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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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"A Creative Tension"

...Nonviolent direct action seeks to create such a crisis and establish such a creative tension that a community that has constantly refused to negotiate is forced to confront the issue. It seeks so to dramatize the issue that it can no longer be ignored...

Martin Luther King, Jr.
"Letter from a Birmingham Jail"

In southeastern Michigan, the tension being wrought by the nonviolence campaign opposing cruise missile engine production at Williams International Corporation foreshadows the kind of "creative tension" the peace movement must provoke if our nation as a whole is to honestly confront the issue of nuclear arms.

In October 1982, the Covenant for Peace group began a nonviolent campaign at Williams, beginning with an attempt at dialogue about economic conversion. When the company claimed there was nothing to talk about, the campaign mounted to include weekly leafletting of workers and civil disobedience.

A permanent court injunction was granted by Oakland County Circuit Court Judge James Thorburn in June, 1983, at the request of Williams' attorneys. The order forbids acts of civil disobedience and finds participants in contempt of court in addition to their charges of trespass or blocking the entrance. Contempt citations can now result in confinement in jail until one agrees to promise not to return to Williams for civil disobedience.

Dramatic recent developments at Williams include eight people currently in jail, five for refusing to abandon conscience or appeal their perpetual jail sentence. One man is serving as a full-time conscript into the Salvation Army... An attorney is petitioning Amnesty International to declare the jailed U.S. resisters "prisoners of conscience"... And most recently, Williams International has for the first time declined to ask the court to enforce Judge Thorburn's order in the case of five people arrested there on December 28.

Thorburn told a reporter last November that investigation would show that "out of a crowd of 25 (activists), you might find 20 who are agents--of the police or the communists or somebody else--and really not interested in the nuclear war issue".

On December 3, one year after the first large-scale civil disobedience action at Williams International, thirteen activists were arrested as they blocked

the entrance of the plant. In court, Judge Francis O'Brien gave all 13 the choice offered previous arrestees: jail until you promise never to trespass or blockade at Williams. To this he added the option of working eight hours per day, seven days per week for the Salvation Army. David Braun chose being drafted rather than going to jail, and his forced labor schedule has since been reduced to five days per week.

The other twelve--Carter Cortelyou, Doug Hamm, Ken Jannot, Jr., Brian Larkin, Mike O'Neill, Maria Ringo, Barb Wetula, Dorothy Whitmarsh, Rev. Carlon Foltz, Dean Abbot, Jeffrey Smith and Ralph Townsend--went to jail. On Christmas Day



most began fasts of varying degrees, "a further service to the community...a gift of hope...intended to demonstrate our unity with the millions of children and poor who go hungry because of the human and physical resources poured into weapons production".

On January 3, Cortelyou, Hamm, Ringo, O'Neill and Townsend were released pending their appeal of the indefinite sentence. Wetula and Smith have also moved to join the appeal, but have not yet been released. Foltz, Whitmarsh, Larkin, Jannot and Abbot also remain in jail, not desiring to join the appeal or agree to refrain from peacemaking at Williams.

Williams International was closed on December 28, when a group of activists arrived unannounced there for a prayer service to commemorate the Holy Innocents.

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Prayer Vigils Evicted

When a tradition of local protest begins to serve as a springboard for resistance, the practice of our constitutional rights previously tolerated on federal lands has been driven away and criminalized. A classic example of this can be found in the continuing story of the White House vigil (see page 4).

Recently, similar situations in Tucson, Arizona (see page 2) and Rock Island, Illinois have resulted in legal action being taken against activists practicing the political ideals which nuclear weapons are alleged to protect in the United States.

For more than five years, members of the Quad Cities War Resisters have met every Saturday morning to pray at the Rock Island Arsenal. The Arsenal occupies all of Rock Island, situated in the middle of the Mississippi River and bisected by the highway connecting the cities of Davenport, Iowa to Rock Island, Illinois. Factories there produce small arms, machine guns, cannons and other conventional munitions. The island is also home to the Army's Armament, Munitions and Chemical Command, which manages inventory, assembly and transport of nuclear and chemical weapons.

The prayer vigil used to gather on a "green space" along the highway crossing the island, but for the past nine months has been limited to areas outside newly constructed gates surrounding all access to the island. As a result, two members of the group have usually walked across the bridge to try to pray at the former site, and are either asked to leave or detained by Arsenal security. Many different people have participated in the return to their former vigil site.

Recently, authorities randomly charged several of these activists on various counts of criminal trespass, illegal re-entry and "failure to obey a pedestrian control device". Summons were mailed, ordering Sr. Nancy Switzers, Ruth Ann Gallagher, Steve Quilty, Judy Hewitt, Larry Morlan, Chuck Trapkus and Mary VandeVoorde to appear in court January 3 for arraignment. Switzers, Gallagher, Quilty and Hewitt pled not guilty and face trial March 18. VandeVoorde did not receive her summons in the mail and so did not appear. She intends to pick up the summons and have her trial joined with the others in March.

Larry Morlan and Chuck Trapkus joined Margaret Volpe (see Rock Island story on page 2) in protest of the prosecutions by returning to the arsenal to pray at the appointed hour. The three were taken into custody and ordered held on \$500 cash bond. Margaret was released after posting the bond eight days later; Larry and Chuck are being held pending trials set for Chuck on February 7 and Larry on February 12.



Letters of support can be sent to Larry Morlan and Chuck Trapkus; Whiteside County Jail; 400 N. Cherry St.; Morrison, IL 61270.

Innocents Remembered

SAC/OMAHA

(From Midwest Resistance Newsletter, January, 1985)

Mike Sprong and Joann Meyers-Allen walked on to S.A.C. Headquarters, Offut Air Force Base, near Omaha and poured blood on the front doors of the S.A.C. chapel. The action was in commemoration of the Feast of the Holy Innocents, December 28.

The two went to the chapel in order to expose the lie which is etched on the stained glass windows. The windows depict mushroom clouds, B-52 bombers and a S.A.C. pilot taking the words of Isaiah, "Here am I Lord. Send me".

The irony of the Isaiah quote is that Isaiah was sent to call Israel to repentance for putting their trust in military alliances and weapons of war.

After spilling the blood the two stood outside the chapel for 20 minutes with a banner that called for repentance from warmaking and the removal of the stain from the windows. After their witness, Mike and Joann were able to walk off the base without being arrested.

Later that same day, 33 activists held a service at S.A.C.'s front gate. Seven were arrested for crossing "the white line". They wanted to offer their

blood in exchange for the blood of the innocent who would be killed by the targeting strategies of S.A.C.

Terresa O'Rourke, Rich Koeppen, Bill Farmer, Jean Petersen, Joyce Glen and Claudia Larsen were released after processing and are awaiting further prosecution.

Joann Meyers-Allen, who also crossed with the others, went back onto the base after she was released. She was held for arraignment the next morning and was sentenced by Magistrate Peck to six months for violation of her probation.



At press time, Joann was being held in Douglas County Jail near Omaha, but expecting transfer soon. Letters of support can be sent to her c/o Greenfields Resistance Community; 4216 Grant; Omaha, NE 68111.

