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

The National No-Nukes Prison Support Collective was founded in 1980. As stated then, our goals are:

- to foster a wider public awareness of imprisoned nuclear resisters, their motivations and their actions.
- to build a link between the anti-nuclear movement, with the aim of educating anti-nuclear activists about the daily destruction of lives in the prisons of this country.

We believe that 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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SILO PRUNING HOOKS CONVICTED

Solo Pruning Hook Jailed

After the jury returned Friday night, February 22 with a verdict of guilty on all counts, Helen Woodson remarked that the true verdict had been reached the previous Tuesday. Before the trial even began, Martin Holladay had gone to missile silo N-11 and affirmed what the Silo Pruning Hooks claimed with their action. For disarmament to occur, weapons of death must be disarmed just as they were built: by ordinary people seeking peace. The Silo Pruning Hooks had gone to missile silo N-5 near Kansas City on November 12, and with jack-hammer, hand tools and their own blood, decommissioned the missile by destroying everything accessible to their tools.

Martin, the "Solo Pruning Hook", climbed over the fence of the silo not far from N-5. By the time his friend's trial had begun, he had damaged N-11 with a hammer and chisel, poured his blood and spraypainted "No More Hiroshimas". He hung a banner reading "Swords Into Plowshares" and offered a statement of conscience. Martin was arrested and is being held without bond pending arraignment March 10 on as yet unspecified charges.

The previous day, February 18, a large group of supporters had gathered for a vigil and prayers at the N-5 silo. Moved by the occasion, five people crossed a fence into the field surrounding the disabled spear sheath. They were arrested on state trespass charges. Art Laffin, Fr. Larry Rosebaugh and Patrick Mulvehill are in jail pending a hearing March 1. Miriam Olsen and Bobbie Plante posted bond so they could return home to Minnesota before joining the three men for the hearing.

The trial itself played to a courtroom packed with at least 70 supporters each day. In the words of one, "The four maintained a strong and joyful presence of truth and trust". The Silo Pruning Hooks--Helen Woodson, Frs. Paul and Carl Kabat, OMI, and Larry Cloud-Morgan--accepted without question the first twelve jurors not rejected by judge or prosecutor for bias.

In her opening statement, Helen Woodson told the jury about reading a self-help legal text. She related to the jury how it instructed defendants representing themselves to find a theme in the case on which to build their defense. Upon reflection, she felt an important theme evident in the case was violence--from the violence of the missile in the silo, to the violence of the laws protecting the missile, to the adversarial nature of the courtroom, where battle is waged between defendant and prosecutor. Not at home in such a setting, Helen told the court that she did not wish to humiliate or ridicule the prosecutor and his case in an effort to "win" an acquittal, as suggested by the book. Therefore, except for opening and closing statements, she chose not to participate in the trial.

Paul Kabat, testifying on his own behalf, was grilled by the prosecutor on questions of theology. He was challenged to explain biblical passages about rendering to Caesar what Caesar is due, etc. Building to his climax, the lawyer asked if it was not a fact that Jesus himself promoted obedience to the laws of the state? Fr. Kabat's reply was a calm "If he did, I don't know why he was crucified".

The federal marshall who had interviewed Larry Cloud-Morgan after the arrest stonewalled most of Larry's cross-examination. Larry tried to pry out some acknowledgement of their conversations about his youth, his Ojibway heritage, his naturalistic spirituality; all without success. The marshall repeatedly claimed no memory of such meaningful conversations. Larry then asked if she remembered him telling her that he hated the land. She replied, "No, I believe you said you loved the land". Larry thanked the witness and sat down.

Carl Kabat had been repeatedly challenged by the prosecutor as to why he had not run for public office in pursuit of disarmament. When it came time for closing arguments, Helen Woodson reminded the jury of these questions. Answering for Carl, she again noted that his vows as a priest do not permit holding public office. But beyond that, she explained, there is a question of proportionality. What was asked of Carl would be akin to the prosecutor coming home from work one night to find his home engulfed in flames, his family burning alive inside. In such a situation, the prosecutor would run for fire marshall. For the government to tell Carl to run for public office, Helen claimed, was obscene.

Except when Carl Kabat tried to explain jury nullification to the jurors, the judge had allowed the three defendants who testified great latitude and time to express their motivations for disarmament.

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graphic by Jackie Allen

White Train Camouflaged As Nonviolent Resistance Takes Root

The model for nonviolent direct action built on the experience of the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action continues to grow in communities where the seed has been planted. These seeds have taken root in the form of the Agape communities scattered near railroad tracks across the land. Initiated by Ground Zero, the Agape Community monitors, announces and nonviolently resists the rail shipment of nuclear warheads from the Pantex plant in Amarillo, Texas, to submarine bases on either coast.

The latest train left Pantex February 18, headed for Bangor, Washington. No longer a "white train", the cars are now painted in mixed dark tones that seem more appropriate to the cargo they hold.

Contacted by telephone for this story, participants in blockades and vigils all along the tracks seemed exceptionally joyous and filled with hope. Local success in dialoguing with police, railroad officials and neighbors has increased the ranks of potential vigilers. Meanwhile, the discussion and personal discernment encouraged by Ground Zero within the Agape groups is increasing the commitment of participants, and bringing more of them to resistance. As a result, arrests occurred in at least seven places during this latest passage of the nuclear train.

In Topeka, Kansas, the nuclear train changes from the Santa Fe Railroad to Burlington Northern. Members of Topeka Agape community had been meeting with local police and Santa Fe officials for some time, but the latter dropped out of the process before this train left Amarillo.

On Tuesday, February 19, a candlelight vigil of over 150 people in Topeka provided light in the pre-dawn cold for a smaller group of 22 who attempted to block the tracks. They were stopped and arrested for trespass before reaching the rails. Locals were released on a citation, and out-of-towners posted \$100 bond. All were freed the same day, pending arraignment after March 6.

Later that day, the train entered southeastern Nebraska. Just over the border in Fairbury, Marion Todd was ar-

rested for trespass in the company of about 30 vigilers. She had sat upon the tracks for about ten minutes just before the train passed through the small farming community. Marion was released on her signature and will be arraigned on March 5.

In Wyoming, three people were pulled from the tracks in Sheridan but no arrests were made.

Keeping to the same long route it travelled last summer, the Bangor-bound nuclear train pushed through the wilderness of northern Montana. In Whitefish, where 80 people joined a vigil, Donna Monroe, Luna and Michael Caldwell were arrested for trespass when they walked onto the tracks for prayer. The three were released after the train--which changed crews in Whitefish--left town. Arraignment is February 28.

Spokane, Washington was the scene of four more arrests--Kevin Baxter, Nancy Nelson, Gary Jewel and Nick Kassebaum.

