplanes. August 9 found 40 people vigiling at its main gate. Karl Welsher, holding a banner that read "War Technology Betrays the Christ", left the vigil and blocked a car from entering the facility. He was charged with resisting a law officer without violence, and released on his own recognizance. Late in October, a hung jury resulted in a mistrial. The state has the option to re-prosecute.

GTE/Westboro

Peace Witness at GTE marked Hiroshima Day with members kneeling and holding signs of Hiroshima victims at the entrance to the Westboro, Massachusetts MX missile contractor. Scott and Claire Schaeffer-Duffy, Dan Lawrence and Ernestine leBeau were arrested for trespass. They were allowed to present a defense of justification to the jury during their November trial, but were convicted none the less. On November 19, the four were sentenced to 15 days in jail, which they served. Weekly vigils at GTE continue.

Rocky Flats

Each year on August 6-9, the Narcoleptics (an affinity group of the Rocky Flats Truth Force) reunion with friends for a peace camp of some sort on the old stomping grounds north of Golden, Colorado.

This year, they joined regular Sunday vigilers on August 5 for a prayer circle at the east gate followed by a circle of silence at the west gate of the Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant outside Denver, Colorado. The next morning, the Narcoleptics returned to set up a tipi on land adjacent to the railroad tracks leading into the plant.

Tuesday, August 6, a train was stopped entering and leaving the plant, and eight arrests were made. Thursday, Nagasaki Day, another train was stopped in both directions and three more arrests made, including the father of one woman arrested Tuesday. All pleaded guilty or no contest. Two received \$150 fines, the rest \$75. None plan to pay.

Two months later, on October 19, the regular Sunday vigilers arrived to find that the low swinging gate across the west entry road, built at the property line just to fend off the radically non-violent, was open. About half the circle of 20 placed themselves inside the line, half outside. When Rockwell security arrived, all but Sr. Pat Mahoney agreed to leave.

Pat was arrested, spent the night in jail, and was released on a signature bond. She was convicted November 19, and will be sentenced December 20. Pat is on probation from a previous Rocky Flats case, but no action has been taken against her at this time.



--Bill Horne, 1983

Lifton/Toronto

The anniversary of the bombing of Nagasaki was commemorated in Toronto by members of the Cruise Missile Conversion Project, 24 of whom were arrested at the Litton cruise missile plant that has been their target of protest for several years. Eleven of the group spent one night in jail, and all are awaiting trials in December.

Madison

Five members of Madison, Wisconsin's anti-nuclear dance troupe "Nu Parable", served five days in jail in September, following contempt of court citations imposed when they danced in the East Towne Mall on Nagasaki Day. Troupe members had previously been barred from such mobile protests. A group calling itself Family of Nu Parable sang, danced and leafletted customers in the mall as the five were turning themselves in.

Nu Parable dancers have also disrupted the playing of the national anthem at two University of Wisconsin football games with a die-in on the playing field. The first time, five dancers were charged with disorderly conduct, and the second time city authorities said it wasn't worth prosecuting.

As Protests Set New Mark

SAC/Omaha

Fifteen indictments handed down by federal prosecutors in Nebraska last August 3, appeared to be aimed at disrupting participation in annual Hiroshima/Nagasaki protests at the Strategic Air Command Headquarters at Offut Air Force Base, near Omaha. All the indictments were for members of Strategies and Action for Conversion (SAC), the organizing group for many protests at Offut, and all those indicted had been repeatedly arrested for trespass at the base.

The indictments, long anticipated, had little effect, if any, on the action. On August 5, 148 people were arrested, most receiving ban and bar letters, and at least 30 being charged with re-entry. All but Jeff Keys were released that day. Jeff did not cooperate, and the next day pleaded guilty. He served a 30-day sentence in jail.

Earlier that day, Fr. Darrell Rupiper, Richard Flamert and Tom Cordaro had been arrested while leafletting in front of SAC headquarters, charged with disobeying a lawful order. Their trial is scheduled for December 11.

On August 6, a small group swam out to an island in an artificial lake on Offut property. Banners declared the island a nuclear free zone, and "No more Hiroshimas". A garden was planted. Their statement acknowledged the Jewish holiday Tisha B'Av, which commenced sunset, August 6, this year, and recalled that both Jewish and Japanese people were among those killed in World War II. Seven people were arrested and issued ban and bar letters before being released.

Among those pleading guilty at August arraignments, Mike Palacek got 50 days in jail, and Marci Friedman a 20 day term. Others received probation, fines or suspended sentences. Dean Denner, pleading not guilty, was tried and convicted in September and served 20 days in jail. Elaine Bales-Henry also pled not guilty and was convicted October 2. She received one year of probation.

Then, on November 8, 27 more indictments were handed down against repeat offenders at Offut. All but Fr. Darrell Rupiper received suspended six month terms plus one year of probation. Rupiper was given six months in jail. One woman who refused to cooperate with the arrest procedures was held in contempt and jailed. She was reported to be planning to cooperate and gain her release by the first week of December.



Letters of support can be sent to Fr. Darrell Rupiper; MCC; 71 West Van Buren Street; Chicago, IL 60605

Electric Boat/Groton

At 8:15 a.m., August 6, twelve persons were arrested in the area of the Administration Building of the Electric Boat Shipyard in Groton, Connecticut. Teresa Allen and Jean Holladay were held in custody until Monday, August 10, and released with time served. The rest had their charges dropped.

CONTACT ADDRESSES

For more information about the August 6-9 actions, please contact the following--

ROCKY FLATS--Narcoleptics, 1760 Boulder St., Denver, CO 80211 and the SUNDAY PRAYER VIGIL, c/o Denver Catholic Worker, 2420 Welton St., Denver, CO 80201.