TRIDENT/KING'S BAY

The evening of December 27, over 100 people gathered at the King's Bay submarine base in St. Mary's, Georgia, for a candlelight prayer vigil. King's Bay is

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DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 22

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Please have updates and action reports in the mail by Monday, February 18, or phone (707)463-0137.

ASH WEDNESDAY ACTIONS:

Please inform us prior to the action if you are planning civil disobedience on Ash Wednesday. Send a contact phone number and we will phone after the action, or call us with the information as soon as possible.

Resistance Reflections

Felice and Jack Cohen-Joppa, editors

With the new year, it is time to evaluate the work we are doing as editors and publishers of the Nuclear Resister. To do this, we need your feedback. We'd like to know which aspects of the Nuclear Resister you value, and which you do not.

The Reader Survey on page 5 can be clipped out and returned to us without losing any of the news items in this issue. Please help us learn more about our effectiveness by taking the time to respond.

As a preface to the survey, we offer a few of our own observations about the Nuclear Resister.

We perceive the greatest value of our work to fall into three categories: 1) Prisoner support. Admittedly, our efforts here are superficial because we intend to be more of a clearinghouse for information about imprisoned activists rather than a group attempting to handle the nitty-gritty of prisoner support work which usually falls into the hands of the activist's local community. For our part, keeping accurate tabs on this information and making our resources available to the movement are nitty enough tasks.

2) Being a "Chronicle of Hope". Documenting an historical movement as we strive to be comprehensive in logging the incidence of civil disobedience and the consequences for participants. We sometimes wonder, "Is this comprehensive documentation worth all the effort? Is printing it all worth the effort?" Up to now, the answer for us is yes, because a dissident movement MUST preserve its own history. Printing it all helps us keep in touch with the pulse of the movement as we regularly touch base with resisters around the country.

3) Networking nonviolent direct action organizers, support groups and activists.

In our editing, we place less emphasis on analytical or theoretical observations about the movement and its direction, seeking instead a more personal approach, telling stories from a human side.

Women of Faith Renew Resistance

In pouring pre-dawn rain, over a dozen Women of Faith danced in front of the main gate of General Dynamics/Electric Boat shipyards in Quonset Point, Rhode Island last October 26. For half an hour, traffic and the work of fabricating hull sections for Trident and 688-class fast attack submarines (now being fitted with cruise missiles) was halted.

Women of Faith is a loosely-knit group of feminists of many different spiritualities and faiths, who have come together to initiate an on-going campaign of women's civil disobedience against the injustice of nuclear proliferation and warmaking.

Their action at Quonset Point resulted in the arrest of 14 women for disorderly conduct. All were released pending arraignment November 13. Twelve women pled no contest, and were sentenced to six months unsupervised probation and court costs of \$23.50. The two other women pled not guilty, and were convicted by a judge on January 8, 1985, receiving the same sentence. One woman has paid, and the other 13 expect warrants to be issued for non-payment on January 31.

To mark the Winter Solstice, the longest night of the year, Women of Faith journeyed to the Groton, Connecticut shipyards of Electric Boat, where final Trident assembly is done. The date was chosen for its universal spiritual significance and because "Trident is part of that darkness which threatens us all". Another dance in the road resulted in 14 more trespass arrests--charges which were eventually dropped due to an incorrect arrest procedure.

Women of Faith intend to continue their civil disobedience campaign, aiming to double the number of participants each time out, until...

For more information, contact Women of Faith; 83 Campfield Avenue; Hartford, CT 06114; (203)527-9638.

There are several shortcomings we perceive in our work, tasks which given more time could be better met. Foremost among them, we want to do more outreach to prisoner advocacy groups, consistent with our goal of building links between the anti-nuclear movement and the prisoner advocacy movement. Additionally, we need more subscribers to serve as cornerstone for a more solid financial footing. Development of long-term fundraising and subscription solicitation plans have been delayed for lack of initiating funds.

We look forward to receiving your reply to the Reader Survey.

THANKS

THANK YOU! to Carol, George, Bodhi and Leif for caring for Cassidy this issue and to Bruce for getting him there.

Two recent items deserve note.

First, a Texas judge has just ruled that Jack Elder, a sanctuary worker, cannot allow his religious duty to take precedence over immigration laws.

Second, on January 14, a federal grand jury in Arizona indicted 16 people on charges related to providing sanctuary for Central American refugees. In addition, 25 people were named as unindicted co-conspirators--a tactic used to help persuade the 25 to testify before the grand jury about their own and others' activity. Refusing to cooperate with a grand jury often results in many years behind bars.

One Tucson activist told us that

August 9 at Rock Island

Two women entered the Rock Island Arsenal cafeteria around 11:00 a.m., August 9, 1984. They set up two signs and a model of a city, representing Nagasaki. A narrative of eyewitness accounts of the bombing was read, and personal feelings shared before Anne Tabor and Margaret Volpe threw ashes on the floor and offered prayers for mercy and forgiveness. They were arrested for illegal re-entry of a military base and released to return for arraignment January 3, 1985. (See article page 1 for a description of the Rock Island Arsenal's mission.)

Anne went to court and pleaded not guilty, while Margaret, along with Larry Morlan and Chuck Trapkus, returned instead to the arsenal to pray. Margaret, Larry and Chuck were brought in and held on \$500 cash bond, which they refused to post, and Anne refused to sign a \$1000 signature bond. Eight days later, January 11, Anne and Margaret satisfied their bond requirements and were released pending trial February 6. (Larry and Chuck are still in jail--see page 1)

Anne and Margaret ask for supportive prayers, regarding their trial, as well as letters of support to the judge, Michael Mihm; Federal Building, 100 NE Monroe St.; Peoria, IL 61602, and the prosecuting attorney, Stanley Cieslewicz, Special AUSA; Legal Department; Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, IL 61229, and the United States Attorney; Room 253; Federal Building; (Peoria address, above).

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.

TALLY OF ARRESTS FOR ANTI-NUCLEAR CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE IN THE UNITED STATES & CANADA

	1984	1983
Total Arrests:	3010	5300
# of Sites:	85	60
# of Actions:	160	140

These figures are as close an estimate as our information discloses.

'Total Arrests' is less than previous years because no single action exceeded 300 arrests in 1984. More significant to note is the increase in incidence and broader distribution of acts of nonviolent resistance to a nuclear future.

Source: Files of the Nuclear Resister

Pledge of Resistance

many in the sanctuary movement viewed the indictments as "very healthy" for the movement, provided that support is public and vocal.

One way to coordinate such support is to sign the Pledge of Resistance if you have not already done so. Pledge signers commit themselves to civil disobedience or other supportive non-violent direct action in the event of substantial U.S. military escalation in Central America. Tens of thousands have already made such a pledge.

For more information and your Pledge to sign, contact AFSC, Emergency Response Network, 2160 Lake St., San Francisco, CA 94121.

First Amendment Trials in Tucson

Following the Tax Day demonstration on city land last April, more than two dozen people walked onto a strip of federal land just outside the main gate of Davis Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson. The action had been a brief, symbolic reclamation of what is locally known as the "First Amendment Land", where legal protests had occurred for at least two decades, including the Tucson Peace Camp of 1983. The government had only recently banned all protest at the site when the Tax Day demonstration took place. In part, their action was a response to the Peace Camp's success at launching a local campaign of direct action against the cruise missile operators training school, located on the base.