As the train moved through the Columbia River Valley, members and friends of the Columbia River Fellowship for Peace met the train in Bingen, Washington. Six persons sat on the tracks while several miles away a supporter set flares to warn the train and slow its passage. The six were pulled from the tracks, and one was physically restrained from returning there as the train passed without stopping. No arrests were made.

In Vancouver, Washington, across the river from Portland, 106 people ranging in age from 10 to 80 were arrested Friday, February 22 when they blocked the tracks. No one among the 106 was among the 49 people arrested last July when

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Please have updates and action reports in the mail by Monday, April 8, or phone (707)463-0137. Thank you.

Resistance Reflections

Felice and Jack Cohen-Joppa, editors

Last fall we signed a Call to Action being circulated by a coalition promoting a day of "No Business As Usual" for April 29, 1985. We signed because we agree with the Call that mass opposition and resistance to war must achieve new heights, and with the greatest urgency. We also felt and expressed to organizers some hesitation in signing because of the Call's lack of any statement regarding nonviolence.

Our hesitation was offset by the fact that other nonviolent activists had also signed. More so, we knew that some of the people on the "response committee" (the decision-making body for the coalition) would be and have continued to struggle consistently for a statement on nonviolence.

We recognize the need to try and work together with other groups opposing war and nukes, even in cases where our long range view of how best to do this is not shared. Leaving aside consideration of nonviolence as a way of life and personal philosophy, the reluctance of some NBAU organizers to agree on even a minimal level of tactical nonviolence as the order of the day is disturbing.

We are VERY encouraged that many nonviolent activists across the country have taken initiative to organize events for April 29. We also feel strongly that some sort of agreement on nonviolent tactics would only enhance outreach and fundraising for NBAU actions.

From our point of view, most nuclear resisters, in jail and out, have long since adopted a "No Business As Usual" attitude, precisely because they understand that the usual business of the day for our government is violence. NO business as usual demands nonviolence.

For our part, individually and as editors of the *Nuclear Resister*, we cannot, will not and do not support or endorse any anti-war actions on April 29, or any other day, which risk killing or injuring people or animals. It should not be necessary to state this so bluntly, but in the absence of any such statement from the national office of NBAU, we feel bound to state clearly the limits

of our endorsement and participation.

If the promoters of the Call for Action for a National Day of No Business as Usual desire the participation of more nuclear resisters on April 29, they would do well to heed the advice of response committee members who seek agreement on nonviolent tactics for the day.

Two essays in this issue ask how, as nonviolent direct activists, we should respond to violent anti-nuclear actions if and when they do occur. Unasked in either is the question "How do we as non-violent activists respond to persons accused or convicted of violent anti-nuclear actions?"

Clearly, as a movement, we must absolutely reject the tactic used. But the question of how to relate to the person is not academic.

Those who would choose violence in pursuit of a world without war deserve a sort of critical support. Critical of the means used to accomplish shared ends, but supportive in that we would remember them in prison as we should all prisoners.

It is possible that their violent response to the nuclear arms race should more accurately be considered a crime of passion (remember Norman Mayer?); a reaction to the desperation, hopelessness and desire for a quick solution that few activists can deny feeling at times.

Perhaps an analogy will help here. Condemnation or "distancing ourselves as much as we can" hardly describes the general movement response to Nicaraguan nationalists whose political power, however truly popular, grew from the barrel of a gun.

It seems inconsistent to condemn anti-nuclear violence and try to forget about the perpetrator sitting in prison, while we help with a coffee harvest that, among nobler results, helps keep an armed resistance movement in power.

If our nonviolence means much at all, it means that we will work to bring out the best in everyone. The challenge is to offer by our example a nonviolent alternative for action to those who possess a passion for peace and justice.

More Reflections

PLOWSHARE ACTIONS: A PANDORA'S BOX?

by Tom Cordaro

A plowshare action is the attempt to unbuild weapon system components (i.e. render them useless) as a positive step towards disarmament. It involves the destruction of property that endangers all property.

As plowshare actions increase in number throughout this country and the rest of the world, they have infused the resistance movement with new energy and they have challenged all of us to take the task of disarmament more seriously.

Other benefits that have come in wake of plowshare actions include the additional public and media attention given to the issue of disarmament. Many citizens, church leaders, politicians, defense contractors and military professionals are being challenged in new and more powerful ways...

With the growing interest in plowshare actions maybe it is time to stop for a moment and reflect on what kind of course we shall set for ourselves.

Some recent events have caused me great concern. First came the news about the FBI raid on a revolutionary group that advocates armed struggle. The FBI found hundreds of pounds of explosives and guns along with a list of over 100 U.S. corporations (many of them defense contractors).

There is a good chance that violent attacks against weapon facilities will be taking place in the future. Should we distance ourselves from such actions? How do we explain to people the difference between a plowshare action and these other actions?

There is also a growing sentiment among some that "hit and run" tactics should be used in plowshare actions in order to increase their effectiveness and number. Should we embrace these type of actions? What makes an action involving the destruction of property a "genuine" plowshare action?

In addition to this the Reagan administration is going unchallenged in its efforts to establish a policy on terrorism that will help stifle dissent and promote its own form of terrorism here and abroad.

I am concerned with these developments because 1) Some folks may attempt a plowshare action without fully thinking through the consequences; 2) If violent attacks and "hit and run" tactics on the military-industrial complex begin, it could result in a backlash of hysteria that may confuse people about the moral and ethical legitimacy of plowshare actions.

Plowshare actions were first done by committed communities of mature and disciplined nonviolent resisters who spent months together in preparation for their actions. How will we prepare ourselves for future plowshare actions?

What about the secrecy of plowshare actions? Does all the covertness of the actions distract from the witness? Aren't these tactics the same as the CIA? What about means and ends?

There is a lot of work to be done in regards to plowshare actions. It is not just a matter of improving our tactical expertise; it also requires more moral and ethical clarification. This can only come about through reflection, and honest self-criticism.

The more clearly we can define who we are and what we are about, the better we will be able to witness to the issues we raise.

(from *Midwest Resistance Newsletter*, January, 1985)

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READER SURVEY

Have you returned the Reader Survey we published last month? It isn't too late! Please take the time to let us know your thoughts about our work with the *Nuclear Resister*.

At press time, we have received 24 replies out of nearly 800 newsletters mailed. Naturally, we'd like to get more. Your opinions and suggestions will be appreciated! Thanks so much to those of you who have already replied.

Next issue we'll share a summary of the returned surveys. For now, look close and you'll see we've already made some of the improvements readers suggested. WE NEED YOUR INPUT!!

THANKS

Many thanks to Carol, George, Bodhi, Leif, Mary, Bruce and Susan for caring for Cassidy this issue. Also thanks to Robin, Chester, Jenny, Luke, Susan, Marsha, Arlene and Burt for helping to mail the last issue.

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.

