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

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Silo Silenced - Hope Abounds

SILO PRUNING HOOKS SENTENCED

Following the February conviction of the Silo Pruning Hooks for their jackhammer aided disarmament of Minuteman Missile Silo N-5 in Missouri, Helen Woodson wrote: "We were convicted on the judge's birthday. He served us coffee and cake in his chambers. We wished him well and shook his hand. He said he would have liked to meet us under different circumstances, that we are good people. He wished us well and will send us to prison."

And indeed, on March 27, Judge D. Brook Bartlett did send them to prison. For conviction on charges of trespass, sabotage, destruction of property and conspiracy, he sentenced Helen Woodson and Fr. Carl Kabat to 23 years in prison with five suspended; Fr. Paul Kabat to 14 years with four suspended; and Larry Cloud-Morgan to 11 years with three suspended. The suspended sentences for all four is conditional on their refraining from similar offenses. The four were also sentenced to pay \$3057.81 each in fines and restitution.

These are the longest sentences meted out for acts of anti-nuclear non-violent civil disobedience in the United States, so far. These sentences deeply affect and challenge all of us. As a prison support network, we are called to meet that challenge, and not let prison avenge the hope inspired by the Pruning Hook's witness.

Immediately prior to sentencing, Paul Kabat noted in his statement to the court: "Jesus Christ was crucified as a convicted felon by the accepted government of his time. His judge, Pontius Pilate, was not an evil man. He was a mercenary of the Roman government. St. Paul, the Christian Apostle to the Gentiles and writer of much of our Christian Bible was beheaded by the accepted government of his time as a convicted felon. St. Peter, the leader of the Apostles and the first head of Christ's Church was crucified upside down as a convicted felon. Even St. Valentine, the patron of lighthearted romance and happy love, was beheaded as a convicted felon."

"Down through the years and centuries thousands and even millions of good and noble people have died and suffered at the hands of the accepted governments of their time. So the situation of the Silo Pruning Hooks is nothing new or particularly exceptional."

Sam Day, writing in Harvest of Justice (April 1985), recounts the conclusion of the sentencing:

"...Harry Stoever, their legal advisor, to whom the judge turned finally for a word of counsel before imposing sentence remarked, 'I am mystified by their sense of celebration. I do not weep for them, your honor; I weep for the world'."

"As Judge Bartlett left the courtroom following the sentencing, and as the assembly was preparing to disperse, a commanding voice suddenly filled the chamber: 'Brothers and sisters, let us bow our heads in prayer'."

"I watched and listened in awe as lawyers, defendants, police officers and spectators found themselves gathered up and enfolded--some gladly, some reluctantly--in Carl Kabat's baritone embrace: 'Our Father, who art in Heaven...'"

"When the prayer ended, indignant marshalls hustled the prisoners out of sight. And then the courtroom erupted in joyous song: 'Rejoice! Rejoice in the Lord always! Again I say rejoice!'"



Letters of support can be sent to Helen Woodson, Fr. Carl Kabat, Fr. Paul Kabat and Larry Cloud-Morgan, c/o Gaudete Center, 634 Spruce St., Madison, WI 53715.

WRITINGS FROM JAIL

THE INSIDE LINE

by Martin Holladay



[Excerpted from "Journey to Missouri", a longer tale of Martin's "journey from Lebanon (where he grew up) to Vermont to Missouri". A copy of the whole essay (3 pp) available upon request from the Nuclear Resister.]

...For the last ten years I have lived in the woods of northeast Vermont. There I am sometimes a carpenter but chiefly a gardener. In Vermont I built my house and raise what food I can; eggs, continued on page 5

RIVER CITY RESISTANCE Sustained Campaign Links Issues

For two years, the River City Non-violent Resistance Campaign has leafletted the corporate headquarters of Westinghouse in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The campaign first seeks an end to Westinghouse's acceptance of any new contracts for first-strike weapons systems. Westinghouse currently works on launch tubes for MX, Trident and Tomahawk cruise missile, generators for nuclear submarines, laser system design and electronic countermeasures to make a first-strike unanswerable. While the campaign (which also leaflets regularly at Rockwell headquarters) has found many individuals within Westinghouse who are receptive to their message, all attempts to talk with top management have been frustrated.

In response, River City determined more intensive action was required. Enlisting the help and support of several other Pittsburgh social justice and peace groups, a two-week long civil disobedience action was initiated on March 25. Each business day for the next two weeks, from one to three activists would enter Westinghouse's lobby, holding a banner or signs, sometimes singing or speaking out, while supporters leafletted outside.

On March 25, Mel Packer and Lea Blumenthal, representing Pittsburghers against Apartheid, held a banner in the lobby, linking first-strike weapons to uranium from South Africa and Westinghouse contracts there for a nuclear facility. Both were arrested and given a citation, then released.

Acting on River City's goal that Westinghouse develop and implement an economic conversion plan, Eliza Critchlow, Fr. Jack O'Malley and Joe Hughes went to the lobby on March 26, and were arrested holding up a banner calling for conversion. They were charged with defiant trespass and refusing to disperse, and released on their own recognizance.

On March 27, Cary Lund and Dona Sorce held a banner in the lobby addressed to women employees and sang a song from the Greenham Common Women's Peace Camp. Both were charged with defiant trespass and released.

The next day, March 28, Todd May was arrested for holding a banner in the lobby proclaiming "No First Strike". He was charged with defiant trespass and released on his own recognizance.

Friday, March 29, the first week of the action concluded with the arrest of Jean Westerman and Angele Ellis for the same charge of defiant trespass. Their banner read "Live by the nuke, die by the nuke".

The following Monday, April 1, Molly Rush held a banner listing "April Fools in History", naming John Woolman (Quaker abolitionist), Ida B. Wells Barnett (anti-lynch crusader), Jane Addams (opposed child labor), union activists Philip Murray and Mother Jones, and Helen Dery Woodson (Silo Pruning Hook). "History gets the last laugh" her banner concluded.

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Pruning Hooks' Supporters Jailed; Plowshares #12 Trial Set

Prior to the start of the Silo Pruning Hooks trial, two separate support actions had occurred. At a support rally the day before the trial began, five activists were arrested for trespass as they walked towards the damaged missile silo to pray. Bobbie Plante and Miriam Olsen posted bond, while the other three remained in jail, fasting for 11 days until their March 1 trial. Larry Rosebaugh, Art Laffin and Pat Mulvehill were convicted in a bench trial and sentenced to time served plus a \$250 fine. Plante and Olsen entered guilty pleas and were also sentenced to pay a \$250 fine. Mulvehill and Olsen paid the fines, Rosebaugh and Laffin claimed indigency and were excused, and Bobbie Plante refused to pay and spent 30 days in the Ray County, Missouri jail.

On the morning of the Pruning Hooks trial, the twelfth plowshares disarmament action took place. Martin Holladay attempted to disarm nearby silo N-11 with hammer and blood. Martin was charged with destruction of national defense material and destruction of government property. He remains in jail in Kansas City pending trial April 23 in front of Federal Judge Elmo Hunter.