One of the organizers of the Tax Day demonstration, Jim Walsh, received a summons a few weeks later in the mail. In December, Jim was found guilty of trespass in federal court, receiving the first jail sentence of over 100 convictions of resisters in the past 18 months--three days, plus a suspended six month jail term, one year of supervised probation and a \$250 fine. Sentence has been stayed pending appeal.

The same land was reclaimed again on Nagasaki Day. At that time, six people, including one juvenile, were arrested as they planted a commemorative fig tree on the site. Two people received barring letters, and Nancy Carroll, Sally Manshardt, Jim Murray and Betty Schweitzer-Johnson were acquitted on charges of re-entry trespass at their trial January 14. The judge in this trial issued a directed verdict of acquittal noting that due to the circumstances of the action, the four were not clearly informed that their presence on the "First Amendment Land" was illegal now.

For more information, contact the Friday Morning Breakfast Club; c/o Jim Murray; Box 1345; Tucson, AZ 85702.

NETWORK NEWS

The Midwest Resistance Network will hold its Spring 1985 meeting in Ann Arbor, Michigan. All midwest resisters and supporters are encouraged to come. For more information, contact Ann Arbor Peace Community; c/o M.A.D.; 410 West Washington; Ann Arbor, MI 48103; (313)955-5871.

Jail Again for Two Denver Women

Early Christmas morning, three people gathered in prayer at the west gate of the Rocky Flats plant near Denver, Colorado. Jennifer Haines stepped over the low gate constructed to protect the property line of the plutonium fabrication facility from regular Sunday vigilers. She was promptly arrested.

As has been her practice during several previous arrests at Rocky Flats, Jennifer told Federal Magistrate Harvey at her arraignment that she would not cooperate. Bail was set at \$300. Jennifer was held in jail until December 28, when she was brought back into court and again refused to cooperate. The magistrate asked her to reconsider, then ordered that she be released and present herself before Federal Judge John Kane on January 10, or be sent to jail for one year. Jennifer was then released without leaving even her signature.

Once home, Jennifer wrote to both the magistrate and the judge, expressing that her belief is not with the judicial system and she would not be appearing in court January 10.

On the appointed day, federal marshalls picked up Jennifer and brought her to jail. Due to his illness, the judge postponed trial until February 7. Jennifer is being lodged until then courtesy of the federal government.

Pat Mahoney's sentencing for trespass at Rocky Flats last October 19 was delayed until January 9, when she was sentenced to pay \$1000 fine. Pat has no intention of paying, and on January 14, was again brought before a federal judge. This time, it was for violating probation.

Goodbye SALT II, Hello Nuclear Winter

"...The U.S. will violate the limits set by the SALT II treaty on ballistic missiles carrying multiple warheads (known as MIRV's) by the launch of this seventh Trident, the USS Alaska. While this treaty has never been ratified, both the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. have agreed to abide by it. But the missiles of the USS Alaska will push the U.S. total to 1,214--14 missiles over the 1,200 limit. It is ironic that while we accuse the Soviet Union of being unwilling to negotiate seriously, we are not even abiding by the one major treaty limiting strategic nuclear weapons that we have pledged to uphold.

"By its actions, the U.S. government is showing that it does not want to limit nuclear weapons, but rather to achieve nuclear superiority. With the threat of nuclear winter, this cannot be tolerated." (from the January 12 leaflet)

Twenty-eight people were arrested for disorderly conduct on January 12, protesting the launch of the USS Alaska at the Electric Boat Shipyards in Groton, Connecticut. About 200 people demonstrated outside the gates and leafletted about 1400 guests of Electric Boat. All arrested were released pending arraignment February 1.

The previous day, nine members of the Atlantic Life Community nonviolently blockaded General Dynamic's Eastern Data Processing Center in Norwich, Connecticut. Their statement noted:

"We have come to block the gate... in order to stop business as usual, giving us all time to ponder the meaning of the launch of the 7th Trident submarine, the USS Alaska. The Tridents are produced at Electric Boat, a division of General Dynamics. The work done at the Data Processing Center is part of the huge corporate network that produces and profits from Trident.

"With more evidence accumulating on the probability of a Nuclear Winter after even a 'limited' nuclear war, it is clear that we are, as a society, threatening and risking the extinction of all life. The five Trident submarines that have already been commissioned into the Navy could alone trigger a Nuclear Winter... And yet we keep building more."

Theresa Allen, Peter Holladay, Cal Robertson, Dan Lawrence, Claire and Scott Schaeffer-Duffy, Daniel Sirhan, Jeffrey Spalter and George Thompson are being held in jail on charges of disorderly conduct and criminal trespass pending their trial January 28.



Letters of support and requests for information about both actions can be sent c/o Atlantic Life Community; Box 235; Uncasville, CT 06382.

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on a previously suspended 4 1/2 year prison term with her October arrest. Pat was sentenced to six months in jail by a visibly angered judge Zita Weinshienk. Weinshienk and some of the other federal judges in Denver have been slow to realize that repeated fines and prison terms have little apparent effect on the actions of resisters there.



Letters of support can be sent to both Jennifer Haines and Pat Mahoney. Please see addresses below.

Nuclear-free Hawaii Exempts Navy

(From reports in the Pacific Bulletin, August 1984 and the New Abolitionist, December 1984)

On February 4, 1981, the Hawaii County (comprising all of the island of Hawaii) council unanimously passed an ordinance to become the first nuclear free zone in the United States. Three and a half years later, on July 13, 1984, this ordinance was amended to exempt the U.S. military from compliance.

The move to amend the ordinance was triggered by the Hilo Japanese Chamber of Commerce (JCC) in reaction to a pledge of resistance announced by long-time Hawaii activist Jim Albertini.

For the past 23 years, the JCC has hosted an annual "International Festival of the Pacific", traditionally including an entry into the harbor by U.S. Navy ships.

Albertini announced in late June that he would organize to protest the arrival of the ships, as they are nuclear capable. U.S. military policy is to neither confirm nor deny the presence of nuclear weapons aboard their ships or submarines.

This announcement began a whirlwind of activity that resulted in the amendment of the ordinance within three weeks.

Two weeks of front page media coverage which was personally abusive to Albertini created a furor about the issue. At the City Council's July 3 meeting,

testimony was presented by the JCC and others opposing the ordinance and calling for an amendment. An individual representing the "Homeport Hawaii Task Force" testified that the Pentagon considered the ordinance as a deterrence to the scheduling of increased military activity on the island.

Under normal circumstances, the amendment of a County ordinance requires that testimony be presented at a minimum of two Council meetings which are conducted every two to three weeks.

However, in a surprise move, the next meeting, originally scheduled for July 25, was moved up to July 13. In a public statement, the Council frankly admitted that they intended to amend the ordinance prior to the Festival.

Upon realization that the ordinance was in danger, Albertini offered to call off the protest, but was allegedly told by a JCC representative that it no longer made any difference.

The protest went ahead on July 18. Albertini, Jim Snyder and Warren Wine-man were arrested for jumping into the water to blockade the USS Ouellet. The three are free and face trial on felony charges February 26, 1985.

Legal and financial support is requested and can be sent to the Center for Nonviolent Action and Education; Malu'Aini; Box AB; Kurtistown, HI 96760. Contact the Center for further information and to express support.