PRATT & WHITNEY--Karl Welsher, 20 Moss Lane, Winter Park, FL 32789.

ELECTRIC BOAT--Trident Nein, Box 411, New Haven, CT 06502.

RIVERSIDE--Catholic Peace Fellowship, 339 Lafayette, NY, NY 10012.

MADISON--Bill Mutranowski, c/o Nuke-watch, 315 W. Gorham St., Madison, WI 53703.

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Jonah House, 1933 Park Ave., Baltimore, MD 21217.

SAC OMAHA--Strategies and Action for Conversion, c/o 1026 N. 146th Circle, Omaha, NE 68154.

GENERAL DYNAMICS--Peter Maurin Catholic Worker, 2230 Island Ave., San Diego, CA 92102.

SENECA ARMY DEPOT--Women's Encampment for a Future of Peace and Justice, 5440 Rt. 96, Romulus, NY 14541.

LITTON/TORONTO--Cruise Missile Conversion Project, 730 Bathurst Ave., Toronto, Ontario M5S 2R4 CANADA.

GTE--Peace Witness at GTE, c/o 10 Castle St., Worcester, MA 01609.

San Diego

A prayer vigil was held at the General Dynamics cruise missile production plant near San Diego, August 6-9. For 75 hours, vigilers fasted and continuously folded paper cranes. Vigilers have always requested a place--anywhere on General Dynamics property--from which to pray for a conversion to peaceful production. General Dynamics has always refused. On August 9, Margaret Cauchon and Leo and Terry Bennet-Cauchon--mother, son/husband and wife--entered the property to present an offering of 1030 paper cranes. Arrested for trespass, the trio was released pending arraignment October 26. All pleaded no contest, and are performing community service in lieu of paying a \$50 fine.

Washington, D.C.

The Atlantic Life Community returned to the Pentagon August 6, blockading the concourse entrance with a die-in and the pouring of blood and ashes. Five people were arrested; three fined, one did not appear for trial and Jan Keunning served a week in jail. [We last reported Jan being sentenced to one year in jail, only to learn that as we went to press, the judge released her--eds.]

August 7 and 8 the group engaged in actions and dialogue at the Air and Space Museum and the State Department, with no arrests. Nagasaki Day saw seven persons arrested for praying on the White House lawn. Three spent the night in jail, and charges were eventually dropped.

Sperry/St. Paul

At the Sperry Defense plant in Eagan, Minnesota, friends and members of the Minnesota Women's Peace Camp gathered for protest and a celebration of life on August 6. Three hundred women and children joined the celebration, which concluded with 13 women blockading a gate and preventing a truck from leaving. Charges of obstructing traffic and trespass were later dropped.

The Women's Peace Camp, established on Sperry property in October, 1983, was formally closed on October 1, 1984. Women celebrated the occasion at the site, and the group will continue their activism at Sperry and elsewhere. Nine women arrested during the closing have had their trials joined with women arrested last December. Prosecution is still pending in all the outstanding Sperry cases. For more information, contact the Minnesota Women's Peace Camp; Box 16135; St. Paul, MN 55116.

INTERNATIONAL NOTES



Jail for Canadian Cruise Testing Foes

Two Canadian activists recently began serving jail terms for nuclear-protest related convictions. The similarities in their cases ends there.

Ken Deyarmond, arrested last year in Toronto during an anti-cruise testing demonstration which coincided with a visit by British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, was sentenced November 21 to six months in jail following conviction on the charges of assaulting police. Ken had been near Thatcher's intended path, and as she came by, he was pushed to the ground from behind and set upon by police, who charged him with three counts of assaulting a foreign dignitary, and one count of possession of marijuana. He had previously been convicted on the pot charge (though he is a non-smoker) and was acquitted on one charge of assaulting police and the charge of assaulting Thatcher.

Ken, who is married with one small child, has been described as a quiet and careful man. Coincidentally, or not so, at the time of his arrest, he was the only member of a Vancouver Five support group in Toronto who had not yet been subject to police harassment for his political activities. In late November, Ken was released on bond pending appeal.

The other activist, film artist Peter Grayson, is serving an 89-day jail term on weekends in addition to community service work making a film for the John Howard Society, a prisoner support organization. In the summer of 1983, a week after Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau announced that tests of the United States cruise missile would be permitted in Canada, Grayson went to the National Archives in Ottawa and asked to see a copy of the recently ratified constitution. Cruise opponents had often noted that the testing would violate rights guaranteed by the new constitution. When the document was brought to him, he, having informed no one of his intentions, poured red ink on it. The government spent thousands of dollars unsuccessfully trying to remove the stain. According to the *Toronto Star*, the judge considered "sentencing Grayson to restitution but felt this wasn't practical, given the money involved and the effect it might have on Grayson's possibly 'brilliant' future as an artist".

Donations toward a \$2000 legal bill for Queen's Park Peace Camp actions can be sent to Brian Burch; 257 B Carlton St.; Toronto, Ontario M4A 2L4 CANADA.

Roxby uranium will be exported to the U.S.A. to prop up stockpiles for its military weapons program and will also find its way into Soviet enrichment plants through exports to Finland.

The office occupations occurred after a six week blockade at the Roxby mine site. Eight hundred people had gathered at the blockade with over 300 being arrested and many more being evicted from the mine's lease area. Actions at the blockade included a hang glider dropping flowers on the mine shaft, people blockading trucks by chaining and supergluing themselves to gates and cattle grids, Snow White and the Seven Dwarves dismantling the fence and a "shower-in" in the "emergency shower" at the tailings dam. Many of the blockaders will refuse to pay fines and face prison sentences of up to a couple of weeks.