Letters of support can be sent to Martin Holladay; Wyandotte County Jail; 710 N. 7th St.; Kansas City, KS 66101 or c/o Dottie Moss; 5217 Lydia; Kansas City, MO 64110.

NEXT ISSUE

DEADLINE: MAY 24

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Please help us keep our phone bill down by mailing action reports, updates, jail information, statements and clippings by May 20, or calling (707)463-0137. Thanks!

Resistance Reflections

Felice and Jack Cohen-Joppa, editors

Reflecting on the growing resistance in this country, we are convinced that the prisoner support networking of the Nuclear Resister must continue. The small but enthusiastic response to our Reader Survey adds to this conviction. (Again, time and space require that we wait before discussing survey results.)

How will we continue? The endless demands of regular publishing--correspondence and keeping files accurate and up-to-date are taxing enough. Add to that the constant concern about whether we'll have enough money on hand to print and post each issue, and signs of burn-out creep into our lives.

The sentencing of the Silo Pruning Hooks reminds us of and strengthens our long-term commitment to this work. Beyond the tangible indications of being burned out, we are placed back in touch with the vision that building a prisoner support network within the movement demands of us.

We must look as far ahead regarding our financial needs. The value of you, our readers, is immeasurable. You know the Nuclear Resister is unique as a source of information and inspiration. We are a national publication, and so need greater financial support than we can personally gather in our own community. If you have fundraising skills you might share, please let us know. Some supporters are working on new grant requests, and are willing to work with others by telephone and mail. Other interest has been shown in organizing benefits and conducting individual appeals on behalf of the Nuclear Resister. Bundles of the Nuclear Resister are always available for distribution and sales at demonstrations, workshops, etc. Please inquire.

To all of you who have given shelter, food, time, money and encouragement, we thank you. Please continue your support.

RIVER CITY RESISTANCE (cont.)

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Charged with defiant trespass, Rush was held overnight on \$10,000 bond before being released on her own recognizance the next day.

April 2, Joyce Rothermel and Liz Hughes held banners concerning Westinghouse and hunger in Pittsburgh and Pennsylvania. Defiant trespass was again the charge and both were released on their own recognizance.

With a banner that said, "Westinghouse makes nuclear bomb parts. First Strike and we're all out!", Liane Norman and Kate Fetterman were charged with a summary offense, found guilty and fined court costs.

David Hostetter, Melissa Moye and Jeffrey Richardson held signs April 4 in the Westinghouse lobby, calling for no first strike and no intervention. They were also charged with a summary offense, and found guilty and sentenced to pay court costs.

Good Friday, April 5, saw a slight change in pattern. A "Stations of the Cross" service began at Westinghouse and concluded at the Federal Building in Pittsburgh. Inside, Maria Green and Suzanne Hudson read from the Old Testament Book of Lamentations. No arrests were made.

All of those who were arrested have been given a hearing date of April 23.

The River City Nonviolent Resistance Campaign is "hoping that the solidarity generated (with other groups) by this action will spark a renewed interest in peace concerns from the public and in addition will provide a model for what should be a growing movement of civil disobedience against the current round of military expansion".

For more information, contact the River City Nonviolent Resistance Campaign; 5125 Penn Ave.; Pittsburgh, PA 15224; (412)361-3022.

Spring Fundraiser



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Jackie Allen

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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.

More Reflections

NBAU RESPONDS

In response to concerns expressed by many involved with No Business As Usual Day/April 29 (including the editors of this newsletter), the NBAU National Response Committee on April 8 issued the following statement:

On April 29, across the country, many people from diverse ethnic, political and social backgrounds will speak and act together through a variety of No Business As Usual mass political actions. All of us recognize that "mass opposition and resistance to war must achieve new heights and with the greatest urgency". (NBAU Call to Act) We know that it is time for each of us to take the responsibility into our own hands for averting potential global disaster. And we recognize that our political and philosophical diversity lends strength to the unity we act upon in building for the Day of NBAU.

In the weeks leading up to April 29, and especially on that day, much can and must be done to focus attention on the critical issue of world war and the necessity to act in resistance against worldwide militarism, exploitation and nuclear insanity. When people act in the spirit of nonviolence to dismantle nuclear weapons, that's no business as usual. When people act together to shut down and interrupt different elements of the infrastructure that supports war and injustice, that's no business as usual. When high school and college students cancel classes to participate in teach-ins about war and social injustice, that's no business as usual. When church and synagogue members publicly contest Reagan's claim to be serving God by getting ready for the "Battle of Armageddon", that's no business as usual. When people gather to blockade the Rock Island Arsenal, that's no business as usual. Wherever people take intentional and well-reasoned risks with their comfort and personal freedom in order to challenge the organized insanity and geopolitical power-mongering of governments, that's no business as usual. And when everyone understands and refuses to accept the movement toward world war on a broad scale, everywhere, then there will surely be no more business as usual!

The history of resistance to war and social injustice in this country has taught us that incidents of isolated violence or inflammatory behavior on the part of infiltrators and agents provocateurs have been employed to corrupt and discredit actions of authentic mass resistance and that police are capable of using unwarranted brutality against demonstrators. At the same time we recognize that political/moral actions which have gone beyond the boundaries of the "accepted" norms of dissent have often been discredited with labels like "violent" or "terrorist". We repudiate these tactics of "distancing" and violence-bating. On April 29, any threat of physical harm to any people will emanate from the same "business as usual" we are acting to oppose. It is not the purpose or intention of NBAU to incite acts of terrorism, of riot, or of gratuitous violence. Our actions will be principled, and will be carried out with a willingness to communicate and with appropriate restraint toward all people we encounter on April 29. We are calling for a day when those who see the urgency of trying to stop the madness seize every opportunity, wherever they may be, to disrupt the business-as-usual of accepting and supporting our global race toward annihilation.

NATIONAL RESPONSE COMMITTEE, NO BUSINESS AS USUAL

Emile De Antonio, Kate Champa, John Gerassi, Norman Gottwald, Rich Hutchinson, C. Clark Kissinger, Kevin Mattson, Jim Squatter, Stephanie Tang and Geoff Yippie

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Creative Protest at Bellingham Jail

Police were called to the new Whatcom County Jail in Bellingham, Washington the morning of November 26, 1984. They were asked to investigate a "symbol of hope" which had appeared on the outside walls of the penal institution. Dressed in theatrical prison garb, Ted Smith and Scott Renfro had stenciled painted a large, dark red rising sun on the jail. They then chained themselves to a railing in front of the building.

Ted explained in a letter to his friends:

"Partly, I did it because the new jail is a symbol of the state of our souls...Why is it that when I read the Bible (or any other great spiritual work) its distilled essence looks like this: Love one another! Help the poor and down-trodden! Don't be so proud and greedy that you forget that money, power, life itself are to be shared! Teach by example, not by blows or proclamations.



"Even among people who don't feel themselves to be particularly spiritual, the above seem like good rules. So, since most of us agree (don't we?) how come we've ended up with a situation like this:

"6,200,000 commitments to jail are made each year. We are third--behind the Soviet Union and South Africa--in the percentage of our population imprisoned.)