Inside & Out



RESISTERS IN JAIL:

Pat Mahoney, Women's General, Fort Worth FCI, 3150 Horton Rd., Ft. Worth, TX 76119.

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.

Jennifer Haines, c/o Denver Catholic Worker, 2420 Welton St., Denver, CO 80205.

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

Per Herengren #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.

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.

Rev. Carlon Foltz, Brian Larkin, Ken Jannot Jr., Dean Abbot & Jeffrey Smith, Shiawassee County Jail, 201 E. MacArthur, Corunna, MI 48817.

Dorothy Whitmarsh, Oakland County Jail, Cell 4L, Women's Division, Box 300, Pontiac, MI 48056.

Barbara Wetula, 26000 Evergreen, Southfield, MI 48075.

John Zettner, Trustee Camp, Oakland County Jail, 1690 Brown St., Pontiac, MI 48055 (due out February 2).

Joann Meyers-Allen, c/o Greenfields Resistance Community, 4216 Grant, Omaha, NE 68111.

Larry Morlan & Chuck Trapkus, Whiteside County Jail, 400 N. Cherry St., Morrisson, IL 61270.

Theresa Allen, Peter Holladay, Cal Robertson, Dal Lawrence, Claire & Scott Schaeffer-Duffy, Daniel Sirhan, Jeffrey Spalter and George Thompson, c/o Atlantic Life Community, Box 235, Uncasville, CT 06382.

WRITINGS FROM JAIL THE INSIDE LINE



from Danbury~ from Kansas City~

December 18, 1984

Dear Jack & Felice,

That issue was worth waiting for. Beautiful! And it's good to know you're finally settled so Cassidy will know where he lives. That has become a recent theme of mine. Since I don't live in the places where I get locked up, they forever remain dots on the map to me. Kansas City is a dot at the end of Missouri. Now that I'm mostly oriented to this dot, the authorities are about to move us to a new dot.

The new dot is on account of how we have been speaking some truth in the name of the other prisoners, and the other prisoners have been saying amen, which is widely interpreted by Caesar's henchmen to be an incitement to mutiny. The moral being: teach Cassidy to lie, and he'll always know where he lives.

We continue to be held under preventive detention. The 1982 version of this legislation states that if you've already committed a felony which threatens the U.S. and can be reasonably expected to commit another one upon release, you can be detained. The 1984 version not yet enacted adds a new twist. If someone thinks you may commit a felony which endangers the U.S., you can be locked up without having gone to the trouble of doing it. Lazy resisters should push for this one especially if the felony they have in mind is outdoors in the middle of the winter.

The part of U.S. Code Title 18, Chap. 105, section 2151 under which we are charged defines sabotage as the injuring or destruction, or the attempt to injure or destroy, war material. The particular war material of our interest remains a shattered ruin with no discernible attempt being made to repair it. Since the cover is stuck, the 1,200,000 tons of TNT beneath are also stuck. Troops guard the stuck war material round the clock. Local friends go there to vigil. KC may be a dot, but its fine people are very real.

A bit of news received the other day. Immediately following our action, the National Guard and the Army Reserves were placed on standby alert. This according to an Army Reservist who is also a jail guard and had to sit by the phone all day waiting to be called up. We were a national emergency. Three old men and a mudder.

I know that "success" is not the point and that the elimination of one missile doesn't really make the world any safer, but once in awhile I find myself thinking about a city somewhere in the Soviet Union. It is a dot on the map very similar to the dot which is Kansas City, and on that dot children and grown-ups play and work and love, and prisoners (unfortunately) await transport to a new dot. I'd like them to know that their very own personal bomb, made in the U.S. of A. with their name etched into it, is stuck. Somewhere in that city are three old men and a mudder looking for something good to do. I'd like to speak to them about felony.

We are happy. Trial sometime around February 18 with a Festival of Hope on the 15th, 16th and 17th. After that we will undoubtedly go to live on some new dots courtesy of Caesar, and we will still be happy.

Love from the Silo Pruning Hooks,
Helen

from Danbury~

We are calling upon you to keep acting in our place. We are acutely aware of how much we need you because of our imprisonment. We call on you sisters and brothers because you are struggling to: stop the arms race; prevent military intervention in Central America and elsewhere; and feed the hungry and shelter the homeless. While we recognize the imminent danger of nuclear war, we believe and hope that our collective commitment to peacemaking can stave off a global holocaust. Nor can we neglect the impending invasion into Nicaragua. We are especially concerned about this threat right now; and we believe and hope that our collective resistance can prevent such a military incursion. And right in our own backyards, the hunger and homelessness of the impoverished cries out for our attention; and we believe and hope that their plight can be relieved through our collective acts of justice and service.

There is a tiny bush directly in front of our prison camp which on December 2nd was covered with swelling buds and was bravely waving two fuschia blossoms in the cold 30 degree breeze. This struck us as an especially apt kind of symbol for the Plowshares movement. In the midst of our world's rampant violence and out-of-control nuclear arms race, we seek--against all odds, against all pun-dits of popular common sense--to spread our faith and hope that peace and disarmament are possible now.

Two thousand years ago there was little hope for world peace and justice. And the night was cold when God laid all our hopes on the birth of a helpless child in a manger--against all odds, out of season. We celebrate this gift and the miracle Hanukah when the Temple light shined on--against all hope--for eight days. Let us carry on in the tradition of these miracles as we actively await and prepare for the time when:

*Compassion and truth meet,
Justice and peace kiss,
Truth springs forth as the grass in the fields,
And God's justice is imminent.*
(from Psalm 85)

Blessings and Shalom,
Dean Hammer
Todd Kaplan
Vern Rossman
Jim Perkins

"Back in the U.S.S.R."

Here is a riddle.

Imagine: You are busted for illegal camping as you rest near your protest signs in the capitol city of your native land. When the case comes to court, the judge refuses to let you plead your own case. Instead, he appoints an attorney (paid by the government) to speak on your behalf. Your unwanted attorney files a motion for dismissal of charges, which is denied. He then moves to have you undergo psychiatric examination. The judge agrees. Supporters question the attorney's action, and are told that because he finds you disagree "with the rules, the regulations, the values and the structure of the system" the psychiatric exam is warranted. Your friends protest and ask what precisely you have done to make the lawyer question your sanity? Stone silence is the response.

For the next 3½ months, you are locked in the psychiatric hospital and forcibly administered prolixin and other powerful psychotropic drugs. Finally, after much protest, legal scholars intervene on your behalf. You are declared competent to stand trial, acquitted and set free.

It is 1984. What country are you in?

Ellen Thomas notes, "That's what they do to dissidents in the U.S.S.R.," but she is recalling the case of Cassimer Urban, Jr., veteran of the White House Anti-Nuclear Vigil at Lafayette Park, who was arrested in July, 1984, after he lay down next to a sign reading "Welcome to Reaganville, 1984, where sleep is considered a crime" and closed his eyes.

On June 3, 1981, William Thomas began his solitary vigil in front of the White House. From that time to the present, Thomas--recently joined by his new wife Ellen Benjamin Thomas--and suppor-

Plowshares Updates

SILLO PRUNING HOOKS

The Silo Pruning Hooks--Helen Woodson, Larry Cloud Morgan and Oblate priests and brothers Paul and Carl Kabat--go on trial in Kansas City February 19, 1985. A Festival of Hope is planned for the week preceding the trial, and car pools are expected to come from Baltimore/Washington, Chicago, Madison, Minneapolis, Omaha and New England. Hospitality will be provided by Kansas City supporters and churches. For further information, call (913)621-4285.