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Network News

The spring gathering of the Midwest Resistance Network will be held March 8-10 at a state recreation area near Chelsea, Michigan. For more information, contact the Ann Arbor Peace Community; c/o MAD; 410 W. Washington; Ann Arbor, MI 48103; (313)955-5871.

226 PEOPLE & A BUDDHIST PRAYER DRUM ARRESTED IN NEBRASKA

The Faith and Resistance Retreat on Nonviolence drew over 500 clergy and laity to western Iowa from February 12-14. The retreat culminated in the arrests of 226 people at the Strategic Air Command (SAC) headquarters at Offutt Air Force Base in Bellevue, Nebraska.

The commander of the base and members of the targeting staff had been personal-

ly invited to join the retreat for prayer and discussion. When no reply was received, the group opted for entering the base on the afternoon of February 14 to initiate the dialogue. The mass arrests resulted.

Those arrested included 34 Catholic priests, 24 Protestant ministers, 43 women religious, six children and over 100 laypeople. An estimated 70% of the group had never before participated in civil disobedience, and 16 of the group were repeat offenders at SAC who now face jail time. All first timers received ban and bar letters except two who refused to cooperate after the arrest. Tom Bassett accepted release on his own recognizance the next day, pending trial in mid-March. Ron Renkowski refused to accept the stipulations attached to the recognizance release, and awaits a March 18 trial in jail.

Throughout the action, John Schuchardt had stood nearby, beating a Buddhist prayer drum and chanting. He continued after nightfall and the conclusion of the action, while supporters waited outside the gates for some of those arrested to be processed and released. Around 8:00 p.m., Bellevue police arrested John for disturbing the peace. He was held for a week, refusing to accept release on his own recognizance because police refused to release the prayer drum with him. Finally, on February 21, John entered a plea and was sentenced to eight days in jail plus a fine. With credit for time served, he was released the same day. The prayer drum is still being held for some obscure reasons related to John's right to appeal, but it is due out by early March.



Letters of support can be sent to Ron Renkowski; Douglas County Jail; 710 S. 17th St.; Omaha, NE 68102.

"Life" Terms Still Being Served

Rev. Carfon Foltz, Brian Larkin and David Braun are still serving unlimited sentences for civil contempt following a December 3 blockade of Williams International Corporation in Michigan--Foltz and Larkin in jail, and Braun as a 40 hour a week conscript without pay in the Salvation Army.

Dorothy Whitmarsh, Ken Jannot and Dean Abbot have filed an appeal of the contempt citation, and expect to be released within two weeks pending a decision on the appeal. Barb Wetula and Jeff Smith were released at the end of January pending their appeal.

Nine more people were tried in late January on charges stemming from the December, 1983 series of actions at the cruise missile engine plant. All were found guilty of trespass and conspiracy to trespass. Their sentence is a \$50 fine for trespass, and a \$50 fine plus one year probation at \$20/month probation costs for conspiracy.

Three people arrested at Williams December 28, 1984, are awaiting a jury trial date. Contempt charges have not been filed in this case, so the three are free awaiting trial.



Letters can be sent to Rev. Carfon Foltz and Brian Larkin at Shiawassee County Jail; 201 E. MacArthur; Corunna, MI 48817.

When All Else Fails ~ Lock 'em Up

Jennifer Haines was tried and convicted on February 6 of trespass at the Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant near Denver. At her sentencing on February 15, Jennifer expressed thanks that she had been able to speak to the court and jury about her motivations. Federal Judge John Kane did not seem pleased by the fact, nor by Haines' persistent witness at Rocky Flats and her steadfast refusal to comply with the authority of the courts. After remarking that he thought she was headed for self-destruction, and expressing that he thought there was alot more she could be doing with her life, Kane sentenced her to one year in prison.

Another Flats religious resister, Sr. Pat Mahoney, had this to say last January 14 when Judge Zita Weinshienk sentenced her to six months in jail for probation violation:

"At the time you sentenced me in 1982 you stated that imprisonment was to serve as a deterrent; that it was not for rehabilitation. You went on to say that I was not in need of rehabilitation and that sending me to prison was a waste of taxpayers' money.

"The pre-sentence report prepared by the probation department recommends closer probation supervision and mental health counseling so that I might learn to distinguish between following my conscience and obeying the law. It also suggests that my behavior has been negatively reinforced by press attention.

"I will not submit to probation supervision because it is a pointless waste of taxpayers' money since I am not in need of rehabilitation and also because it does nothing to impact the problem that brings me into conflict with the law, namely, the production of nuclear weapons.

The recommendation for mental health counseling is too close a parallel to the Soviet Union's manner of dealing with dissidents to even merit consideration. I suggest the designers and producers of nuclear weapons, as well as the military personnel poised to push the button that will wreak nuclear destruction receive mental health counseling.

"I have no remorse for speaking and acting nonviolently against the immorality and illegality of nuclear weapons. I am not sorry for taking a public stance choosing life over death. I am not contrite for praying for peace on the other side of the bomb factory's fence.

"As a human being I acknowledge myself to be fallible and not in possession of total truth. But I cannot abandon the truth I do see--that it is absolutely immoral to produce and threaten to use weapons of annihilation. I will continue to protest the arms race and its consequent theft from the poor despite seeming lack of success. In a spirit of nonviolence I desire to be willing to suffer rather than inflict suffering. I do not say these things to be defiant, but rather to be faithful."



Letters of support can be sent to Jennifer Haines; c/o Denver Catholic Worker; 2420 Welton St.; Denver, CO 80205 and Pat Mahoney; Women's General; Fort Worth FCI; 3150 Horton Rd.; Ft. Worth, TX 76119.

Inside & Out



RESISTERS IN JAIL
(release date, if known, in parentheses)

Pat Mahoney, Women's General, Fort Worth FCI, 3150 Horton Rd., Ft. Worth, TX 76119. (out 7/85)

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

Ron Renkowski, Douglas Co. Jail, 710 S. 17th St., Omaha, NE 68102 (trial 3/18)

Martin Holladay, c/o Silo Pruning Hooks Support, 40 S. 13th St., Kansas City, KS 66102.

Fr. Darrell Rupiper; MCC; 71 West Van Buren Street; Chicago, IL 60605. (out 3/26/85)

Joann Meyers-Allen, c/o Greenfields Resistance Community, 4216 Grant, Omaha, NE 68111. (out 6/85)

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.

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

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.