"80 percent of those awaiting trial remain in jail because they are too poor to pay for bail.

"600,000 mentally ill people go through our jails each year.

"500,000 youngsters under age 18 go through adult jails and lockups each year.

"The suicide rate for adults in jail is 16 times greater than for the general public.

"These are just a few of the statistics. A great tide of suffering extends through our country; through the world, and the answers to its existence, offered by our leaders with our support?

"As I said, the answers:

More jails!

Huge military expenditures!

"Our souls are in danger. In our urge to protect ourselves, we have forgotten to love each other. Without love, there is no protection."

His friend Scott Renfro wrote:

"Having taken a tour of the new jail, I feel that it is indeed a penal institution. It is designed to punish, not to rehabilitate. Millions of our dollars have been spent on this facility, yet it offers no long range solutions to the crime that exists in our community. When

our society puts people in this facility, it is making a statement that it has given up on these people. It is also saying that it has given up on its own ability to offer solutions to these people. This is a signal that society as a whole is failing. If we are to have a future, we must seek another path, a path of hope."

The two were arrested for malicious mischief. Charges were later dismissed when Scott and Ted agreed to pay \$100 for the removal of the rising sun.

For more information, contact Ted Smith; Box 835; Bellingham, WA.

Women of Faith Return

In a solidarity action with planned resistance at Greenham Common, England, eight Women of Faith returned April 11 to General Dynamics Eastern Data Systems center in Norwich, Connecticut. The center handles computer work for all of General Dynamics' nuclear weapons work.

The eight women unfurled a banner reading "From Greenham to Norwich, Women Resist the Cruise." They were arrested on charges of disorderly conduct and trespass. Three women posted \$150 bond and were released the same day. Five spent the night in jail, three bailing out the next day. Honey Nestel and Ann McGrath remain in custody, refusing to post bond. A pre-trial hearing for all the women will occur on April 29.

Thirteen women arrested February 19 at the same location were scheduled for the April 1 jury docket, but at press time had not received notice of their trial date.

For more information on Women of Faith's ongoing campaign, contact Women of Faith; Box 14785; Hartford, CT 06114.

Spraypaint & a Prayer

Offering as his statement "A Prayer for March 28", Felton Davis remembered the day with spraypaint and a return to the offices of General Public Utilities in Parsippany, New Jersey. "KEEP TMI I SHUT DOWN" was spraypainted in large letters across the wall. GPU is the owner of the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant. Charged with mischief and trespass, Felton is now being held on \$10,000 bond pending a trial date to be set.

From his prayer:

"Six years have passed since the accident at Three Mile Island. Six years since the prospect of a desolate, uninhabited northeast was held out for all of us to contemplate. Six years, and where has our horror gone? Was the accident our warning? Was it You who closed the valve that was supposed to be open, You who confused the poor control room operators, You who blew a bubble of hydrogen into the core? Did You do all that to wake us up to the danger? How much more frightened must we become? I know many people who are scared of Three Mile Island. Will You send some of them here to be with me, so we can ask questions of each other as well as of You?"



Letters of support can be sent to Felton Davis; Morris County Jail; Morristown, N.J. 07960.

Inside & Out

THE WOMEN AND MEN LISTED BELOW ARE, AT PRESS TIME, IMPRISONED FOR ACTS OF RESISTANCE TO A NUCLEAR NON-FUTURE.



(release date, if known, in parentheses)

Martin Holladay, Wyandotte County Jail, 710 N. 7th St., Kansas City, KS 66101 or c/o Dottie Moss, 5217 Lydia, Kansas City, MO 64110. (Trial begins April 22)

Jacqui Schoonover-Higgins; Southfield Annex; O.C.J.; 26000 Evergreen Road; Southfield, MI 48075 (indefinite)

Jeff Schoonover-Higgins and Peter Dougherty; Oakland County Jail; Box 300; Pontiac, MI 48053 (indefinite)

Felton Davis; Morris County Jail; Morristown, NJ 07960 (awaiting trial)

Ron Renkowski; Washington County Jail; Blair, NE 68008 (awaiting sentencing)

JoAnn Myers-Allen, #11783-047; Alderson Women's Prison, Box A, Alderson, WV 24910.

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.

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.

Honey Nestel and Ann McGrath, Niantic Women's Prison; 199 W. Main St.; Niantic, CT 06357. (pre-trial April 29)

RECENTLY RELEASED:

Fr. Darrell Rupiper, Rev. Carlon Foltz, Brian Larkin, Ken Jannot, Dean Abbot, Jeffrey Smith, Art Laffin, Larry Rosebaugh, Pat Mulvehill, Dorothy Whitmarsh, Bobbie Plante.

Chained to Nukes by Our Taxes

Fifteen activists gathered outside Remco Hydraulics in Willits, California on April 15, to protest the manufacturer's production of the hydraulic components for the MX missile and Trident submarine. Susan Crane and Mary Rice were arrested after an hour of "trespassing and interfering with business." The two were later released on their own recognizance, after promising not to return to Remco property until after the trial. They will appear in Little Lake Justice Court on May 6 for arraignment.

Lacing chains through their belt loops and the plant doors, the protesters carried a sign saying, "We are All Chained to Nuclear Weapons Bought by Our Taxdollars."

"The action is the first anti-nuclear civil disobedience in this rural northern California county--we feel it ups the ante after years of legal, and fruitless, civil protest", according to a group spokesperson.

Support and information on a legal defense based on International Law can be sent to War Resisters of the Redwoods; 987 N. Oak St.; Ukiah, CA 95482.

Holy Week/Passover Resistance

Williams International

Covenant for Peace community continues the resistance at Williams International Corporation in Michigan. On Holy Thursday, April 4, Jeff and Jacqui Schoonover-Higgins and Fr. Peter Dougherty were arrested for trespass. The three used a ladder to scale the stone and iron fence surrounding the cruise missile turbine manufacturer, and then to climb up on the plant roof. There they held a sign saying "Breaking Bread Together/Conversion of Hearts", and gave bread to their arresting officers.

All three pleaded guilty to trespass. Jacqui was sentenced to ten days in jail, and the men to 30 days. The three have also been cited for civil contempt and will be imprisoned indefinitely after serving their trespassing sentences. Like many Williams resisters, their "contempt" is for a standing order prohibiting extralegal protest at Williams.

The following Monday, first business day after Easter, eight more religious activists were arrested at Williams as they attempted to share bread with police behind the line. Patricia Coffman, Tom Jones, Ronald Berry, Robert Hastings, Bill Kellermann, Marjorie Munger, Diane Vale and James Shattell pleaded not guilty to trespass and were released on bond.

Trial for the trespass charges has not yet been set. A hearing on the contempt issue is scheduled for April 22.