The Pruning Hooks face charges of destruction of government property, destruction of national defense material, conspiracy and trespass.

After some success at aiding fellow prisoners in their dealings with the state, the Pruning Hooks were transferred on short notice, to another jail in the Kansas City area.



Letters of support can now be sent to Helen Woodson, Larry Cloud Morgan, Fr. Carl Kabat and Fr. Paul Kabat at Wyandotte County Jail; 710 N. 7th St.; Kansas City, KS 66101. If your letter is returned, remail through Gaudete Center; 634 Spruce St.; Madison, WI 53715. Please send much needed financial support to the Madison address.

TRIDENT II PLOWSHARES

A pre-trial hearing January 14 in the case of the Trident II Plowshares ended with all their preliminary motions denied. Jean Holladay, Leo Schiff, John Pendleton, Frank Panopolous and Bill Boston had asked, among other things, that international law be considered in their defense and that they be allowed to personally inspect the damage done, instead of relying on the opinion of the Electric Boat Company. The Plowshares group had entered Electric Boat's Quonset Point, Rhode Island shipyard on October 1, and by hammering on the rims, steam vents, precision tooled fittings and welds rendered six Trident missile launch tubes unusable.

For more information about their coming trial, expected in March or April, contact Trident II Plowshares Support; PO Box 3291; Wayland Square; Providence, Rhode Island 02906; (401)421-8612.

ters have endured harrassment, physical assault, repeated arrest, jail and the elements, both bureaucratic and climatic, to continue this provocative practice of free speech. Even the vigil's signs offer testimony to the tenacity needed to preserve the First Amendment in the nation's capitol. Once small placards, after each arrest they were confiscated and destroyed. Each time, they were remade over, then rebuilt, finally becoming huge rolling multi-colored billboards.

For decades, protesters have gathered on the sidewalk immediately in front of the tall iron barred fence surrounding the White House. But no longer. In 1982, Thomas was forced to move the vigil across Pennsylvania Avenue into Lafayette Park, ostensibly for security reasons. The government has since tried in vain to prohibit the continuous vigil by invoking anti-camping regulations.

Recently, Thomas writes, "Judge Joyce Green acquitted us (Ellen and Thomas) of camping after the government put on seven days of testimony. The government convicted me of 'criminal damage' but the judge refused to put me in jail... Got 250 hours community service...then the government dropped two charges against us when the President was subpoenaed, and a third when we filed a motion to dismiss for destruction of evidence (a camera Ellen used to photograph police assaulting other vigilers).

In fulfillment of his community service, Thomas and Ellen have formed the Homeless Advisory Council (HAC). "The purpose of HAC is to advise, inform, make recommendations to and counsel homeless people with respect to the problems they endure" as well as distributing food and clothing provided by the Community for Creative Nonviolence to the homeless on the streets.

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a Poseidon base currently, and will be greatly enlarged to fill its chosen role as east coast homeport for the Trident fleet.

The following morning, in a Holy Innocents witness, eight people peacefully walked onto the base.

"The fence surrounding the base has been placed there to tell us that what goes on beyond it is none of our business. As part of our witness, [we] enter the base in a nonviolent fashion to clearly state that it is our business and responsibility."

The eight, Salome Betts, John Harshbarger, Mark Reeve, Tom Clements, Robbie Buller, Tom Klein and John and Martina Linnehan were issued barring letters and released.

For more information, contact Sumter County F.O.R.; c/o Koinonia Farm; Route 2; Americus, GA 31709; (912)924-8429.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

(From Jonah House)

Once again people of the Atlantic Life Community traveled to Washington, D.C. to commemorate Herod's Slaughter of the "Holy Innocents", the children who have died throughout history, the millions dying today (from starvation, disease, toxic poisoning, radiation and wars), as well as the possible slaughter of all children in a nuclear holocaust. As we confront the forces of militarism, fear and greed, we choose life, personal responsibility, and action on behalf of the innocent children.

At the Pentagon, on Friday morning, employees were greeted at the Mall Entrance by a few death specters and 80 protesters with banners, leaflets, chants and songs. As 20 protesters blocked the entrance, two people spread ashes, and four threw blood on the pillars and statue, revealing the truth of the Pentagon: the spilling of blood around the world, and the death through a nuclear holocaust. Eight children acted their plea for life through a die-in on the steps, while others sang, "Child...Will I ever see you grow? I will work for your future--I love you so!" While Pentagon staff tried to hose the pillars clean, the wide steps were covered with a river of blood. Protesters chanted, "You can't wash the blood away!"

Later inside the concourse, demonstrators sang, danced and leafletted; children and adults did a die-in, and all left singing, "Shalom, my friend..."

Only seven arrests were made. Charged with creating a nuisance were Honey Nestel, Ken West, Katya Komisaruk, Lauren Howard and Greg Boertje. Jim Plato and Suzanne Schmidt were charged with depredation of government property for pouring blood. All were released after being cited, pending court appearances January 18 and February 1.

Saturday morning, seven people arose early for a silent walk, seven times around the White (Blight) House, with the remaining 20 people joining in for the

last two laps, the last round singing "by the waters of Babylon". Challenging the 1984 regulations which restrict signs and demonstrations near or within the White House area, Greg Boertje held a peace banner at the tour entrance, while 20 supporters sang more songs. Supporters soon unfurled three more banners, yet the police made no warnings. After moving on through the White House tour with John Heid (and five security men), Greg knelt on the walkway as security grabbed away his banner before he could unfurl it; while Greg prayed for two minutes before being arrested, John addressed the tourist crowd about acts of conscience, prayer, and the meaning of the Holy Innocents. After the weekend in jail, Greg was subjected to "forensic" (psychological) questioning before being released on personal recognizance late Wednesday, January 2. He faces charges of unlawful entry on January 23.

Meanwhile the demonstration continued at the tourist center for 1½ hours, with both children and adults touched by our plea for the children as they passed by us. As police forces gathered, most demonstrators decided to withdraw, while two remained with song and banner, risking arrest, until the tour line ended--but no arrests were made. Our action was a powerful and positive appeal, guided by the Spirit, on behalf of the children and our hope for a future of peace.

For more information, contact Jonah House, 1933 Park Av., Baltimore, MD 21217.

GRIFFISS AFB

About 50 people gathered at Griffiss Air Force Base near Rome, New York on December 28, for a liturgy commemorating the slaughter of the Innocents. Nine of the group walked onto the base to offer gifts including flowers, bread, a bible, and pictures of Soviet people. Responding with prayer to an order to leave, the nine were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. Three of the group--Fr. Bill Cuddy, Sr. Pat Bergen and Jerry Berrigan--were also charged with re-entry, having previously been barred from the base. All were released that day, pending arraignment January 17.

Sharing Fund

As more activists are jailed for longer sentences, there has arisen a greater need for financial support for some of their families while they are inside.

Peacemakers, a pacifist group formed following WW2, has recently reactivated their Sharing Fund for this purpose. During the Vietnam years, the Sharing Fund was an important part of the support for families of draft resisters.