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

Rev. Carfon Foltz, Brian Larkin, Ken Jannot Jr., Dean Abbot & Jeffrey Smith, Shiawassee County Jail, 201 E. MacArthur, Corunna, MI 48817. (Jannot, Abbot and Smith out soon on appeal)

Dorothy Whitmarsh, Oakland County Jail, Cell 4L, Women's Division, Box 300, Pontiac, MI 48056. (out soon on appeal)

Art Laffin, Fr. Larry Rosebaugh and Patrick Mulvehill, c/o Silo Pruning Hooks Support, 40 S. 13th St., Kansas City, KS 66102. (hearing March 1)

RECENTLY RELEASED:

Felton Davis, Kevin McGuire, Theresa Allen, Peter Holladay, Cal Robertson, Dan Lawrence, Claire and Scott Schaeffer-Duffy, Daniel Sirhan, Jeffrey Spalter, George Thompson, Larry Morlan, Chuck Trapkus, John Zettner, Barb Wetula.

Train Resistance Takes Root (cont.)

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the train came through.

Portland area activists, after the experience of three trains in the past year generating substantial resistance, are exuberant when describing the progress they have made in working together despite political and personal difference. There is a strong feeling expressed that a broader segment of the community is willing to adopt the mood, principles and style set forth by Portland Agape community for the tracks campaign. This has led to more shared responsibility for the tasks attendant to such frequent and large witnesses.

Those arrested in Vancouver were released that day, pending notification by mail of their court dates. Some participants expect charges to be dropped, given the expense incurred by Clark County for the nuclear train trial last fall.

Moving north, the train prompted resistance in Centralia, where four people were arrested.

At sub base Bangor, over 200 people met the train, singing songs of peace. Twenty were arrested in a calm manner, and when the train stopped, a loaf of bread and letter from the blockaders were handed up to the engineer. Charged with trespass, all twenty were released on their own recognizance.

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

AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL KITSAP COUNTY, STATE, U.S. GOVERNMENT, BURLINGTON NORTHERN POLICE PERSONNEL AND THE TRAIN CREW:

In this letter we wish to communicate to you that we will be confronting the nuclear train with only love and respect in our hearts. We hold no malice or ill will toward you. We instead see you as we see ourselves, victims caught in a nightmare of an unprecedented nuclear arms race. It is in that spirit we come, so the evil of nuclear war preparation will not go unnoticed and also that we may continue to seek an alternative to violence in resolving conflict.

At this time we acknowledge that your perception of the grave danger before us is probably not the same as ours. If it were we would hope that you would join us and turn back the train. We believe that it is possible that some of you may believe as we do but, for circumstances unknown to us, you feel that you must do what you are doing at this time. Please understand that we are aware of how difficult some choices can be. Wherever you may be, as we place our lives on the track and alongside the track, please join us

in the belief that we are brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers, and all children of the creation.

The Puget Sound Agape Community would also like you to know that we have done all we know how to do in organizing this act of resistance to be in the same tradition of nonviolence that Jesus, Gandhi and King taught. It has demanded a lot of discussion, role play and the seeking of truth in our unity. We have used the consensus process, so all decisions made by the group are the result of total group agreement. This is a difficult process that calls for reflection and compromise but, we feel, most of the time produces the best answers. The philosophy and discipline of Agape (the healing power of God operating in the heart) is the guideline of the process. We view this process as unending. What we bring to the tracks today is what we have learned from the past and our vision and hope for the future.



Graphic by Bill Livermore

We ask you to join us in this process. We have asked all those here to focus on nonviolence as the key to our survival. In the spirit of peace and love we hope that in realizing fully the destructive force stopped before our very eyes, we will also realize that common spirit that bonds all life together. We feel that it is possible, even though enough evil to kill all that lives has safely gone into its place of hiding, that new directions will come to all of us and that truth and love will prevail.

Please help us stop the train and the arms race, even if for only a few minutes. Please help us in the process to find ways to stop violence towards each other for all time.

Peace with love and respect,

Puget Sound Agape

WINCON

Each February, Los Angeles plays host to the Winter Convention on Aerospace and Electronics--WINCON. For six years, WINCON has been the site of growing protest and resistance.

On Tuesday evening, February 12, about 1500 people turned out for a candlelight vigil to mark the start of the three-day show of sophisticated nuclear and conventional weapons systems. The next morning, several small groups unfurled banners and blocked buses carrying participants from the hotel to classified convention sessions elsewhere in the city. Twenty-five people were arrested. Four accepted release on their own recognizance, while the rest went to jail. The ten women in the group were arraigned the following day. All pleaded guilty or no contest, and were sentenced to time served plus 30 days probation.

On Thursday, Valentine's Day, 19 people took part in the blockade and were arrested. Fourteen who plan to take the case to trial were released on their own recognizance. The remaining two men were arraigned on Friday, February 15, with the 11 men arrested Wednesday. All thirteen pleaded guilty or no contest and were sentenced to time served plus 30 days probation. Three men from the Los Angeles Catholic Worker and a friend refused probation, and were jailed until February 19 instead.

The three women arrested Thursday remained in jail until the following Tuesday also, when they were arraigned along with three women who had been arrested during a blockade in the hotel lobby on Friday. All six entered pleas of no contest and were sentenced to the same time served and one month probation. Trial dates are not yet known for those released on their own recognizance.

For more information, contact the L.A. Catholic Worker; 632 N. Britannia St.; Los Angeles, CA 90033.

Jech Fair Arrests

Some Bay State residents continue to be unwilling hosts to the military trade fair circuit.

About 30 "Department of War" contractors descended January 29 on the Marriot Hotel in Burlington, Massachusetts, for a job recruitment "tech fair". In the hotel lobby, Dan Ethier, Claire and Dan Schaeffer-Duffy and John Pendleton leafletted potential weapons producers and unfurled a banner reading "Love One Another, Don't Build Weapons". John and Scott were arrested and pleaded not guilty to trespass. At their trial February 12, their successful self-defense won a ruling from Judge Ed Viola (AVCO Ploshares) that the hotel lobby is a public place where first amendment rights prevail.

Free Speech in Canada?

Brian Burch's trial for breach of probation has been postponed until April 10. The charge was levied when Brian was picked up at a Toronto demonstration against Pentagon buyers touring Canada last December. Brian was in violation of a probation sentence that forbade his attendance at any public demonstration or assembly for six months.

Brian appealed the original sentence, which sets a precedent allowing Canadian constitutional guarantees of free speech to be limited upon conviction of a minor charge; in Brian's case, "creating a disturbance by shouting". It is ironic that the charge itself seems a questionable assault on contemporary notions of freedom of speech, considering it was levied at a public demonstration.

The appeal was denied on January 9, and unless the Ontario Attorney General personally orders an appeal and/or new trial, the precedent and its chilling effect on Canadian free speech will stand.



Letters protesting the probation originally imposed and asking that an order be granted to proceed with an appeal or new trial should be sent to Robert Welch; Attorney General of Ontario; Legislative Building; Queen's Park; Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A2 CANADA. Please send copies of any letters sent or replies received to Brian Burch; 257 B Carlton St.; Toronto, Ontario M5A 2L4 CANADA.