Letters of support can be sent to Jacqui Schoonover-Higgins; Southfield Annex; O.C.J.; 26000 Evergreen Rd., Southfield, MI 48075. Jeff Schoonover-Higgins and Peter Dougherty; Oakland County Jail; Box 300; Pontiac, MI 48053. All three are expected to remain in jail on the contempt citation for some time.

Support for the others can be sent c/o Covenant for Peace; Box 1831; E. Lansing, MI 48823.

Pentagon

"...We Americans play it fast and loose with God, despite being the most blessed people in history. Our land abounds with beauty and fruitfulness--with mountains, plains, rivers, oceans; with limitless food and water. Yet we break the covenant obsessively and cruelly, poisoning our land, water and air, refusing even to feed our own poor. Worst of all, we are drunk on bloodlust and war..." (from the Good Friday/Easter 1985 leaflet of the Atlantic Life Community gathering at the Pentagon.)

Three protesters were arrested Good Friday at the Pentagon. Surrounded by 50 supporters in a die-in on the steps, they threw blood on the pillars of the Pentagon, naming it for the house of death that it is. Brian Barrett, John Marsh and Chris Redding were all charged with depredation of government property, and prosecutors threatened Walsh with additional charges of assault or damaging the property of an employee because some blood had been unintentionally spilled on a Pentagon worker. All three are out of custody pending trial April 19.

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

New York City

In New York City, a Good Friday Stations of the Cross procession across 42nd Street concluded at the USS Intrepid warship/museum. A die-in was held, after which about 70 arrests were made. Two to three thousand people participated in the service and protest, which stopped at various points representing the horrors of modern life, including the Chessie Railroad offices (responsible for nuclear train shipments in the east), Litton Industries (cruise missiles) and Riverside Research Institute (a nuclear weapons think tank). At the die-in, participants wore signs bearing the names of homeless New Yorkers who froze to death during the past winter.

Twelve of those arrested went limp and had to be carried to police vans. They then refused to give names and addresses, identifying themselves only as the dead homeless they represented. The twelve were additionally charged with resisting arrest. Court dates for all those arrested are set in May.



Malstrom AFB

The evening of April 7 (Easter and the third day of Passover), about 200 peace activists from as far away as New Zealand and Great Britain gathered outside the gates of Malstrom Air Force Base at Great Falls, Montana. Following an ecumenical service at a Great Falls church, the group marched two miles to the base, home of the 341st Strategic Missile Wing. The Air Force unit includes 200 remote, hardened and unstaffed launch control facilities and 20 hardened, underground staffed launch control centers. The action this year was the seventh consecutive Easter civil disobedience at Malstrom.

Near sunset, Montanans Bonnie Evans and Paul Norris left the large, silent circle of friends to cross the white line into the base. They were promptly arrested and that evening pleaded guilty to federal trespass charges. Supporters began singing as the two were arrested, and then concluded their day with a bread and soup supper prepared by local activists.

Bonnie Evans was sentenced to 30 days in jail, 25 suspended plus \$100 fine, and Paul Norris received 60 days in jail, 50 suspended plus \$200 fine. Both were also sentenced to pay \$25 to a federal fund for victims of crime, and began serving their sentences immediately.

For more information, contact Save All Living Things (SALT); Box 810; Great Falls, MT 59403.

Trident/Groton

A Good Friday prayer vigil at the Groton shipyards of Electric Boat company ended with the arrest of 25 people. About 75 people had gathered to take part in a "Stations of the Cross" service where the Trident submarines are built.

Fifteen people were charged with criminal trespass when they refused to leave the steps leading to the Supervisor of Shipbuilding offices. Ten others were arrested for disorderly conduct and reckless use of the highway when they blocked a road. All but one woman were released that day and face arraignment April 29. Theresa Allen refused to cooperate with the process, spending three nights in jail before being released and her charges dismissed.

For more information, contact the Coalition to Stop Trident, 66 Edgewood Av., New Haven, CT 06511.

S.A.C./Omaha

At Offut Air Force Base near Omaha, Nebraska, six persons were arrested April 5, Good Friday, as they crossed the line into the Strategic Air Command headquarters. Five of the six are repeaters and will face prosecution for re-entry. The other person received a ban and bar letter. All were released the same day.

Ron Renkowski, jailed since his arrest February 14, was convicted on April 12 of re-entering Offut. He remains in jail, refusing the terms offered for release on personal recognition. Sentencing has not been set, pending completion of a pre-sentencing investigation.

Tom Bassett, arrested along with Renkowski at the conclusion of the Faith and Resistance retreat, was tried and convicted, and sentenced to three months, suspended, plus one year probation.

Joann Myers-Allen, a repeat resister at Offut, has been moved to Alderson Federal Prison for Women. She continues to refuse to cooperate with her incarceration as she serves a six-month sentence imposed last December.



Letters of support can be sent to Ron Renkowski; Washington County Jail; Blair, NE 68008 and Joann Myers-Allen; #11783-047; Alderson Women's Prison; Box A; Alderson, WV 24910.

Livermore & Site 300

About 800 people returned to Livermore Labs April 5, for a celebration of Good Friday. Carrying a large cross to the four corners of the California nuclear weapons lab, the group service recounted Jesus's journey up Calvary that day.

At one point, in the middle of a major intersection for lab traffic, the service continued for about 45 minutes without police interference. After several confrontations with overzealous drivers, the service was interrupted slightly by the arrest of 25 people. The cross was carried on to the main gate. There, at the last "Station of the Cross" is where the service remembers Mary as she held her dead son in her arms. Spirit affinity group carried small coffins, dolls and photographs of Hiroshima's mothers clutching their scorched children. Eight of their members sought to bring these symbols of Livermore's product back to the feet of lab officials. A line of police prevented this plan, and the eight were arrested.

Later, remembering the resurrected Jesus and the promise of spring, four more people planted a tree, lilies and other flowers on the entrance island. They were also arrested.

All those arrested were released that day, most without signing citations. The District Attorney promised the charges would be in the mail, but at our press time, protesters hadn't received them.

About 20 miles away from the lab, at Site 300, bombmakers test conventional detonators for nuclear weapons. For the week prior to April 5, waves of activists trekked across the rolling hills of the site, disrupting normal testing. Lab security avoided making arrests by escorting those discovered inside to the nearest gate or fence and saying "Walk!" During the week four people were arrested for trespass on other property, where they had been left across the fence.

On Friday, a group of fifteen apprehended on the site were taken into custody for a warrant check and then released.

For more information about Site 300 and Livermore resistance, contact the Livermore Action Group, 3126 Shattuck Av., Berkeley, CA 94705 (415) 644-2028.

Honeywell

At the corporate headquarters of Honeywell in Minneapolis, 75 people gathered for a Good Friday service on April 5.

A small number of the group went to the front door to conduct the ser-

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WRITINGS FROM JAIL THE INSIDE LINE

day 25 in Moon
of Dark Red Calves

Greetings in the Spirit Great and
all that shall flower, come spring.
"I am Free", "So Free".
This soul of Native soil is finally free.

Forty-Seven winters are passed and
the cries of the children and the Silence
of the Old Ones have been told.