Four women from the Brisbane occupation pleaded guilty and received two week sentences for trespass and resisting arrest.

The year-old vigil by the anti-nuke and aboriginal people continues at Roxby Downs, in the South Australian desert. The vigil experiences police and miner harassment, occasional arrest and the permanent threat of eviction. Letters of support and solidarity can be sent to Roxby Vigil c/o Andamooka Post Office; South Australia 5722.

by Ciaran O'Reilly
Brisbane Catholic Worker

Survivors Dig Honeywell's Grave

The tombstone above a grave dug on the lawn of Honeywell Corporation's main offices in Minneapolis on October 2 read "The Survivors Will Envy the Dead". About 50 People Against Military Madness gathered to watch four people dig the grave. Police arrested the four and asked the others to leave. Thirteen people refused and were also arrested.

The PAMM affinity group chose this day, the 115th anniversary of Gandhi's

birth, to landscape the source of cluster bombs, nuclear guidance systems and oh, yes, thermostats.

Seven of the 13 people who had refused to leave the site of the grave digging were acquitted by a jury November 6. Remaining trials are scheduled for 1985.

For more information about resistance at Honeywell, contact the Honeywell Project; 3144 10th Ave. South; Minneapolis, MN 55407; (612)823-6126.

ELFbusters Busted

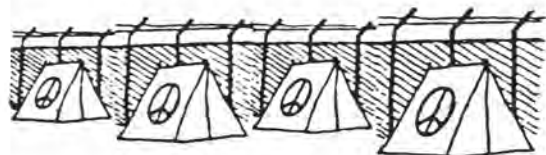
From Tom Hastings of Wisconsin:

"On November 11, after a wonderful interfaith service (held at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month as in the original Armistice), six of us climbed up one side of a special ELFbuster ladder and down the other side into the ELF transmitter compound. The ELF personnel had been instructed to loop concertina razor wire around the top of the fence which surrounds Project ELF. It was a gas to use the ladder and never even touch the new razor wire, recently installed to greet us.

"Everyone in CATE sends megatons of love and support to our good friends who pruned back a Minuteman missile silo in Kansas. The north shall rise again!"

Kathy Kelly, Jeff Leys, Nancy Rice, Mike Miles, Ann Isenberg and Tom Hastings go to court on July 5. Meanwhile, "elfbusters" have continued their dismantling of survey stakes, ribbons and benchmarks in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. They vow to continue obstructing the construction of Project ELF, the nuclear submarine communications system.

For more information, contact Citizens for Alternatives to Trident and ELF (CATE); Box 364; Webster, WI 54893; (715) 866-8322.



Peacecampers Arrested at Savannah River Plant

The Savannah River Peace Encampment closed at the end of the summer. Three campers were arrested for trespass at the government's Savannah River uranium and plutonium production plant and then released. No further action has been taken.

Another SRP activist, who had gone fugitive pending sentencing until last spring when federal agents picked him up upon his return from Nicaragua, has recently been released from jail. John Penley came out to bad news--the elderly woman who had originally put up his bond was forced to pay \$1046 because of his forfeiture, though Penley understood that he would be given the opportunity following his release to work and repay the government. Mrs. M. Simkins paid the bond, but the Natural Guard is asking assistance for John to repay Mrs. Simkins as soon as possible. Inquiries and donations may be sent to the Natural Guard; 18 Bluff Rd.; Columbia, SC 29201.

Litton Resistance Continues

Litton Industries plant, making cruise missile parts near Toronto, Ontario, continues to be a target for the direct action movement in the region. Fourteen women were arrested there on November 13, the 10th anniversary of Karen Silkwood's death, for trespass and mischief. The following day, twelve more people were arrested on the same charges in an action sponsored by the Cruise Missile Conversion Project (address page 7). Trial dates have been set for some in 1985, and others have not yet been arraigned.

More Salt, Less Nukes

Nine members of Chicago Life Community disrupted business as usual at Morton Thiokol's annual shareholder meeting, October 25. During Chief Executive Officer Locke's presentation, two community members stood at the front of the auditorium, holding a banner that read "Morton Thiokol, Stop the Arms Race". They were quickly removed by security guards as Locke proclaimed, "If they were in Russia, they would be shot or put in jail". In fact, the two, Jerry Ebner and Bob Bossie, were arrested and jailed overnight before their release, charged with disorderly conduct. Their trial is scheduled for December 6.

Morton Thiokol is heavily involved in the manufacture of propulsion systems for first-strike weapons as well as other high-nuke-tech research and development. They also make salt. During the question period, Life Community members asked Locke about how the corporation would respond to a national boycott of its consumer products due to its weapons activities.

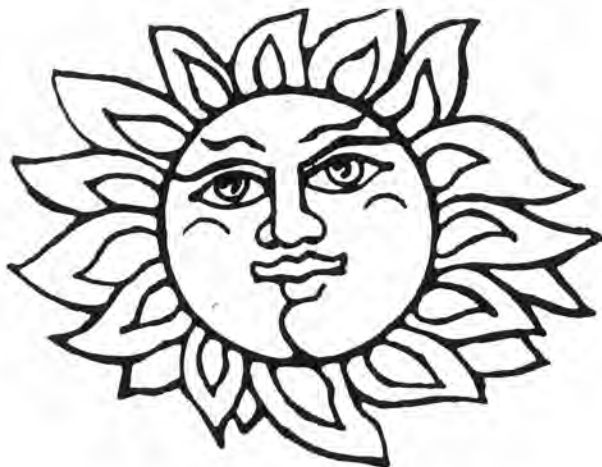
For more information, contact the Chicago Life Community; (312)427-4351.