INTERNATIONAL NOTES

Box 173
Lyttelton, NEW ZEALAND

Greetings Peace Folk,

Many thanks for your card of support for our nuclear-free struggle with big brother, U.S.A. I have sent it on to our Prime Minister. The feeling of people here is pretty buoyant: yesterday over 2000 people gathered in support of our government's policy outside our House of Parliament--the first time I can ever remember people gathering to show support for a government policy. It's usually the opposite! Simultaneously about 150 people protested about it, which shows the general level of acceptance for it.

Any pressure that can be brought to bear on Congress to leave New Zealand alone and let us make our own decisions about these matters, would be greatly appreciated.

I'm sure peace activists in New Zealand would like to send special greetings to all those imprisoned for their beliefs in the U.S.A., and to have them know they are not forgotten even in this remote corner of God's world.

In solidarity and peace,
Rev. J. Consedine



Pruning Hooks (cont.)

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In his instructions to the jury, however, the judge dramatically asserted that jurors would violate their solemn oath to the court should they allow any question about the morality or legality of nuclear weapons to enter into their deliberations.

After the verdict was returned, Larry Cloud-Morgan remarked that it made him happy. Having been born as a Native American, a captive of the United States, he views going to prison as a homecoming.

The four remain in jail pending sentencing March 25, convicted of destruction of national defense material, destruction of government property, conspiracy and trespass.

(Thanks to Sam Day, Jean Holladay, John LaForge and Suzanne Schmidt)



Letters of support can be sent to Martin Holladay, the five arrested February 18 and the Silo Pruning Hooks c/o Silo Pruning Hooks Support; 40 S. 13th St.; Kansas City, KS 66102.

Ashes Poured at U.S. Mission

About sixty-five people gathered on Ash Wednesday, February 20, for a religious service sponsored by Kairos Community, at the United States Mission to the United Nations in New York City. Ashes were poured in the shape of a cross in front of the heavily guarded mission while 35 people blockaded the doors. The blockaders were arrested, cited for disorderly conduct, and released pending arraignment on March 11.

Women of Faith Act

New England Women of Faith activists gathered again on February 19 outside the General Dynamics Eastern Data Processing Center in Norwich, Connecticut. In the course of celebrating life, 13 women sat down and blocked the street in front of the home for computers that help build Trident submarines.

Those blocking the road were charged with disorderly conduct and required to post \$100 bond for their release. Most paid and were released that day; two women spent the night in jail and paid the next morning to gain their release. A pre-trial has been set for March 4.

For more information about Women of Faith, a New England nonviolent action group for women of all spiritual leanings, please contact Women of Faith; 83 Campfield Ave.; Hartford, CT 06114; (203) 527-9638.

WRITINGS FROM JAIL



THE INSIDE LINE

from Kansas City ~

In the latest issue of the Midwest Resistance Newsletter, Tom Cordaro proposed some difficult questions to the justice and peace movement today.* After making a note of two recent "plowshares" actions in the Midwest in which I and several of my friends had taken part, he brought up some serious concerns for all of us to consider.

Cordaro began with the premise that so far plowshares actions of disarmament have been well planned with mature participants and under controlled disarmament conditions. He indicated there has been a definite nonviolent approach to each action.

However, as the movement grows--and we hope it does--questionable elements will enter in, such as advocacy of armed struggle, use of explosives in dangerous situations, "hit and run" tactics, and lack of suitable preparation and maturity in participants. One could say it seems almost as inevitable as the probability that our stockpiled nuclear weapons will someday be used.

So far we can be thankful that much control has been expressed by plowshares actions to this date, but what do we do when some half-baked concerned activists turn to violence against people and use explosive tactics like some members of the anti-abortion activists seem to have been doing recently? Are we prepared for the negative repercussions?

I am happy I have taken part in a well-prepared and controlled act of nuclear disarmament and I do hope there will be more such actions as time goes by, but I do fear the destruction of our various witnesses for peace if actions get out of nonviolent control and mature participation.

We know that many of our concerned friends even question the value and fruitfulness of plowshares actions to date. We have to admit that much of our justification for such drastic actions is that the evil of the nuclear situation is so drastic itself.

Others could carry this interpretation some steps farther along and try to confront ultimate global war with their own violence against human beings.

I don't have an easy answer to this dilemma. I do thank God and the wisdom and balance of the justice and peace movement that various actions so far have been kept in nonviolent control. It seems almost unreal, just as it seems unreal that we have not yet had a catastrophic nuclear accident or worse.

How long Providence will keep us all in some level of control is anybody's guess. Just as a nuclear war could be in action as I write this or as you read it, the same could be true of some violent anti-nuclear action.

from Alderson ~

WAREHOUSE

I am fatigued with fatigues
And government surplus agent orange
Cheese from the "Police Action" in Korea
and
Fruit cocktail waiting on the next war

Everyone in issue uniforms all in order
Even correctional officers and graduates
Of liberal Sociology and Criminal Justice
classes

I live with the government's discard

Losers of the old wars
Like the war on poverty
Casualties of the resurrected wars
Like the war on crime
And the war on illegal aliens
Refugees from the raging war
On the inconsolable
...on women

This rehabilitation is a merciless joke
We know if we truly conformed to society's
wishes

Most of us would be dead--expendable
(Pre-blast collateral damage the bombs are
falling already)

Instead we are merely missing
or "disappeared"
Behind files, fences and sentences that
never end

We know why we are here perpetually
dressed for combat
And so we skid along and remember to show
up for body counts

Of these 600 soldiers of misfortune
Few of us march in lock step
Deviants that we are we can still dream
Marking time behind absurdly small fences
In the valley of these beckoning
hills.

Christin Schmidt

(From Pershing Plowshares Newsletter,
January, 1985)

"Should we distance ourselves from such actions?" asks Tom Cordaro and others. Yes, as much as we can. But the managed news media of the military/industrial complex will not be so considerate. The peace movement will be identified with any anti-nuclear action, no matter how violent and ill considered.

"How do we explain to people the difference between a plowshares action and these other actions?" asks Cordaro. With great difficulty.

Here in the Kansas City area there has been some negative criticism to our own controlled plowshares disarmament action. Even members of the justice and peace community express negative feelings about what we did.

Beth Seberger, program coordinator for the Kansas City Interfaith Peace Alliance, is quoted by the local press, "The hesitation I feel is pretty well shared. I just don't think I would do it in the same way".

The newspaper article continues, "Because the protesters were not known to any of the local peace activists and because no warning of the protest was given, she said, 'It really makes it harder to feel as supportive'..."

This particular reaction to our plowshares act is indicative of the pressures already found in the peace movement with any valid plowshares action or even simple acts of civil disobedience.