Donations and inquiries can be made to Louella Wooley, 2439 King St., Denver, CO 80211.

Williams International (cont.)

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Crosses were marked with blood on six white brick fence posts as each post was also hung with symbols of past, present and future innocent victims of violence and war. Grace Judd, Marietta Jaeger, Dan LaGrou, Fr. Tom Lumpkin and John Zettner were charged with trespass as they knelt to pray just inside the gate. LaGrou was also charged with malicious destruction of property for the blood markings. The five were released on orders to appear in court within ten days.

At arraignment on January 7, Williams' attorneys did not ask that the civil injunction which could have jailed the five be enforced. Judd pled guilty and was sentenced to six months supervised probation, plus \$50 fine and \$20 per month probation costs. Zettner entered a "creative plea of guilt" and was sent to jail for 30 days in addition to being fined. The others entered not guilty pleas and await a pre-trial January 29.

Also on January 7, trial was held for nine people arrested in December, 1983, at Williams. The group, mostly from Detroit, was convicted of trespass and acquitted on the more serious charge of conspiracy to trespass. The jury deliberated until late into the night. A

\$15 fine was imposed on the defendants, all of whom had spent up to 25 days in jail following their arrest.



Letters of support can be sent to Rev. Carlon Foltz, Brian Larkin, Ken Jannot, Jr., Dean Abbot and Jeffrey Smith at Shiawassee County Jail; 201 E. MacArthur; Corunna, MI 48817. Dorothy Whitmarsh; Oakland County Jail, Cell 4L; Women's Division; Box 300; Pontiac, MI 48056. Barbara Wetula; 26000 Evergreen; Southfield, MI 48075. John Zettner; Trustee Camp; Oakland County Jail; 1690 Brown St.; Pontiac, MI 48055 (due out February 2).

The petition (below) has been initiated by the Ann Arbor Peace Community, sponsors of the December 3 action at Williams. They are asking that it be circulated and returned to the address on the reverse.

Over 1800 signatures have already been delivered to Judge O'Brien.

The petition is reprinted here such that it can be easily clipped out and returned after signatures are gathered. Thanks to Michigan Peacemakers' BULLETIN.

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PETITION IN SUPPORT OF JAILED PEACEMAKERS

Your Honor:

We are appealing to you on behalf of and in solidarity with the peace-loving citizens who were arrested at Williams International Corp. in December 1984 in their attempt to confront the threat of the nuclear arms race. We feel that Williams International's production of cruise missile engines is a real and present threat to all live on Earth, and we therefore support the commitment to nonviolence and peace shown by our brothers and sisters who have spoken out at the gates of Williams International against the production of these terrible weapons.

While we recognize your responsibility to protect the rights of Williams International and its employees, we feel that sentencing them to life in jail, or in servitude, or demanding that they violate their consciences and responsibility to life by promising never to return to Williams International, is not only unjust, but also serves as a cruel attempt to suppress their spirit of hope and their desire to work for a more peaceful and just world. Therefore, we the undersigned urge you to please reconsider such harsh penalties.

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Remembering Martin Luther King, Jr.

Four persons attempted to enter the lobby of Manhattan's Riverside Research Institute on January 15, the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. Riverside security recognized Fr. Daniel Berrigan among the four, and locked the second set of doors before the protesters were able to get inside. The four then blocked the first set of doors from the inside, and held their blood and ash pouring service in the vestibule while 25 supporters blockaded the doors from the outside.

When police began to make arrests, all but one person walked with their arresting officers. The man who went limp when police grabbed him is a former Riverside engineer who leaflets the Institute weekly. He was dragged out of the

Advent Arrests at Draper

The Advent presence of the Ailanthus Community at Draper Labs in Cambridge, Massachusetts resulted in the arrest December 19 of seven activists on charges of trespass. Five people were arrested when they entered the lobby of the nuclear weapons research and development laboratory, and two more outside in the lab courtyard. Jo Connelly, Dierdre Doran, Tom Farley, Robert Hillegass, Paul Hood, Rosalie Schofield and Fr. Jack Seery, S.J., were held overnight in the Cambridge city jail and released the next day on personal recognizance, pending trial on March 11.

For more information, contact Ailanthus Community, c/o Haley House; 23 Dartmouth St.; Boston, MA 02116.

U.S.S.R. (cont.)

Public opinion improved after the *Washington Post* in mid-December ran a long and favorable article about Ellen's journey from struggling writer and professional to White House vigil. Police harassment has also decreased since Thomas took the offensive and filed a civil suit against the government for violation of First, Fourth, Fifth and Ninth Amendment rights.

In preparation for the Inaugural parade, the Thomases and friends (including Cassimer Urban, Jr.) and their landmark signs were relocated to a far corner of Lafayette Park. After the festivities, they expect to return to their former spot.

For more information, contact the White House Anti-nuclear Vigil; Box 27217; Washington, D.C. 20038; (202) 462-3542.



John Sullivan

way and handcuffed for some time, eventually receiving a misdemeanor citation while the others were just cited for a minor infraction.

For more information on the ongoing resistance at Riverside, contact Catholic Peace Fellowship; 339 Lafayette St.; New York, NY 10012.

Litton Leafletted

On September 27, six members of the Cruise Missile Conversion Project walked into the Litton Systems plant in Rexdale, Ontario. They were arrested for trespass as they tried to leaflet employees about the cruise missile and other U.S. defense contracts the factory handles. Two later had charges dismissed, Tom Joyce received a \$50 fine and three months probation, and Scott Marsden a \$100 fine and six months probation. Two others involved await trial.

For more information, contact the Cruise Missile Conversion Project; 730 Bathurst St.; Toronto, Ontario M5S 2R4; (416) 532-6720.

Site 300 Occupied

Part of the work designing new nuclear weapons at the Lawrence Livermore laboratories in California involves testing the non-nuclear explosive parts at "Site 300", a large area of semi-arid rolling hills and pasture land, seized from the production of food for the works of death.

From December 3-7, a series of "back-country actions" sought to occupy the site and prevent such testing. After hiking in up to two miles towards the test area, a total of 12 people were arrested on charges of trespass and refusing to leave. Three men spent two nights in jail, with one, Patrick Diehl, returning to Site 300 for another arrest upon his release. A pre-trial hearing is scheduled for January 14.

Meanwhile, eight people arrested last April and September at Site 300 await a February 12 trial.

For more information, contact Livermore Action Group; 3126 Shattuck Ave.; Berkeley, CA 94705; (415) 644-3031.

100 Days for 1st Trespass

Sam Deiner, arrested during a sit-in of St. Louis College students at the executive offices of General Dynamics in that city, recently represented himself at a jury trial. The judge refused to allow any testimony and discussion of the issues motivating Sam to act, so conviction came as no surprise. What was surprising was the sentencing and how it was determined.

Jurors in Missouri have the right to recommend sentencing, and the judge, the option of accepting the recommendation or not. The jurors in Sam's case each anonymously submitted their suggested sentence to the foreperson, who tallied and then averaged the figures, arriving at a recommended maximum \$500 fine and 100 days in jail (maximum six months for the charge). The judge accepted the recommendation, and Sam is out while appealing his case with the aid of an attorney.