Free Speech?

Four people were arrested October 2, the eve of a rally celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Free Speech Movement at the University of California/Berkeley, and charged with felony vandalism and conspiracy for spraypainting anti-nuclear and peace statements on campus walls. The university made initial damage claims of \$75,000, dropping the figure to \$6,400, which included overtime pay for workers called out after midnight to clean the paint off.

Supporters noted, "The actions of the university are far beyond what could have been expected under normal, 'criminal' circumstances, giving the distinct impression that what the University is really attempting to punish is the expression of political dissent".

For more information, contact UC-Berkeley Free Speech Four; c/o L.A.G.; 3126 Shattuck Ave.; Berkeley, CA 94705.



Diablo

In a last act of public resistance before Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant went on line this fall, about 110 people were arrested there last August 12. About 1/3 spent the customary four days in jail; others still await trial.

Women Cry Out "Not in Our Name"

"Not in Our Name" was the cry of 1200 women who gathered in New York City on November 18 and 19 for a women's resistance action.

"As women, we all endure the daily violences, physical, emotional, psychological and economic, waged against us in a male-dominated global culture. But we have many other identities--Black, Latina, Asian, Palestinian, lesbian, physically challenged, older, fat, working class, poor, prostitute and more--identities whose strength and beauty are equally diminished and preyed upon while the density of our suffering increases.

"As feminists, we understand and are committed to exposing the silent partnership between corporate, military, government, media, religious and all other institutions in whose name we are kept disempowered and divided."

On Sunday, the 18th, the women marched past sites of women's abuse and sites where women are resisting. At a speak-out following the march, they shared stories of sisters' struggles. Monday, 102 women were arrested as they blocked entrances to the New York Stock Exchange. Sixty-eight of the group refused to cooperate with citation release, and had their charges dropped.

For more information about future women's actions in the northeast, contact Not In Our Name; 339 Lafayette St.; NY, NY; (212)254-4961.

Fifth Trident Resisted in Connecticut

(reprinted from *Peacework* #136, November 1984)

Sixteen people were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after they crossed police lines and tried to block buses bringing guests to the commissioning ceremony of the fifth Trident submarine, the Henry M. Jackson, on October 6. Some 150 people protested outside the gates of the Naval Underwater Systems Center in New London, Connecticut across the river from the General Dynamics/Electric Boat shipyard, which built the Jackson.

Joan Rothlein, member of Spinsters Opposed to Nuclear Genocide, criticized the Navy for holding the commissioning on Yom Kippur, the most holy day in the Jewish faith. "For the Navy to choose Yom Kippur as a day to celebrate a weapon of mass destruction is a slap in the face for the Jewish people," Rothlein said.

Charges were eventually dropped. For more information on future Trident resistance, contact Trident Nein; Box 411; New Haven, CT 06502.

BOOK REVIEW

Oral histories are an important way for social movements to claim their own roots, before the professional historians dilute or ignore the personalities and dynamics of the struggle to fit the demands of the status quo.

A fine new oral history of interest to readers of the *Nuclear Resister* is **Facing the Danger: Interviews With 20 Anti-Nuclear Activists**, by Sam Totten and Martha Wescoat Totten. The authors interviewed over 80 anti-nuclear activists, and their selection of 20 for print is broad and balanced. The activists were encouraged to share how it was they came to be deeply involved, and thus many of the stories are highly emotional. Most included are well known figures in the movement, but that is not the case with all; and in all cases, the personal motivating experiences occurred long before notoriety. Therefore, the accounts can strike a chord with many people in similar situations--homemakers, students, religious people, medical and legal professionals, employees in the nuclear industry and military (including atomic) veterans.

Two resisters are included in the selection, Sr. Anne Montgomery and Kristina Selvig. Our only criticism--and this is perhaps the publisher's decision--is that neither of these women were included in the sample of names on the cover of the book or in promotional materials.

Facing the Danger, \$8.95 from the Crossing Press, Trumansburg, NY 14886.

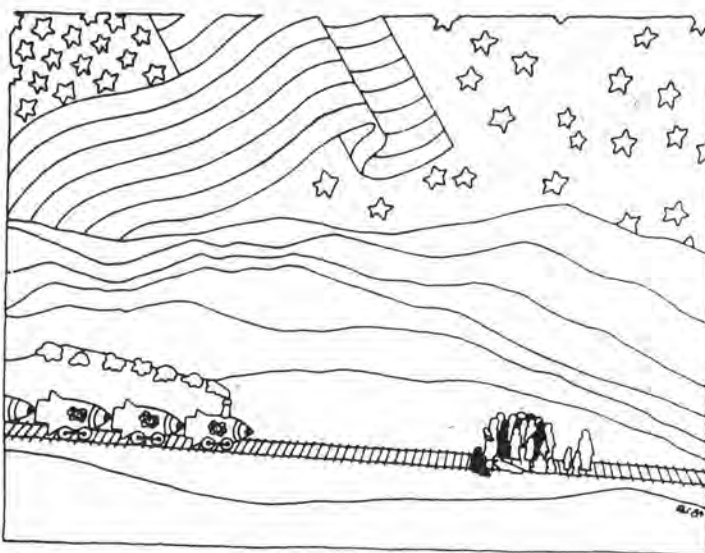
Update: Tracking The White Train

As last issue we followed the tracks of July's White Train resistance from Amarillo to Bangor, so now we follow the legal-size paper trail along the same route of the nuclear weapons transport train.