We are the Children.
We are the Old Ones,
The gates of Auschwitz and Dachau are one,
with the gates of Silo N-5.

We are the welders who collected
their Lucre at the expense of 6-million
souls.



We are the Chaplains,
Who pray for the pilots of Nation
Death, as they bless the Bomb.
As the engines roar, and the blinding
mushrooms of infamy inscribe in the heart
of history forever, that moan and cry of--
Water! Water!

We are Hiroshima.
We are Nagasaki...

We are Korea, 38th Parallel,
Young native soul, lays dying in a land
foreign, and far away.
As he dies, he cries out,
"Someone, someone", please pick me up,
I am Sand person,
I am Navajo,
I cannot die in the Snow...

We are the assassins who killed
Mohatma,

We are brown swollen bellies in
Bangladesh.

We are the Mekong Delta.
technology & talent, spirit given
that which man bows to, in despair
destruction and death...

We are the silent children in Beirut,
silenced by hate, distrust, and this
diatribe, called war.

We are the ribbons,
given to honor those who march and
kill,
as trained on Native Soil.

We are the flag-draped coffins of
Native young,
Come home to the land that is first
in their heart.

We are brown-faced mothers and wives,
children,
Bronzed-faced Elders,
who only wonder why?

We are El Salvador

We are Nicaragua

We are Guatamala,

We are Oscar Romero, Maura, Ita,
Dorothy and Jean,

We are Chiapar, and Bishop Sam,

We are N-5,

We are tried,

They say we are guilty,

But we are Free!, Free!

Free to seek and live the Truth
which guides this journey called Peace.

They think they own our land.

They try to own our lives,

They believe they own the soil,

But they shall never own our soul!

For we are Ojibway.
and North Wind--
Lakota and Cheyenne,
We are Pine Ridge and Rosebud,
Red Lake, White Earth, Leech Lake,
Turtle Mountains, Ponemah--
Manitoubin, Whitefish we are
All Nation...

We are Peace,

My gratitude, my love, my heart, my hope,
is yours this day,

Whitefeather of
the Ojibway

(Whitefeather of the Ojibway--Larry
Cloud-Morgan--was recently sentenced
to eight years in prison for his part
in the disarming of Missile Silo N-5.
He is currently being transferred to a
federal prison.)

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potatoes, vegetables, apples and berries.
This is my post-Eden existence:

By the sweat of your brow
you will eat your food
until you return to the ground.
(Genesis 3:19)...

As my relationship with the land in
Vermont was deepening, I became aware
that the government of this country is
moving in a different direction. The ac-
celerating nuclear arms race is based on
a much different relationship to the land
than that of the farmer...

My increasing awareness that the nu-
clear threat reaches everywhere, even to
the backwoods of Vermont, brought me to
a most difficult fork in the road. Even-
tually, not without heartache, I gave a-
way my chickens and took leave of the
land. I traveled to Missouri, to the mis-
sile fields.

In Missouri the soil is rich and
black, richer and easier to farm than the
thinner, stonier, steeper soil of Vermont.
Here I saw farms: houses and barns, cat-
tle and hogs, fields stubbly with last
year's corn.

In the very farmers' fields are mis-
sile silos. Until one knows what they
are, they are inconspicuous. One sees a
level area, about 70 feet square, sur-
rounded by a chain-link fence. Inside
is a circular slab of concrete and a few
steel poles. The surrounding farmland
is plowed right up to the fence. The
missile is invisible, underground.

If one drives the back roads of Mis-
souri, the first silo one sees is follow-
ed a few miles down the road by another,
and then another. There are over a thou-
sand Minuteman silos in the midwest, and
150 in Missouri alone. There are so many
that they cannot be manned or guarded.
They are scattered through the country-
side like razor blades in a loaf of bread.

It is my awareness of a rising tide
of violence that brought me here: the
violence of nuclearism which now indicts
all Americans, even rural Vermonters; and
the violence here in the farmland of Mis-
souri, where it is as stark as a launch-
ing site for a Minuteman missile. For
each silo the earth has been excavated
and replaced with concrete, steel and
plutonium. The missile is in the corn-
field: our separation from the fields
is now triumphant.

That our culture is moving away from
an intimate relationship with the land
has become a cliché. Yet the movement
from making love to rape is fundamental,
and bespeaks a wrenching moral degradation
and turning away from God. The phallic
nature of our missiles is inescapable,
and their deadly intent certifies that
there is no beloved, only victims. The
insertion of a 40-foot nuclear missile
into a buried silo is a graphic image of
rape. We are sowing a different crop now,
and none can imagine the harvest.
"They sow the wind, and reap the whirl-
wind." (Hosea 8:7)

(In a Kansas City jail, Martin Holladay
awaits an April 22 trial for his February
disarmament action at missile silo N-11
in western Missouri.)

Morton-Thiokol

Morton used to make just salt. Now
known as Morton-Thiokol, the company
makes propulsion systems for first-strike
nuclear weapons as well.

During the week prior to Easter, the
Chicago Life Community visited Morton-
Thiokol's corporate headquarters several
times to witness, vigil and leaflet. On
April 4, Bob Bossie, Sam Guardino, Gary
Olivero-Johnson and Barbara Blaine went
into the employee cafeteria to conduct a
half-hour service. They asked repentance
for themselves and the workers, from hav-
ing betrayed humanity in allowing the
production of nuclear and other weapons
to continue. After finishing their ser-
vice, leafletting and dialoguing with
workers, the four were ushered out of the
building by police and charged with crimi-
nal trespass. After refusing \$100 bond,
the four were released on their own re-
cognizance because of overcrowding in the
Cook County jails. Their next court date
is May 20.

Blaine and Olivero-Johnson had not
originally intended to take part. After
learning of the sentences given the Silo
Pruning Hooks (see page 1), they joined
the action and told police their names
were Helen Woodson and Paul Kabat.

For more information, contact Chicago
Life Community; c/o 8th Day Center for
Justice; 434 S. Wabash, Rm. 700; Chicago,
IL 60605; (312)427-4351.

Honeywell (cont.)

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vice. They carried a symbolic cross--
a 14' missile replica with a crucified
figure attached. Blood was poured on
the crucifix/missile and on Honeywell's
door. Fifteen people were arrested
for trespass and released pending
trials on May 22 and 28.

For more information, contact the
Honeywell Project, 1519 E. Franklin,
Minneapolis, MN 55404 (612)871-3753

Students Resist War Research

(from Midwest Resistance Newsletter,
March, 1985)

Eleven members of the Progressive
Student Network at the University of
Michigan in Ann Arbor were arrested last
year for blockading the military research
laboratory of Prof. Haddad on their cam-
pus.

Three of the eleven were convicted
of trespass this February, with two of
them serving 12 day sentences while the
other did alternative community service.

The other seven went on trial in
early March and ended up with a hung jury.
A new trial for them has been scheduled
for May 9.