As supporters pointed out, the arrangement enabled both judge and jurors to abdicate full responsibility for the conviction, sentence and of course the underlying issues--the judge by claiming that he was only following the jury's suggestion, and the jury by submitting their proposed sentence anonymously, and then noting that their recommendation is not binding on the judge.

For more information, contact St. Louis CALC, 3753 W. Pine Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108

Pentagon Officials Tours Canada

In early December, Pentagon officials went on a tour of eight meetings across Canada, showing Canadian businesses how to win U.S. military contracts. As could be expected, protest greeted the death merchants throughout their tour.

In Halifax, Nova Scotia, 16 people were arrested on December 4, after disrupting the first meeting of the series.

"Accepting U.S. military contracts creates a growing vested interest in Canada to keep the arms race going", C.G. Gifford, chairperson of Veterans for Multilateral Disarmament, was quoted in the press as saying.

In Toronto, on December 7, the protest involved no civil disobedience but did result in the arrest of Brian Burch for "breach of probation" requirements that he not attend any political activities for six months. Brian was held for 36 hours before being released on bond, pending trial January 15.

On December 10, in Vancouver, over 100 people blockaded the hotel entrance where the Pentagon officials were meeting with 300 "businessmen" (sic). Four arrests were made of protesters trying to enter the hotel.

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Update Files

We regret not having the information in our last issue, but two Iowa resisters recently spent time in jail. Larry Morlan and Chuck Quilty, after a long litigation, finally served two and three months in jail, respectively, for their part in a Holy Saturday, 1982 prayer at the ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL. A third participant in the protest, Frank Fessler, was fined and placed on probation...Mark Anderlik and Sue Silverberg have dropped the appeal of their CONRAD, MONTANA White Train conviction, and will appear in court in mid-February along with co-defendants Karl Zanzig and Amy Schmitz, because all refuse to pay the fine imposed...Women from the Minnesota Women's Peace Camp are "patiently" awaiting prosecution on charges pending from several resistance actions at the



headquarters of SPERRY CORPORATION in ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA...A motion to dismiss based on selective prosecution will be considered January 18 in the case of ten people arrested last summer at the BOHEMIAN GROVE. The male corporate and government elite meet annually at the private California club to plan the most profitable fate of the earth. Forty others had charges dropped, and Tad Mutersbaugh is being represented by a public defender on charges of resisting arrest...Charges of trespass against Sunshine Appleby for a September 24 blood-pouring at SANDIA LABS in LIVERMORE, CALIFORNIA have been dismissed. In last issue's story about this action (page 5), the second paragraph, final sentence should have read "Joined in a circle in the pre-dawn darkness with our four friends--Sunshine, Darla, Anne and Starhawk--and others, we rooted ourselves in the earth. Inhale. Exhale. We asked for our Mother's strength, and were happy for the opportunity at hand to speak and act truthfully on her behalf"...Felton Davis reports from Lewisburg Federal Prison that inmates there have started taking up a collection, hoping to raise \$1000 to send to drought and famine victims in Ethiopia. Prisoners at the federal prison in La Tuna, Texas, had previously raised \$1600, which helped the Lewisburg men get permission for the project...Sister Chris Gobrowski is still awaiting action from the grand jury for her part in blockading a White Train which passed through MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE last year. In December, another White Train travelled through the southeast and people were pulled from the tracks without arrest in Memphis as the train reportedly sped up while approaching them...All outstanding charges have been dropped against people arrested during mass action in October 1983 and April 1984 at the corporate headquarters of HONEYWELL CORPORATION in MINNEAPOLIS...Twenty people arrested last November 13 during Operation Urgent Fury II at the GREAT LAKES NAVAL TRAINING CENTER face trial by jury January 28. Several years ago, the same judge permitted a necessity defense to be presented by a group which had trespassed at the Zion nuclear power plant. The jury accepted the argument and acquitted the protesters. Prosecutors in the present case have thus filed pre-trial motions to disallow such a defense in this case before trial even starts. One man pleaded guilty to charges from the same action, and was sentenced to six months probation and 20 hours community service. Two people arrested at the training center earlier in the same week of protest are also asking for a jury trial...Two people arrested in November 1983 at the TUCSON PEACE CAMP outside of DAVIS MONTAN AIR FORCE BASE, faced trial recently and won an acquittal in county court. Jim Walsh and Valerie Townsley argued successfully that the arrest violated their constitutional rights. Five others arrested at the same time previously pleaded no contest and were given suspended sentences...After hearing all the evidence, a judge has dismissed charges against Richard Flamert and Tom Cordaro, who were arrested at OFFUT AIR FORCE

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FUTURE ACTIONS

S.A.C./omaha

"Faith and Resistance, a Retreat on Nonviolence", will conclude February 14 with a mass civil disobedience action at the Strategic Air Command headquarters at Offut Air Force Base near Omaha, Nebraska. For more information about the action and the retreat, which is intended for bishops, ministers, priests, religious and lay leaders of all Christian denominations, contact Faith and Resistance; 510 16th Ave. SE; Cedar Rapids, IA 52401; (319)362-9041.

no business as usual

The Call to Act for "No Business as Usual" on April 29 is receiving support from a wide range of activists who seek to "deliberately disrupt and shut down as much as possible of the daily routine through which we are lurching towards war." Plans already announced include: --Illegal Art Show, Riverside Research Institute in NYC. Contact Tom Keough, 18 St. Marks Av., Brooklyn, NY 11217. Visual artists and poets who can't come to New York are particularly encouraged to send their work, although it cannot be considered returnable. --Women's action in NYC; also other actions planned in metro area. Contact: No Business As Usual, 318 E. 6th St., Suite 143, New York, NY 10003, (212)460-8067. --Brown University NBAU Planning Conference (east coast coordination of actions) Contact NBAU c/o Sandy Katz, 116 Power St., Providence, RI 02906, (401)273-9344.

The next issue of the Nuclear Resister will carry more information about NBAU plans.

spring mobilization

A coalition of mainstream peace, social justice and anti-intervention organizations have announced plans for a major demonstration April 20 in Washington, DC. Mass civil disobedience is planned for April 22. Contact WRL, 339 Lafayette St., New York, NY 10012 (212)228-0450

rock island arsenal

The ongoing prayer vigil at the Rock Island Arsenal continues. For specific actions in addition to the prayer vigil, contact the Quad Cities War Resisters; Box 4185; Davenport, IA 52802; (309)786-0157.

nuke-truck watch

A national network has been developed to monitor tractor-trailer rigs carrying nuclear weapons components over the nation's highways. Such trucks transport about 80% of finished weapons from the Pantex plant in Amarillo, Texas, to deployment sites in all 48 contiguous states. The notorious White Train carries the other 20%. As with the White Train campaign, civil disobedience is not an immediate planning objective, but rather a likely consequence as more truck-watchers join the network and more shipments are tracked. To join the network or for more information, contact Nukewatch; 315 W. Gorham St.; Madison, WI 53703; (608)256-4146.