At one point in the jury selection in rural Conrad, Montana, over half of 11 prospective jurors remaining before the judge raised their hands when they were asked if they felt peace activists are subversive or unpatriotic. Karl Zanzig, Amy Schmitz, Mark Anderlik and Sue Silverberg were not allowed to bring international law arguments into the trial. The jury deliberated eleven minutes before convicting them of trespass. They were sentenced to three months suspended, \$50 fine and 25 hours of community service, which may include disarmament work.

Mark and Sue are carrying through the appeal, and Amy and Karl refuse to pay the fine. A contempt hearing could result in February. A fifth defendant, Carol Bellin, has had her case continued to sometime in 1985.

The city of Spokane, Washington, dropped trespass charges against three men arrested blocking the tracks there.



Down the line in Vancouver, Washington, Johnny Baranski wrote that "Our trial, some 5½ days long, was a true challenge to Agape, that's to say, our loving non-violence; and our rather diverse community stood up to it with all the virtue it takes in spite of imperfection."

"The judge, Eugene Harris, was erratic, duplicitous, disruptive, rude and unjust--a Julius Hoffman, a Plowshares 8 Salus, countless others. No one in the courtroom was left unscathed by his irrationality, not even the prosecutor who was so aggressively admonished by the judge at one point, in front of the jury, it embarrassed even the defendants."

Judge Harris, a WWII amputee who was 11 months a prisoner of war, reflected on the trial as "a very difficult case...it's been the most frustrating trial I've ever been engaged in in 35 years of practicing law...There has been a little bit of civil disobedience in the courtroom almost every day". He responded to one defendant's refusal to stand as Harris entered the courtroom by threatening a contempt citation. Eleven others then refused to stand for His Honor and all twelve spent two days in jail for contempt of court.

Thirty of 49 arrested for the blockade were on trial--ten juveniles had had charges dismissed and nine others will be tried separately. All were found guilty of obstructing a lawfully operated train by a jury that struggled for 7½ hours--the longest deliberation on record in the county--looking for "loopholes" to bring back an acquittal. Not allowed to hear arguments for jury nullification (see related article on this page) and unable, in the words of one juror, to find in their oath any "obscure reference to justice" that would permit an acquittal, the jurors felt they had no other choice but conviction.

Sentencing was immediate as each person's verdict was read, and covered a wide range of fines, probation, court costs and jail applied to different defendants. Those who least tolerated the courtroom behavior of the judge received the longest jail time--ten days in one case, with some people serving longer for refusing to pay fines. An appeal is being filed.

The Bangor greeting of this latest White Train journey was in some contrast to Vancouver.

Different understandings of nonviolence were apparent from the beginning between Ground Zero, coordinator of the White Train campaign and other activists in the Puget Sound area. These differences were still unresolved when the train left Amarillo. Its departure put added pressure on what all perspectives considered an inadequate decision-making situation, suffering from lack of understanding as well as poor process.

By the time the train arrived, many involved felt their own understanding of nonviolence compromised by the process and decisions reached. The train met a chaotic scene, contrasting greatly with its previous arrivals at Bangor. Many people were intent on stopping the train physically, to emphasize the point that it is in our power to stop it. They and others were roughly restrained by the authorities. Ground Zero organizers believed that the protesters' intent to stop the train neglected the requirements of a long-term nonviolent campaign, and that to cause the officials to risk their lives by pulling demonstrators out of the path of a moving train is tantamount to violence.

In the aftermath, George Greenwald, Jim Douglass and Ellen Steppleton pleaded guilty. Jim explained that "I plead guilty to the charge of blocking the White Train because I did not do so in a truly nonviolent way". Jim served 90 days in jail; George and Ellen 30 days each. Charges against all others were later dropped.

Efforts at reconciliation between different facets of the nonviolent resistance movement around the Puget Sound continue. In the short term, activists view the experience as a remedial lesson that peacemaking begins at home, in the way we live and work with those whose lives we inevitably share. For the long haul, the outlook is hopeful.

Retracing the path of an earlier train, Sister Chris Dobrowski was not tried in September for blocking a White Train in Memphis as previously reported. She is still awaiting grand jury action. Memphis Agape expects civil disobedience to occur whenever the White Train next comes through town.

For more information, contact Ground Zero; 16159 Clear Creek Rd.; Poulsbo, WA 98370 (206)692-7053.

JURY NULLIFICATION

Juries Can Judge the Criminal & the Law

(Reprinted from the Oregon Marijuana Initiative Report. Thanks to Kindler Stout.)

When we think about voting, we often consider only the "ballot box" election as an appropriate time to register our views of laws we believe are oppressive and/or outside the proper scope of governmental intervention. It is equally appropriate, and perhaps more effective, to vote your views as members of juries charged with the duty of convicting or acquitting a person charged with violating a criminal law you deem to be oppressive.



The right of the jury to, in effect, veto any criminal law imposed by the legislature is well-known in English and American history, constitutions, and case law precedent. Yet, it is virtually unknown to the general public, perhaps, because trial judges do not so inform juries.

Since 1215 A.D., when the embattled barons of England met King John in the meadow at Runnymede and forced him to sign the Magna Carta, the great charter of liberty, there has been no clearer principle of constitutional law than the right and duty of jurors to judge what are the facts; but, it is also their right to determine the law. This power of the jury, known as "jury nullification", freed people charged with violating the Stamp Act in Colonial America, acquitted abolitionists who brought slaves to freedom in violation of the fugitive slave laws, and vindicated purchasers of alcoholic beverages during prohibition.