Arrests at Vermont Arms Maker

After a year of vigiling and unsuc-
cessfully petitioning for a meeting with
plant management, six peacemakers were
arrested February 14, Valentine's Day,
as they walked up the drive of G.S. Pre-
cision Corporation in Wilmington, Ver-
mont. Their direct approach to a meet-
ing was met by a line of police who
blocked their path up the drive and ar-
rested them for trespass. G.S. Precision,
the small town's largest employer and
maker of gyroscope components for nuclear
missile guidance systems, has been the
site of weekly vigils coordinated by the
Atlantic Life Community in nearby Brat-
tleboro.

Charges against Jean Holladay, Leo
Schiff, Katya Komisaruk, Dan Sicken,
Renard Thompson and Kenny West were later
dropped. Several weeks later, Schiff,
West, Thompson and Holladay returned to
G.S. with Douglas Avery, Honey Nestel
and Terry Zuverino. Four of the group
climbed on the roof of the plant and
hung a banner proclaiming "Thou Shalt
Not Kill", while the other three stayed
on the ground to talk with workers. All
seven were arrested for trespass and re-
leased, pending arraignment in Brattle-
boro April 23.

For more information, contact the
Atlantic Life Community; 80 Birge St.;
Brattleboro, VT 05301.

UPDATES

Necessity Defense Wins Two Acquittals

WILLIAMS INTERNATIONAL

For the first time to our knowledge, a judge hearing expert presentation of a defense of necessity has acquitted a group of nuclear weapons resisters.

In Michigan, Judge Martin Boyle, a member of the Lawyer's Alliance for Nuclear Arms Control, listened to two experts testify on the cruise missile and its strategic significance in a case of trespass at Williams International corporation. Defendants Marietta Jaeger, Dan Lagrou and Tom Lumpkin acknowledged their action of last December 28 by stipulating to the facts of the prosecution's case. Still, they were acquitted.

Lagrou was also acquitted on a charge of malicious destruction of property when the judge determined that he had not maliciously poured blood on the white stone pillars of the cruise missile engine manufacturer's factory.

Michigan law does not include a statute relating to a defense of necessity. The defense cited the model penal code and then built their case on the elements of a jury instruction on "necessity or duress" used in Michigan courts.

Train Watchers Charged With Conspiracy

Before each trainload of nukes arrives at Sub Base Bangor, Agape Community representatives meet with local sheriffs and railroad officials to discuss the community's plans for resistance. The four activists who attended these meetings prior to last February's train--Jeanne Clark, Jim Douglass, Carolyn Grisom and Mike Johnson--have now been charged with misdemeanor conspiracy. These are the first such charges filed against the Washington state group that initiated the national network of non-violent track-watchers.

Additionally, the 20 people who actually took part in the February 22 train blockade at Bangor, Washington, have been charged with trespass and conspiracy, both misdemeanors. At both group's arraignment on April 12, 23 of those charged pleaded not guilty and asked for jury trials. Three groups are tentatively set for trial in June. Patricia Herbert, one of the blockaders, entered a guilty plea to both counts and will be sentenced after a probation report is completed.

Backing up the tracks of this latest shipment of death, Kay Engel, Richard Straw, Aaron Anawalt and Jason Bielski face trial in Centralia, Washington City Court on May 6, for blocking the train as it passed through their community.

In Vancouver, Washington, Clark County prosecutors have declined to prosecute 106 people arrested there. Officials cited the cost of prosecution as the main reason for not filing charges. Prosecutors mentioned three ways they will sug-

MICHIGAN LIFERS FREED

After serving just over three months in jail under an indefinite civil contempt citation, Rev. Carlon Foltz and Brian Larkin were released from jail in Michigan on March 8. Attorneys for Williams International, where the two had protested in early December, 1984, informed the sentencing judge that Williams no longer considered them a threat. Also released from indefinite involuntary servitude was David Braun. Braun was serving his contempt citation working 40 hours a week without pay for the Salvation Army.

Observers note that as this campaign continues (see page 4) it becomes increasingly clear that the jailhouse key is kept by Williams International. Resisters are jailed (or not) for contempt or released at the whim of William's attorneys.

For more information, contact Covenant for Peace; Box 1831; E. Lansing, MI 48823.

gest that the federal government can help local officials when the next train is on its way to Bangor: 1) by rerouting the train around Vancouver, 2) by providing more resources for local law enforcement agencies or 3) by enacting federal legislation to deal with the protests.

In Spokane, Washington, Kevin Baxter, Gary Jewell, Nick Kassebaum and Nancy Nelson face trial April 15 for trespass charges stemming from the train blockade there.

Whitefish, Montana residents Luna and Mike Caldwell argued at an April 2 trial that their train-stopping action was consistent with International Law. After deliberating on this argument for ten days, the judge convicted the two of trespass. Sentencing is set for April 17. Donna Monroe, arrested with the Caldwells in Whitefish, faces a jury trial on June 4.

In Fairbury, Nebraska, a charge of trespass against Marion Todd has been dismissed. She was the only person arrested there.

Twenty-two people arrested February 19 in Topeka, Kansas, shortly after the train left Pantex, entered pleas on March 6. Eleven pleaded no contest, and will likely be sentenced following the trial of the remaining 11 sometime in July. The Kansas ACLU has agreed to assist in the defense of this case.

For more information on the Nuclear Train Campaign, please contact the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action; 16159 Clear Creek Rd. NW; Poulsbo, WA 98370.

Rock Island Vigilers Convicted

Several Quad-Cities War Resisters were recently tried on various charges stemming from protest at the Rock Island Arsenal. The Arsenal, home to an Army command that manages the U.S. nuclear and chemical weapons stockpile, sits on an island in the Mississippi River, between Illinois and Iowa.

Nancy Switzers, Judy Hewitt, Ruth Ann Gallagher, Steve Quilty and Mary VandeVoerde were convicted March 6, on various charges after a two-day jury trial. Expert witnesses on international law were heard only by the judge, and the jury was restricted to hearing only the testimony of the defendants.

Quilty and VandeVoerde were sentenced March 26. Convicted of criminal trespass, Quilty, soon to be a father, accepted the terms of one year probation. VandeVoerde, convicted of illegal re-entry, was sentenced to 14 days in a work-release facility, beginning April 15. In both cases, prosecutors expressed dismay that a combination of jail, fines and probation had not been imposed. Switzers, Hewitt and Gallagher will be sentenced on April 19.

On March 18-19, Margaret Volpe and Anne Tabor were tried for illegal entry during a Nagasaki Day commemorative action last year at the Arsenal. The judge limited the jurors to hearing only testimony of the women and two others, who were in turn restricted to speaking only of the defendant's truthfulness.

Volpe and Tabor also argued for six

jury instructions including one on jury nullification, but all were denied. Frustrated jurors later revealed that all desired to vote an acquittal, but felt constrained by the judge's instructions and eventually brought back guilty verdicts. One juror noted that if the women's desire was to affect some people, the twelve jurors certainly had been. Sentencing for Anne and Margaret is also April 19.