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BASE while leafletting in front of Strategic Air Command headquarters last August 5. Similar charges against Fr. Darrell Rupiper will be considered when he has completed jail time for a previous offense at S.A.C. On September 9, Jean Peterson and Richard Flamert had gone to S.A.C. with Kevin McGuire and painted a red line across the entrance, marking the "thin red line" between sanity and madness. Kevin pleaded guilty and is in jail; Richard's charges were dropped and Jean Peterson was convicted and is awaiting sentencing...Twelve people on trial in January in PORTLAND, OREGON for Tax Day 1984 blockade of OECO CORPORATION have had their case taken under advisement by the judge, and expect a verdict by the end of January. OECO stipulated prior to the start of the trial that they do make electronic guidance systems for nuclear weapons such as the Trident II missile...Trials are still in progress for people arrested in August and November at the LITTON SYSTEMS CRUISE MISSILE PLANT near TORONTO, CANADA.

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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.

wincon

WINCON is an annual arms bazaar in Los Angeles. The Alliance for Survival and women's groups have joined with the L.A. Catholic Worker to plan three days of resistance, February 13-15, 1985. Contact Los Angeles Catholic Worker; 632 N. Britannia St.; Los Angeles, CA 90033; (213)267-8789.

chicago ♀♀

A Chicago area women's action is being planned to mark International Women's Day, March 8, by the women of the Disarm Now Action Group. For more information, contact Disarm Now; 407 S. Dearborn, Rm. 370; Chicago, IL 60605; (312)427-2533.

lenten desert experience

The Lenten Desert Experience will again bring spiritually minded activists together for a season of vigil, contemplation and prayer from February 20--April 7 at the Nevada Test Site. Non-violent direct action including civil disobedience is planned for April 5, Good Friday. For more information, contact Lenten Desert Experience; 1720 W. Bonanza #151; Las Vegas, NV 89106.

war tax actions

Local Tax Day/war tax resistance actions, including civil disobedience, are being coordinated by the National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee; P.O. Box 2236; E. Patchogue, NY 11772. Please let them know if your local plans include war tax protest.

site 300

Future excursions onto the back country of Site 300, a Livermore Lab facility in California, are being planned. Also, the Livermore Action Group Religious Coalition is planning civil disobedience on Ash Wednesday, February 20, and Good Friday, April 5. For more information, contact Livermore Action Group; 3126 Shattuck; Berkeley, CA 94705; (415) 644-3031.

new hampshire ♀♀

The New Hampshire Womyn's Peace Network will celebrate May 24, International Women's Day of Nuclear Disarmament, with civil disobedience at Sanders Associates in Nashua, New Hampshire's largest Pentagon contractor. Contact the New Hampshire Womyn's Peace Network; Box 311; Concord, NH 03301.

litton/toronto

Litton Systems near Toronto, Canada will be the target of civil disobedience actions August 6-9 and mid-November, 1985. For information, contact Cruise Missile Conversion Project; 730 Bathurst St.; Toronto, Ontario M5S 2R4 CANADA; (516)532-6720.

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Charges were dismissed against one group of Nagasaki Day defendants at their trial December 10. Other defendants from both actions await trials scheduled through March. In a related case, Len Desroches recently served a few days in jail for refusing to pay a fine levied following a 1982 action at Litton...Correction: We last reported that three people had gone to jail for three days, rather than pay a fine for trespassing September 24 at DRAPER LABS. Actually, Claire Schaeffer-Duffy and Dan Lawrence spent seven days in jail for that charge...Jerry Ebner and Bob Bossie had disorderly conduct charges dismissed about ten minutes into their trial for demonstrating last October 25 at the MORTON-THIOKOL annual shareholder's meeting in Chicago. In court December 6, the judge asked the prosecution's witness, a security officer, if the two had "in any way endangered anyone, or, as they say, breached the peace". When the witness replied "no", the judge dismissed the charges. Regular vigils at the weapons contractor and salt maker continue...After charges were reduced from criminal damage to property to disorderly conduct, one of the five people arrested last September 24 for digging a grave on the lawn of the UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN'S (MADISON) ROTC offices pleaded guilty and paid a fine. The other four await trial on the new charges February 5. And although the county declined to press charges against participants in two die-ins during UW football games, University officials placed two student members of the Nu Parable dance troupe on academic probation. A Nu Parable dancer was a bit roughed up when the group made a late November appearance at the East Towne shopping mall, their most common illicit venue. One dancer was initially dragged to the door, before the troupe finally left under threat of arrest. The mall Santa, who had been driven from his perch by the police ruckus, was heard to remark to one of the departing dancers, "Are you for Ronald Reagan or are you a Communist?"...The last in a series of trials for people arrested for blocking a doorway at the COMANCHE CREEK, TEXAS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

..."Evidence of liberty, of course, abounds all around us. Using lawful freedoms--to speak, assemble, publish, vote--sometimes makes a tangible difference in the political scheme of things. But when we look at the momentous issue of nuclear weapons, the critical question is not *What does the law allow us to do?* nearly as much as it is *What difference does the law allow us to make?*

"When it comes to nuclear weapons production and deployment, the laws and institutions of the land provide us with wide and varied freedom to be ineffective..." (from the essay "Disarmament: Beyond Illusions of Freedom", by Norman Solomon and Ada Sanchez, available from the Fellowship of Reconciliation Disarmament Program; Box 271; Nyack, NY 10960, 30¢ each for 10 or more, \$20/hundred.)

With this essay and their new publication, the National Network for Direct Action Bulletin, the Fellowship of Reconciliation has taken a lead among established national peace groups in calling for and organizing nonviolent direct action including civil disobedience as necessary to stop the arms race. Contact FOR at the above address if you'd like to be part of this network and receive the bulletin--#2 is hot off the press!

...The WTRNAC is collecting signatures of war tax resisters for placing in newspaper media in 1985. For sign-up sheets or information on war tax resistance/redirection and life-sharing funds contact War Tax Resistance National Ad Campaign; 402 S. Glendale; Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

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nuclear power plant concluded this fall with convictions and no contest pleas. Activists were fined from \$150-1500 and given probation. Two people are appealing their convictions...Midwife Colleen Crosbie, housemate of VANCOUVER FIVE supporters in Toronto who was arrested on abortion charges following a police raid on her home, has had the charges against her dismissed. The state claims the officer who conducted the investigation is no longer in their employ, but other indications were that police did not want to reveal in court the extent of their surveillance during the V-5 investigation.

..."The Plowshares/Direct Disarmament Movement, 1980-1984", by Elaine Shurie, is a brief descriptive history of these resistance actions, including an excellent distillation of the rationale and imperative for such tactics as physical destruction of weapons which presume to be property. The author is a member of the Atlantic Life Community. The article appears in the November/December issue of Resistance in Hope; newsletter of Jeremiah House; 611½ S. Pine St.; Richmond, VA 23220. Write Jeremiah House for a copy of this informative essay--donations appreciated.

...Bayou LaRose and the Survival Network Information Center have relocated to Kansas City from their old home in New Orleans. For seven years, Bayou LaRose has been a journal of free thought supporting prisoners, labor, anti-nuclear, environmental and native struggles. The Survival Network Information Center has for a shorter time provided solid networking information for prisoner and native people support groups around the continent. Both publications are recommended and in need of financial support as Arthur J. Miller, a metal trades worker and co-founder of both projects, was on strike for eight months and then blacklisted because of his rank and file agitation. For information, contact Bayou LaRose & SNIC; Box 6130; Kansas City, KS 66106. Donations appreciated.

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