A noted scholar of liberty in the 19th century, Lysander Spooner, pointed out in his book, "An Essay on Trial by Jury", (Da Capo Press, NY, NY) that "The trial by jury...is a trial by the country--that is, by the people--as distinguished from a trial by the government," Spooner continued, "it is (the juries) right, and their primary and paramount duty, to judge of the justice of the law and to hold all

laws are invalid, that are, in their opinion, unjust or oppressive, and all persons guiltless in violating, or resisting the execution of such laws."

The late Harlan F. Stone, former U.S. Supreme Court Justice, writing in 50 Harvard Law Review 4 stated as follows, "If a juror feels the statute involved in any criminal case being tried is unfair, or that it infringes upon the defendant's natural God-given inalienable or constitutional rights, then it is his (sic) duty to affirm that the offending statute is really no law at all and that the violation of it is not crime at all--for no one is bound to obey an unjust law. The law itself is on trial, quite as much as the cause which is to be decided."

The first U.S. Supreme Court Justice, John Jay, (who, also, was one of the three authors of "The Federalists Papers" and former President of the Continental Congress) in instructing a jury in 1794, stated as follows: "It is presumed that juries are the best judges of facts; it is, on the other hand, presumed that the courts are the best judges of law...But still both objects are within your power of decision...you have a right to take upon yourselves to judge of both and to determine the law as well as the fact in controversy." (State of Georgia v. Brailsford, et al, 3 Dall 1).

Again, the power of the jury was upheld in U.S. v. Mulvey Dougherty, 473 F2d 1113 (1972) where the United States Court of Appeals for District of Columbia acknowledged that there can be no doubt that the jury has "unreviewable and unreviewable power...to acquit in disregard of the instructions on the law given by trial judge..."

The premise in the views expressed by the constitutional fathers, judges and scholars cited above is that citizens are endowed with natural inalienable rights which may be diminished by governmental intervention only to the extent authority has been delegated to government by the Constitution. The conduct of free persons is regulated by natural or common law and any legislation (government law) outside Constitution bounds which is inconsistent with natural law, though it be legislation, is not law. It is the province of the judge, a representative of the government, to tell the jury the legislature's pronouncement of the law, to be the law. It is the province of the jury, as representative of the free country, to determine if the legislation is, in fact, the law.

As stated by Thomas Jefferson in a letter to Thomas Paine in 1789: "I consider trial by jury as the only anchor ever yet imagined by man, by which a government can be held to the principles of the constitution."

Update Files

In MICHIGAN, activists took a breather the past few months to let the legal dust settle a bit and plan for future actions. No more trials of people arrested at WILLIAMS INTERNATIONAL (cruise missile contractor) have occurred, and no decision has been made on appeals of contempt citations from past actions. Pat Robertson and Ken Berger were given ten day sentences for trespass at K.I. SAWYER AIR FORCE BASE near MARQUETTE, but had already served 21 days on the charge. Following up on WURTSMITH AIR FORCE BASE protests, Mary West and Tom Lumpkin served ten days, and Sr. Ardeth Platte and Sr. Carol Gilbert served five days following their convictions for trespass there...Christin Schmidt (Pershing Plowshares) writes, "By the way, we did not get five years suspended on either charge--rather three years (degradation) and five years probation (conspiracy) and restitution. The probation is the worst of it-- a long ball and chain--we will cross that bridge when we come to it...Another OREGON scowflaw was rounded up in October, when LITTON (Grants Pass, Oregon) protester Don Skinner was stopped by police and a check run on his license. One of many who refused to pay a \$75 fine when it was imposed, Skinner paid the money on the spot and was released without further penalty... Letters are still needed in support of Leonard Peltier's bid for a new trial. His new evidentiary hearing in October focused on recently released FBI ballistics reports. Federal Judge Paul Benson (U.S. District Court; Old Federal Building Court-house; Room 333; Fargo, ND 58102) is considering reopening the hearing to probe further discrepancies in the testimony of one ballistics expert. Letters supporting Leonard should still be sent to Benson, who is becoming sensitive to the weight of public opinion. For more information, contact the Leonard Peltier Support Group; Box 18717; Denver, CO 80218...Charges of trespass at the ST. LOUIS headquarters of GENERAL DYNAMICS have been dismissed against Edgar Roberts and Angie O'Gorman. Of five students arrested a year ago at General Dynamics, three still await trial. One pleaded guilty and will serve a year of probation, and the other paid a \$500 fine after conviction...Brad Munns and Judy Brown were convicted by a SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA Municipal Court Judge on August 3 for their Tax Day blood pouring at a MOTOROLA GOVERNMENT ELECTRONICS PLANT. Pershing missile radar transponders are made there. Judge Preston sentenced the pair to a ten day jail term or fine, instead of the probation offered previous resisters. For reasons of health, Judy Brown paid the fine, and with supporters kept a jail vigil while Brad Munns, also for reasons of health and conscience, fasted inside during his ten day sentence...In TUCSON, Sally Manshardt was convicted for pouring blood at the gate of DAVIS MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE, where cruise crews are trained. She was fined \$150, plus some community service and six months probation. Jim Walsh, at last report, was still being tried on a belatedly-issued summons for a Tax Day trespass at Davis Monthan...A legal logjam in the northwoods was cleared recently, as the MINNESOTA Supreme Court handed down its ruling on the "claim of right" defense, which had previously won some Honeywell protesters an acquittal. The decision did not leave a clear advantage to either prosecutors or defendants, but it did allow hundreds of pending trespass cases to move to trial. Several

small group trials in October and November resulted in convictions and sentences of two days in jail or community service, most defendants opting for jail. One group of five gained an acquittal from the jury when prosecutors failed to show that the group was on HONEYWELL property with