Chuck Trapkus was tried for illegal re-entry on March 19. He made no formal defense and was cut short during a closing statement which the court ruled did not relate to any of the evidence presented. Trapkus was convicted, as was Larry Morlan, who stood trial the next day for criminal trespass at the Arsenal and presented no defense. Morlan's closing statement was an invitation to the jurors to join the Saturday morning prayer vigils at the Arsenal, and/or to pray for peace elsewhere.

The prayer vigils continue, and several more people have recently been barred from re-entering the Arsenal when they took their prayers beyond the point where Arsenal officials will tolerate them.

For more information, contact Quad Cities War Resisters; Box 4815; Davenport IA 52802; (309)786-0157.

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.

GREAT LAKES NAVAL TRAINING CENTER

On April 15, an Illinois jury acquitted nine members of the Disarm Now Action group. Judge Alphonse Witt allowed presentation of a necessity defense for the defendant's protest at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center in November. Witt had permitted a similar defense for protesters arrested in 1979 at the Zion nuclear power plant, and they too were acquitted.

Attorneys argued in pre-trial motions that those arrested had sought to avoid a greater public injury--namely, the increasing U.S. nuclear arms build-up and U.S. intervention in Central America.

Sixteen people were in the original trial group, charged with mob action and resisting arrest. Charges against seven were dropped when arresting officers could not make positive identification.

Defendants testified at length about their personal motivations, and experts described U.S. involvement in Central America, Puerto Rico, International Law, the arms race, etc. Jurors were visibly moved, some to tears, during much of the testimony.

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

Minnesota ♀♀ Acquitted

In St. Paul, Minnesota, another group of resisters was recently acquitted. In October 1983, the Minnesota Women's Peace Camp was established on the front lawn of the Sperry Corporation, manufacturer of missile guidance systems. On trial in April were seventeen women arrested on December 7 of that year when Sperry evicted the camp, and another 14 who were arrested during the next month as women maintained resistance at the site. A six person jury deliberated eleven hours before agreeing that constitutional rights to free speech and assembly justified the women's presence at the camp. Jurors also told defendant Nance Mosier that they believed the women's testimony about the global danger posed by nuclear weapons.

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GRIFFISS AIR FORCE BASE: Eight people arrested December 28 were acquitted on charges of disorderly conduct. The prosecutor based her case on the assertion that the demonstrators had blocked the road and thus caused a disturbance. The defendants all noted that their action never intended nor did block traffic. Jerry Berrigan and Fr. Bill Cuddy were convicted of re-entry to the base after being barred, and sentenced April 3. Berrigan was sentenced to three months in jail suspended to two months in a half-way house plus \$400 fine. Fr. Cuddy was sentenced to 30 days in a half-way house. Sr. Pat Bergen, who had earlier pled guilty to the charges, was also sentenced to 30 days in a half-way house...

LEONARD PELTIER: On March 8, Federal Judge Paul Benson denied a motion by Native American activist Leonard Peltier's attorneys to continue the evidentiary hearing begun last fall. Judge Benson did order the government to turn over more of the documents requested by the defense. Final briefs were entered April 1 on the continuing motion for a new trial for Peltier. Support groups ask that people continue sending letters in support of a new trial to Federal Judge

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FUTURE ACTIONS

no business as usual

The national office of No Business as Usual reports that actions--some involving civil disobedience--are planned for April 29 at the following places: IN THE WEST: San Francisco, Bay area, Seattle, Portland, Hawaii, Los Angeles, San Diego, Denver. IN THE MIDWEST: Chicago, Detroit, Madison, Cleveland, Lawrence and Wichita, Kansas, Cincinnati and various Ohio colleges. IN THE SOUTH: Houston, Austin, Atlanta, Miami and Gainesville. IN THE EAST: New York City, Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Cornell University, Brown University, Stoney Brook College, Boston, New Haven, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Allentown, Pennsylvania. To get in touch with activities being planned near you, please contact the NBAU National Office; 3309 1/2 Mission St. #127; San Francisco, CA 94110; (415) 550-1530. Monday--Friday, 10 am--4 pm. They will refer you to the appropriate local contact.

HIROSHIMA/NAGASAKI

Civil disobedience is included in plans for Hiroshima/Nagasaki commemorative protests at the following sites:

Crossing Lines/Crossing Borders. The Midwest Resistance Network and the Cruise Missile Conversion Project in Toronto are promoting this common theme and focus for commemorating the 40th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Their goal is to 1) demonstrate that concerns for justice and peace go beyond national borders and challenge the dogmas of nationalism that breed hatred and fear of others, and 2) to create a united and international front against the cruise missile, U.S. intervention in the third world and the South African apartheid government. The organizing groups invite other groups to incorporate the theme of Crossing Lines/Crossing Borders into their 40th anniversary actions. For more information, contact the Cruise Missile Conversion Project (address below).

S.A.C. Headquarters/Offut Air Force Base. Contact Greenfields Community; 4216 Grant; Omaha, NE 68111; (402)453-1547.

Litton Systems/Toronto. Contact Cruise Missile Conversion Project; 730 Bathurst St.; Toronto, Ontario M5S 2R4 CANADA; (516)532-6720.

McDonnell-Douglas/Titusville, Florida-- cruise missile plant. Contact Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice; (305) 422-3479.

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

Livermore/Site 300. Contact Livermore Action Group, 3126 Shattuck Av., Berkeley, CA 94705 (415)644-2028.

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Paul Benson; U.S. District Court; Old Federal Building Courthouse Room 333; Fargo, ND 58102...

ROCKY FLATS: Jennifer Haines recently joined Pat Mahoney at the federal women's prison in Fort Worth, Texas, where both are serving terms for repeated trespass at Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant near Denver, Colorado. See "Inside & Out" on page 3 for their current prison address...

HAWAII NFZ: Trial for three men who swam out to blockade the arrival of the USS Ouellet at the Island of Hawaii has been postponed until July 2, 1985. The three had sought to enforce the Hawaii County Nuclear Free Zone during the July 18, 1984 action.

HONEYWELL/MINNEAPOLIS: Four people still awaiting trial from an April, 1983 action recently changed their pleas to guilty. One was fined \$30, the others spent two days each in jail. On April 1, six people arrested while watching other activists dig a grave at Honeywell last year were acquitted. They successfully pointed out that the area was open to public access at other times, and they had been singled out for arrest because of their signs.

On April 2, eight people arrested while leafletting at Honeywell on Gandhi's birthday (November 30), 1984, were in court. Two changed their pleas to guilty. Of these, one had to pay court costs, the other contribute \$100 food to a local food bank. Another of the eight had charges drop-

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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.