For example, I am well acquainted with the tensions felt between the northern Minnesota resistance community located in Bemidji which often goes to the Air Base near Grand Forks, North Dakota, for low keyed civil disobedient acts and the Grand Forks peace community which so far has avoided civil disobedience and resents the intrusion of the Minnesota "outsiders" into their area. Hours of dialogue have been attempted, but not much agreement has been reached.

It might be of some benefit for justice and peace groups to develop a statement on civil disobedience similar to MN-CALC's statement recently developed. Such a statement could help clarify some questionable situations.

"We support those acts of civil disobedience which have been carefully and thoughtfully designed not to harm human life, and whose intent it is to disarm, to call attention to the idolatrous militarism of our society, and to affirm our respect for Mother Earth."

I think a lot of justice and peace movement folks could live with that statement and use it as a standard to judge future efforts at disarmament. I know it suits me and what we tried to accomplish as the Silo Pruning Hooks.

by Fr. Paul Kabat, OMI

*(See page 2, "More Reflections", for Tom Cordaro's essay)

Peltier Evidentiary Hearing Ends ~ Letters Still Needed

A recent incident of harassment of Native American activist Leonard Peltier illustrates a common tactic used by prison officials to intimidate outspoken inmates. For his part in a spiritual fast protesting the denial of religious practices at Marion Federal Prison in Illinois, Peltier has been kept in the U.S. Medical Center for Federal Prisoners in Springfield, Missouri since last spring.

When his supporters announced plans to file suit over the religious freedom issue, and to conduct prayer vigils outside the prison medical center, Peltier was threatened with transfer back to Marion. If returned to Marion, Peltier has vowed to continue the fast so long as he is denied the possession of sacred articles, the opportunity to meet personally with his spiritual advisor, and other religious practices accorded U.S. federal prisoners everywhere but at Marion.

When the supporters ignored the illegal transfer threat, the more common harassment ensued. A new prisoner was brought to the cell adjacent to Peltier's. Soon thereafter, the man in the next cell down the tier was implicated in a marijuana smuggling scheme. The man in the middle was then removed from the tier, and immediately made allegations that the entire incident had been instigated and directed by Leonard Peltier. Although he has not been formally charged, the allegations against Peltier have been repeated publicly and are being used to justify his continued confinement in administrative segregation. Commonly, the next step is for officials to offer immunity from prosecution to the people actually implicated in the alleged crime, in return for their corroboration with the middleman's story. In this manner, officials pit prisoner against prisoner to harass and intimidate those inmates who challenge the punitive authority of the prison system.

The evidentiary hearing convened last fall to examine FBI documents supporting Peltier's bid for a new trial has now been closed. During the last minutes of the public part of the hearing in October, the government's only witness "mis-



spoke" himself. Evan Hodges, a ballistics expert, was called back to the stand an hour after the session had adjourned to correct his assertion under oath that only he and an assistant had handled the most crucial piece of circumstantial evidence in the government's case against Peltier. In fact, a lab trainee and at least one other person's handwritten notes appear on the ballistics report in question. Defense attorneys sought to reconvene the hearing, so the trainee could be brought in for cross-examination. Federal judge Paul Benson denied this request, allowing only a private deposition to be taken from the man. A deadline for all briefs to be filed was set for February 15, and Benson's decision is expected within 60 days. It is subject to immediate review by the appeals court that ordered the hearing.



Letters to federal judges John Gibson, Gerald Heaney and Donald Ross; U.S. 8th Circuit Court of Appeals; 1114 Market St.; St. Louis, MO 63101, supporting Leonard Peltier's bid for a new trial are requested. For more information, please contact the Leonard Peltier Defense Committee; 2524 16th Ave. South; Seattle, WA 98144. Their January, 1985 issue of Crazy Horse Spirit provides full details about Leonard and other Native American political prisoners and victims of government misconduct.

Update Files

WHITE TRAIN/CONRAD, MONTANA: Conrad Justice of the Peace Betty Rainville has indicated to four activists convicted for last July's bomb train protest that she will probably do nothing about their refusal to pay a \$50 fine. "You people have shown me respect. I don't feel you need any more punishment." Twenty-five hours of community service for the four included outreach and education about the White Train and nonviolent resistance. Carol Bellin, a fifth participant in the action, has had charges dismissed...

BOHEMIAN GROVE: Fourteen people charged last summer with failure to disperse and trespass during a protest at the exclusive club for the white male power elite, had a motion to dismiss based on selective prosecution denied at a hearing February 22. Judge Frank Passalacqua did, however, grant a defense motion for access to FBI and CIA files on the protest. A pre-trial date of April 25 is set.

The previous day, Passalacqua had heard motions filed in the cases of Tad Mutersbaugh and Kate Raphael, protesters who were charged with resisting arrest during the same demonstration. Supporters in court were angered by the judge's actions and statements, and at one point, hissed at him. Reacting angrily, the judge ordered deputies and bailiffs to "grab them, grab them all". As court officials began to move towards the crowd, Don Eichelberger stood and announced that he felt "nothing but contempt for this court". He was physically removed to the jail, where he spent five days as official acknowledgement of his feelings. Trial for Tad and Kate was set for February 26.

(Previous reports that charges against about 40 others arrested the same day had been dropped are in error. Actually, they have to be filed, and may be filed at any time before next July)...
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BOOK REVIEWS

Life After Prison is a new 48-page booklet co-produced by the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) U.S. Office of Criminal Justice and the Victim Offender Ministries Program of MCC Canada. The pithy text dives into the heart of the problems and challenges facing the ex-con, drawing from author Al Wengard's experience as half-way house counselor, probation worker and prison ministries work with the Mennonite Church. His experience is mostly with male prisoners, so the book, while it may be of general use to the increasing numbers of imprisoned women, does not speak directly to the many unique concerns they face.

Four chapters--"On the Street", "On the Job", "In the Family" and "Inside of You" build upon fictionalized narrative and dialogue to illustrate the problems ex-cons might confront in each situation. Wengard then offers some ideas and suggestions for dealing with the situation, and concludes each section with provocative questions about how the reader will face similar circumstances upon his release.

Nuclear resisters usually have all the support they need upon their release from prison. This book can help resisters and prisoner advocates reach out to the vast majority of neglected prisoners by offering suggestions on how to help with their eventual release.

Single copies are available for \$1 (or less if you cannot afford it) from MCC U.S. Office of Criminal Justice; 220 West High St.; Elkhart, IN 46516 or Victim Offender Ministries; 50 Kent Ave.; Kitchener, Ontario N2G 3R1 CANADA. Multiple copies (five or more) may be ordered by organizations at established discounts directly from the publisher, Herald Press; 616 Walnut Ave.; Scottdale, PA 15683 or Herald Press; 117 King St.; Kitchener, Ontario N2G 4M5 CANADA.