criminal intent. Then, on November 28, the first of three large groups to be tried before the end of the year had charges dismissed just before the beginning of their trial. Indications are the other large groups will be treated the same. In response to the dropped charges, defendants returned to Honeywell on November 30, and presented their defense and testimony on the lawn. Police allowed the "trial" to conclude without incident. Eight people, however, were arrested during the day for entering the building and leafletting...The remaining cases from a June 4 action at the ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL in ILLINOIS were concluded in August and September. Bill Douglas, Steve Sheridan and Jim Dupert were convicted and fined \$25. Part of Bill's bond was kept for payment, but Steve and Jim will not pay. Steve Tuilty refused a \$200 fine and received 30 days in jail, and two other people are awaiting action for refusing to pay \$100 fines...Five people arrested last Easter (April 22) at the AVCO SYSTEMS DIVISION PLANT in WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS were convicted August 21 at a bench trial. All were sentenced immediately to pay \$15 to a victim restitution fund...Pre-trial motions filed by the New England Campaign to Stop the Euromissiles, organizers of a June 18 civil disobedience action at AVCO SYSTEMS DIVISION have delayed the start of a trial for about fifty people. Motions filed include ones asking disclosure of information regarding informants in the organization, electronic surveillance of and a break-in at the Campaign's office. The judge has agreed to the motions, but prosecutors are balking. If charges are not dismissed (another of the motions asks this), trial is expected to begin in January...John Pendleton's trial in federal court on Pentagon protest charges from last Good Friday has been postponed until after his trial on the Trident II Plowshares...Seven people facing trial on federal charges of re-entering GRIFFISS AIR FORCE BASE in upstate NEW YORK last June 4 were convicted and sentenced in August and September. On August 22, Carolyn Mow and Jo Walker were sent to jail for 30 and 10 days, respectively, and four others received 30-60 day suspended sentences, six months probation and \$100-200 fines. On September 4, Andy Mager was sentenced to 40 days in jail (Andy also faces trial January 8, 1985, for refusal to register for the draft). Will Siegfried, arrested June 4 at Griffiss by county authorities was tried and convicted September 27. He refused a \$100 fine and was sentenced to four days in jail...No serious sentences have yet been levied against people convicted for last summer's blockade of ONTARIO HYDRO, the nuclear utility for that Canadian province...In other Canada actions, Abby Weisfield served 30 days for spraypainting anti-nuclear slogans on LITTON offices in OTTAWA. Brian Burch, labeled by the press as a "professional demonstrator", and by the judge as "a pain in the behind", has been sentenced to 18 months probation in Toronto, including a six month ban on participating in public demonstrations and assemblies. Brian is currently working to be arrested for violating this part of the sentence...A number of people arrested protesting an arms bazaar at BOSTON'S LOGAN INTERNATIONAL

AL AIRPORT last July were sentenced to community service, which could include work for peace groups...Of the fifty people arrested last summer during a "People's Quarantine" of the BOHEMIAN GROVE, only ten names appeared on the court's calendar call November 2. The Bohemian Grove, secluded on the Russian River north of San Francisco, has for decades hosted the male corporate and government elite of the nation for two weeks of summer chumming. Members claim it is all in good humor and that no business is conducted, but Club literature acknowledges that the Manhattan Project to build the first atomic bomb was conceived there. The ten pleaded not guilty and filed motions for dismissal based on selective prosecution, because charges against the other 40 arrested had been dropped...Twelve of 25 activists arrested last April at OECO, a PORTLAND firm with Trident and other nuclear weapons contracts, will face trial December 17 and 18. Others arrested at the same time have pleaded other than not guilty and received a sentence of time served...Seven others arrested in Portland June 7 for preventing the passage of a Navy ship under the drawbridge on which they stood have been convicted and await sentencing December 16...Five persons arrested Easter 1984 at AVCO, a Pershing and MX contractor in WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS, were found guilty of trespassing in August. Judge Cullen ordered the five to each pay \$15 to a victim restitution fund...The Three Mile Island (TMI) Nine, arrested for obstruction at the failed reactor in PENNSYLVANIA in May, 1983, presented expert testimony to the jury on a defense of justification at their trial in early August of this year. Theirs was the first anti-nuclear case tried in Pennsylvania since the successful appeals of the Plowshares Eight and Shippingsport verdicts, which cleared the way for juries to hear justification arguments on their own merits. In spite of the testimony, the jury convicted the nine, and they were sentenced to a \$10 fine. Jury members later publically proclaimed their opposition to the re-start



of the damaged reactor...Doug Stewart (VANCOUVER FIVE), following a 26-day fast and the outside support of friends and family, recently won transfer from the French-speaking Archambault Prison in Quebec back to a prison in British Columbia. Supporters had mounted a letter writing campaign to bring Doug back closer to his family. In addition to the fast and letters, demonstrations at several provincial offices of the Solicitor General, including the arrest of two people occupying the Montreal office and Doug's mother sitting in the Ottawa office for six hours finally led the Solicitor General to approve the transfer. Brent Taylor still awaits trial on charges of bombing Litton in TORONTO.

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

NETWORK NEWS

The Midwest Resistance Network met again in October. In addition to networking and celebration, the group agreed to meet next spring in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and to continue publishing the quarterly Midwest Resistance Newsletter. For more information about either the spring gathering or newsletter, contact MRN; Catholic Worker Community; 1027 5th Ave. SE; Cedar Rapids, IA 52403.