U.S.S. alabama

The Trident Submarine USS Alabama will be commissioned May 25 at the Naval Underwater Systems Center in New London, Connecticut. Civil disobedience is planned. Contact Coalition to Stop Trident; Box 1093; Norwich, CT 06360; (203) 889-5337.

seneca ♀'s ☺ camp

Women, individually and in affinity groups, are invited to join in creative culture and resistance during the third summer of the Women's Encampment for a Future of Peace and Justice. The peace camp is located adjacent to the Seneca Army Depot, a transshipment point for Pershing II missiles to Europe. This summer, the first day of focus for civil disobedience at the Depot is July 6. For more information, contact Women's Encampment for a Future of Peace and Justice; 5440 Rt. 96; Romulus, NY 14541.



great day of peace

"Peace, feminist, environmental, low-income and other nonviolent groups across the tri-state region of Montana, Idaho and Wyoming are planning many local activities to celebrate the Great Day of Peace, on Saturday June 22, the weekend of the summer Solstice. The Great Day of Peace was launched by the 1984 National Conference for Nonviolence, and was voted a top priority strategy at the Northern Rockies Action Group conference at Bozeman, Montana in November 1984.

"SUMMER SOLSTICE IS ANNUAL DAY OF PEACE. The Solstice is significant to everybody, with the advantage of avoiding religious, partisan and cultural bias. A known and settled date gives all communities plenty of time to organize. In network fashion, there will be no steering committee, hence no executive decisions will be handed down. A lively exchange of views between participating communities is encouraged.

"Each community can organize its own celebrations, which keeps power decentralized. This is a grass-roots approach to empowerment and an experiment of action decided locally. It is hoped the Great Day of Peace will spread far beyond its tri-state origin, and actions will become united globally."

The Great Day of Peace will be noted at Silence One Silo Peace Camp with civil disobedience at missile silo R-29, near Conrad, Montana. The Peace Camp will begin its third year when tents and tipis are pitched on June 15. Programs and weeks of particular focus are planned through the summer. "Remember, all who intend to visit or stay at this year's encampment should come as self-reliant as possible, and treat all people and the Earth in a respectful and nonviolent manner."

For more information, contact the Great Day of Peace; 401 E. Spruce St.; Missoula, MT 59801; (406)543-4232 or 549-9449; and Silence One Silo; Box 9203; Missoula, MT 59807.

PEACE PENTECOST washington, d.c.

"The Rise of Christian Conscience" is the title of a conference on Christian nonviolence and civil disobedience being sponsored May 25-28 by Sojourner's Peace Ministry in Washington, D.C.

On Saturday and Sunday, people will attend panels and seminars focusing on: Witness for Peace, the sanctuary movement, the Pledge of Resistance, the Nuclear Train campaign, Plowshares actions, campaigns at nuclear weapons facilities, the Free South Africa movement, war tax resistance, community organizing and the development of a consistent pro-life ethic. Other sessions will focus on prayer and spirituality, the meaning of nonviolence, families and resistance, dealing with civil authorities, community and resistance, surveillance, feminism and resistance, working with the press, building a multi-racial movement, etc..

Nonviolence training and civil disobedience at several Washington sites take place the following Monday and Tuesday. Sign language interpretation and child care are being provided. For more information, contact Sojourners Peace Ministry; Box 29272; Washington, D.C. 20017; (202)636-3637.

chicago

Peace Pentecost Witness is planning a day-long retreat, followed by prayerful witness and possible civil disobedience at Morton-Thiokol Corporation in Chicago for May 28. For more information, contact Peace Pentecost Witness; 723 Seward St.; Evanston, IL 60202; (312)475-3692.

collins bay

Collin's Bay Uranium Mine, Saskatchewan, Canada will be the site of the Northern Survival Gathering on June 9-14. A blockade will be part of the gathering. "The Action group is working closely with people from the nearby Native community of Wollaston Lake". (AANN Bulletin) For more information, contact Collin's Bay Action Group; Box 3183; Vancouver, B.C. V6B 3X6 CANADA.

white house

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ped, and the remaining five were convicted. Four of these served two days in jail, the other did community service...

BOHEMIAN GROVE: Tad Muttersbaugh and Kate Raphael changed their pleas on charges of resisting arrest during protests in the summer of 1984. Kate Raphael will serve ten days in jail beginning April 15, and Tad Muttersbaugh has done 40 hours community service and will be on one year probation...

LITTON/TORONTO: A series of trials for defendants from civil disobedience actions last August and November at Litton Systems cruise missile plant continue. Recently, 12 cases have been dismissed, one person has been acquitted and three have been convicted. Scott Marsden accepted 12 months probation, Howard Breen paid \$100 fine and Joanne Young refused the same fine and spent ten days in jail. More trials are proceeding...

OECO/PORTLAND: A guilty verdict and sentence of time served were handed down by a Portland judge in the case of eleven of twelve people arrested Tax Day, 1984 at the offices of OECO Corporation, which produces components for missile guidance systems. A twelfth person was acquitted on evidence that police nabbed her as she was leaving the demonstration.

For two months prior to issuing the verdict and sentence on March 13, the judge had given thoughtful consideration to the testimony on International Law, justification and nuclear weapons production and capabilities. He expressed his

regret that due to the minor nature of the charges, a jury was not allowed to hear that evidence.

AVCO SYSTEMS/WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS: Three recent group trials concluded the cases of people arrested during a mass civil disobedience last June. As with those convicted previously, all were required to contribute \$15 to a fund for indigent witnesses...

TRIDENT II PLOWSHARES: Still no trial date has been set for the five activists who hammered on Trident missile tubes at Quonset Point, Rhode Island last October. Prosecutors are believed to be waiting for the outcome of the Women of Faith appeal (see page 3)...

U.C. "GRAFFITI 3": Conspiracy charges have been dropped and felony vandalism charges reduced to misdemeanors for three people accused of spraypainting free speech, anti-nuclear and non-intervention graffiti around campus on the eve of the 20th anniversary of the Free Speech Movement. Pretrial motions are being heard before a trial date is set...

TRIDENT/GROTON: Charges have been dismissed for 28 people arrested last January protesting the launch of the Trident submarine U.S.S. Alaska in Connecticut...

LIVERMORE/SITE 300: Two people arrested in December 1984 remain to be tried. Eight others were given sentences of 16 hours community service. Refusing that sentence, Darla Rucker spent two days in jail...

TORONTO: Trial has been postponed until April 17 for Brian Burch, charged with breach of a probation requirement which demanded he not take part in any public demonstrations...

WINCON: Four people were released following February 13th arrests at the L.A. arms bazaar. All pleaded guilty, and have been given sentences of community service. Of another 14 arrested February 14, four pleaded guilty and ten will face trial on June. The four were also sentenced to community

ANNOUNCEMENTS

...Concerned about government spying and repression? The Movement Support Network is a joint anti-repression project of the Center for Constitutional Rights and the National Lawyer's Guild. The network will aid communication between solidarity, sanctuary, anti-nuclear and other groups who share these concerns. Their newsletter and other resources (including speakers) will offer information about proposals and actions by the administration and other sources (utilities, private data banks, etc.) that may affect your work; describe resources for dealing with problems; and publicize accounts of current cases.

Movement activists are encouraged to report to the network any incidents of suspected surveillance and harassment as well as official investigations, grand jury subpoenas and arrests. Contact Movement Support Network; c/o Center for Constitutional Rights; 853 Broadway; New York, NY 10003. A telephone hotline has also been established for receiving reports of such activity and offering assistance to those affected. (212)477-5652.

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