Would-be or current prisoner advocates and visitors should also ask for the list of resources offered by the MCC U.S. Office of Criminal Justice--a useful selection at reasonable prices.

Violence Ends Where Love Begins is an attractive, informative and inspirational addition to Plowshares literature. It tells the story of the Pershing Plowshares 1984 Easter/Passover disarmament of Pershing II missiles just off the assembly line at the Martin Marietta factory in Orlando, Florida.

Editor Karl Welsher has divided the 76-page collection of essays, statements, interviews and poetry into three sections: Background, The Action and The Trial.

"Orlando, Nuclear Weapons and Resistance" opens the first section. The author, Bruce Gagnon, is coordinator of the Florida Coalition for a Nuclear Weapons Freeze. His understanding of the power of nonviolent resistance is one that should be shared with freeze and other mainstream peace activists everywhere.

After outlining how the disarmament action forced people in Orlando to openly confront the production of nuclear weapons in their midst, Gagnon ends with the acknowledgement that "There can be no doubt that the Pershing Plowshares affected the people of Central Florida. It now falls on local peace workers to build on these new possibilities..."

The titles of some of the other essays hint at the diversity of the authors, the Pershing Plowshares. "On Divine Obedience" by Sr. Anne Montgomery. "Deadly Connection--Hunger and the Arms Race" by Patrick O'Neill. "Resurrecting Hope" by Paul Magno. "Pershing II--A Swedish Connection" interview with Per Herengren. "Passover--Out of the Nuclear Bondage" by Todd Kaplan. "Three Minutes to Midnight" by Tim Lietzke.

Readers learn that the opening statement by Jim Perkins, and Christin Schmidt's summation to the jury, both reprinted in full, were repeatedly interrupted by prosecutor and judge. Christin was in fact "terminated" midway through her summation. The verdict of the jury may have been the same if they had heard the statement in full; but they would have at least been aware of



Violence Ends Where Love Begins

Graphic by Carol Mackall

the choice available for jurors of conscience. The court preferred they be kept ignorant.

One chapter in the final section, "International Law and Justification Defenses" by attorney Sebastian Graber, concludes with a lawyer's typical optimism for the judicial system:

"Some courts are beginning to recognize that the defenses of International Law and justification are valid, traditional defenses. Far from having no basis in law, they are the most important of legal principles, recognizing values higher than mere obedience to domestic law. Indeed, it is the recognition of such principles by the courts which may prove to be the most effective avenue of affecting disarmament."

If Graber's vision is to be realized, then many, many more people must offer the courts this avenue through persistent, public and nonviolent acts of disarmament.

Violence Ends Where Love Begins, Plowshares Press, 1984. \$3.00 + 50¢ postage and handling per book from Marcia Timmel; 503 Rock Creek Church Rd., NW; Washington, D.C. 20012 or Tolstoi House Community; Box 102; Lake Worth, FL 33460. Make checks payable to "PEACEWORKS".

Update Files

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ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL: Larry Morlan and Chuck Trapkus posted bond and were released from jail January 25, pending separate trials March 20 and 21 on charges stemming from a tradition of prayer at the arsenal. Anne Tabor and Margaret Volpe's trial for a Nagasaki memorial action at the arsenal has been postponed until March 18. Five other Quad City War Resisters have had their trials re-scheduled to March 5 and 6. Regular prayer vigils and bannerings continue...

RIVERSIDE RESEARCH INSTITUTE: Charges against two men arrested last Hiroshima Day at the New York nuclear think tank have been dismissed. The two filed motions seeking information about Riverside's work, to support their contention that under international law, they could not not commit civil disobedience. The judge sidestepped the issue by declaring that the motion should be answered by the building owner, not its tenant (Riverside). Charges were then dropped when building owners refused to continue prosecuting...



AVCO/MASSACHUSETTS: The first of four groups faced trial February 20 for charges stemming from a mass action June 18, 1984. Of five defendants, three were found guilty of trespass and sentenced to pay \$15 to a crime victims fund. One woman who had been thrown over a fence was acquitted, as was a man whose arresting officer failed to show for trial. Judge Cullen listened to experts and defendants present a defense of necessity...

MADISON, WISCONSIN: Four people charged with disorderly conduct for digging a grave in front of ROTC offices at the University of Wisconsin last September had charges dismissed February 5. Also in Madison, Nu Parable dancers were twice more physically ejected from East Towne shopping mall as they attempted to engage patrons in dance and discussion of nuclear issues. A freedom of speech battle is brewing in local courts over the continuing actions of Nu Parable...

NAVY BLOCKADE/PORTLAND: Seven people who refused to leave a draw bridge to allow a cruise missile capable ship to pass through last June, have received sentences of 24 hours community service...

GRIFFISS AIR FORCE BASE: Eight of nine people arrested December 28 pleaded no contest on January 17. Trial was set for March 5 in federal court. One woman, Sr. Pat Bergen, pleaded no contest and will be sentenced in early March...

GENERAL DYNAMICS/NORWICH, CONNECTICUT: After serving two weeks in jail for a non-violent blockade, Theresa Allen, Peter Holladay, Cal Robertson, Dan Lawrence, Claire and Scott Schaeffer-Duffy, Daniel Sirhan, Jeffrey Spalter and George Thompson were brought into court on January 25, and charges were dismissed...

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA/BERKELEY: Charges have been dismissed against one of four people arrested for spraypainting anti-nuclear and other slogans on campus on the twentieth anniversary of the Free Speech Movement. The other three are awaiting trial...

AVCO/MASSACHUSETTS: Bench trials have begun for small groups of people arrested last June 18. Of the first group of seven, two were acquitted on technicalities and five were found guilty and sentenced to pay a \$15 fine to a victims of violent crime restitution fund. Three paid the fine, and one person who didn't has filed for a jury trial with the next higher court...

PICATINNY ARSENAL: Felton Davis, serving six months for trespass at the Arsenal concurrent with a five month graffiti sentence, marked Martin Luther King's birthday by refusing prison slave labor. After two weeks in the hole at Lewisburg Federal Prison and a week in a county jail, Felton was unexpectedly released February 15...

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FUTURE ACTIONS

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.

holy week

The Atlantic Life Community will gather during the first week in April in Washington, D.C. for resistance marking Holy Week and Passover. Resisters and their supporters are invited to join in the festivities. Contact Jonah House; 1933 Park Ave.; Baltimore, MD 21217; (301)669-6265.

manhattan

Columbia Pax Christi Community in New York will be sponsoring a Good Friday Stations of the Cross procession down 42nd Street in Manhattan. The Catholic service will conclude at the museum of the aircraft carrier Intrepid, where civil disobedience is planned. For more information, contact Doug Brenan, (212)280-5110 or (212)280-4927.

spring mobilization

A broad coalition is organizing four days of protest in Washington, D.C., April 19-22, as a follow-up to local Tax Day actions. The marches, rally, lobbying and civil disobedience will raise a collective protest against U.S. military intervention and government and corporate support for South African apartheid. They will also call for a cut in the military budget to create jobs at home and a freeze and reversal of the nuclear arms race. Civil disobedience is expected to occur at several sites in D.C., linking all these issues. For more information, contact the War Resisters League; 339 Lafayette St.; New York, NY 10012.

no business as usual

A women's civil disobedience action; a march and CD by New York University students and friends; and an action organized by the nonviolent Red Balloon Collective are among many New York area plans for April 29. For more information, contact No Business As Usual; 318 East 6th St. Suite 143; New York, NY 10003. (212)460-8067.