1985 PEACE CALENDAR *Can't kill the Spirit*

Twelve uplifting images, 8 in full color, including the La Peña mural, community land trusts, a Nicaraguan mural, pieces of "The Ribbon", the Great Jim Thorpe Longest Run, and Sadako peace cranes from Hiroshima. A glorious fabric art, wrap-around cover in full color by Karen Kerney. People's history dates, lunar cycles, holidays, expanded resource pages. Our 14th edition. 14x11 folded. By mail \$8.25, \$3/\$21.25, 5/\$33. Syracuse Cultural Workers Project, Box 6367, Syracuse, NY 13217. (315) 474-1132. Bulk rates available. Send 25¢ for our catalog of calendars, posters, and greeting cards.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

...**"Faith and Resistance"**, a retreat on nonviolence, February 13-14 in Glenwood, Iowa. The organizers hope to bring together bishops, denominational leaders, priests, ministers, religious and lay leaders from various Christian denominations, in order to pray and reflect on theologies of nonviolent civil disobedience. Please contact Faith & Resistance; 510 16th Ave. SE; Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52401; (319)362-8061.

...A written record of the Griffiss Plowshares action and trial has been made. The 200 page record has word for word notes on the testimonies, Syracuse news clippings and photos and certain pre-trial and trial texts. \$15 covers copying, binding, postage and a contribution to the Plowshares 7 support. Order from Griffiss Plowshares 7 Support; 106 Maywood Dr.; Syracuse, NY 13205.

...THE POSTER FOR 1985--(see below)--\$4 each + \$1.50 postage and handling, bulk rates available, 17" x 22" from Nuclear Free America; 325C E. 25th; Baltimore, MD 21218 (a Nuclear Free Zone resource and information center)

...**"Nonviolent Civil Disobedience: Gentle Strength in Action"** is a special issue of *Peacework*, a New England Peace and Social Justice Newsletter. It features 11 pages of articles and graphics on CD; special issue 50¢; introductory subscription \$3.50 (11 issues) from *Peacework*, 2161 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, MA 02140.

...The 1985 War Resisters League Peace Calendar and Appointment Book is available. Entitled "How Shall We Live Together?", it measures 5 1/2 x 8 1/2" and is perfect for the busy activist. To order, send \$6 each (four for \$22) to War Resisters League; 339 Lafayette St.; NYC, NY 10012.

...One of the libraries receiving the *Nuclear Resister* is the Contemporary Culture Collection at Temple University in Philadelphia. We recently received their *News-worthy #4* bibliography on "Civil Disobedience in the 1980's". A handy resource for movement writers, it is available from the Contemporary Culture Collection; Temple University Library; Philadelphia, PA 19122.

"My fellow Americans..."



*We begin bombing
in five minutes."*

Ronald Wilson Reagan
Insane Anglo Warlord

FUTURE ACTIONS

Feast of the holy innocents

Jonah House will sponsor the annual Holy Innocents commemoration at the Pentagon from December 27-29. Participants will meet (as well as eat and sleep) at St. Stephen & the Incarnation Episcopal Church at 16th and Newton Sts. NW, Washington, D.C. For more information, contact Jonah House; 1933 Park Ave.; Baltimore, MD 21217; (301)669-6265.

A Holy Innocents witness will occur at the Rock Island Arsenal on December 28. Contact the Davenport Catholic Worker; 806 W. 5th; Davenport, IA 52802.

The second Feast of the Holy Innocents witness at the Kings Bay submarine base (east coast Trident base--under construction), near St. Mary's, Georgia, is scheduled for December 28. Prayerful trespass onto the base is planned. For more information, contact Steve Clemens; Koinonia Farm; Route 2; Americus, GA 31709.

inauguration day

The Fellowship of Reconciliation's disarmament program is facilitating non-violent resistance in many communities across the nation during the days around Inauguration Day, January 20, 1985. For more information, contact FOR Disarmament Program; Box 271; Nyack, NY 10960.

no business as usual

"...an extraordinary situation requires an extraordinary response. Mass opposition and resistance to war must achieve new heights, and with the greatest urgency. Only the independent action of millions stepping onto the stage of history to resist can realistically speak to the enormity that looms before us. It is in this spirit of practical politics that we now call for a coordinated day of national action against war, a concerted day of "No Business As Usual" on April 29, 1985. A day that deliberately disrupts and shuts down as much as possible of the daily routine through which we are lurching toward global war."

Many diverse actions are being planned. The coalition of individuals and groups endorsing this call do not share a commitment to nonviolence, but many individuals and groups already associated do share such a commitment, and will incorporate it into their plans.

For more information, contact No Business As Usual; 3309 1/2 Mission St. #127; San Francisco, CA 94110; (415)550-8506.

An art festival is being scheduled for the spring of 1985. The festival will be held in the reception area and vestibule of Riverside Research Institute, a military think tank in New York City. Artwork will also be hung on the Institute's doors and walls. It perhaps will take place on April 29 as part of the "No Business As Usual" activities. Interested artists, dancers, musicians, poets, small publishers and activists are urged to participate! Contact Tom Keough; 18 St. Marks Ave.; Brooklyn, N.Y. 11217; (718)638-4812.

YOUR TELEPHONE TAX PAYS FOR WAR!

For more information on telephone tax resistance or other forms of war tax resistance, contact:

The National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee
PO Box 2236
East Patchogue, NY 11772
516-654-8227



PEACE LAW BRIEF BANK

Occasionally, we are asked to provide defendants with legal material--indictments, motions, precedent-setting decisions, etc. Usually, such requests cannot be answered from our files. We are therefore delighted to share the following with readers:

The Peace Law Brief Bank, part of a new project of the Meiklejohn Civil Liberties Institute, is now working "to compile materials that combine sound legal analysis with innovative courtroom strategies to assist the growing number of peace workers who are challenging current US military policies", according to Ann Fagan Ginger, president of the Institute.

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