Also in New York, Artists, Musicians, Poets and Dancers are joining together for an "Illegal Art Show", April 29 at the Riverside Research Institute. Visual artists and poets particularly are encouraged to send banners, poems, pictures, photos, etc., and suggestions/info requests to Tom Keough, 18 St. Marks Av., Brooklyn, NY 11217 (718)638-4812. Copies and prints of original works are preferred, because due to risk of arrest works may not be returnable.

For more information on NBAU/April 29 and other actions planned around the country, contact No Business As Usual, 3309 1/2 Mission St. #127; San Francisco, CA 94110 (415)550-1530.

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OECO CORPORATION/PORTLAND: Twelve people arrested on Tax Day, 1984, still have not heard a verdict from the judge who took their case under advisement in January...

ELECTRIC BOAT/QUONSET POINT: Of 13 Women of Faith who initially refused to pay a fine for disorderly conduct during a blockade last October 26, some have now consented. The largest share of the \$20 fine is for a victim's restitution fund, and not for court's use...

GENERAL DYNAMICS/ST. LOUIS: The last two of a group of university students arrested in October, 1983 during a sit-in outside General Dynamics' offices have had their cases closed. One was convicted and paid a \$300 fine, and the last entered a guilty plea, receiving a sentence of probation...

WASHINGTON, D.C.: Ken West, Honey Nestle and Katya Komisaruk appeared in court on February 1, and were sentenced to 30 days in jail, 29 suspended, for their December 28 action at the Pentagon. Greg Boerje, arrested at the White House during the same series of actions, was fined \$25 which he has not paid...

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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 what we can.

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.

nuke-truck watch

A week of coast-to-coast H-bomb truck watching is scheduled to begin on April 16. It will be the third and most ambitious effort to date to monitor and protest shipment of nuclear weapons over the nation's highways.

For more information, contact Nuke-watch; 315 W. Gorham; Madison, WI 53703; (608)256-4146.

honeywell

Small affinity group based civil disobedience actions on May 13, 14 and 15 will lead up to a large mass action May 16 at the corporate headquarters of Honeywell corporation in Minneapolis. For more information, contact the Honeywell Project; 3144 10th Avenue South; Minneapolis, MN 55407; (612)823-6126.

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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Activities for Children Whose Parents Are Planning Civil Disobedience

(from Local Motion, summer 1984)

These activities were suggested by Jim and Kathy McGinnis of the Institute for Peace and Justice in St. Louis, Missouri. They are co-authors of the book Parenting for Peace and Justice.

1) View the film "Gandhi" together and discuss it together. (11 years and older)

2) Show your children pictures of similar action so they can see exactly what happens, i.e. walking, sitting, where supporters stand, etc.

3) Tell the kids the Rosa Parks story. Jim and Kathy have found that children, even four-years old, understand that everybody should have a seat on the

bus and that sometimes a person just has to do what they think is right.

4) Talk about how families sometimes have to let family members go to war and about how hard it is for families to deal with risk situations when a family member is involved. What does it mean to allow a person to act out of conviction?

5) Role play a situation where the child plays a parent explaining why they are doing civil disobedience to another child, to an adult, or maybe to a grandparent or relative.

6) Role play a scene where the child has to explain why his/her parents are doing civil disobedience to other children. "Hey, I saw your Mom getting arrested. My parents think she's a kook."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

...NATIONAL WAR TAX RESISTANCE ACTION CONFERENCE--May 24, 25 and 26. To be held at a conference facility in the mountains near Denver, Colorado. Cost approximately \$25 per person, room and meals included. Preregistration required. Contact National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee; P.O. Box 2236; East Patchogue, NY 11772; (516)654-8227.

Also available from the Committee are excellent resources including specialized brochures on telephone tax, nuclear weapons and Central America, a 20 minute slide/sound show on WTR in America and a Telephone War Tax Resistance Poster Kit for promoting this low risk, yet effective, form of resistance. Write NWTRCC for details and a price list.

...Civil disobedience will be the topic of a conference on Saturday, March 9 in Boston. For more information, contact Judy Freiwirth, (617)354-0008.

...Following up on last year's "Non-violence in Education and Action" national networking conference, seven regional networking conferences for nonviolent activists in all fields are in planning.

For more information, please contact Nonviolence Conference; 802 11th Ave.; Brookings, SD 57006; (605)688-4518 and ask to be informed of current plans, particularly in your area if you'd like to help.

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WHITE HOUSE VIGIL: Attorneys for the government have moved to have Ronald Reagan dismissed as a defendant in the civil suit filed recently by William Thomas, White House vigil. Thomas contends in a response to the government motion that Reagan must have been aware of his vigil, and is administratively accountable for actions of his subordinates that violate the Constitution. Such actions would include a James Watt memo noting "my intention is to prohibit such activity (in Lafayette Park and in front of the White House)". The vigil continues at Lafayette Park...

GREAT LAKES NAVAL TRAINING CENTER: Trial has been postponed until April 8 for 20 people arrested last fall during "Operation Urgent Fury II". The trial judge has agreed to listen to experts and defendants present a defense of justification...

PEASE AIR FORCE BASE: Eight people were acquitted December 3 of charges stemming from arrests during the October 1983 international actions against the Euro-missiles...

HONEYWELL/MINNEAPOLIS: Four people charged in a grave-digging action on Honeywell's front lawn last October had charges dismissed in early February. In the process, they went through two judges and two juries before a frustrated prosecutor asked for the dismissal. Six spectators to the grave-digging who refused to leave on request of the police will be tried for trespass April 1. Two other upcoming Honeywell trials: April 2 for eight people arrested leafletting inside Honeywell on November 30, 1984, and March 11 for four men facing charges from a mass action in April, 1983...

SITE 300: For trespassing at Site 300 in Tracy, California, Sunshine Appleby was recently sentenced to six months in jail, five months suspended. Ten co-defendants from the December reclamation of the Livermore Laboratory field testing range waived speedy trial rights while seeking a more sympathetic judge.

Sunshine began serving her sentence February 12, and will be released on March 1.

Trial scheduled February 12 for people arrested at Site 300 in April and September has been postponed until May.